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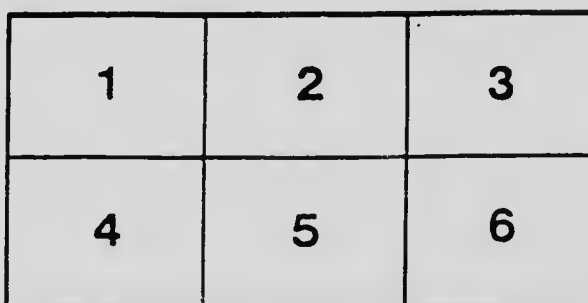
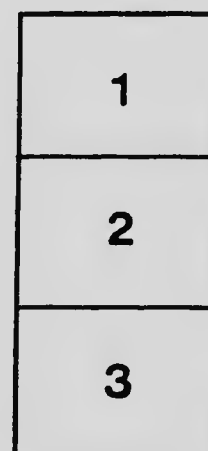
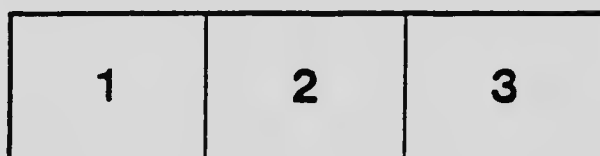
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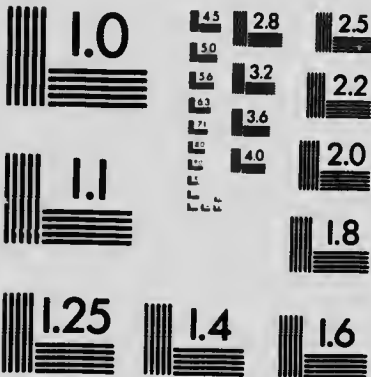
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# UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES

(Organized September 29th, 1905)



## Executive Meeting

HELD IN

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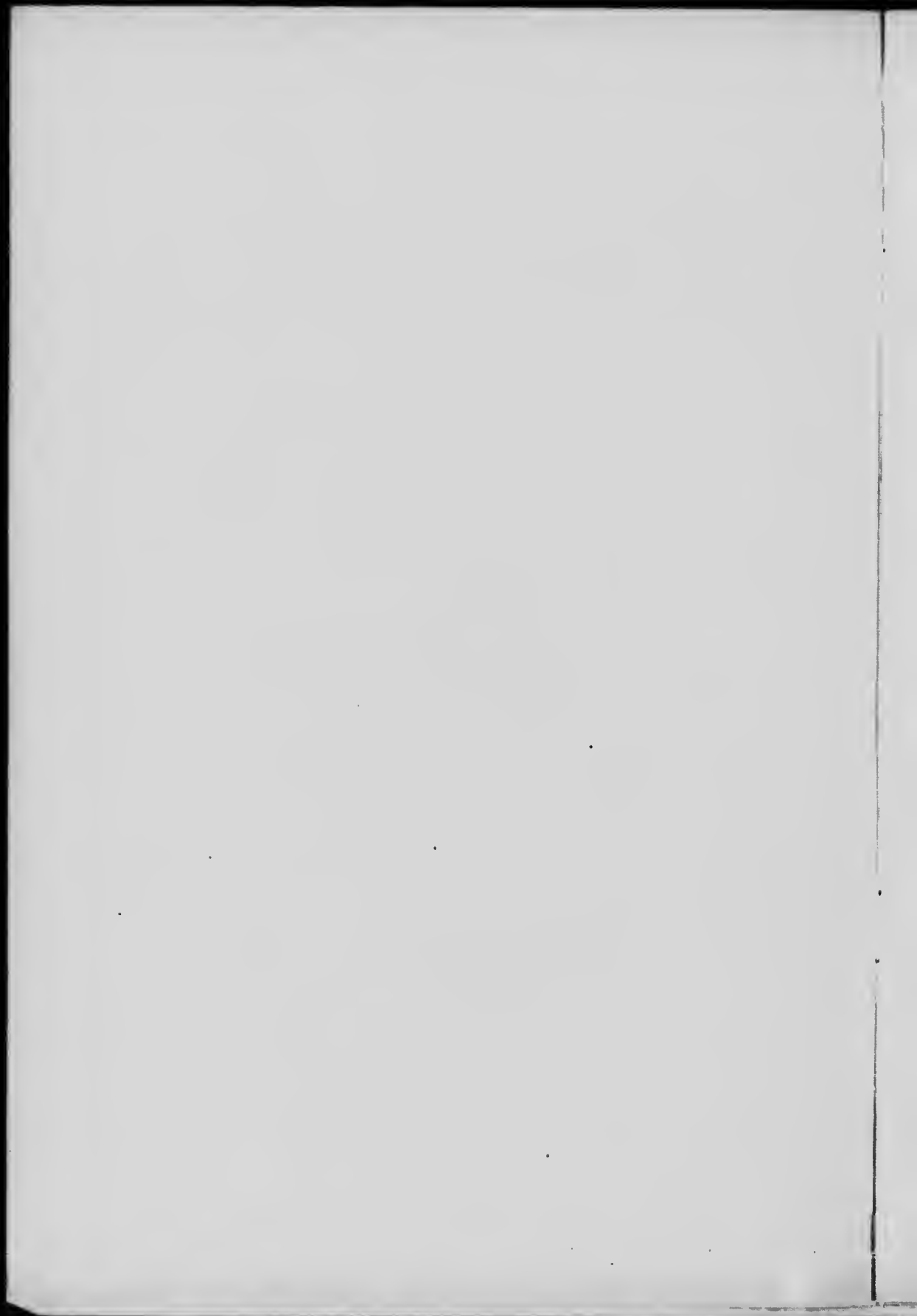
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Hon. Secretary-Treasurer - Reeve Bose, Surrey Centre

