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About Civic Improvements

Mayor Hayward Mentions Public Undertakings to Receive Attention.

Proceedings at the First Session of the Council of 1901.

The new council of 1901, at its first sitting last Monday night, established a record for disposing of business with quick despatch. Not a minute was lost in useless debate, with the result that when the hours of the clock pointed to two and a half past midnight, the Mayor was able to announce that the regular business was exhausted. With the exception of the fact that the Mayor had occasion to mention in a brief inaugural address, some of the more important undertakings which the aldermen would be called upon to deal with during the year, and a recommendation from the water commissioner that new water mains be laid on Government streets, the Mayor proved an unimportant one. There was a full board present. In the absence of Clerk Dowdy, his duties were performed by Assistant City Clerk Ernest Bradley. The minutes of the last session having been read, the Mayor, before proceeding to regular business, said: "Gentlemen: I am extremely pleased (on joint account) at the privilege of meeting you again after the election days without the loss of a single man. I have, I trust, all regard as an especial mark of commendation by the electors, and one that will not soon be forgotten. It will not be to stimulate us to renewed effort in the city's interests, and an endeavor to deserve this unique testimonial of confidence and esteem. "It is not my intention at this time to outline a program of public works, but the experience of the past enables us to at once assume active civic duties, there are a few matters which may perhaps be profitably stressed upon your attention. First, there is the consolidation and revision of our by-laws, which, although the council spent much time upon them, found themselves unable to complete. I feel assured that we shall at once take steps to have them amended, and that the most necessary and useful work. "Then the enforcement of more stringent regulations and sanitary measures, the protection of the public health require your very serious attention. Although our medical health officer's report and the rigorous enforcement of the by-laws relating to the sale of food, and the wholesome food is imperatively demanded. "The full utilization of the advantages of our excellent, though incomplete, sewerage system should also receive our prompt attention, and the ample, commodious manure pits should be put in force, so that all who have been afforded the opportunity should be compelled to deposit their manure in the pits, providing additional funds for sewerage extension, and which is now under your consideration, with a view to the consideration its importance demands. In this connection the filling up of the mud flats, the retaining walls and the site of the present James Bay bridge, will commend itself as a necessary sanitary precaution, besides being a more ornamental and profitable proposal. I am sure that as soon as the preliminaries are arranged, your hearty support will be given to the wards at once placing this scheme in shape for the approval of the ratemakers. "The immediate attention of the ratemakers for paving Government street with wood blocks, on the local improvement plan, and which it is believed will receive the approval of those interested. It is hoped that the ratemakers will not oppose the paving of parts of Johnson and Douglas streets, and other streets, where opposition to the paving may be encountered, it may be found expedient for the present to construct the complete sidewalks only. In any event, it should be arranged, if possible, to largely extend the area covered by permanent sidewalks. "The construction of a substantial steel bridge to provide for the heavy traffic on the highway to Esquimalt and surrounding districts, should be proceeded with as soon as the suggested joint use of the money is approved by the local authorities can be satisfactorily arranged. The immediate necessity for this work cannot be overestimated, and I sincerely trust that no difficulties will arise to prevent its completion during the year. The presence of the Pacific squadron and army reserve at Esquimalt makes it incumbent upon us to make the stay of the officers and men as long and as pleasant as possible, and I am sure the ratemakers will not object to a reasonable expenditure in this direction with this end in view. "The hearty endorsement given by the electors to a suggestion made some weeks ago, that it would be wise to return all the aldermen, undoubtedly implies not only the complete approval of the Mayor, but also that in their opinion continuity in office is, under certain conditions, very desirable. It almost necessarily follows that as little change as possible should be made in the personnel of our committee. I, therefore, propose that the regular standing committees of last year, with all their experience and adaptability for business, should remain as they are, and that no change be made. "Gentlemen, I heartily rely on your valued assistance and co-operation in all matters during the year. It will be my pleasure and duty to keep in touch with you, and I feel assured that together we shall so manage the affairs of the city, that the ratemakers will find no cause to regret having entrusted the important business and events of the opening year of the 20th century to the hands of the Mayor. "Ald. Brydon did not think that a satisfactory arrangement had been made by the Mayor in re-appointing the aldermen, and suggested that the streets committee meet very large constituency as senior member, and thought, therefore, that he, as such representative, should be given a place on more committees. "Ald. Kinsman, though not now senior member for North ward, he wished to occupy a place on any committee, if Ald. Brydon had an ambition to serve in that position. "The Mayor suggested that perhaps Ald. Brydon would take Ald. Kinsman's place as chairman of the electric light committee. This was finally agreed to, so the committees, with the change mentioned, stand as last year, as follows: Cemetery—Williams, Kinsman, and Electric Light—Brydon, Cameron, Williams, Finance—Cameron, Williams, Beckwith, Fire wardens—Stewart, Cameron, Kinsman. The board then adjourned.

