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COUNCIL'S WAYS ARE DARK AND ITS TRICKS VAIN

WAY WORK WILL START FOR WOODWORTH WATER

City Engineer, Colonel Davis, Outlines Plans for Commencement of the \$550,000 Hydro-Electric Scheme—Lots of Station Work to be Provided for on Pipe Line and Clearing

To last night's council the light and water committee presented a report on the starting up stages of the hydro-electric scheme. Its recommendations were first that the necessary surveys should be made the blasting operations at the Shawatlans outflow arranged for, the trenching work within the city started, the Acropolis Hill reservoir surveyed again with a view to completion, and two extra engineers looked out to assist with the work. Accompanying the report which was adopted by the council, is a report by the city engineer on the first stages of the development of the Woodworth hydro-electric scheme.

First of all it is necessary to run a contour line around Woodworth lakeside 30 feet above the level of the lake to prepare for the letting of station gang contracts for clearing the timber there. Then particular surveys must be made at Shawatlans Lake and through the valley of the creek up to Woodworth down which

the pipe line is to come instead of by the line originally run for it had the scheme been for water supply only. Tenders for cast iron pipe must be advertised for.

On the city side of Shawatlans Passage trenches for the pipes must be excavated.

This is the first work that can be done and City Engineer Davis recommends that it be got going as soon as possible as it may be possible to supply the city with water from Shawatlans Lake before the Woodworth pipe line is completed by transferring the pumping engine from Morse Creek to Shawatlans. The survey and completion of the Acropolis Hill reservoir is also included in Colonel Davis's report on which the water committee's report is based. The council met again today at 3 p.m. to continue their discussion of this and other city work.

Third Avenue just past Seventh Street—Auction Thursday evening 8 p.m. High class furniture.

SERIES OF FATALITIES

Marred Celebration of Labor Day in Toronto

Toronto, Sept. 6.—Several fatalities marred the celebration of Labor Day here. Joseph Hepburn, struck on the head while diving, was killed. William Johnson, struck by a street car was killed. A reckless auto driver dashed into a crowd of people on Queen street, six of whom were injured, three of them seriously. While taking part in the parade a member of the Typographical Union fell dead.

The balance of the high class furniture re The Brin Company Assigned, will be sold by auction on Thursday evening 8 p.m., by F. A. Ellis.

BASEBALL SCORES

Northwestern League
 Vancouver 1, 0; Spokane 0, 2.
 Tacoma 3, 1; Seattle 3, 4.
 Portland-Victoria; rain.

Pacific Coast League
 Vernon 5, Sacramento 1.
 Oakland 2, Portland 0.
 Frisco 6, Los Angeles 5.

National League
 New York 6, 7; Boston 6, 8.
 Pittsburg 1, 1; Cincinnati 3, 3.
 St. Louis 7, 4; Chicago 5, 5.
 Brooklyn 6, 6; Philadelphia 2, 0.

American League
 Phila 8, 5; Washington 3, 6.
 New York 6, 5; Boston 3, 1.
 Cleveland 9, 9; Chicago 8, 2.
 St. Louis 7, 8; Detroit 3, 10.

LARGEST WESTERN CROP

Despite the Fact That the Season was Most Unfavorable

(Canadian Press Despatch)
 Winnipeg, Sept. 6.—Official estimates of Western Canada crops in three provinces show: Wheat 178,500,000 bushels; oats 233,500,000 bushels; barley 33,250,000; flax 20,000 bushels. The season goes on record as the most unfavorable of recent years, but the crop is by far the largest in Canadian history.

Prince Rupert In
 The Rupert arrived here about ten o'clock this morning, with only a fair load of passengers and freight.

RAILWAY HOTEL SITE IS PRACTICALLY SETTLED

Prince Rupert's "Chateau Laurier" to Take the Place of General Superintendent Mehan's Present Residence—Work of Terracing Hill For Hostelry to Start at Once

"We are now making preparations to start work right away on several of the railway company's improvements," said Superintendent Mehan. "We shall begin clearing the grounds for our permanent yards and passenger and freight stations, and this, and the removal of the present buildings, will give a great amount of work calling for the employment of a large body of men. The dry dock is another great work we shall push as rapidly as possible to completion. The surveys are completed and we are almost ready to put on a large force there."

"People seem to be most interested in the hotel site, Mr. Mehan?"

"I would like to state where the depot and other important buildings will be situated. I have a fairly good idea of the subject but would not like to state definitely until the full plans are received from Winnipeg, which will be very shortly."

"It is practically settled, however, so far as I can see, that the hotel site will be on the bluff here, where my residence is, and facing First avenue. A large portion of the waterfront at that point will be levelled and terraced into beautiful grounds, so that from the hotel and grounds people will have a splendid view of the whole harbor."

"In levelling off the hill we shall deposit the rock in the ravine between there and McBride street, and probably fill it up to grade."

