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WHERE ARE THOSE MISSING ONE HUNDRED MEN?

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS

Chairman Ald. Morrissey Presents a Comprehensive Report on Civic Works and Hydro-Electric Scheme—Minority Report on Labor Points

Reporting very fully on the condition of the municipal undertakings in hand at the close of last year, Alderman Morrissey and the new Board of Works express none too great satisfaction at the state of affairs left by the old regime. The members made a tour of the work within the city limits, and have suggested methods to expedite parts of it. They have in a general way noted considerable civic improvements on foot, grading of streets, plankways laid, etc. They summarize the result of their observations, and of the Woodworth Lake trip. They express satisfaction with the progress of the hydro-electric scheme. A précis of their recommendations is as follows:

1. Abandon clearing of Woodworth Lake shores.
2. Use concrete for Woodworth dam.
3. Dynamite Shawatians Falls at once. Pipe line around shore approved.
4. Abandon idea of wood pipe for scheme.
5. Substitute steel or cast iron pipe.
6. Let contracts for hydro-electric scheme.
7. Have heavy cash bonds on contracts.
8. City cannot profitably board day labor across passage.
9. Compel contractors to use local resident labor where competent.
10. Enforce standard wage.
11. Dispense with services of superintendent of public works.
12. Require superintendence from Engineer's department.

13. Board considers present foremen competent.
14. Employ a competent purchasing agent for all construction supplies.
15. Let at once the contract for excavation and piling of the pipe line between Acropolis Hill and Shawatians Narrows.
16. Require detailed reports from Engineering department on progress of works not later than 10th of each month.
17. Require heads of all departments to report in detail not later than the 10th of each month.
18. In all industrial disputes affecting city work the Board urges on the Council to give immediate attention with a view to amicable settlement if possible.
19. The Board recommends that the City Council act at once on all these recommendations if they are approved.

A minority report was brought in in conjunction with this by Aldermen Dybhavn and Maitland. Its recommendations run thus:

1. Adopt day labor or divide the work into sections for station gangs.
2. Goes out altogether.
3. Day labor can be boarded satisfactorily across Shawatians passage by a competent cook working under contract.
4. Proceed at once with the total excavation and piling of the pipe line between Acropolis Hill and Shawatians passage narrows.

The whole matter stands over pending further detailed consideration by the Council.

CAMERON BAY ORDER Decision of Railway Commission Is Filed by City Council.

City Solicitor Fred Peters last night laid before the Council the decision of the Railway Commission in regard to the encroachment of the Grand Trunk Pacific upon lands at Cameron Bay, and suggested that it be filed, which was accordingly done. The order attached to the lengthy report reads as follows:

"It is ordered that on or before the 1st day of May, 1912, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company remove sufficient rock fill at Cameron Bay to leave an opening at the deepest point of at least thirty feet in width; the said company to file with the Board before February 15th, 1912, and furnish the applicants with a plan showing the location of the opening and the depth of the girders for carrying its tracks; and if any dispute arises as to these details the same to be submitted to the chief engineer of the Board for adjustment."

SMELLS LIKE SMOKE!

In the report of the Board of Public Works laid before the Council last night, Chairman Morrissey parenthetically makes the following startling statement:

"At work on the new city fire hall and city hall we failed to receive the number of men at work. Computing the number of men engaged at the above duties we find 104 men engaged. (Your chairman of committee might here remark that the payroll for December, 1911, showed 210 men at work, and upon enquiry I could find that no men had been discharged since that time except three men from Thompson's gang.)"

Public Publicity Meeting.

A meeting will be held in McIntyre Hall this evening to discuss plans of municipal publicity.

BEATRICE ARRIVED Mail, Passengers and Freight from Vancouver Today.

At noon today the C. P. R. steamer Princess Beatrice arrived from Vancouver with passengers, mail and freight. Constables Merritt was one of the arrivals, and Mr. Mitchell of the firm of Mitchell, Currie & Watts welcomed his two sisters-in-law from Alberta. The young ladies will reside now in Prince Rupert, permanently. Captain Locke reported excellent weather all the way northward.