Suit For a Large Sum

British American Corporation Sued For Over Half a Million.

Proceeding in Chambers—Full Court List For Today.

There is a great gathering of lawyers, mine owners and financiers in the city for the trial of the long-pending case of Williams et al vs the British American Corporation, which opens before Mr. Justice Drake in the Supreme Court this morning. The first papers in the case were issued over a year ago, the delays having been caused by preliminary contests on legal points and two necessary adjournments; and even the present trial is not at all likely to finally settle the matter, as a very large sum of money is involved, and whichever side wins will undoubtedly carry the case to the highest court. The case arises out of the sale of the Le Roi mine at Rossland to the B. A. Co., and the suit is brought by the majority of the stockholders of the British American Corporation, who are represented by the majority pool in the old Le Roi company, to recover \$500,000 from the B. A. Co., and the suit is based on the fact that the B. A. Co. failed to pay for the mine as agreed, and that the majority of the stockholders, headed by Col. I. N. Payne, W. D. Turner, and J. W. Williams and D. W. Henley, parted with their holdings to the amount of 202,000 shares, but Senator George Turner, Col. W. D. Turner, and J. W. Williams refused to sell, and began several actions in the courts to set aside the alleged sale. The suit was filed about a year ago. For several weeks Spokane was the scene of an extraordinary battle of crafts and diplomacy, during which the books of the company were taken across the line into British Columbia on a special train, and the majority of the stockholders stood an angry deputy sheriff with a restraining order from the court. The papers were not served, the car door being locked. In this contest the minority interests finally won out, and the British American Corporation paid about \$8 in shares for its stock. This made trouble between the company and the majority stockholders, who obtained \$2.30 a share for the \$2.30 a share less than the Turner interests had received. To secure redress they assigned their claims to L. E. Williams, who instituted an action against the B. A. Co. for the additional \$2.30 a share for the entire holdings of the company. The suit was filed about a year ago. Among those here for the trial are Mr. Edwin Durrant, financial adviser to the B. A. Co.; Col. I. N. Payne, of the Exchange National Bank; K. E. Cameron, of the Spokane Bank; Valentine Peyton, of the Spokane Drug Company; D. W. Henley, capitalist and member of the law firm of O'Brien, Henley & Co.; W. B. Heyburn, of the law firm of Heyburn, Heyburn & Co.; W. D. Turner, of the law firm of Turner, Turner & Co.; and W. M. Ripshart, both owners of large property interests in Spokane. A large number of witnesses will be called, and it will probably be several years before a final decision is reached, said Col. Peyton. "If we are beaten, we shall certainly appeal," he said. "The highest court is reached. If, on the other hand, we are victorious in the trial, we expect to be called upon to combat an appeal." Col. Peyton is accompanied by Mrs. Peyton, and also by Mr. J. W. Williams, who is certainly not in the case of the case they will go to their winter home at Santa Barbara, Cal. In connection with the trial, the case of Drake vs. Smith, a foreclosure action, an application for an order absolute was made by H. B. W. Alkman. The application was made in the case of Munro vs. Eudean, a similar application, the order was made. Before Mr. Justice Martin on Monday afternoon, the Water Clauses Act for directions as to the hearing of an appeal for a record of 400 inches of water allowed by the land commission, was referred to the British Columbia Southern Railway Company, subject to the right of the company to appeal. The case of Centre Star Company are appealing; and T. Mayne Daly, for the Le Roi company, applied to allow the application as interested party. The application was partially heard and adjourned until this morning. Robertson vs. Bossny—Argument continued; judgment allowed. Jones vs. McMillan (C. P. R. Co. garnishee)—Appeal dismissed with costs. Murphy vs. Star Mining Co.—Judgment reserved. War Eagle Mining Co. vs. J. Cooper Manufacturing Co.—Partially argued. The peremptory list for today is as follows: War Eagle Mining Co. vs. J. Cooper Manufacturing Co.; Chisholm vs. Le Roi Mining Co.; James vs. Parks; Hanley vs. O'Brien; Williams vs. B. A. Co.; Shalcross & Macaulay vs. Alaskan Steamship Co. No one knows better than those who have used Carter's Little Liver Pills what relief they have given when taken for dyspepsia, indigestion, pain in the side, constipation, and disordered bowels. ONLY THREE LEFT. Survivors of the Crew of the Fox Nearly All Dead. Of the crew of half a century ago, under Capt. (now admiral) Sir F. Leopold McClintock, who searched for an untraveled route to the Franklin Arctic expedition, there were, two weeks ago, four survivors. Three of them were killed by a party of three by the death of Mr. Robert Hampton, whose funeral took place in Walthamstow cemetery. The three survivors were Sir F. Leopold McClintock, Sir Allen Young, and Dr. Walker. The gallant sailor who was nearly passed away was seventy-seven years of age, and took part in the Battle of Acre, in 1840.

