

...tion was sold, the Council in a position where it must in new work with great care it would seriously embarrass in office.

...mal response of the Council that the member, appreciation of his Workshop's remarks will be taken on the Council works, until financial arts have been made.

...gity Electric Wiring By-law, been before the Council for weeks was taken up, its leading to interchange of compliments between City and McCrossan and Ald. McDonald's moments of their diat as lively as was possible at Council session.

...taking up the by-law, Mr. McE and Frey, stated that the had gone over the measure fairly satisfied with its provisions. A reduction in fees of about 10 per cent, was granted, and while men would have liked to cut it, they were fairly well with the new schedule.

Ald. McDonald's Attack.

...donald then assailed the pro-by-law providing that the should engage assistants to old wiring in the city once years. He claimed that this was in general unnecessary, as a great department under electrician's control, would be of formal character, and would further burden on the rate-

...electrician McCrossan defended a regular inspection of this kind that new work was being added, new contrivances on the house equipments, he had no information, McDonald then attacked the allowed by the City Electrician's work, stating specific in-charge he charged the inspection to keep thorough.

...Electrician denied the al- and added that Ald. McE is not a member of the City might be tempted, to hand- without gloves, and tell the few plain facts.

...donald demanded an explanation, but Ald. Stew- ing the chair, called stern- law as originally presented Ald. McDonald's final at the City Electrician per- spective for the character being voted down.

Street By-law.

Street By-law was then taken considered in committee, points covered by the measure limiting of the speed of vehicles similarly, from miles per hour; this speed to four miles per hour for pedestrians. Within the horses may not be driven eight miles per hour, with limit of speed at crossings a per hour. Outside of this a driving limit is twelve miles per hour.

The unloading of men in the sidewalks along the streets is restricted: Hast- Westminister avenue to street; Granville street, to the False Creek bridge; avenue, Powell street, to and on Water street.

couvert Addresses Council that Only Competent Men Should Handle Explosives.

North Vancouver, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—At last night's meeting of the North Vancouver City Council a letter was received from H. B. Diplock, corner, advising the Mayor and Council of the verdict of 'accidental death' returned by the coroner's jury in the case of Hajara, a Hindu killed while blasting. A letter was also received from Mr. Diplock suggesting that certificates to do blasting in the city be issued to responsible men, who could satisfy the City Engineer or a committee appointed for that purpose of their fitness, and that they would carefully conform to certain regulations in the use of explosives.

Mr. E. Larson asked to be given the lapsed Anderson contract for the grading of sidewalk on Lonsdale avenue between Sixth and Fifteenth streets. The clerk was instructed to prepare the contract, allowing a month from the signing of the contract for the completion of the work.

A motion was passed to replace a stretch of three-plank sidewalk on Eighth street, with the four-foot plank being taken off Lonsdale avenue.

News by-laws which will be considered at the next few meetings are the license, street and sidewalk regulation, street numbering, blasting and fire by-laws.

TACOMA BOILER- MAKERS ON STRIKE

Tacoma, Sept. 17.—Thirty-two boiler-makers employed in the Northern Pacific shops at South Tacoma went on strike yesterday.

They received orders yesterday that they were to quit work, joining the strike which their union at St. Paul and other places has declared against the Hill lines, the Sop, the Chicago & Northwestern and other railways.

Northern Pacific officials declare that the strike will not particularly hamper the operations of their shops.

College Hoopons.

New Westminster, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Columbia Methodist College reopened today, the exercises being conducted by Rev. Principal Sipprell. There was a very large attendance. Despite additions made to the buildings the accommodations are limited at the present time and it is likely that further additions will have to be made in the near future.

OBITUARY.

Hughes.

The death occurred yesterday of Louis Mary, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hughes, 318 Keefer street. The funeral will take place at the above address to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. C. Owen, of Christ church will conduct the religious services.

confidence, when I state that the leading civic officials have already held a conference, as the result of the statement appearing in the local press this morning, and it has been decided to oppose the project from the very start and serve notice on the promoters of the affair that it will not be permitted under any consideration.

Leaders of the local branch of the Asiatic Exclusion League, interviewed late this afternoon, stated that as far as the organization was concerned there was no intention of holding a parade in the immediate future and that any statement to the contrary was unauthorized. The parties interviewed had nothing to say for publication when informed of the attitude of the civic officials on the matter as noted above.

