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Ald. Dwyer favored the idea. Ald. Ledingham said it was a move in the right direction. The council required \$1 worth of work for a dollar, and not 25 cents worth, as at present. No private business would be run in such a manner.

Ald. Harris did not oppose the scheme. He did not want new offices created. He favored retrenchment.

Ald. Vagelius was satisfied with the present system.

Ald. Styles said the idea was impracticable; it had been tried before and abandoned. He would not favor any more appointments this year. The seats of aldermen were given on the street corners by ratepayers asking what the city officials were doing and trying for something out of \$74,000 a year for salaries was too much for Victoria to stand.

Ald. Dwyer said his idea was to decrease the staff and abolish the position of foreman.

Ald. Ledingham said it worked in bigger cities than Victoria.

Ald. Baker favored the appointment of one man as superintendent, and would give him power to employ and discharge, but put him under the authority of the street committee.

The resolution was amended to add the name of the street committee, was put and carried by a vote of 6 to 3.

Ald. Wilson moved that a by-law be introduced to raise the sum of \$100,000 for sewerage purposes. Ald. Wilson speaking to the motion said:

My desire is that the whole city should be fully sewered, and many other things done to place Victoria in the front rank, as the most desirable residence portion of the Pacific coast. As a representative of James Bay at the municipal council, I might be expected by some of the ratepayers of that ward that I should first give attention to its requirements. I am not one who believes that all the energies of an alderman from any particular ward should be blindly devoted to the ward that elects him. The city as a whole is my ward, and its interests will receive my utmost and devoted attention from what I consider a go-ahead, liberal and economical manager. My first insight into civic affairs was an inspection of the maps of the sewerage system in the city engineer's office. I at once saw the necessity of completing the system, including that portion of the city known as the business area, about one-third of which is already sewered, and of which no one street seems complete, so I determined to attack this portion of the sewers by way of a beginning, with the view of having our business streets placed in a clean and useful condition. It is needless for me to say that other portions of the city require sewers more or less. Everyone ought to have the benefit of sewerage. The steps I have taken are: I have initiated the severing of the whole city. I begin with what I hope to accomplish as a means to the beginning of the end. That the separate system adopted, after so much care and expense to the city, is conceded by competent authorities capable of understanding the requirements of this city to be the best, ought to be a sufficient guarantee for those now in power to go on with that system; and loyally carry out to completion the scheme so far advanced, and, for myself, I heartily endorse the separate system. That one man should have a sewer to his house at the expense of the whole city, and that another have none and yet be taxed his share of the city, is a thing which is manifestly unjust and unreasonable, and it is my intention to rectify this glaringly unjust condition of things in so far as I can.

The present system having been estimated at \$300,000, of which \$100,000 is in every way sufficient, and that for 15 months had presided over the affairs of the church. Before commencing his discourse, which was based upon 1 Cor. xiii, 1-3, he said that in taking farewell of the church and congregation with which he had been intimately connected for the past fifteen months, he wished to say that the relations between himself and people had been most harmonious. He had not been driven out through any trouble or dissensions within the church. There had been none since he had accepted the pastorate. Nor was it through lack of financial support. The people had been most kind and given him more care and comfort in this regard than in any previous pastorate. Nor was it through lack of sympathy or want of success. He was leaving because he believed that God had called him, and given him peculiar fitness for the evangelistic field. He asked the prayers and sympathy of his people in his future work.

After the sermon, Mr. A. B. McNeil moved and Mr. D. W. Walker seconded, that the following address be presented to the pastor, which was unanimously carried:

To the Rev. J. E. Coombes, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Calvary, Victoria, B. C. Dear Pastor and Bro.—It was with untold joy that we received your resignation, and we are glad to hear that you have decided to sever the pastoral tie that had existed for fifteen months between us. We trust that you will be successful in your new work, and we are glad to hear that you have a rich expectation of the Divine blessing. Now as you have so graciously consented to be present at the church on Monday, we have the honor to inform you that the church will be glad to have you with us on that day, and we are sure that you will be able to give us some of the fruits of your rich and abundant blessing. We beseech you for the hearty cooperation of all our members in the love, hospitality and greeting of all brethren, and the hearty sympathy of the churches of Jesus Christ of the World. We desire to record that our relationship as pastor and people has been most harmonious, and that a spirit of holy concord and fellowship has sweetened the oral ministrations of the Lord. We beseech the Lord to bless you, and to keep you in His constant presence, and to give you the peace of the church.

On behalf of the church, M. G. CLEVELAND, L. G. HILL, J. M. HILL, D. G. WALKER, J. L. CLARKE, DEACONS.

The reverend gentleman is about to undertake an evangelistic tour in Ontario in company with Rev. O. B. Read. They will conduct their work with the Baptist church at Waterloo, Ont.

Russia's Ruler Recovering. St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—The Czar is reported to be making good progress towards recovery.

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