Early Closing.

The following business houses will close at 7 p. m. every night except Saturday, commencing Jan. 29th: Ideal Provision House, J. E. Merryfield, Williams & McMeekin, Miller - Phillips, Shrubsall Fish Market, Prince Rupert Fish Market, Frizzell Meat Market.

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TROUBLE IN MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT

Investigation Demanded by Ald. Morrissey Who Hints at Certain Changes Affecting the Dept.—Proposal to Appoint Chief Operator Starts Discussion

According to Alderman Morrissey's statements at last night's City Council meeting, there is trouble brewing with the City Telephone department. "There won't be a single operator there," he said, "if things are allowed to go on as they are at present."

Alderman Morrissey suggested that there was a trouble breeder in the "Hello" house and that the staff is disorganized. He even stated that a member of the real "trouble" department of the phone system had approached him to seek his influence to remove a certain member of the present gang.

The revelations were the result of a report by the phone committee that a new official known as the chief operator be employed at \$65 per month. The addition to the staff was considered necessary because of the adoption of the multiple system, and to improve the service.

Before Alderman Morrissey had had his say out the state of affairs at the central phone office was pretty well mud-badgered. If all were true at which Alderman Morrissey hinted, there is much to regret in the way of misunderstanding, if not actual misconduct, affecting the department. The heinous crime of "listening" was suggested, but a tangled state of affairs involving reference to private letters containing certain charges was partially revealed by Alderman Morrissey, who demands investigation. His statements were greeted with considerable demur and eventually the matter of this proposed appointment was laid over.

DON'T MARRY YOUNG

Judges' Decide Against Early Matrimony.

"Resolved, That early marriage is detrimental to a man's success in life" was the subject of a joint debate between representatives of the Anglican, Presbyterian and Baptist debating societies. Those taking part in the debate were Messrs. G. Kearney, A. Tracy and W. Reilley, for the affirmative; E. L. Morgan, A. W. Gill and N. Mackintosh, for the negative. The judges were Rev. W. Collison, W. E. Williams and W. J. Alder. They awarded the decision to the affirmative side. A considerable assembly listened with interest to the debate, which was held in McIntyre Hall.

HOSPITAL AMEULANCE

Trustees Apply to Council for a Place to House the Machine.

The trustees of the General Hospital, Messrs. Stewart, Palmer, Scott and Thompson, appeared before the Council last night and asked for a place in which to house the ambulance which has been ordered and is shortly to arrive. They suggested the old fire station temporarily with a hope that later on space could be provided for it in the basement of the new station house. The request was at once acceded to.

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POSITION OF PHONE SUPT.

City Council Last Night Rejected Recommendation of Special Committee in Favor of Retention of E. Love as Supt. at \$200.

Recommendation that the services of Mr. E. Love be retained by the city as superintendent of the Telephone department at a salary of \$200 per month was made by the special committee appointed to look into the situation at the City Council meeting last night. The recommendation was not adopted. It was thrown out on the motion of Alderman Bullock-Webster after considerable discussion, in which Mr. Love's somewhat dictatorial letter of resignation to the city was read and reread. A champion of Mr. Love's exists in Alderman Maitland, who is averse to dispensing with the services of the man who has been continuously in charge of the one really well paying municipal concern in Prince Rupert at present. This opinion was supported by Alderman Montgomery. The rejection of the report ended the discussion, which involved the other telephone trouble reported in this issue.

For Sale. Five draft horses, from 1,400 to 1,600 pounds, cheap. At Prince Rupert Dairy.

ASSOCIATION OF COUNTRY FAIRS

Premier McBride Reminds Delegates that Fruit and Agricultural Products of Province Have Won Prizes Against the World.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Victoria, Jan. 23.—The British Columbia Association of Agricultural Fairs began its sessions yesterday. This is the third annual gathering. Premier McBride and Finance Minister Ellison spoke, the former reviewing the wonderful record of British Columbia, its fruit and agricultural products having won in competition with the world. He also referred to the great areas in the province shortly to be opened up by railways.