MARKET REPORT

Retail Prices of Produce and Provisions to Date.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Beef, Pork, Flour, and other provisions. Columns include item names and prices per unit.

Dumped Them Ashore Here

U. S. S. Cutter Grant Arrests Japanese On Waldron Island.

And Without Notifying Customs Lands Them at James Bay.

Twenty-two Japanese, one being a woman, were put ashore at the landing of Jones' boatshouse Monday morning from the United States revenue cutter Grant, Capt. Tozier, which arrived from New Whatcom, where two other Japanese, owners of a Steveston sloop, who are accused of taking the others from the Fraser to Waldron Island in violation of the United States contract labor laws, are imprisoned. The sloop was seized. The Japanese were captured by the cutter at a so-called logging camp on Waldron island, and having been taken there from a British Columbia port, were brought back to the country from whence they were taken. United States Immigration Officer Allen, who has been making the cruise to the Grace for the purpose of investigating this alleged smuggling of Japanese from British Columbia into the land of Uncle Sam, came ashore with the Grant, and they were placed in a Japanese establishment here, where they are held. Two other Japanese, who were also taken with the sloop, were placed on board the cutter to be taken to New Whatcom as witnesses against the sloop; however, the two prisoners, who are imprisoned there, on the charge of having violated the immigration laws, were taken to the United States territory. The Grant has been making a cruise among the States Islands of the coast of Japan, and as a result a sloop was found anchored at Roche Harbor, which had on board 22 Japs, including two Japanese there, who, according to information received by the cutter's officers, had brought 26 Japs, including one woman, from the Fraser river town, to Waldron Island, one of the United States Islands. The cutter, which had established a logging camp and were cutting wood for the Roche Harbor Lime Company. Acting on this information, Capt. Tozier ordered the sloop, which had established a logging camp and were cutting wood for the Roche Harbor Lime Company. Acting on this information, Capt. Tozier ordered the sloop, which had established a logging camp and were cutting wood for the Roche Harbor Lime Company. Acting on this information, Capt. Tozier ordered the sloop, which had established a logging camp and were cutting wood for the Roche Harbor Lime Company.

THE RAILWAY COMPLETED

Ore from the Lenora Mine Now Sent Out in Cans.

