

HOW CITY MAY SECURE LANES

PLAN OF PROCEDURE OUTLINED BY SOLICITOR

Either the City Council or the Property Owners May Take the Initial Step

The form of procedure which the city council may adopt in inaugurating a policy for the creation of lanes in the business blocks of the city as well as in residential sections was outlined to the streets committee at its meeting on Friday in the following communication from F. A. McDiarmid, city solicitor:

"Gentlemen:—Replying to the letter from the secretary of your committee asking the engineer and myself for a report as to the possibility of carrying out a scheme for taking the initiative in introducing a policy providing for lanes running at the rear of lots and lengthwise in city blocks, I beg to report as follows:

"There seems to be two methods of carrying out this scheme. Without the consent of the owners of real property affected, the city may expropriate the land necessary to create a lane under the authority of section 50, sub-section 142, upon paying the property concern a fair value for the properties taken.

"The by-law before coming into effect is to be published in the Gazette and in a newspaper, and filed in the land registry office. The moneys to pay for this compensation would be taken out of general revenue, and of course must not exceed \$15,000, except by a vote of the people.

"With the consent of a majority of real property owners, the council may take the initiative under local improvement scheme under the Local Improvement General By-law, and under the provisions of section 256, sub-section 2, to open up a lane, the cost of which would be met by the property owners, as is usual in a local improvement case.

"This procedure will be either on the initiative plan as coming from the council direct, or may be by petition of the ratepayers. If it is not petitioned against within fifteen days, the consent of the property owners is taken for granted. It becomes then the ordinary local improvement under the initiative or under a petition just in the same manner as it would be in the case of a permanent sidewalk.

"The board felt that the report was a very important one, and it will be considered at a later session of the committee.

CHOLERA CONTINUES UNABATED IN RUSSIA

British Port Authorities Are Guarding Against Introduction of Disease

(Times Leased Wire.) London, Aug. 20.—Port authorities of the United Kingdom to-day were ordered to examine all arrivals from the Continent to prevent the introduction of cholera.

Reports from Russia indicate that conditions there are far worse than the Russian officials will permit to be published.

English health officers say that estimates of 112,000 cases and 50,000 deaths are not half the total actually existing in the Caspian domain.

A report that cholera had gained a foothold in Rome was officially denied to-day.

FLAMES DESTROY HOTEL AND SANITARIUM

Burning Brands From Forest Fires Start Blaze at Green River Hot Springs

(Times Leased Wire.) Green River Hot Springs, Wash., Aug. 20.—The Green River Hot Springs hotel and sanitarium is in ruins to-day, destroyed by a fire last night, started by burning brands from nearby forest fires that raged all day yesterday.

The report is a complete loss. The hotel had been closed for repairs and only a few guests who had arrived in the past few days were in the building. No one was injured.

The loss is a severe blow to the owners, who bought the property last Tuesday. The new company paid \$140,000 for the property and had planned to spend \$15,000 in repairs.

DROWNED IN THE ASSINIBOIA

(Special to the Times.) Brandon, Man., Aug. 20.—Louis Benoit from Fort Saskatchewan, an inmate of the asylum for the past year, was drowned in the Assiniboia river while attempting to escape from the institution. Benoit, who was working with a gang on the new waterworks system and wanted away, lost his life while trying to swim across the river. Benoit never occasioned any trouble at the asylum.

VILLAGE FIRE SWEEPED

Ottawa, Aug. 20.—Fire at the village of Ongeode, on the Prescott division of the C. P. R., destroyed several places of business and residences, causing a loss of \$25,000. But for the timely arrival of a portion of the Ottawa fire brigade, the whole village would have been destroyed.

USE GROYNES AT ROSS BAY

CITY TO ENDEAVOR TO PROTECT FORESHORE

Engineer Recommends Use of System Which Has Worked Well in Old Country

On Thursday last Angus Smith, city engineer, paid a visit of inspection to Ross Bay with the idea of arriving at some conclusion as to what is needed to protect the foreshore, and the result of his observations was communicated by him to Friday's meeting of the streets, sewers and bridges committee of the city council.

He recommends the construction of two 75-foot groynes out into the sea from high water mark. There is about 200 feet of foreshore in this locality where the cliff, some thirty feet in height, is being underpinned by the force of the waves during the period of stormy weather. Some two years ago a row of piles was driven along the shore for about 500 feet, the piles being backed with four-inch planing, nailed on the inside in such a way that the waves simply hammered them off. This form of protection proved quite inadequate.

