

***Cumberland Mine collapse; Letter Carriers 20% salary increase; agreement with Stave Lake Power Co.; Central Park petition; YMCA gets free water; concert given by Coloured Aristocracy Co. for Cumberland survivors.***

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Vancouver February 25<sup>th</sup> 1901

The Council met on Monday February 25<sup>th</sup> 1901.

Present His Worship Mayor Townley and Aldermen Grant, Painter, Neelands, Cook, M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden, Foreman, MacDonald [McDonald], Fraser and Wood.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

## Communications

From Fred Bridge et al asking for water on Clark Drive.

Referred to the Water Committee

From Mayor Townley submitting telegram sent to Mayor Carthew of Cumberland conveying his sympathy of Vancouver re disaster and asking to be advised what relief was necessary and of what character and from Mayor Carthew expressing gratitude for Sympathy for expressed and stating that financial assistance would be needed.

Moved by Alderman Cook

Seconded by Alderman Grant

That the sum of \$100 be contributed for relief of the distressed

Moved in amendment by Alderman Foreman

Seconded by Alderman Fraser.

That the sum of \$500 be contributed

Moved as an amendment to the amendment by Alderman MacDonald [sic]

Seconded by Alderman M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden

That the sum of \$250 be contributed.

Amendment to the Amendment lost.

Amendment lost.

Motion carried.

From J. Mason & Co. stating that they were willing to connect the premises of W. J. Jones with the Sewer but it was too high in the rear.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From the Chief of Police objecting to the quality of the coal furnished by Messrs Crowder and Penzer and from Messrs Crowder and Penzer ...

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... Stating that if the quality of coal furnished did not meet with approval they were willing to have the contract cancelled

Moved by Alderman Neelands

Seconded by Alderman Wood.

That the portion of the Finance Committees report of February 11<sup>th</sup> awarding the coal contract be reconsidered and that the contract be awarded to Messrs Evans Coleman and Evans who are the lowest tenderers for B.C. Coal

Carried.

From W.J. Brandrith Secretary of the B.C.F.G.A.[B.C. Fruit Growers' Association] Stating that their meeting would be held sometime in July or August and that their intention was to cultivate or encourage the growth of fruit etc.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

From S. Fader & Co objecting to the manner of calling for tenders for fish and green groceries and asking that tenders be again called for.

Moved by Alderman Foreman

Seconded by Alderman Fraser

That their communication be filed.

Carried

From the City Solicitor Stating that he had been advised by M<sup>r</sup> Macbeth Q.C. which confirmed his own opinion that the public had a right of way over Carrall, Abbott and Cambie Streets to the Shores of Burrard Inlet.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From Messrs Cowan, Capelle and M<sup>c</sup>Evoy acknowledging receipt of communication from the City Clerk re connection with Sewers at Red Cross Brewery.

Filed

From H. T. Thrift Secretary of the Bridges and Railway Committee Setting forth the services rendered to the cause by the Delegates from Vancouver.

Filed.

From J. Morton Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades and Labor Council asking that the views of the citizens be obtained re the consolidation of Street Railway leases

Filed for reference.

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From H.R.T. Jewell, of City Hospital asking for an increase of Salary.  
Laid over for estimates.

From the Salvation Army asking for remission of taxes on the Army Shelter  
Referred to the Finance Committee.

From R.B. Powell, Secretary of the Lieutenant Governor acknowledging receipt of communications re grants.  
Filed.

From the Rev L. Norman Tucker, President of the Art Historical Association asking that no steps be taken by the Council in re Society except on the request of the President and Secretary.  
Filed

From J.C. Marshall, Secretary of the Trades and Labor Council asking for an independent investigation into the affairs of the Alexandra Hospital  
Moved by Alderman M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden  
Seconded by Alderman Fraser.  
That the Trades and Labor Council be notified that the City Council has ~~ad~~re every confidence in the management of the Alexandra Orphanage.  
Carried

From the Police reporting on the electric lights  
Filed

From Hon. J.H. Turner, Minister of Finance acknowledging receipt of resolutions re grants with M<sup>r</sup> Tatlow  
Filed.

From John Matthew and many others from Central Park forwarding a petition addressed to the Government asking that Central Park be not subdivided.  
Moved by Alderman Wood.  
Seconded by Alderman Neelands.  
That this Council is in thorough sympathy with the prayer of the petitioners presented by the residents and ratepayers in the Vicinity of Central Park and that a Copy of the petition and of this resolution be ...