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## EXECUTIVE

President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Mayor  
Planta, Nanaimo; Mayor Hall, Victoria; Mayor Robinson,  
Kamloops; Mayor Kealy, North Vancouver City;  
Alderman Cavanagh, Vancouver; Reeve Byrne,  
Burnaby, Reeve Evans, Salmon Arm.







# Report of Executive Meeting

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City Hall, Victoria, B. C., Nov. 30th, 1908.

Meeting of the Executive of the U. B. C. M. Present: President Mayor Keary, Vice-President Mayor Bell, Secretary-Treasurer Reeve Bose, Mayor Planta, Mayor Hall, Mayor Kealy, Reeve Byrne, Reeve Evans.

Minutes of last Executive meeting read and adopted.  
The following business was dealt with:

**Club Question**—Resolved that a memorandum re Club licenses be presented to the Attorney-General.

**Election of Reeve and Councillors**—Mayor or Reeve to be elected for two years, and that the Aldermen or Councillors be elected along the line of the School Boards, half returning annually. Before the same can be put in force a referendum shall be submitted to the ratepayers at the previous annual election and adopted by a majority vote.

**Local Improvement Petition**—That a clause to be known as sub-sec. (a) be added to sec. 270 as follows: (a) That names entitled to be on local improvement petition may be put on said petition up to within 8 days of the court of revision.

**School Rate**—That the school rate in Sec. 140 of M. C. A. be 10m instead of 5m.

**Registration of Tax Sale Deeds**—Sec. 155, sub-sec. 6. Registrar will not register tax sale deeds. No authority given to issue deed under this clause.

**Westminster Elections**—That a clause be inserted in the M. C. A. enabling New Westminster to be governed by the Municipal Elections Act re Householders' Vote.

**Municipal Elections Act**—Would request that the date of the court of revision be earlier in the cities.

**Ditches and Watercourses Act**—Sec. 30. Second line after the words "for the completion of" be inserted the words "any portion of."

The following matters were endorsed for Victoria:

**Sec. 50**—In cities for compelling the fencing of unfenced lands in any specified street or district of the city. To regulate the material and height of such fences, and to prevent the use thereof for advertisement purposes.

**Sec. 50**—To prevent the depreciation of assessable property by advertisements or other announcements, painted or howsoever erected upon erections, or upon rocks, trees, poles, upon or adjacent to public streets; and to prevent the depreciation of Government, municipal, public or assessable residential buildings by unsightly erections, advertisements or announcements adjacent thereto.

**241a**—No person or corporation now in possession of land which forms part of a public street or public highway, and no person or corporation who shall hereafter enter into possession or occupation of land forming part of any such public street or highway, shall, whether the possession is of the person claiming, or his ancestors or predecessors in title, or of the predecessors of a corporation, by virtue of such possession be deemed to have acquired, or shall acquire, any right or title thereto, whether by prescription (or Common Law) or by virtue of any Statute of Limitation heretofore or now in force.