The engineer will now try the groyne system, which has been employed for a similar purpose with great success in the Old Country. Should, however, this experiment prove ineffectual recourse will have to be had to a concrete wall at an estimated cost of \$2,000. The cost of constructing the groynes is only about \$300. The committee approved of the recommendation of the engineer for the utilization of the groyne system.

In his report as to the progress which is being made on the repairs to the crossing plant, the city engineer states the plant will be in operation by the first of the coming week. There are at present about 430,000 blocks treated and ready for laying. The Douglas street pavement, between Humboldt and Pender streets, will require 1,370,000 blocks. It will take 47 days to treat the balance of the blocks required on this thoroughfare.

In connection with the tangle which has arisen over the local improvement works by reason of the fact that owners are now petitioning for a different class of roadway than was requested in the first instance, the city solicitor advised that it would be inadvisable to proceed with new work until the new by-law recently drafted is approved by the lieutenant-governor-in-council.

The committee adopted the recommendation of the solicitor, and accordingly the streets by-law for Fernwood road and other streets will be properly closed up before work under the new by-laws will be proceeded with.

The city engineer recommended that the four men engaged at night time in street sweeping be given an increase of 25 cents per day in wages. The men recently applied for an increase and the master was referred to the engineer for report. The recommendation was adopted.

The engineer recommended that hereafter the city council adopt a policy of allowing no material from the streets to be dumped on private property, except when it is shown that there is no other convenient place to deposit it. The committee approved the recommendation and the engineer will at once issue the necessary instructions to all inspectors and foremen.

The city engineer reported on the cost of laying down permanent crossings in the down-town sections, which are required in wet weather in localities which may not be paved for some considerable period. He estimates that a concrete crossing five feet in width, with a depth of seven inches at the centre, and a thickness of three inches at the edge can be laid for \$60.

Members of the board felt that the work was a very necessary one, and the engineer was asked to report what streets require such crossings, in order that the work can be taken in hand before the wet weather sets in.

A Mr. Bennett put in a claim for \$21.75 for damages occasioned by the act of a careless workman at the corner of Fort and Douglas streets. It appears that while walking along the street one of the workmen turned the hose on her, ruining her dress and hat. The city solicitor was of the opinion that as the damage was caused by an employee of the contractor doing work for the city, Mr. Bennett should ask him to pay the bill.

ITALIAN AVIATOR CRUSHED TO DEATH

Army Officer Killed When Biplane Falls to Earth During Flight

(Times Leased Wire.) Rome, Aug. 20.—Lieut. Rivaldi was crushed to death beneath the ruins of his Farman biplane when the machine fell to the ground to-day in a flight between Civita Vecchia and Rome. Rivaldi is said to have died instantly.

Lieut. Savoia, accompanying Rivaldi in a companion biplane, completed his flight safely.

BRAKEMAN KILLED

(Special to the Times.) Lunenburg, N. S., Aug. 20.—Dana Christopher, 33 years old, employed as a brakeman on the Halifax and South-western Railway, attempted to step from one box car to the next when the running board broke, precipitating him under the swiftly running train. He died two hours after the accident.

NEW ZEALAND'S FINANCES

(Special to the Times.) Wellington, N. Z., Aug. 20.—Premier Ward states that New Zealand will be non-borrowing twenty years hence. The amount of borrowing during the next fifteen years will not exceed £20,000,000.



LORD DAMOCLES (to the Sword)—"Sorry to leave you, old Blade. See you again after the holidays."

RETURNING TO FACE TRIAL

DEW AND PRISONERS SAIL FOR ENGLAND

Dr. Crippen and Miss Ethel Levee Are Passengers on the Megantic

(Times Leased Wire.) Quebec, Aug. 20.—The liner Megantic, carrying Dr. H. H. Crippen, Ethel Levee and Inspector Dew of Scotland Yard and his force, is headed to-day for England. The prisoners, returning to London to face trial in connection with the death of Belle Elmore Crippen, wife of Dr. Crippen, were taken from their prison at 8.10 a. m., and rushed to Sillery, where they were put aboard the Megantic. The liner left Montreal at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and awaited the prisoners at Sillery.

Miss Levee, on her arrival in England will be imprisoned in Holloway Jail. She will be greeted in England by her relatives, who will be allowed to see her a short time. Miss Levee wears a new wig, which gives her great satisfaction, taking away her boyish appearance.

