

CITY FATHERS IN REGULAR SESSION

ROUTINE BUSINESS UP FOR CONSIDERATION

Arbitration Proceedings Demanded by Property Owners—Reports of Committees.

The business before the city council at their regular session last night was purely of a routine character. The mayor and full board of aldermen were present. After the usual formalities the following communications were dealt with:

From Senator Templeman, acknowledging the congratulatory telegram of the mayor and council upon his appointment to the cabinet. Filed.

From A. Campbell Reddie, notifying the council that Aldermen Vincent and McCandless were appointed trustees of the mission for the city of Victoria. Filed.

From H. Dallas Helmcken, asking for the amendments to the Municipal Acts that the city might wish to have introduced at the present session of the legislature.

From School Superintendent Frank H. Eaton, regarding the grant of \$8,000 for extraordinary expenditures for the heating apparatus and other inside equipment for the new High school building.

A similar communication was read from the chairman of the board, Dr. Lewis Hall, and after some discussion it was decided on motion of Ald. McCandless that the board be informed that the committee on the taxation of the grant, but regretted the additional taxation it involved.

Secretary Elworthy, of the British Columbia Board of Trade, wrote asking the council to take under consideration the application of C. J. Allen, of Portland, for free water and other assistance toward the erection of an oil cake and rice mill. Laid on the table till next meeting.

Other communications were as follows:

From Beaumont Boggs, regarding the insurance of the grandstand built on the Jockey Club grounds. Referred to the financial committee.

From Clerk Page, of the police commissioners, regarding a slight increase recommended by that board in the pay of the officers which in the aggregate would amount to \$600 a year, also asking for a grant for new clothing. The communication was filed.

From Alexander Bege, asking if permission would be given for the granting of a lease of Mt. Pleasant park at Cedar Hill for the purpose of sheep ranching, etc. Referred to the mayor and the city solicitor.

From P. J. Norris a street drain on Ontario street. Referred to the city engineer.

The city engineer reported that the surfacing of Birkenhead Walk would cost \$300; that the carbolic carburettor for the Government street paving would cost about \$1,250, or \$800 more than the last present used, and with the trunk track alterations would mean an expenditure of about \$5,000; also that repairs to the Esquimalt road would cost \$150 for cartage, etc. The first work was passed, the second and third referred.

Contracts were awarded as follows: Brass rods and Chapman valves to E. F. Geiger, and lead pipe to W. Bowness. Several outside firms tendered, but on motion of Ald. Vincent it was decided to accept the lowest local tenders, and recommending that the method of flushing sewers be altered and made more effective. Referred to the proper committees.

The building inspector reported that a couple of buildings to which his attention had been directed were found to meet the requirements of the by-law.

The report of the sanitary inspector was also read.

Petition from M. G. Hood, agent an old house and barn, was referred to the various committees. The usual report of the finance committee was read and adopted.

In reply to a question from Ald. Worthington, the mayor said that so far the Technical railway agreement had not been signed.

Twenty-two notices were received from Messrs. Turner, Peters & Griffin, demanding that arbitration proceedings be taken regarding so many claims for damages to property holders through the terminal railway, and appointing D. H. Macdonald as arbitrator on behalf of their clients, who were: Annie C. Freeman, William Wilson, Mary Ann Williams, Mattie McCarter, Rose Orton, George C. Meador, John Peter Pollock, Thomas F. Geiger, George P. Storey, John Barlett, Vernon Lane, William H. Adams, John G. Cox, Mary Baker, executor of late W. Steele, Jeremiah Griffiths, Flora E. Griffiths, Margaret M. Hession, Edward E. Priddy, Thomas Carter, George H. Suggitt, David Anderson. Referred to the city collector.

The health officer's report was then dealt with as follows:

That the amendments appearing in the draft bill of last year's session of the legislature be reintroduced at the present session.

That the city be empowered to raise money by borrowing upon the security of the sewer rates, together with the general guarantee of the city, for repayment.

That the city be empowered to grant such indemnity from section 64 of the Municipal Classes Act as would empower the proper city official to use its discretion in matters such as allowing the opening of wood sheds 6 o'clock on the streets.

That the machinery regarding the cancellation of hotel licenses, etc., in case of the improper carrying on of the business be amended and made more easily enforced.

That machinery be given for the expropriation of lands for city purposes similar to that existing in the Ontario statutes regarding this matter.

That dentists and doctors be taxed.

These provisions were endorsed with the exception of this last recommendation. In regard to this last recommendation Ald. Williams emphasized that it be given weighty consideration. This sort of arbitrary taxation, he contended, should be placed on an equitable basis, and not be permitted in its present unsatisfactory way. He advised that this clause be held over.

The motion was referred back to the committee on motion of Ald. McCandless.

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NEW BOARD'S FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

A Dozen Applications for Transfers Will Be Dealt With To-morrow Afternoon.

The first regular meeting of the new board of licensing commissioners will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the police court. A dozen applications, all for transfers, will be dealt with. The new board consists of Mayor Hayward, Ald. Vincent and Ald. McCandless. The list of applications is as follows:

California hotel, Johnson street—Application for transfer from J. S. Rollin to Wm. Henry Vickers and Ed. Wm. Bickle.