**257a**—Each property adjoining and fronting on any park, square, public drive, or boulevard, shall be specially assessable for and in respect of the improvements, works and services made, done or provided upon or in any such drive or boulevard, in like manner as real property fronting or abutting upon any public street, but where a public park, square, drive or boulevard exists or may hereafter be established, the lands adjoining if not exempt from taxation, shall be assessable only in respect of such improvements, works and services to the extent to which the corporation may deem such lands are specially benefited by such improvements, works and services; and where the lands on one side of such drive or boulevard are a public park or square, or for other reasons are exempt from taxation, at least one-half of the cost of such improvements, works and services shall be borne by the municipality generally.

**257b**—It shall be lawful for the Council of any city to include in any by-law to carry out and assess and levy for the cost of any local improvement works under Section 246, and sub-sections of said Act, works of a similar character to be done in the several parts and districts of the City, and in such case the petition provided for by Sub-section 22 of said Section 256 shall specify which particular portion of the work, specifying the street or place is petitioned against, and for the purpose of dealing with such petition only the work on each street or in each place petitioned against shall be treated as a separate work, and so dealt with under Sub-section 22.

These matters were laid before the Attorney-General with

the assurance that they would receive his careful consideration and in some cases a definite assurance that he would introduce legislation.

The Attorney-General was requested to give a ruling on the following questions:

**Shooting**—Have Municipalities power to pass by-laws against shooting on public highways, and shooting in general?

The Attorney-General stated that Municipalities had power to pass by-laws as to shooting on public highways. As to Sunday shooting, this was rather a difficult matter to decide.

**Sec. 116-117**—Definition of owners.

Attorney-General ruled that the only persons to be put legally on the Assessment Roll as owners are the registered owners.

**Building Roads** under local improvement by-laws in Districts:

Attorney-General ruled that if the roads were of use only to lands benefited, District Municipalities could build same under local improvement by-laws.

**The creation of Park and Water Commissioners:**

He promised to look into the matter.

The following matters were dealt with:

**Rossland**—The great costs of schools to Municipalities.

**Cumberland**—Resolved that the question be struck out on the ground that taking the Province as a whole, the public have decided to accept the present system.

**Sumnerland**—Rebate on taxes be reduced to 10 per cent. Resolved that it is not in the best interests of Municipal finance to alter the present system.

**Enderby**—Mileage re Small Debts Act be raised from 10c to 15c. Resolved that it is not advisable to deal with this.

**Grand Forks**—Police protection. Outside the scope of the U. B. C. M. Would recommend that it be referred to the Member for the District.

**North Vancouver**—A good many points covered in the preceding matters and the balance laid over for the next meeting.

**Vernon**—The right of taxing for the installing of sewerage system on the basis of the actual benefit derived therefrom. Resolved that it be passed over.

**Burnaby**—Re “Improved Land.” That it be made a condition that any person claiming for his land to be classed as “Improved” shall have previously forwarded to the Assessor, at the commencement of a year, a notice that he has improved his land, etc. Not endorsed, as it is the Assessor’s duty to inspect the lands.

Re “Improved Lands” (2). The present provision that improvements to the extent of \$2.50 per acre shall entitle an owner to claim exemption from Wild Land Tax, and as such provision would entail an expenditure of only 50c or 42c upon a fifth or sixth of an acre, it is essential that a revision be made providing for a reasonable expenditure upon such town lots as the basis of claim to exemption.

Resolved as that in most cases subdivided property is assessed higher than undivided property, that this question be not dealt with at present.

**Maintenance of Trunk Roads** by County Councils—Resolved that this matter be laid over.

The following matters were referred to the Convention:

**Enderby—Sanitarium maintenance fund of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society. Private Bills affecting the Rights of Municipalities.** Suggest that the rules of the local legislature regarding the introduction and passage of private bills be amended, so as to require that before any private bill affecting in any way any Municipality or Municipalities is introduced into the House, the promoters of such bill be required to submit proof of service of sufficient notice on such Municipality or Municipalities of sufficient notice to enable them to be heard in reference to such bill, if they should so desire.

**Municipal Telephones**—Suggest that Sec. 50 of the Municipal Clauses Act, 1906, be amended by the addition of a subsection enabling Municipalities to establish and operate within their respective corporate limits, lines of telephone, and telephone exchanges, for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of such Municipalities.