Minister Ellison, without committing himself to figures, spoke of what the Government is willing to do for the association this year, and made very frank statements concerning grants to fairs.

OPERATION SUCCESSFUL

Mrs. J. Jabour Compliments Rupert Surgeons on Her Recovery.

Recently one of the most serious operations ever undertaken in Prince Rupert General Hospital was carried out most successfully by Doctors MacNeil and Eggert of this city. The patient was Mrs. James Jabour, who, since her home-coming from the hospital, finds herself growing better and stronger every day, has specially desired that her gratitude to and confidence in her doctors should be made known, as well as her appreciation of the hospital treatment she received.

There will be a meeting of the dramatic society in the Sons of England Hall on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

TO REDUCE ENGINEERING STAFF

City Engineer Recommends Dropping Three Men From His Force on March First Next

ALD. MORRISSEY EXPRESSES SURPRISE

Mayor Newton Calls Col. Davis to Witness That He Used No Undue Influence in Having Such a Recommendation Brought Before the Council—Special Committee Appointed on Subject

There was a rumor around town yesterday that some official heads would fall into the basket at the meeting of the Council, and the result was the congregation of a great crowd at the City hall to watch the work of the guillotine. Two or three rows of spectators were perched upon the counter, with a crowd reaching to the street peering between them. All the inside floor space was occupied, many of the officials themselves being present.

But it was a great disappointment. Only one head—that of Mr. Love, the superintendent of the telephone system—was doomed to drop, and this only after a long debate and the defeat of the recommendation of the Light and Telephone Committee that he should be retained. The City Engineer did report, however, that he would be able to reduce his staff by three about the 1st of March, but no names were mentioned, and the report was not acted upon, but referred to a special committee. The report in question read as follows:

"In view of the nearing completion of the grading of Section 1, a reduction in the engineering staff is necessary. It is my opinion that the services of three members of the staff may be dispensed with at the beginning of the month. I submit herewith a statement showing the educational training and experience of the different members. I would suggest that a committee be appointed to select those to be retained in the city employ."

Alderman Clayton said that as the Engineer was well acquainted with the qualifications of the various members of his staff he should be asked to recommend the three to be dropped.

Alderman Morrissey was surprised at this suggestion to reduce the engineering staff, as the Council had been told again and again that more help was required in that department instead of less; also the Council had from time to time received applications for increase of wages for members of this staff.

Alderman Bullock - Webster said it might place the City Engineer in an embarrassing position to select the three men to be dropped, as if the Council should select others, and those the City Engineer recommended for dismissal be retained, it would be rather awkward.

Then Mayor Newton made a long speech, telling how he and the Engineer had conferred together on the subject with the re-

port as a result. Later on in the discussion the Mayor seemed to have gathered the impression that some one was charging him with using undue influence with the City Engineer, so he immediately placed that official upon the witness stand. Col. Davis stated that he had asked for the conference with the Mayor and had introduced the subject.

Alderman Morrissey again asked how it was that after the Council had but recently raised salaries all along the line and the staff was so busy not to be able to produce reports asked for, there should so suddenly be found to be more than necessary on the staff.

Col. Davis said there was none too many at the present time, but most of the contracts were approaching completion and he felt that by next March he would be able to get along with a smaller force until new work came up. He brought up the matter now in order that the men to be let out might have due notice.

Alderman Clayton's motion that the matter be referred to the Board of Works and the City Engineer was defeated by an amendment that the matter be referred to a special committee composed of the chairmen of the three committees.