Adelphi saloon, corner of Yates and Government streets, from Herbert B. Chaffee and Thomas Freeman to David Murray.

International hotel, Johnson street—From Margaret Lindsay to Samuel G. Cunningham.

Regent saloon—Douglas and Johnson streets, from John W. Switzer and James McCuskey, executive of estate of Chas. B. McCuskey, deceased, to John W. Switzer.

Market Exchange saloon, Fort street—From William Christie to Jessie Geddes Christie.

White Horse saloon, Humboldt street—From William B. Reid to James Griffin.

Wilson hotel, Yates street—From M. H. McCabe and Stephen White to M. H. McCabe.

Commercial hotel, Douglas street—From M. H. McCabe and Stephen White to Stephen White.

Blue Post saloon, Johnson street—From J. M. Hughes to Alexander Simpson.

Queen's hotel, Store street—From Robert B. McClelland to J. M. Hughes.

Esquimalt Exchange saloon, Esquimalt street—From Joseph Ball to William Neil.

California hotel—From W. H. Bickers and E. W. Bickle to Mrs. Minnie Clarion.

The largest part of the coast of France that is suitable for the growing of oysters is divided into spaces of 30 yards square. These marks are sold to the fishermen for about 12 pence, and the beds under proper cultivation are made to yield enormous returns.

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THE APPROACHING BENCH SHOW HERE

LARGE PRIZE LIST ALREADY ON HAND

Forecoming Exhibition Promises to Be Great Success—Premiums to Date and More Coming.

Appended is a list of the regular and special prizes to be competed for at the Victoria City Kennel Club's bench show, Philharmonic hall, April 3rd, 4th and 5th. Premium lists and entry blanks are now ready, and may be had from the secretary, T. P. McConnell, 55 Johnson street. The list follows:

To all dogs being judged, first, second or third, a diploma.

To all dogs being judged, best dog or bitch in limit class, \$5 cash.

To all dogs being judged, best dog or bitch in novice class, \$2 cash.

Best black cocker spaniel, Mayor Hayward, cup.

Best collie, Hon. D. M. Eberts, cup.

Best Irish setter, Hon. E. G. Prior, cup.

Best Irish terrier, R. Hall, cup.

Best fox terrier, J. Ridselshelmer, president P. K. L. cup.

Best Scotch terrier, San Francisco Kennel Club, cup.

Best Gordon setter, J. Wenger, cup.

Best fox terrier puppy, A. E. McPhillips, cup.

Best setter in show, H. Croft, cup.

Best terrier in show, Geo. Riley, cup.

Best cocker puppy in show, Weller Bros., silver water pitcher.

Best field spaniel, F. Pemberton, cup.

Best English setter, C. W. R. Thompson, cup.

Best English setter puppy, F. G. Brock, cup.

St. Bernards, Philadelphia Dog Show Association, silver medal.

Great Danes, Philadelphia Dog Show Association, silver medal.

Black cockers, C. W. R. Thompson, silver water pitcher.

Best cocker (other than black), C. W. R. Thompson, medal.

Best cocker bitch (black), California Cocker Club, club medal.

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Best collie, H. D. Helmcken, medal.

Best English setter puppy, Seattle English Setter Club, medal.

Best greyhound, J. Percy, silk umbrella.

Best Chesapeake, Pope Stationery Co., pocket pen.

Best pointer, V. C. K. C., cup.

Second best pointer, Dean & Hiscocks, shaving mug and brush.

Best water spaniel, Davis Bros., toilet articles.

Bull dogs, H. Short & Sons, fishing outfit.

Best English setter puppy, special, W. T. Anderson, cup.

MUST TURN WRECK OVER TO RECEIVER

No One Can Claim the Laura Pike Derelict Now Off Carmanah as Exclusively Theirs.

If floated from the beach at Carmanah and taken to Victoria for disposal, the derelict Laura Pike will have to be turned over to Collector Mine as receiver of wrecks. According to Canadian law the vessel, though deserted by her crew, is not necessarily abandoned by her owners, who may be living in a foreign land and entirely ignorant of the vessel's misfortune. The owners of such a vessel are always considered entitled to a claim on the vessel until they formally relinquish it, notwithstanding the circumstances in which the craft has been found.

In the case of the Laura Pike the regulations are regarded by some as a little exacting. "Beyond the Shadows" was written at a public sale in an excellent manner. H. Ives's pleasing tenor rang out in the solo "Consider the Lilies" and Mrs. Gregson was heard to advantage in "The Plains of Peace," a duet given by the Misses Snowcroft in an evening or so ago being carried through, and each number was greeted with appreciative applause. Mrs. Staneland sang in her usual pleasing style the solo "The Gate of Happiness," while a duet entitled "Beyond the Shadows" was given by the Misses Snowcroft in an excellent manner. H. Ives's pleasing tenor rang out in the solo "Consider the Lilies" and Mrs. Gregson was heard to advantage in "The Plains of Peace," a duet given by the Misses Snowcroft in an evening or so ago being carried through, and each number was greeted with appreciative applause. 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