Thinking his fallers of the past weeks for their treatment of him and heartily shaking hands with them, Dr. Crippen left the Quebec prison, in bidding them goodbye he asked the officials to write him and promised to do likewise to them.

Inspector Dew chose the Megantic as the steamer on which he was less likely to encounter newspapermen. His plans were upset by the discovery on boarding the vessel that there was a battalion of the Queen's Own Rifles from Toronto, accompanied by a dozen reporters.

RUSSIANS LEAVE HAWAII

Monololu, Aug. 20.—Disatisfied with conditions in the Hawaiian Islands and asserting that their labor contracts with the planters had been broken, eighty Russian laborers left here on the Matson liner Wilhelmiana for San Francisco. The leaders of the first contingent of 3 Russians are emphatic in their statements that they will bring many of their fellow-countrymen to America by way of the Orient if they are well treated in the United States. Some months ago Hawaiian plantation owners imported nearly 200 Russians to work in the sugar fields. The men became dissatisfied and have been agitating a removal to the United States for some time.

WOMAN ACQUITTED

Libby, Mont., Aug. 20.—Mrs. Vera Prosser charged with the murder of her husband, was acquitted yesterday. At 8.45 the jury, which retired at 5.30 Thursday evening, announced that "We the jury find the defendant not guilty on the grounds of self-defence."

In an interview with an Inland Herald representative immediately after congratulating Mrs. Prosser, she stated that she was undecided as to her future plans, but would probably leave for the east. She said words could not express her feelings for the jury and those who befriended her.

ORDERED SOUTH

Bremerton, Wash., Aug. 20.—The gunboat Princeton will leave the Puget Sound navy yard next Wednesday for Central American waters, where she will relieve the gunboat Vicksburg, now busily protecting American interests in Nicaragua. The Vicksburg will return to Mare Island for repairs.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE SCHEME

LORD KITCHENER'S PROPOSALS ADOPTED

Federal Minister Attacks Those Who Pin Their Faith to Arbitration

(Special to the Times.) Sydney, Australia, Aug. 20.—Hon. C. F. Pearce, minister of defence, in moving the second reading of the defence bill in the senate said that the measure adopted in full the scheme proposed by Lord Kitchener. When it is fully operative the plan will provide for training 127,000 men at an annual cost of £2,000,000.

Senator Pearce attacked those who placed their faith in arbitration. Australia, he said, would refuse to arbitrate about Asiatic exclusion. The Commonwealth must be prepared to defend its own laws against attack. If anyone asked why the labor party, which he represented, was especially keen on military matters, the answer was that the party's proposed social and industrial reforms required freedom from possible disturbance. They must effectually secure that freedom.

All means of defence, he continued, must be of the very best. There must be no makeshifts, but rather a margin on the side of safety.

MOBILIZING BRITISH TROOPS FOR THIBET

Simla, Aug. 20.—The 28th Mule Corps at Lucknow, the 9th at Umballa, the 10th at Meerut, and the 11th at Bareilly have been ordered to mobilize in readiness to start for Thibet. The 48th Pioneers and No. 1 Company of the Sappers and Miners will probably be the first troops to move. Major H. Lindsay, station supply officer at Zuldindur, has been appointed base transport officer at Siliguri; Major H. Brooke and Captain Mark Sykes, supply and transport corps, supply officers at Gatang; and Captain S. Paddon, 36th Jacobs Horse (attached to Supply and Transport Corps), bullock train officer.

DROWNED WHILE FISHING

Vernon, Aug. 20.—His arms entangled in coils of a fishing line, the body of Tommy Weira, son of A. Weira, chemist, was found submerged in five feet of water. With his brother, Arthur, the lad had gone to fish, and fell off the end of a float. The fish line became entangled round his arms. Unable to struggle ashore, he was drowned. The boy was a nephew of T. W. Stafford, member of the legislature for Similkameen.

MURDER AND ROBBERY

Wilmington, Del., Aug. 20.—Robert Casey, 70, and his wife, were found dead at their home in Claymont to-day. The aged couple had been clubbed to death and their little store robbed during the night.

In Norway people who are not vaccinated are not allowed to vote at an election.

