

# ALD. PERRY IS TAKEN TO TASK

### Action in Starting Construction of Sidewalks on Fifth Avenue East is Criticized

Ald. Perry, chairman of the board of works, was taken to task by other members of the city council at last night's meeting for his action in connection with the starting of the laying of plank sidewalk on Fifth Ave. East.

Ald. Casey, fellow member of the Board of Works, who apparently had no knowledge of how the work was being carried out, made the first inquiry. The work was evidently being done by contract, he said, but he had never heard of any tenders being called. He did not like to see private contracts entered into for city work.

**No Contract**  
Ald. Perry replied that no definite contract had been entered into. Estimates had been made by the city engineer and it had been decided that Mr. McLeod could carry out the work more cheaply than could the city engineer by day labor. If the council so wished he was ready to close the work down at once and have tenders called for.

Ald. Casey remarked that the Board of Works had never discussed the matter, to which Ald. Perry replied that he had considered it not necessary to bring it up. Ald. Casey was of the opinion, however, that it should have been.

Mayor Newton thought tenders should have been called for in order to give everybody a chance. He did not wish to appear as censuring Ald. Perry but he must agree with Ald. Casey's complaint. Such action was not fair to other members of the Board of Works or the city council. Ald. Perry had given much time and energy to city work, the mayor continued, and he thought he was doing good work for which he complimented him but he thought he (Ald. Perry) was making a mistake in not taking up such matters with the Board of Works. It put everybody in a bad position.

**More Confidence**  
After Ald. McMorris said he knew nothing of the matter, Ald. Macdonald suggested that it would be better if the chairman of the Board of Works took his committee into his confidence with respect to such matters. However well he might do it, it was not up to one man to do everything.

Ald. Perry then said he would have the work stopped at once and tenders called for but Ald. Casey said that was not necessary. He would be satisfied if it was carried on pending the next meeting of the Board of Works.

# GRADUATING NURSES ARE GUESTS OF HONOR AT DANCE LAST NIGHT

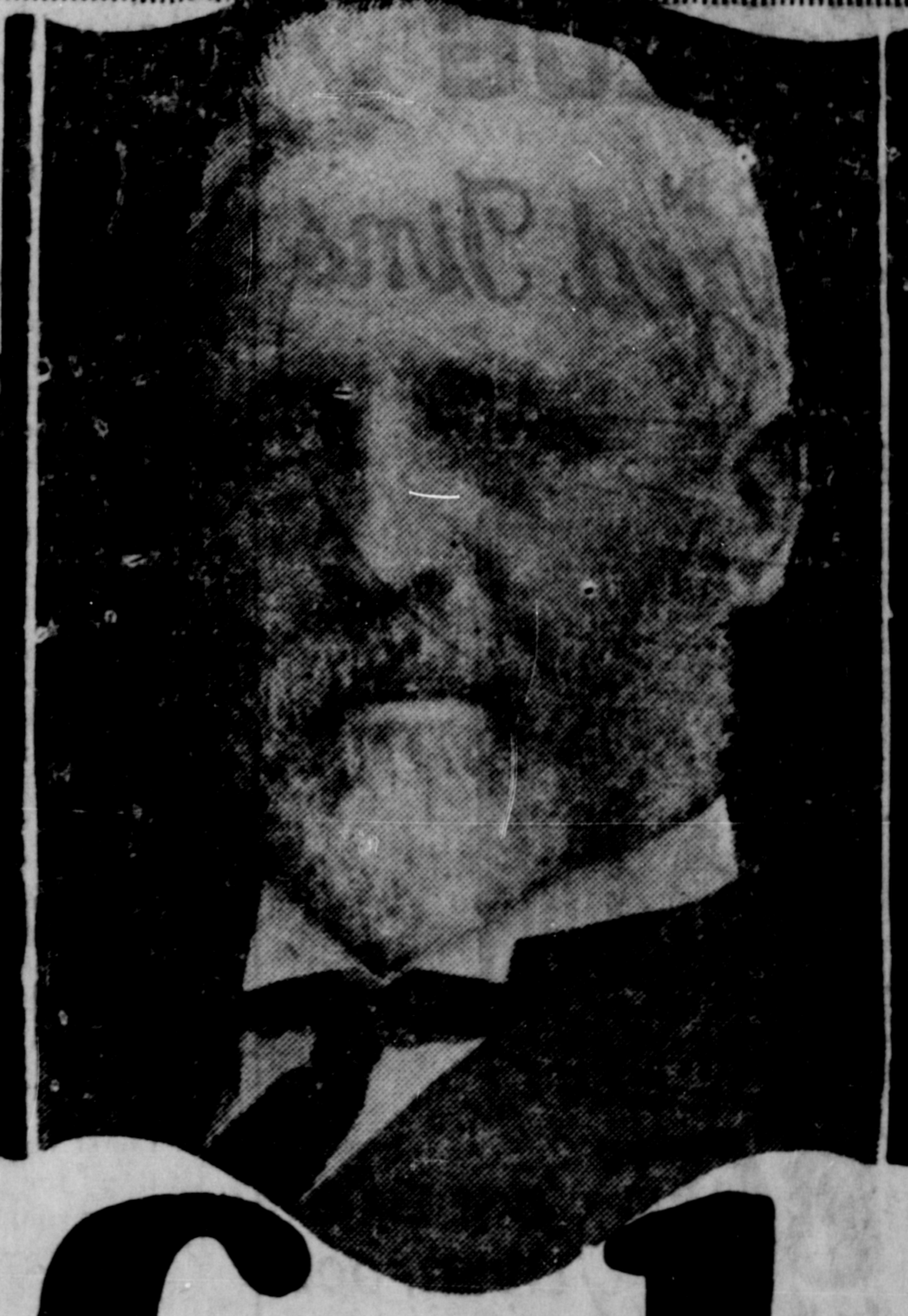
An informal dance was given last night at the Nurses' Home by the lady superintendent, Miss McCaul, in honor of the five nurses, Misses Weller, Roberge, Swanson, Franks and Brooks, who are graduating this week. There were a large number of guests, the medical profession being represented by Dr. L. W. Kergin who was present with Mrs. Kergin. Music was provided by the Harmony Dance Orchestra, consisting of Miss Pryce, Sidney Baxett-Jones, George Rorie, and Jack Barnsley. Refreshments were served at eleven o'clock and the party broke up about midnight.