The railway has been completed between the Lenora mine, Mount Sicker, and the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway, Mount Sicker siding, near Westholme. It is to be afterwards extended to Osborne Bay. The grading on the extension to Osborne Bay is completed, with the exception of about 300 yards. When finally completed the railway will be 11 1/2 miles in length. The road is built around the northern and western side of Mount Sicker, rising to a height of 1,400 feet in 6 1/2 miles. The view from the railway on the northern side of Mount Sicker is very grand, looking down as it does into Chelamun canyon, 1,400 feet below; and on the opposite side of the river is situated Mount Brenton, which rises to a height of about 1,600 feet. On a clear day, Point Grey, on the east side of the Gulf of Georgia, and in sight of Vancouver, can be plainly seen, as also the numerous islands between Vancouver Island and the Mainland; and in addition the peaks of the Cascade range show up against the eastern sky. The railway is run by a geared locomotive, manufactured in Lima, Ohio. It climbs the grades with ease, although some of them are 9 per cent. The first carload of ore came down yesterday over the new road, and in a week's time the output will be about 100 tons a day. It is expected that shipments of about 3,000 tons a month will be made. At the mine are waiting about 2,000 tons of sorted ore; there are about 3,000 tons on the dump, and nearly two years' supply of ore in sight in the mine. A school will be established next month at Mount Sicker townsite; and with the railway running to the mine, an impetus will be given to the settlement of the townsite. The British Columbia Southern Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act extending the time within which it may construct its railways, and authorizing the company to take possession of any of its lines not exceeding in any one case thirty miles in length, as are from time to time authorized by the Government, and for other purposes. H. CAMPBELL OSWALD, Secretary-Treasurer. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to consolidate certain mining leases of ground in the Yukon Territory, and in particular the British Columbia, and more particularly known as the "Gem," "Lampana," "Will of the Wisp," "Engelhart," "Gordon," "Louisa," "Pure Gold," "Ida," "Clifford," and "Only Chance," together with other leases of ground, and that the applicants hereafter be acquired by the applicants in one holding with a demise of years from the final passage of the Act, with a right of renewal for a further term of 25 years, and that the water privileges and easements now held or hereafter acquired by the applicants, and in particular, the right of diverting and using 2,500 miners' inches from the "Gem" and "Lampana" creeks, from Surprise Lake and 600 miners' inches from Moose and Elk Lakes, be held, employed and enjoyed as appurtenances to the whole or any part of the said holdings; and to confirm to the applicants any and all rights, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges, as may be necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects. HUNTER & OLIVER, Solicitors for the Applicants. MINERAL ACT, 1896. (Form F). CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. Union Mineral Claim, situate in the Alberni Mining Division, District of Vancouver, British Columbia. Where Located—Sutro River, in the Township of 1846-18, in the Range of the Mount Sicker and British Columbia Development Company, Limited, Free Mineral Certificate No. 1846-18, issued sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Recorder for Certificate of Improvement, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim. and further take notice that the application for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim, under section 87, must be commenced before the expiration of such Certificate of Improvement. Dated this 10th day of December, 1900. J. D. GOING.

OFFICIALS PROMOTED.

Local Hudson's Bay Managers Received Well-Merited Recognition.