"I think it one of the most beautiful hotel sites in North America, and I am assured the company will spare no expense to make the hotel building and grounds so attractive and imposing for visitors as will compare favorably with any similar establishment on this continent or in Europe."

"We shall start the clearing of the site as soon as possible."

HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME NOT TO GO ON TOO OPENLY

Management of Undertaking and Spending of That Half Million Dollars to be Controlled by an "Executive Committee"—Battle for Open Council Method by Aldermen Douglas and Newton Who Voice Suspicions of the Citizens

"We would recommend that in the carrying out of this (the Hydro-Electric) work, a committee consisting of the whole council should take the responsibility of the supervision of the work, regular meetings of the committee to be held weekly or as often as found necessary supplemented if necessary by an executive committee."

Over the above clause, and most particularly the closing words of it, in the report of the water and light committee on the Hydro-Electric scheme to be started up, there was some sharp discussion in council last night. Alderman Douglas and Alderman Newton objected strongly to the institution of an "Executive Committee" on the ground that there is already such strong feeling in the city that the carrying on of this hydro-electric scheme will be

tinkered with to suit the political faction of the council, that the council dare not act by committee but must do everything in open meeting or run the grave risk of the people's vigorous resentment.

Clause Carried

Feeling was expressed so strongly by Alderman Newton and Alderman Douglas that for a time Alderman Clayton seemed quite inclined to agree with them and delete the clause from the report which he and Alderman Smith had drawn up and signed. Alderman Smith, however, was firm to retain the executive committee, on the ground that it was a business system, and better for the work than the open council proceedings were likely to be. Eventually the matter was put to the meeting by the Mayor, and the report was adopted including the clause. So the hydro-electric scheme will be worked as stated.

Shots from the Skirmish

"I don't want to see this thing go into the hands of any committee, Mr. Mayor. If you saw the workings of the committees I am on you'd know why. The other members of committee simply vote me down every time I differ with them."—Ald. Douglas.

"I don't like the insinuation that we are trying to do things in the dark."—Ald. Smith.

"There is no getting away from the fact that there is a very strong suspicion in the city that things are going to be done in this water works undertaking in anything but a straightforward way. There is a suspicion that this whole undertaking will be used to strengthen the party in power."—Ald. Newton

"So D— Crooked"

"Oh, well, if the people believe we are all so d—d crooked"

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WEEKLY TRAIN SERVICE TO BE INCREASED

Superintendent Mehan stated this morning that he expects within the next few days to issue a new time schedule for the railway, under which the company will run out three mixed trains every week instead of two.

This step, he says, is made necessary by the largely increasing business on the line, and the fact that the ballasting has proceeded to such a point as to permit of this being done.

He reports that work along the line is progressing finely. The whole of the hundred mile section has received its first "lift" and ballast, and the men are now on the second lift and trim. He expects this work will be all finished by the latter part of next month.

LAURIER IN ONTARIO

Will Run for Soulanges as Well as Quebec City

(Canadian Press Despatch)
 Ottawa, Sept. 6.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is back in Ontario and spoke at Alexandria last night before three thousand. After conferring with party leaders Sir Wilfrid has announced his intention of running for the riding of Soulanges in addition to Quebec City.

Oil Struck on Graham

J. L. McLaren, the real estate broker, reports that the steam drills on Graham Island have struck an important flow of oil. The strike was made on property adjacent to the oil lands recently taken up by Prince Rupert parties.

OFFICERS EXONERATED

Result of Enquiry Into Empress of China Wreck

(Canadian Press Despatch)
 Victoria, Sept. 6.—At Yokohama the Marine Court there exonerated Captain Archibald and the officers of the steamer Empress of China, wrecked off Awa Peninsula on July 26th, finding that the steamer being eight miles off her course was the result of extraordinary currents following the typhoon of the previous day.

He Deserves It

Ernest Love the thoroughly efficient manager of the light and phone plants of Prince Rupert, has requested leave of absence for a fortnight's holiday. Granted with pay.

TECUMSEH WINNER

Coming to Coast to Play Winner of Coast League

(Canadian Press Despatch)
 Toronto, Sept. 6.—The Tecumseh Lacrosse team, by defeating Toronto by 5 to 2, won the N. L. U. championship and will come to the coast to play the winners in the Coast League as soon as the latter is decided.

In a live indoor ball game on Labor Day a picked team from the Empress Maple Leafs and Royal Blue Ribbons put it over a team picked from the B. B. Bessents and O. U. Quilldrivers. The score was 21-10. At the end of the sixth innings the latter team was shut out, and their rivals' score which at that stage stood at 9-10 climbed steadily up to victory.

PRINCE RUPERT LIKELY TO GET THE NEW SMELTER

Vice-President Sylvester of the Granby Smelter Takes Report on Local Sites and Their Advantages to Lay Before the Directorate in New York

F. M. Sylvester, vice-president of the Granby Smelter Company, was here several days looking over the available sites for the erection of a smelter. The erection of one close to the Hidden Creek mines on Goose Bay was talked of, but it is believed that for so large an outlay as is necessary for such an establishment it will be necessary to make it a customs smelter, and establish it at a point where it can be most conveniently reached by rail and water by its probable customers.

