

Committee of Investigation Sits to Hear Charges Against City Engineer Regarding Work

A suggestion by Ald. Prudhomme that Ald. Collart, being a prejudiced judge, should retire as a member of the committee investigating the affairs of the city engineer's department, featured last night's session of the probe. The committee did not agree with Ald. Prudhomme's suggestion, so Ald. Collart continued to sit with Ald. Brown as chairman and Ald. Dibb the third member. Ald. Prudhomme based his complaint upon remarks passed by Ald. Collart at Monday night's council meeting, when he had agreed with the mayor in making light of the investigation. A person who was prejudiced before hearing the evidence was no fit person to be a judge, Ald. Prudhomme contended. Ald. Brown felt that Ald. Prudhomme was rather severe and Ald. Collart insisted that he had an open mind and was just as fair as Ald. Prudhomme. He saw no reason, however, for making so much noise about the affair.

The investigation was in session for two hours last night and its deliberations were heard by an audience which practically filled the seating accommodation of the council chamber. Matters upon which evidence was heard included the piers which had been installed under the Empress Hotel in connection with the putting down of a concrete sidewalk on that part of Third Avenue and the construction of concrete sidewalks generally. Testimony became of a rather involved, technical nature and there was considerable difference of opinion among witnesses on matters of construction. Among those who were heard were Frank D. Rice B. C. L. S., in support of the city engineer's methods; J. A. McRae, city foreman; Tony Christian and V. Basso-Bert. The two last-mentioned were called by Ald. Prudhomme.

New enquiries put to the city engineer by Ald. Prudhomme, were regarding storing and caring for city tools, amount of overtime paid and accounts at hardware stores. These matters will be dealt with as the investigation, which stands adjourned until tonight, proceeds.

Statements Received

The commission received statements from City Treasurer E. F. Jones. The statement of the treasurer showed that for five months during this year, the city engineer had been without assistance in his department. The city solicitor's statement was in reference to the city's responsibility in the matter of retaining walls. The statements were in answer to questions which had arisen at the first session of the investigation.

Tony Christian told of having built a new foundation under the Casley building while the city was engaged in the putting in of piers there. He stated that city men had hauled away from the Casley basement dirt which he (Christian) had placed there from his excavations. He stated that it would probably have cost \$500 to put a permanent retaining wall in front of the Casley building. It was his opinion that a retaining wall would cost about the same as piers.

In the matter of hauling away dirt, Foreman McRae stated that dirt had been placed in the Casley basement from the city's pier excavations. If mud from Christian's work was there he did not know of it. He believed that Casley should have informed the city of this.

Ald. Prudhomme inquired of Mr. McRae how many piers were built at that point.

"I will answer only under the instruction of the city engineer," replied McRae.

Ald. Brown insisted that the foreman should answer the question. McRae then stated that there were five piers 21 by 23 inches and from 16 to 22 feet long.

Considerable discussion ensued on the necessity of such large piers being used.

Mr. Rice was then called to give expert evidence. His experience, Mr. Rice stated, included having been in charge for two years of the designing and construction of coast defences in Cape Breton during the war. He had also been construction engineer for the Granby Co. for four years while heavy construction was going on

at Anyox. Last winter he had been employed in connection with designing and construction of a \$4,000,000 plant at Seattle for the Pacific Coast Cement Co.

Wall and Piers

Mr. Rice expressed his opinion that a retaining wall twelve inches thick in front of the Empress Hotel would have cost twice as much as the piers and beams which had been put in. In answer to Ald. Prudhomme, Mr. Rice admitted that possibly not so strong a retaining wall would be required at this point.

Victor Basso-Bert told of extensive experience he had had with concrete work in South Africa and also at Ocean Falls. In his opinion, a retaining wall part of the way up and piers and beams from there up would have cost a third more than a straight 8-inch retaining wall. There would have been no necessity for a 12-inch retaining wall, Mr. Basso-Bert felt. Twelve inch piers would have been sufficient, stated Mr. Basso-Bert. Under the three storeys of the Besner block only 16-inch square piers had been used.

The question of use of steel then came up. One-half inch steel would have sufficed, Mr. Basso-Bert felt. In this connection, the city engineer stated that 1/2-inch steel had mostly been used, although there was also some 5-8 inch and inch. The engineer stated that the city had a lot of thicker steel on hand and had also been able to purchase some very cheaply. He estimated that some \$1000 had been saved on material. He did not think the work could have been done any more economically.

The actual construction of concrete sidewalks was then taken up and there was a technical discussion as to mixtures of cement, sand and gravel. Ald. Prudhomme expressed an opinion, with which Mr. Basso-Bert apparently agreed, that one part cement, two parts sand and four parts gravel would result in a mixture of nearly seven parts.

Figures Diverge

In the course of the ensuing discussion, Mr. Patmore presented a standard authority which stated that the result of such a mixture would be 4 1/2 parts instead of nearly seven.

"Ald. Prudhomme is out two



SUCCESS IS YOURS
when you use

MAGIC BAKING POWDER
Highest Quality,
Moderate Price.

MADE IN CANADA - NO ALUM
E. W. GILLETT CO. LTD.
TORONTO, CAN.

NEW BOARD OF CONCILIATION



Sir William E. Stevart (left) and A. C. Boyce, K. C., Ottawa, (right) who have been appointed by the Federal Department of Labor to adjust the dispute between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Locomotive Engineers on the eastern lines. The third member of the Board is James T. McColl, Montreal.

cubic feet in seven in all his figures. That is it," concluded Mr. Patmore.