The announcement was made Tuesday that Mr. H. H. Hill, who has been in charge at Victoria for some years of the inland business of the Hudson's Bay Company in British Columbia, is about to leave for Winnipeg, where he will be attached to the general staff of the headquarters of the company in Canada. Mr. James Thomson, who is at present acting as manager of the Victoria store, will also conduct the local business in connection with the company's inland posts in British Columbia. The fact that Mr. Hill is leaving Victoria, as he is a most popular official, and has a host of friends here, but congratulations will be extended both to him and Mr. Thomson, upon their promotion to more important posts. THE CENSUS. Reason Why This Year's Count Will Prove Bigger Than That of Ten Years Ago. Census taking commences on April 1, and in two or three weeks from that date every one of the people who will have been counted. That is to say, we shall know the totals. It is very certain that the census will show a larger increase in the population than did that of 1891. The figures for 1891 were disappointing, not however, because the population had not increased, but because the new principle governing the taking of the census produced an unusually unfavorable return. In the enumerations of 1871 and 1881 a wide latitude was given the census takers. They could include in their figures people who had been out of the country for years, and they did so. When the census for 1891 was taken, the census taker was ordered to exclude such people. Only actual residents were to be counted, together with such members of the family as were absent temporarily, and were booked to return. The change gave the actual figures for 1891, and when these were compared with the figures for 1881, it looked as if our population had not grown materially. This time actual figures will be open for comparison with the figures of 1891, and it will appear that we have added more to our population than we did in the previous census, although such may not really be the case. RECOMMENDATION INCREASE. Police Commissioners Have Decided on an Increase in the Salaries of the Police. At a meeting of the police commissioners held early in the year, a petition was presented by the Chief of Police from here, asking that the salaries of the police be increased. The commissioners have decided to grant this request, and have authorized the chief of police to make the necessary arrangements, stating that they have decided upon the following increases: Chief of Police, from \$125 to \$150; Constables, from \$70 to \$80; Constables, from \$62.50 to \$67.50; and the clerk of the police court, from \$170 to \$175. The recommendations of the Chief of Police that a patrol wagon be purchased for the department, and that six improvements be made, is left for the council to decide. NOTICE—The British Columbia Southern Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act extending the time within which it may construct its railways, and authorizing the company to take possession of any of its lines not exceeding in any one case thirty miles in length, as are from time to time authorized by the Government, and for other purposes. H. CAMPBELL OSWALD, Secretary. NOTICE—The Yukon and Skeena Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to extend the time within which it may construct its railways, and authorizing the company to take possession of any of its lines not exceeding in any one case thirty miles in length, as are from time to time authorized by the Government, and for other purposes. H. 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Local News.

From Wednesday, January 23. Fenian Raid Medal.—The medal claim board, Ottawa, has granted the Rev. D. Macleod the medal for services during the Fenian Raid, 1866, with the Argentine Rangers, 11th Batt.

Savoy Case.—Mr. Powell had just commenced his argument for the defence in the Savoy case in the city police court yesterday when the announcement was received of the death of the Queen and the case was adjourned until Saturday.

Has a Record.—Chief Langley has received from the Seattle authorities a photograph of Ellsworth Boyles, who served terms in the state of Washington for forgery and petty larceny.

Exhibition Adjourned.—On account of the death of the Queen the exhibition at the manual training school arranged for the Lenora mines to the E. & N. line.

Organization Perfected.—The recently formed Bakers' Union met in St. William Wallace hall last evening and perfected their organization.

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More Reading.—A second edition of the souvenir number of the Colonist is now ready. Call early and secure a copy at the office of publication or the book stores.

Victorians Will Learn with Great Interest that the narrow-gauge railway connection between the Victoria and Vancouver.

Want a Creamery.—The farmers of North and South Saanich and Victoria districts have formed a Victoria Creamery Association, and active steps are being taken towards securing the early erection of some plant for this purpose.

A Fish Story.—Ald. Hall is authority for the statement that Mr. Noble, a fisherman, hooked a huge codfish out in the Straits yesterday morning, which was seized almost simultaneously by a ground shark.

About Fruit.—The provincial government has issued a pamphlet containing a list of the varieties of fruit recommended by the board of horticulture as best for orchard and garden purposes.

An Unfounded Story.—A few days ago the Vancouver World published a statement to the effect that the staff at the New Westminster jail had been made, and that Superintendent Huxsey had gone over to New Westminster, but beyond that there is no truth in the story.

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Montreal's Huge Fire

Widespread Destruction in Heart of the Wholesale Business District.

Splendid Board of Trade Buildings Totally Wrecked and Many Warehouses.

The Loss Will be Enormous Mounting into the Millions.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—A fire, which started in the wholesale district at 8:05 last night, at 1 o'clock this morning has destroyed property valued at between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, and was still burning, but the appearance is that the firemen have at last got it under control.

The following are estimates of the principal losses: Board of Trade, \$600,000; insurance, \$400,000; tenants' loss, \$100,000.