Accompanied by Superintendent Mehan of the Grand Trunk Pacific, Mr. Sylvester has made careful inspection of all the available sites in this vicinity. He and his experts have taken careful notes of several that seem to fill all the requirements as to site, the availability of cheap coke, fluxing material and so forth. Of the sites that strike Mr. Sylvester the most favorably the nearest is within

two miles of the city and the most distant well within seven miles.

Mr. Sylvester has left direct for New York where he will lay the report on these sites before a meeting of the board of directors of his company, to be held shortly after his arrival there.

Mr. Mehan takes great interest in the project. He sees that to get such a business established here means a permanent benefit to the city from the large force of workmen it would constantly employ.

Will Hear Later

R. H. Thompson, city engineer of Seattle, is at present considering the propositions of the Prince Rupert Hydro Electric Company (formerly the Tsimpsean people). Later on more will be heard of this matter through the city council.

"LET HIM GO ON AND HANG HIMSELF!"

Ald. Newton's Ferocious Remark to the Mayor Last Night When Ald. Hilditch Demanded Explanation of Recent Empire Attack

At the city council meeting last night Alderman Hilditch arose in his chair full of resentment at the way Alderman Newton, as editor of the Empire, had attacked him just before the Hydro Electric Bylaw had come before the people. He demanded of the Mayor the truth about the interview published as purporting to be with his worship in which the statement was made as coming from the Mayor that Alderman Hilditch was not to have anything to do with the spending of the money for the hydro electric scheme. "I would like to know if you ever gave that interview?" he demanded Alderman Hilditch of the Mayor. He referred further to the editorial in the same issue of the Empire which suggested that Alderman Hilditch had such a bad name in the city that if the bylaw were turned down it would be mainly because of Alderman Hilditch, and further accused the Mayor of "truckling to Alderman Hilditch."

Mayor's Denial

Alderman Hilditch further re-

marked that Alderman Newton either did not know his business on the council or was deliberately trying to do a scurrilous trick and knife him. "If there is any graft on this council," declared Alderman Hilditch, "it is Alderman Newton himself who should be able to spot it, for he has the last look at the council accounts always." I want to know about that interview," he concluded addressing the Mayor.

In reply the Mayor said: "The first part of the interview about the hydro-electric scheme remaining in the hands of the water committee, I certainly gave to the Empire reporter, but I made no slighting remarks at all in reference to Alderman Hilditch or any other member of the council."

Newton Renews Attack

At this Alderman Newton rose gaunt and pallid looking. He said that he had been unwell, and had not intended taking any active part in that night's council work. But Alderman Hilditch had thrown down the gauntlet. He would take it up whether he felt ill or

well. "All I know about that interview," he said, "is that it was an interview with a member of my staff. I did not take sufficient trouble to read the matter. It went through the ordinary channels. I absolutely did not know what was in it until I saw it in print." As for the editorial references to Alderman Hilditch, however, Alderman Newton was ready to take entire responsibility. "I have no apology to make about this," he said, "I am only sorry that there is a member of the council so weak and so low in the public confidence that it became necessary for me to treat the subject in this way to help the bylaw through. I think it a crying shame and a weakness to this council to have such a man on it as Alderman Hilditch. I knew we intended to pass this bylaw, and was sorry to find that public opinion, that is the stories told of Alderman Hilditch in this town, should have to be counteracted in this way." Alderman Newton

TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM PERIL ON WATERFRONT

City Council Stirred by Labor Day Accident Will Pass a By-law to Regulate Float Traffic and Fix Responsibility For Any Mishaps

Struck by the terrible risk run by those who were plunged into the deep water at the Davis float on the evening of Labor Day by the upsetting of the overloaded raft bridge, Alderman Clayton at last night's city council meeting enquired of the Mayor and city solicitor whether any bylaw existed to regulate the use of these risky appliances for crossing deep water to floating boat stages.

"No, there is no bylaw at all," replied the City Solicitor, and the Mayor also shook his head.

"Then there ought to be something done at once to protect the people from this danger," said Alderman Clayton. "We should get busy on a bylaw regulating all matters to do with these floats that affect the public safety without delay. Only a miracle prevented this from being a terrible fatality."

Alderman Smith readily supported Alderman Clayton in this.

"But," he said. "It must be remembered that the float although by no means safe was not altogether the cause of the Labor Day mishap. The thing was meant to carry only four. If a dozen crowded on to it it could do nothing else but upset. Of course these people apparently did not know what they were doing and some thing must be done to protect such people, and to place the responsibility for anything that happens to them on to the proper people. But the float which overturned is not the only one in use. There is one used at the float where the Evelyn ties up, and I believe there are others in use along the waterfront. We must include all in any bylaw passed."

The City Solicitor is to draw up a bylaw covering the situation as thoroughly as possible to protect the public using the floats and waterfront.