Continuing his evidence, Mr. Basso-Bert stated that on a solid bearing 1-3-6 mixture could be used and put down four inches thick without reinforcement. That was the average all over the province. In Point Grey concrete sidewalks had been put down by the government at a cost of 17.3c per square foot. Lacking solid bearing, Mr. Basso-Bert admitted that a richer mixture and probably reinforcement would be required.

Shrinkage of Mixture

The shrinkage of 1-2-4 mixture, Mr. Rice testified, was from 43 1-4 to 27.

At 10 p.m., the investigation was adjourned until 7:30 this evening.

In the course of the session, Ald. Brown stated that neither Mayor McMordie nor W. H. Tobey, whom Ald. Prudhomme requested should be called, were able to be in attendance. The mayor, however, would be available at the next session.

W. J. CORLEY DIED ONTARIO

Father of "Bud" Corley Passed Away at Meaford Result of Pneumonia

The death occurred from pneumonia on November 8 at Meaford, Ont., of W. J. Corley, father of S. H. Corley of the Royal Fur and Poultry Ranch at Pacific and formerly of Prince Rupert.

Mr. Corley was an active member of the Masonic order and also an Oddfellow at Meaford and was well known in Prince Rupert, where he was associated with his son in the Royal Hotel for years. He had paid a visit to Prince Rupert only last summer.

RAILWAY LINE IS NOW CLEAR AGAIN

Debris From Sunday's Derailment Cleared Up Last Night and Trains Now Running Through

After having been tied up for two days and a half owing to Sunday morning's tragic derailment a few miles east of Kwinitza station, the line of the Canadian National Railway was cleared last night and trains are now moving over it again without interruption. A stub train, which went out to get the passengers from No. 5, got back at 6:30 last evening, while the regular equipment arrived at 2 a.m., having on board the mail, express, etc.

MARKETING BRANCH TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR FARM PRODUCTS

VICTORIA Nov. 28.—A marketing branch of the department of agriculture established by the government will aim to develop new and existing markets and give the farmers accurate information on all market movements, Premier Tolmie said yesterday. The best man available will head it.

BITTER COURT CASE BETWEEN RANCHERS CONCLUDED TUESDAY

After having occupied the entire time of the county court for several days, the case of Charles Carlson vs. Charles Hansen, involving a total sum in claims and counter-claims of some \$849 and a bitter quarrel between Kitimaat farmers over stock and other matters, concluded at 5:30 yesterday afternoon before Judge Young, after counsel had engaged in two and a half hours of argument. His Honor reserved his decision until today.

John V. Clyde appeared on behalf of the plaintiff and W. O. Fulton for the defendant.

SELF-DECEIVED

"Bill says he entered the political race because he heard the 'call of the people.'"
"Call of the people nothing! That fellow is a ventriloquist and doesn't know it."

Severe Colds Always Ended in Bronchitis

Mrs. John Wilson, 143 Mamelon St. London, Ont., writes:—"I have always been troubled with severe colds which always ended in bronchitis, but since taking



**Dr. Wood's
Norway
Pine
Syrup**

I have no fear of this trouble, as it acted like magic, and the desire to cough was entirely gone. The soothing feeling it imparts to the bronchial tubes is simply wonderful.

"One day my husband came home with a heavy cold, but after a few doses he was entirely free of it."

Price 35c. a bottle; large family size 60c. at all druggists and dealers.

Put up only by The T. Millburn Co., Ltd., Toronto, Ont.

Ladies' Coats

ANOTHER SHIPMENT
JUST ARRIVED
Small Price—Nice Quality
Navy Chinchilla
COATS

Sizes 14 to 20. Double-breasted, halt belt, inverted neat in back.

ROOMS FOR RENT
WALLACE BLOCK

PHONE 9

**H.S. Wallace Co
Limited**

Third Ave. & Fulton

COUGHS
Apply over throat and chest—swallow small pieces of
VICKS
VAPORUB
Over 21 Million Jars Used Yearly

Announcement!

of The ACME'S
5th Annual

Temptation Sale

Starting Friday, November 30

STORE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY THURSDAY

See tomorrow's issue of The Daily News for particulars of this great annual event.

THE GREATEST SALE OF THE YEAR FOR
PRINCE RUPERT PEOPLE

ADVANCE! PRINCE RUPERT

There are a great many improvements that might be made to Prince Rupert and district in order to make this part of the country more prosperous. Some of them may be easy of attainment and others difficult. Here are the suggestions:

- Trans-Pacific steamship service.
- A large hydro-electric power development.
- Erection of smelter in vicinity.
- Establishment of a paper mill.
- Establishment of a shingle mill here.
- Establishment of connection with and development of interior coal fields.
- Securing direct connection with Peace River.
- Joint operation of railway to port by C. P. R.
- Establishment of local steamship service to nearby points, making Prince Rupert home port.
- Building new post office at Prince Rupert.
- Improved docking facilities for fishermen.
- Tourist road to top of mountain.
- Completion of highway to Terrace.

Dr. Alexander

PHONE 575
BESNER BLOCK

DENTIST

LINDSAY'S Cartage and Storage

Phone 68
Cartage, Warehousing, and
Distributing. Team or
Motor Service
Coal, Sand and Gravel
We Specialize in Piano and
Furniture Moving.

TRAPPERS

Get every cent your
FURS
are worth. Ship them
bring them to
BOYD YOUNG
Port Simpson, B. C.