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Another Coal Deal in Nicola

Negotiations for the Sale of Twenty-Two Thousand Acres of Land.

Claim That There Are Two Hundred Thousand Tons in Sight.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, Jan. 22.—Mr. George de Wolfe, of Vancouver, informed the Colonist correspondent this morning that he was negotiating for the sale of 22,000 acres of coal lands to a wealthy Canadian syndicate.

The analysis of the coal is as follows: No. 3 seam (20 feet wide)—Volatiles matter and moisture, 34.01; fixed carbon, 61.04; ash, 4.19; sulphur, trace.

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The King Returns to London and Takes the Oath of Succession.

Lords and Commons Swear Allegiance to the New Sovereign.

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Then follows the proclamation of Edward VII, the acknowledgment of allegiance by the Privy Council, and the King's speech at his accession.

THE KING'S SPEECH. The following is the full text of His Majesty's accession speech: "Your Royal Highnesses, my Lords and Gentlemen,

"This is the most painful occasion on which I shall ever be called upon to address you. My first melancholy duty is to announce to you the death of my beloved mother, the Queen; and I know how deeply you and the whole world sympathize with me in the irreparable loss we have all sustained. I need hardly say that my constant endeavor will be always to walk in her footsteps.

"In undertaking the heavy load which now devolves upon me, I am fully determined to be a constitutional sovereign in the strictest sense of the word, so long as there is breath in my body, to work for the good and amelioration of my people.

"I have resolved to be known by the name of Edward, which has been borne by six of my ancestors. In regard to that name I inherit from my mother, but I am determined, great and wise father, who, by your consent, I think I may say, I have known by the name of Albert the Good, and I desire that his name should stand alone.

"In conclusion, I trust to parliament and the nation to support me in the arduous duties which now devolve upon me by inheritance, and to which I am determined to devote my whole strength during the remainder of my life.

After giving a list of those who attended the council, the Gazette announces that the King's speech relating to the security of the Church of Scotland. It concludes with the King's formal proclamation ordering all officers and persons in authority throughout his dominions to continue to exercise their offices during the royal interregnum, and to assist his Majesty in the performance and execution of their duties. The sorrow felt throughout the Empire is described in a constant succession of telegrams from every important town in the colonies, all telling of the same feeling of bereavement, and the display of mourning emblems and arrangements for memorial services. All the governments have sent on behalf of their respective colonies, telegrams of condolence to King Edward and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies.

The 3 barons of Lansdowne, minister of the interior, has received from the German ambassador, a letter on behalf of the diplomatic corps, expressing their sympathy and condolence, and approaching Her Majesty, who also had the opportunity of appreciating those rare and incomparable qualities by which that august sovereign captivated the hearts of all who entered her presence."

The morning papers publish a long tribute to the dead Queen. Orders have been issued for 6,500 troops to line the streets of London today for the proclamation ceremony.

The King, who remains in London over night, was driven to Buckingham Palace, after taking the oath before the Privy Council, and a dinner there with the Duchess of Albany. Subsequently he went to Marlborough House to sleep. It is said that he will return to Osborne this morning (Thursday), to direct the funeral arrangements.

These were discussed at a meeting of the authorities of the royal household at Buckingham Palace last evening. At the College of Arms, it was said that the date of the funeral could not be settled until it was known when the European royalties or their representatives could arrive, but that the funeral would be held at the earliest possible date for the convenience of Emperor William, whose stay in England might be unavoidably limited.

Buckingham Palace is being made ready for the royal persons who are arriving in London. Representatives of all the royal families in Europe will probably be present at the funeral, including the Kings of Italy, Belgium and Greece, the Crown Princes of Germany and Sweden, and Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria. All the European courts will go into mourning for various periods.

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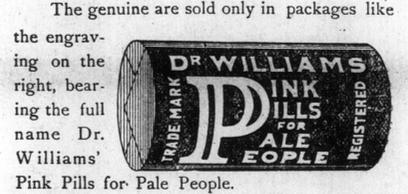
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