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FIRE CHIEF'S 1920 REPORT

Net Fire Loss in City for Year of But \$130 Establishes a Record.

The annual report of the fire chief was received last night by the city council and much gratification was expressed at the showing that was made by the department in the year 1920. There had been 52 alarms and the total damage was \$1,356.75 which was covered by \$1,226.75 insurance, leaving a net loss of but \$130. Property to the value of \$294,000 had been involved.

Considering the facts that the streets were in none too good condition and all the buildings in the city practically were of wooden construction, this report establishes a record and the fire department is highly pleased. Chief McDonald recommended in his report that this year the mains be extended to Manson Way and hydrants be installed there for the protection of increased building in that direction. The purchase of a light car was also recommended on account of the poor shape of some of the streets where the big trucks might be endangered. The mayor, aldermen and members of the department were thanked for their co-operation in the work of the past year.

GOVERNMENT AID ONLY WHERE SITUATION IS ABSOLUTELY INTENSE

Premier Oliver Replies to Mayor's Request for Grant of \$50,000.

A letter from Hon. T. D. Pattullo asking that further reports be submitted to the provincial government with a view to obtaining advances of money for street work to give relief to unemployment was referred to the new council last evening.

Premier Oliver's reply to the request of the mayor for \$50,000 was read and the premier expressed the opinion that making the unemployment situation incidental to the street work was not the correct basis and the government was only extending aid where the unemployment situation made it absolutely necessary to finance public works.

Letters from Hon. G. D. Robertson, minister of labor at Ottawa, and J. D. McNeven, deputy minister at Victoria, were also brought to the attention of the council and were left over on the suggestion of Aid, Peppy.

SECTION TWO BRIDGE ENTIRELY BUILT OF FIR

City Council Decided Last Night to Pay \$712 More for This Material.

On the recommendation of the utilities committee the city council decided last night to have E. H. Shockley construct the Morse Creek bridge of fir throughout instead of fir, hemlock and spruce as set out in the original contract. The cost will be \$712 extra or \$4 more per thousand feet which still leaves the tender of Mr. Shockley some \$1,500 below that of the next lowest bidder.

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GROUNDING WIRES ON WATER PIPES IS NOT DAMAGING

A report from the superintendent of utilities on the grounding of electric wires on waterpipes was filed by the city council last night. The report brought forth the information that the insurance companies demanded such grounding of wires where possible and, moreover, the contention that these wires had the effect of wearing out pipes and tanks was false. Electrolysis could only be possible where there was direct current and in the city system it was all alternating. Even the city direct current would not have this effect.

VICEROY IN APRIL

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Lord Reading's appointment as Viceroy of India becomes effective on April 1. The Royal approval has been given.

WHO DELAYING COW BAY NOW?

City's "Pet Aversion" Crops up to Haunt Dying Council.

Last night the farewell meeting of the 1920 city council was held and it was only fitting that the Cow Bay question, the city's family skeleton, should come forth from its closet to haunt the board's dying session. A letter from Hon. Frank Carvell, chief railway commissioner, had the effect of bringing such about and each of the council members had another opportunity of delving into the intricacies of the problem while the press sat back with sighs of disgust and, with glances of trepidation towards the mayor's pedestal, ventured to bring forth the seductive weed and take their minds far from the smelly atmosphere of Cameron Cove, commonly known as Cow Bay, and privately termed with various phrases of unparliamentary nomenclature.

Mr. Carvell stated that the railway's renewed application for the filling of Cow Bay had reached Ottawa while he was on the ground in Prince Rupert. He had asked for the city's attitude but the city's reply had not answered the question. It was up to the commission to give a decision and Mr. Carvell thought the city should be interested. Before there was a decision, of course, the railway commission would have a public hearing on the question.

Where is the Plan?

Ald. Perry then tried to find out what had happened to the map on which the city council and Board of Trade had agreed to the filling. Evidently this map had disappeared and the old plan of 1917, which the council didn't like, had cropped up again. The question was: "Where was the plan of the Board of Trade?" Much general information was then forthcoming but it wasn't quite clear where the plan had gone although the Privy Council thought it would be alright to fill Cow Bay providing the railway took the responsibility. "Now," said Alderman Perry, "who is responsible for the delay?"

Laying the Blame.

Ald. McLennan blamed it on the provincial government. They should make an offer now. Ald. Dybbavn defended the provincial government and stated that Mr. Pattullo had expressed his willingness to discuss the matter with the council. It was the council's fault for it had not set a date. Ald. Murray asked if Mr. Pattullo had made this statement to the council in writing. He thought it was the Board of Trade's undertaking. Ald. Perry thought the city council should be represented on the Board of Trade and, next year, the Board of Trade wouldn't get any grant as far as he was concerned unless they got representation. Then the motion for the consigning of "the boggy" to the new council carried with Acting Mayor Rochester remarking he thought it was up to the provincial government as much as any other body.

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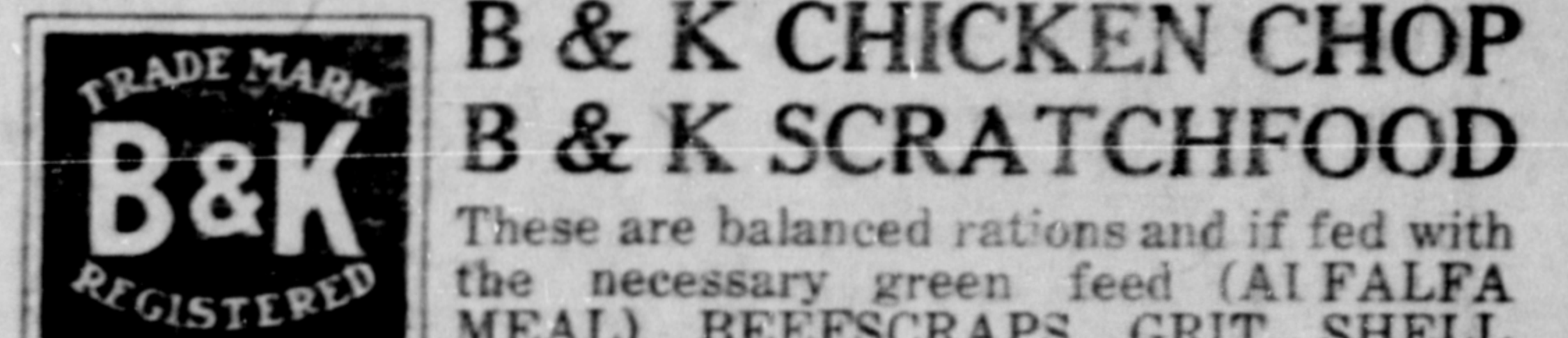
OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—Premier Arthur Meighen and Hon. Hugh Guthrie left yesterday morning to assist the campaign for the government candidate in West Peterborough.

WHAT TO DO FOR COLDS OR GRIPPE

Common Troubles Conquered by Home Treatment.

When you catch cold there are three points on which you should guard yourself. Colds germinate systemic poisons, which should be carried off so as to keep the natural channels open. The temperature should be kept at normal and the fever always generated by colds allayed. The soreness of the muscles, especially in the neck, should be reduced. If these three points are given prompt attention, and treated properly, your cold will be passed over without danger.

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