APPEALS FOR MORE SOLDIERS

OREGON FORESTER ASKS FOR FIVE HUNDRED

High Wind Spreads Forest Fires in Oregon—Charges Made Against Squatters

(Times Leased Wire.) Portland, Ore., Aug. 20.—With the forest fires in the Crater national park in southern Oregon spreading rapidly to-day, Associate Forester Cecil has sent in an appeal to General Maus, commanding the troops at the American Lake encampment for soldiers to fight the Oregon fires.

"Conditions are pretty bad," said Cecil to-day, "I can't tell just how much timber is being burned but the loss must be tremendous. According to the telegrams I have just received from my assistants 500 men are needed. A high wind is blowing in the mountains and the flames are spreading. I have asked General Maus for 500 troops if he can secure that many for us. He said he would do everything possible to send the men some time to-day."

According to reports reaching here four big fires are raging and a number of smaller ones are giving trouble in the district. The largest fires are east of Medford and Ashland at Butte Falls, Big Butte, Mount McLaughlin, west of Klamath Falls, and on the Prospect trail. It is charged that some of the fires were set by squatters who hold grudges against rangers in charge of the forests. The matter will be investigated, as a number of squatters and the rangers had clashed frequently. Seven rangers are reported to be hemmed in by the fires. It is feared they will lose their lives.

It is estimated to-day that 100,000,000 feet of fine timber will be consumed before the conflagrations are brought under control.

The path of the fire along the big Butte, is nearly 20 miles wide, according to reports reaching Portland. Yesterday the same fire had burned over an area of only three miles.

Troops Not Available. Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 20.—A call was received by General Maus, in command at American Lake to-day, from Portland requesting 500 additional troops to fight the forest fires in southern Oregon, but it was stated at headquarters that the American government to-day that the war department at Washington had not yet authorized the further movement of troops to Oregon and pending the receipts of such authorization, the officers here can take no action in the matter. It will be impossible, according to Gen. Maus, to send the number of men called for, as only about 200 regulars are left in the manoeuvre camp.

Homeowners Blamed for Fires. Medford, Ore., Aug. 20.—That the present forest fires raging in the Crater national forest were set by some disgruntled homeowner in an effort to even up scores with the rangers who reported upon his homestead last fall is the belief to-day of the forestry officials here. It was also developed that the government now has three secret service men in the vicinity of the big fires endeavoring to apprehend the guilty party or parties.

The first troops arrived in Butte Falls, which is at the extreme north-west of the blazing forest, and early to-day left for the front. At Butte Falls they were met by rangers who directed their movements.

Supervisor Erickson to-day has 75 additional men battling with the flames on the slopes of Mt. McLaughlin. The damage done so far is estimated by Supervisor Erickson to exceed \$1,000,000 and the fate of Medford's water supply is in doubt.

No lives have been lost owing to the fact that the fires are mostly in the reserve where there are no settlers. Over 30 square miles have been burned over.

TRIBUTE PAID TO "ANGEL OF CRIMEA"

Five Thousand Mourners Attend Memorial Service in Honor of Florence Nightingale

(Times Leased Wire.) London, Aug. 20.—Five thousand mourners assembled in St. Paul's cathedral to-day, attending the memorial services in honor of Florence Nightingale. Representatives of the King and Queen, members of the cabinet, leaders of the diplomatic corps of foreign nations, including Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, of the United States, were present.

A thousand nurses in uniform were prominent in the great audience. The dirges and funeral chants were played by a band of the Coldstream guards. Rev. S. M. Watson conducted the funeral ceremonies.

A simple service was held this afternoon at West Wall, where interment took place, relatives and close friends of Miss Nightingale attending.

West Point, N. Y., Aug. 20.—To restore the departmental equilibrium upset yesterday when the navy department turned a deaf ear to the W. C. T. U. protest against the acceptance of 100 cases of wine by the cruiser California, the war department to-day ordered four senior cadets into seven months' barrack confinement for drinking milk punch. This sentence is a commutation by President Taft of one of dismissal from the navy from the service imposed by the judge advocate of a West Point court martial.

CANADA'S NEW NAVAL COLLEGE

WILL BE OPENED AT HALIFAX IN AUTUMN

Competitive Entrance Examinations to Be Conducted Throughout Dominion

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Aug. 20.—The Canadian naval college will open at Halifax in the autumn with a class of thirty chosen by competitive examination conducted by the civil service commission at the time and places of the regular service examinations throughout Canada. Any son of a British subject with two years Canadian residence may compete. The first 30 boys chosen must be at least 15 years. The examination will be about the same as a civil service entrance test, but stiffer in mathematics. A high physical standing will be required. The course will be two years with the obligation to enter the navy as cadets at the end of that time. The school will cost \$200 fees and \$20 at the most as expenses. The term as cadets is three and a half years active service, when they will qualify as sub-lieutenants. After this 15 students a year will be taken.