# MISS BETTY WELLER SUCCESSFULLY PASSES R. N. EXAMINATIONS

Friends of Miss Betty Weller of the General Hospital 1924 graduating class of the Nurses' training school are congratulating her on her successfully passing the examinations and obtaining the degree of R.N. This gives her professional standing and enables her to practice the nursing profession anywhere as a registered nurse.

Miss Weller, who is a particularly popular and capable nurse, is remaining on the staff of the hospital taking the place of Miss Arnott, who is leaving.

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# Oliver's fight for Equalized Freight Rates & Bigger Pay Rolls

### CAN BRITISH COLUMBIANS REPUDIATE PREMIER OLIVER?

That is the question every voter must ask himself before June 20.

Isolated out here behind the Rocky Mountains and three thousand miles from the political, financial and population centres of Canada, this province has struggled and fought for thirty-five years for its very existence.

Canada's tariff policy has prevented British Columbia from enjoying commercial relations with our natural and adjacent trading markets—Washington, Oregon and California. And Canada's freight rate structure is designed in a manner which facilitates the movement of Western raw products EASTWARD and Eastern manufactured products WESTWARD, disregarding altogether the natural short haul in and out to Pacific tidewater. So that since joining Confederation, this province has been the outpost, the tail end of Business Canada.

The Panama Canal entirely changed all this by dividing Canada into two transportation slopes, and therefore into two trading areas; the Eastern area to be served from the Atlantic and the Western area to be served from the Pacific.

But it is one thing to have a natural heritage, or a moral right, and it is another to collect that heritage or enforce that right.

Notwithstanding British Columbia's claim to greater recognition from Business Canada, the executives of every large financial, commercial, political and transportation corporation in Canada are personally interested and personally live in Eastern Canada. Although Vancouver is the third city in Canada, there is not a Vancouver director on the Canadian National, on the C.P.R., on the Canadian Grain Board, on the Dominion Railway Board, or on any one of the large institutions of Canada. Under such conditions, what chance has B.C. to get proper recognition—to even get a hearing?

The only chance we have of developing this end of Canada within the next generation is to get out and fight for recognition, fight for equalized freight rates, an equal charge for equal service applying to other parts of Canada, fight for free and unrestricted use of the Panama Canal, fight for representation on financial and national directorates, and fight for the right of this province to develop and grow.

Whether one likes or dislikes Premier Oliver; whether one agrees or disagrees with him on other questions (and the Vancouver Sun disagrees with him on many things); it must be admitted:

1. John Oliver's homely common sense and dogged fighting qualities particularly adapt him for a champion of equity and justice.
2. That he is fighting for conditions which are fundamental to the prosperity of British Columbia. Without these conditions, we can make no real progress.
3. That great progress has already been made by him in the case of grain rates, grain elevators, and harbor improvements; and, working with a sympathetic government at Ottawa, there is every reason to look for and expect even more favorable consideration in the immediate future.
4. That to replace Premier Oliver at this particular time with either Mr. Bowser or Gen. McRae would, in effect, say to official Ottawa that we were not sincerely interested in Premier Oliver's campaign. But this is not so. We are interested, vitally interested.

Disregarding petty issues; disregarding personal sentiment and political sentiment, our provincial election gets down to the simple economic question: Can this province afford to repudiate Premier Oliver?

# A Liberal Vote is a Vote for Equalized Freight Rates