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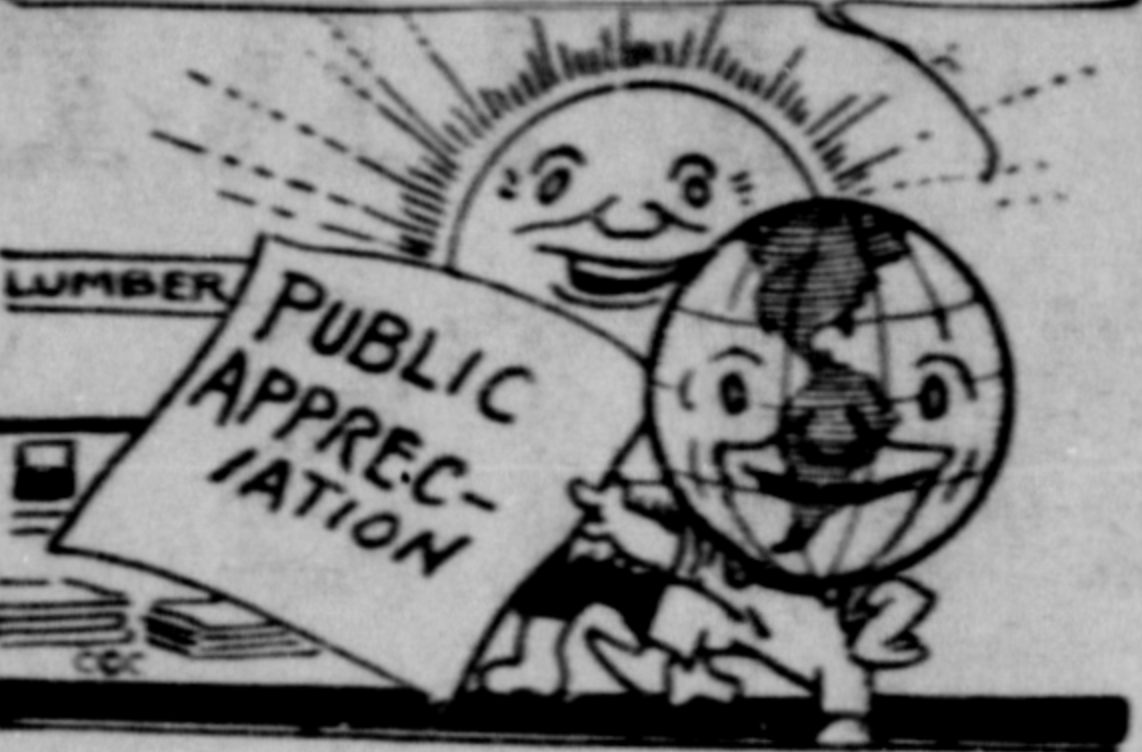
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## COUNCIL HAS LIVELY TILT

DISCUSSION IN REGARD TO ROAD SURFACING LEADS TO SOME INTERESTING REPARTEE

### GREER WANTS TO KNOW

Mayor and Others Enter Into the Debate in Regard to Cost of City Work

There was some rather heated discussion at last night's council meeting in connection with street maintenance and the board of works came in for some criticism to which its members vigorously responded. Reminiscent of the old days when aldermen weren't so polite to each other as they usually are today, there was a tendency to call a spade a spade and one member of the board to tell the other what he thought about him and his work.

The discussion was precipitated when the Board of Works presented a report recommending that 20,000 gallons of tar be purchased on the same terms as last year for spreading on the streets this season. Ald. Perry, chairman of the Board of Works, was going on to explain that this material would cover more ground than last year and that some new streets would be attended to as well as old ones when Ald. Jos. Greer inquired what the cost of the material would be and what it would cover.

Ald. Perry replied that the cost would be altogether \$7,000 which would provide for the cost of the material and its laying down. The cost would be largely taken care of out of last year's bylaw which had not yet been completely exhausted.

### MAYOR TAKES ISSUE

Mayor Newton took issue with Ald. Perry's explanation. As he remembered it, from a meeting of the Board of Works last week, it would cost much more than \$7,000 to carry out the program of street maintenance proposed for this year. It was suggested at the meeting of the Board of Works that the cost in the main would be borne by the city engineer's estimates for the year with the balance from last year's bylaw. As he remembered it the cost, far from \$7,000, had been estimated at about \$16,000. "Either you or I are mistaken, Ald. Perry," asserted His Worship.

Ald. Perry started to explain that the matter had been threshed over since the meeting of the Board of Works when the mayor interrogated: "If you are going to thresh things over at a regular meeting of the board of works and then thresh them over again at some kind of a meeting when I am not present, is it any wonder that I should be mistaken now?"