London, Aug. 20.—The request is made that the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto, on the occasion of their visit to England, should march through London or be reviewed by royalty or by Lord Roberts in Hyde Park. It is hoped in Canadian circles here that something of this kind may be arranged.

KING GEORGE'S GIFT

(Special to the Times.) London, Aug. 20.—The Bible which King George is sending to the Anglican church at Annapolis, N. S., will be dispatched on Monday. It is bound in Niger morocco, gold tooled and is set with amethysts. The arms of the King and of the Dominion of Canada appear on the cover. The Bible measures 18 inches by 12.

EUCARISTIC CONGRESS

(Special to the Times.) London, Aug. 20.—Cardinal Vannutelli, who is to preside at the coming eucharistic congress at Montreal, will sail from Liverpool on the Empress of Ireland on August 26th. He is to be accompanied by a suite of 105 persons.

TIDE OF TRAVEL TURNS WESTWARD

Heavy Booking for Atlantic Steamers Sailing From Great Britain to Canada

London, Aug. 20.—Every first class and second class berth on steamers of the Allan and Canadian Pacific lines for Quebec and Montreal is booked to the end of September. Even boats sailing to Newfoundland or Halifax feel the glut of passenger traffic. Among the passengers sailing by Lake Champlain on Thursday was a large party of agriculturists, many of whom are interested in the Canadian Pacific scheme of ready-made farms.

SCARCITY OF LABOR RETARDS BUILDING

Brandon Wants Bricklayers—Many Men Have Gone to the Wheat Fields

Brandon, Aug. 20.—Building operations are being delayed as a result of the scarcity of bricklayers. One employer says that he is offering 75 cents an hour, although the scale is 50 cents, but the men cannot be secured. The general supply of laborers falls short of the demand, competition from farmers acting as a strong influence. High wages are being paid to harvest hands, although periods of employment will be short on account of the light crop. The men may come back to the building trades when the harvest is finished.

PRINCE RUPERT'S NEW SCHOOL

Rupert, Aug. 19.—The new public school which is being built by the provincial government will be ready for occupation by the end of this month. The building system will not be in, but that will not be done for a month or two and the installation will not necessarily interfere with the classes to a great extent. The school is situated in the centre of a block of land about 300 feet square facing Seventh avenue. It is two stories high with a deep basement. The school is a three-story school. The halls are wide and unobstructed and the stairs on each side as well as the fire escape at the back of the building afford ample room for the children to get out in case of emergency. There are eight large, light airy rooms which, it is expected, will accommodate all the children for the next few years. If occasion arises it will be a simple matter to convert the present basement into class rooms and build a new basement. There is plenty of room and the cost would be small.

The amount of the people's savings banks for the next office year, the end of last year, the enormous sum of £184,586,053.

"P" LAURIER

FIVE Liberal Chieftains

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(From Friday's) An audience estimated to have numbered over five thousand listened to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's public meeting held in the buildings at the Expo-Oak Bay. When it was the Prime Minister who formed and that the subject in an address of nearly 100 minutes those calculations particularly to an audience of Columbians—the quiet exclusion and the navy Government—it will be his speech was a masterpiece that it elicited a perfect applause.

As Sir Wilfrid, accompanied by G. F. Graham, F. F. P. M. Macdonald, M. P.; Templeman, and Senator proached the entrance, near that point of the ing, gave a cheer, which ever-increasing volume audience comprehended grew into a mighty roar.

Sir Wilfrid was escorted by F. A. Pauline, dent of the Liberal as Prime Minister wore a coat, a white waistcoat, and a white waistcoat. Thunderous cheers made his way along the platform, and he bowed to the applause.

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After a brief speech expressing the pleasure of his visit at being here from Sir Wilfrid, Hon. Minto got a magnificent refrain from some of his contenting himself with Victorian, extending British Columbia, and conviction that British at the next opportunity Liberal fold.

Halp Smith, M. P. comed the meeting to Oak Bay, as is known since the next few years. If E. M. Macdonald, next speaker, he declared personal record rectifying the many local had characterized his ministrations of the public country since his Gov. the reins of office in