TO ABOLISH BOTH POLL AND ROAD TAX

Sweeping Recommendations of the Commission on Taxation are Brought Before the Legislature

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Victoria, Jan. 23.—The sitting of the Legislature was devoted yesterday almost wholly to an explanation by Attorney General Bowers of the proposed changes of revised statutes. Finance Minister Ellison brought in a synopsis report from the Commission on Taxation. This recommends the abolition of the poll tax, which last year yielded \$513,338 to the treasury. It recommends also the abolition of the personal property tax. Of the income tax it recommends the following changes: That the exemption be raised from \$1,000 to \$1,500; the withdrawal of any

exemption from incomes over \$50,000, and an addition of a surtax of 5 per cent. for that part of income which exceeds \$50,000; an exemption of \$2 for each legitimate child under 18 years of age for farmers, and an average system for assessing the incomes from trades.

The Commissioners state their object to have been to reduce the taxation on citizens with smaller incomes and at the same time to readjust its incidence on the possessor of larger incomes.

It further recommends the periodical reassessment of property according to value as defined, the abolition of taxation on

improvements, legislation enforcing registration of real estate on affidavits setting forth the true consideration for purchase, and that the registration fee of one-fifth per cent. on the value of real estate up to \$5,000 be extended to all real estate, irrespective of value.

The present tax of 4 per cent. on wild land remains.

In dealing with the coal tax the Commission recommends that the tax on coke be reduced from 15 to 40 cents per ton. There is no change made in the mineral tax.

Tom and Jerry at the Savoy.

KILLED IN HIS FIRST FLIGHT

First Death of the Year Among Airmen—Jumped from Height of Sixty Feet—All His Bones Broken.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Los Angeles, Jan. 23.—Following shortly after a young couple had been married on the aviation field at the international meet here yesterday afternoon, Rutherford Page, an aviator who had just obtained his license as aviator, was suddenly dashed to death by his aeroplane falling from a height of 150 feet. Page jumped clear of the machine when sixty feet from the ground and fell flat, his neck and practically every bone in his body being broken. This is the first death in the ranks of airmen for the year.

New Arrivals.

Premier Hotel—G. O. Smith and Mrs. Smith, H. H. Cowley, G. H. Gould, Frank Turness, G. Turness, Mrs. E. C. Turness, Mrs. H. O. Carr, B. M. Rogers. Grand Trunk Inn—I. Burnside, Namu; F. W. McIntosh, Vancouver.

LABOR CONVENTION

Premier McBride Delivers Address of Welcome to Delegates.

Victoria, Jan. 23.—The British Columbia Federation of Labor convened here yesterday. Premier McBride delivered the address of welcome to the assembled delegates.

Valuable Residential Property.

On Saturday next at 2:30 p. m. on the spot, Mr. Frank A. Ellis will sell by public auction splendid view property, Fourth avenue and Dunsmuir street, also choice vacant lot, Fifth avenue, without reserve. See handbills. 4t

AWFUL TIMES IN VANCOUVER

Thousands of Unemployed Parading Streets with Banners—New Mayor Issues Edict Interdicting Free Speech—Police Patrolling.

Constable John Merritt, who took some prisoners down to Vancouver for trial and returned on the Beatrice at noon today, says there is a general feeling of uneasiness throughout that city, everyone seeming to believe that a serious outbreak may occur at any moment. He says that thousands of unemployed men are parading the street carrying banners stating that this is the army of the unemployed, that they are starving for want of work and so on. All free speech on the streets has been interdicted by the Mayor, extra police have been called in and there is also a large force of police mounted kept patrolling the business sections. There had been no rioting up to the time he left.

St. Andrew's Society Opens Banquet Season.

The banquet season is now well at hand and as usual the St. Andrew's Society takes its place at the head of the big dinners planned. This year the feast will be spread at the Premier Hotel, where extensive preparations are now being made, and judging from the personnel of the committee in charge the statement is warranted that this year's attempt will exceed all previous efforts. The dinner will be held on the evening of January 25th. Tickets may be had from J. H. Kelly, W. B. Kerr, George Scott, Malcolm McLeod or the secretary, S. D. Macdonald.

Social Note.

Mrs. William Manson will not receive tomorrow, nor again until further notice.

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