Ald. Perry again gave his assurance that the material and work under question in the present recommendation would not cost more than \$7,000.

Ald. W. J. Greer pointed out that the recommendation before the council only covered the cost of the tar and putting it down. It had nothing to do with fixing the streets.

"Then why did Ald. Perry not give a straightforward answer to Ald. Jos. Greer's question?" inquired the mayor. "If Ald. Jos. Greer goes away with Ald. Perry's explanation he would believe the cost was only to be \$7,000 whereas last week the Board of Works had found that the cost would be \$16,000 or even \$18,000."

### ALSO MAINTENANCE WORK

Ald. W. J. Greer felt that Ald. Jos. Greer understood quite well what the \$7,000 covered. The additional \$12,000 was for maintenance work on other streets.

"What is the Board of Works' proposed program this year going to cost?" inquired the mayor.

"About \$19,000 as a matter of fact," replied Ald. W. J. Greer.

"And Ald. Jos. Greer was told \$7,000," concluded His Worship.

"Ald. Jos. Greer asked me and I told him exactly what it would cost to buy and put this tar on—\$7,000," explained Ald. Perry.

"But you do plan \$16,000 improvements on streets this year?" countered the mayor.

Ald. W. J. Greer felt that the council knew there was \$12,000 for maintenance of streets. All that was being asked now was to buy tar and put it down.

Ald. Jos. Greer said he was satisfied with the explanation of the \$7,000. His Worship insisted, however, that there

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### BAD PIECE OF ROAD

Ald. Brown referred to the piece of road on Second Avenue between the Section Two bridge and the Junction which he described as "the worst piece of road in British Columbia for the amount of traffic that goes over it." He would like to know if the Board of Works intended this year to do the streets first that it had not done last year.

Ald. Perry, with seeming intuition, replied that Graham Avenue would not be done this year. "It is in perfect condition," the chairman of the board of works asserted.

"That's just the trouble," interjected Ald. Brown. "The roads that are in perfect condition are the ones that should be preserved with tar." Ald. Perry continued his explanation: Second Avenue, between the Junction and the bridge, would be done this year and several other streets that had not been done last year but not Graham Avenue which was in good condition.

Ald. Brown then continued to accuse the board of works. He asserted that he had seen a good deal of money thrown away in putting tar on streets that were not prepared for it. On Atlin Avenue and Sixth Avenue across Hays Creek bridge it had been put on, with rough and jagged rocks sticking through for inches and it could not be expected to remain. Why did the Board of Works not do such streets as Graham Avenue which were in condition and keep them in shape?

Ald. Perry vigorously denied waste of tar. He could prove that on the

streets mentioned by Ald. Brown it had penetrated to a depth of two or three inches.

Ald. Brown was skeptical about this. "Don't wait but put the tar down in time and preserve the streets," he exhorted.

"If every committee spent as much time on its work as the board of works, the work of the committees would be in good shape," reflected Ald. W. J. Greer. "If you would give us the money, the board of works would do the streets."

### BUNGLE SOMEWHERE

Ald. Jos. Greer stated that the Board of Works had given assurance last year that \$28,000 would do all the streets and keep them in shape for five years. However, more work had to be done this year and still more was planned for next. There must be a bungle somewhere.

Ald. Perry inquired where Ald. Jos. Greer got his news about the streets being kept in shape for five years. There was not a street in the world that did not need repairs every year. In fact, tar should be put on every two years." He (Ald. Jos. Greer) did not get his information from me. He must be dreaming."

"To smooth down the wrath of Ald. Brown as far as Graham Avenue is concerned, it might console him to know that the Board of Works does not even intend to do Fourth Avenue this year," stated the mayor. "Graham Avenue is at least not alone in being passed up."

Ald. Brown explained that he was not referring to Graham Avenue because he lived on it but rather because it was a street which he saw more. He again pleaded that good streets be kept good.

"If the finance committee would give us \$5,000 we would do all the rest of the streets," said Ald. Perry.

"The board of works assured us that \$28,000 would do them all last year," repeated Ald. Jos. Greer.