**Rosland**—The taxation by Municipalities of the property of the B. C. Telephone Company within cities.

**Point Grey**—Re rebate on rates collected for money by-laws and school purposes.

**Matsqui**—Power to pass a by-law to protect game within the corporate limits. Power to appoint the Reeve or some other person to act and perform the duties of Coroner within the

Municipality. Remuneration for such duties to be agreed upon by motion of the Council or by a by-law.

**North Cowichan**—Taxation of personal property for school and fire protection. That all males liable for Road Tax should be subject to a per capita School Tax of not more than \$2 per head.

**Victoria**—Sec. 50 addition. In cities to compel owners and representatives of absent owners to fence in, drain, cleanse, fill up or level city lots, or in default that the Council may do the work and recover cost. ~~In City Municipalities of over ten thousand inhabitants, such regulations as the good of the inhabitants of the City requires.~~

*Ordinance*

**Special Act not to be in Municipal Clauses Act**—For licensing and regulating Electricians and those engaged in wiring buildings, poles or other structures, for the purpose of the transmission of electric power for lighting, power, heating or other purposes, and for providing for a Board of Examiners, and the examination of such Electricians and other persons, and the granting of certificates of efficiency to the same, and to prohibit electrical work by persons not possessing such certificates, or carrying on their business contrary to law.

*Resolution committee*

**Section 69, add following sub-section**—(3) Any petition by owners of real property in a city, presented to the Council, requesting them to introduce by-laws to raise money upon the credit of the city, may include any number of works or other subjects and matters, and any by-law submitted upon such petition may likewise include any number of works, subjects or matters.

*Resolution committee*  
*submit*

**Add to Section 59**—Provided always that nuisances which are, after enquiry held, found by resolution to prejudicially affect the comfort and enjoyment of a considerable number of adjacent inhabitants, and to prejudicially affect the assessable value of immediately adjacent property, shall be within the scope of this Section, and may be dealt with by by-law or resolution, in the same manner as nuisances dangerous to the public safety or health.

*submit*

**Sub-section 4 of Section 251** is hereby amended by adding, on the 23rd line thereof, after the word "claim," the following:

*Ch. Com*

"Every person upon whom a notice shall have been served under this sub-section shall forward to the Clerk of the Municipality, particulars of the amount claimed by him, together with sufficient details showing how such claim is arrived at. The Council of the Corporation shall, within ten days of the

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receipt of such sufficiently detailed claim, state in writing, to the claimant, the amount which the Corporation is willing to pay by way of compensation, and if accepted by the claimant, within six calendar months of the acceptance by the claimant of the offer, and if the said offer is refused and the claimant proceeds to arbitration, in the event of an award being made of a sum in excess of the offer made by the Corporation, but below the amount claimed by the claimant, each party shall bear his own costs of the arbitration, but the Arbitrators' fees shall be borne by the claimant. In the event of an award being made of a sum equal to or in excess of the sum claimed by the claimant, the costs of the arbitration and award shall be borne and paid by the Corporation; and in the event of the sum offered by the Corporation being deemed sufficient or of the award being for a less sum than so offered by the Corporation, the costs of all proceedings and of the said arbitration and award shall be borne and paid by the claimant."

**Chapter 32** is hereby further amended by adding the following section:

*Stewart*  
*and*

"256a. It shall be lawful for the Council of any City to include in any by-law to carry out and assess and levy for the cost of any local improvement work under Section 256 and sub-sections of the said Act, works of a similar character to be done in the several parts and districts of the City, and in such case the petition provided for by Sub-section 22 of said Section 256, shall specify which particular portion of the work, specifying the street or place, is petitioned against, and for the purpose of dealing with such petition only the work on each street or in each place petitioned against shall be treated as a separate work, and so dealt with under Sub-section 22."

**Home for Destitute Persons**—A committee, composed of President Mayor Keary, Mayor Kealy, Reeve Byrne and Reeve Bose, had a meeting with the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, Dr. Young, and received the assurance that he would lay the matter before the Executive Council.

**Vernon**—The question of fines from offenders, for supplying Indians or from Indians having whiskey in their possession, under Section 150 of the Criminal Code, Cap. 81, R. S. C.

Resolved that this matter be laid before the Attorney-General, after which the Executive adjourned.

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