HINDUS APPEAL TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Will Ask that Further Immigration of Race Be Stopped—Local Members of Race Subscribe Funds for Homer

A delegation of Hindus called on Medical Health Officer Underhill this morning and stated that nearly \$5000 had already been collected for the purpose of constructing a temporary shelter for Hindus in this city, in connection with which a Sikh temple would be erected. The leaders in the project are Port Moody Hindus who held a meeting on the question last Friday, when five thousand dollars had been collected up to that time and \$300 more was subscribed at that meeting. A further meeting will be held next Friday, when it is expected definite outlines of the proposition will be presented.

The delegation stated that the man who took the \$500 from the Montecito Hindus and was supposed to have returned with the money, had returned and was actively working with the local committee for the interests of the local Hindus. It appears that he had only gone to Port Moody to visit some relations.

One intelligent member of the delegation of the party who talked good English stated to a Province reporter that the educated Hindus of the city were going to appeal to the Governor-General to put a stop to the immigration of Hindus. After conversation with his fellows this man stated that the men from the Punjab had not been warned in any way as to the conditions which existed in Canada, and had come expecting to find plenty of work at good wages immediately upon landing.

"The men of my race I come in contact with here not civilized," said the big Sikh. "I travel all over city, go out on train, only find one educated man. It is too bad we men come over here. There is no work and many be driven to beg. That will make white man despise us. Hindus here ignorant, like many sheep, and only laugh when we educated men tell them keep clean and do what told. Only white man can make these men do such things."

last Friday, Arbuckle elected for jury trial and entered a plea of guilty. When the story was told by the complainant and detective he admitted its correctness and asked Magistrate Williams to be lenient in passing judgment as he had been intoxicated and did not fully realize what he had done. As the accused evidently was ignorant of court procedure and introduced an innovation by pleading guilty, electing for jury trial and asking a magistrate to be lenient in passing sentence he was asked if he wished to change his plea. He said he would do so and Magistrate Williams reserved decision to look into authorities to see if a plea could be changed under such circumstances.

This morning Magistrate Williams was prepared to give judgment, but Mr. J. E. Bird who has been retained since Saturday asked leave to change the plea to one of not guilty and to have the case reheard. He had found friends of the accused who vouched for his good character and assured the court that a mistake had been made. Bail was fixed at \$2000 and the case will come up to-morrow.

Chief of Police Chamberlin is in receipt of letters inquiring the whereabouts of two individuals who are believed to have recently come to Vancouver.

The first is from the American Fidelity and Guarantee Company of Chicago, and asked after E. Frank Robbins who lately left Port Moody, Washington, for this city. He is about 35 years of age and was a double breasted. There are papers of him which cannot be used or delivered without the verified address of Mr. Robbins.

The second contains an inquiry after Edward Jacobson, formerly of Port Madison, Kitsap County, Washington. He is supposed to be in the vicinity of Vancouver, probably working for some pile driving concern. As he has come into an interest in a fortune of \$50,000 his whereabouts are eagerly sought. The letter is from the police office at Seattle.

SLASHING OF THE COPPER DIVIDENDS

Now that Calumet and Hecla has slashed its dividend, all eyes are on Wolverine.

Wolverine undoubtedly has been waiting for developments in the copper situation. Its semi-annual dividend is two weeks overdue nearly it was declared on August 23 last year. With 16-cent copper it should earn \$12.50 per share, its last semi-annual was at the rate of \$20 per annum. On 18-cent copper it should earn \$16 per share. Calumet has paid as low as \$25 per share in the year 1902; in 1898 it paid \$100; last year \$70.

Wolverine has increased with almost every payment of late years. It is plain that 18 cents means lower dividends; 20 cents would permit maintenance of rates made in the boom or 25-cent copper epoch; under 20 means reduction, and Quincy & Calumet have admitted it. What Wolverine will do remains to be seen, but it is plain that it cannot keep on at 15 cents unless its costs are reduced. If more copper is sold, Calumet probably about \$4,000,000 pounds per unit at 8-14 cents; estimated cost, Wolverine slightly more.