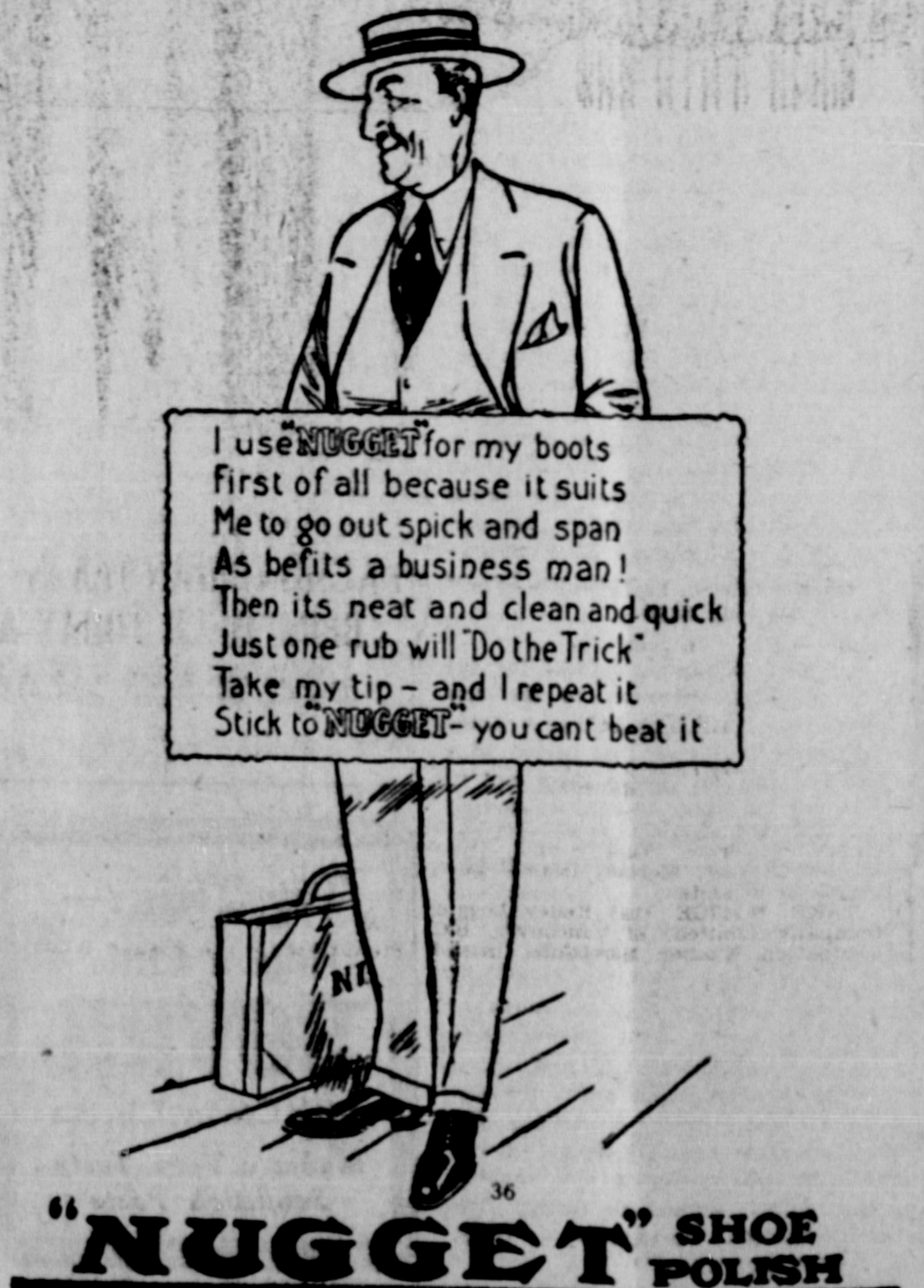
"And \$7,000 of that \$28,000 was not spent last year," rebutted Ald. W. J. Greer.

Discussion then came to a close and the recommendation of the Board of Works was adopted.

## ENGINEER OF POWER PLANT GIVEN SLIGHT INCREASE IN SALARY

The city council last night adopted a report from the utilities committee recommending that the salary of John Lambie, engineer in charge of the Shawatians Lake power plant, be raised from \$200 to \$208, which was his former salary. Mr. Lambie had made application to the committee for the increase.

Speaking to the recommendation, Ald.



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Brown pointed out that the Shawatians Lake plant was now working to its full capacity. That meant that the plant required more attention than it did last year, when it was not running full, and the committee thus felt justified in recommending the salary increase.

Ald. Perry asked if Mr. Lambie would also take charge of the Shawatians Lake pumping station and see that it was fired occasionally so it would be kept in condition. He felt that, in view of the salary increase, Mr. Lambie might fairly be asked to do this.

Ald. Brown referred to the fact that Ald. Perry last week had asked that the steam plant be given into the charge of the Board of Works as a part of the waterworks system. He asked Ald. Perry if it would be expected that Mr. Lambie should be in charge of the pumping station under such circumstances.

Ald. Perry suggested that Mr. Lambie might look after the pumping station until such time as it was actually taken over by the Board of Works.

Ald. Brown agreed with this proposal but said that the utilities committee would like to see the pumping plant turned over to the Board of Works as soon as possible.

Archdeacon G. A. Rix returned to the city on yesterday afternoon's train after a trip to Vanderhoof, Endako, Chilco and other points in that part of the interior on ecclesiastical duties.

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