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... forwarded to the Hon the Provincial Secretary and the Members for Vancouver in the House of Representatives  
Carried

From Geo. V. Oremus etal asking for improvements on Maple Street  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From R.L.L Spencer asking for improvements on Alberni Street.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From E.B. Brough asking for improvements on Beach Avenue  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From Mrs M.G. MacKenzie asking for a grant in support of Miss Bowes as City Missionary  
Laid over for Estimates

From Thomson BrS calling attention to the merits of their typewriter, The Empire  
Referred to the Finance Committee

From Isaac Russell et al asking for improvements on Grant Street and Clark Drive  
Referred to the Board of Works

From W.A. Fisher et al asking that the new extension of the Street Railway be built to the City Limits along Westminster Road and from I.W. Mills et al asking that it be built along Westminster Avenue.  
Both referred to the Railway Committee

From A.A. Jones asking that Stations be not overlooked when new agreement with the Street Railway Co was considered  
Referred to the Railway Committee

From H.B. Gilmour M.P.P. acknowledging resolutions re grants  
Filed

From J. Buntzen acknowledging receipt of resolution re consolidation of leases  
Filed

From E. Denton on behalf of the letter carriers asking the Council to endorse a petition ...

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... to the government asking for an increase of salary.

Moved by Alderman Cook.

Seconded by Alderman Fraser

That the petition of the letter carriers be endorsed by the Council and that we have pleasure in recommending that their wages be increased 20 per cent.

Carried

From the Rev R.G. Macbeth inviting the Mayor and Council to meet the Rev J.G. Shearer B.A. of the Lord's Day Alliance on his visit to Vancouver.

Moved by Alderman M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden

Seconded by Alderman MacDonald [sic]

That the invitation be accepted with thanks.

Carried.

From A.N. Tregent Secretary of the Vancouver Property Owners Association enclosing a resolution endorsing an equitable Agreement to be made with the Stave Lake Power Co.  
Filed for reference

From A.N. Tregent Secretary of the Vancouver Property Owners Association asking the Council to look into the workings of the Water Front Assessment By-Law.  
Referred to the Water Committee

From Hugh Orr et al asking for a sidewalk on 8<sup>th</sup> Av.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From W.F.T. Tyrell complaining about the Pound Keeper.  
Referred to the Police Committee

From Sir Chas H. Tupper et al asking for improvements on Barclay Street  
Referred to the Board of Works

From Col F. Warren asking what disposition to make of money left over and unexpended by him as Secretary of the Good Roads Association  
Referred to the Finance Committee

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From the Health Inspector advising that three paralyzed persons now in the Salvation Shelter House be sent away at the City's [sic] expense.  
Moved by Alderman Grant.  
Seconded by Alderman Cook.  
That the Health Inspector be authorized to purchase two tickets to Winnipeg at a cost of \$30<sup>00</sup> each and one ticket to Hong Kong at a cost of \$50 for the conveyance of three men now being kept at the Salvation Army Barracks at the City's expense.  
Carried

From Lieut. Col Worsnop asking for a grant of \$600 in aid of the Regimental Band.  
Laid over for Estimates

From W<sup>m</sup> Witty et al asking for improvements on 4<sup>th</sup> Av.  
Referred to the Board of Works.

The following reports were received and read

## **Fire & Police**

The Fire Police Committee met on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1901  
Present the full Board.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Emil Lausen	203.00
Miller & Co.	2.50
Hygienic Creamery	1.10
Burrard Inlet Meaty co.	28.26
City Grocery Co.	52.95
G.E. MacDonald & Co.	59.55
J. Dodson	15.10
Thos. Dunn & Co.	53.35
E. Burns	1.00
Robt Clark	27.00
W.J. McGuigan	15.00
J. James	2.00
John Munro	1.00
F.A. Lee	9.00
Thomson Stat. Co.	4.58
Fred Steel	.50
Hicks & Beatty	3.50

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C.H. Jones	14.00
Boyd Burns & Co.	3.75
McDowell & Co.	31.15
Storey & Carson	2.75
Champion & White	16.75
J. Hughes	2.50
A. Waddell	1.90
J.M. Stewart	30.00
Rose Bros	12.50
A. Savard	12.30
W.C. Marshall	6.00

#### Communications

From the Poundkeeper furnishing report  
Filed

From Chief Carlisle asking for 8 more Fire Alarm Boxes and hydrants for the West End and Fairview. Resolved that the Water Committee be requested to install the hydrants as soon as possible and that the Fire Alarms be ordered as recommended by the Chief.

From C.J. South reporting that there were complaints against the Poundkeeper in connection with the catching of dogs.  
Filed

From F.T. Bagshawe and M. Urquhart submitting offers for typewriters.  
Resolved that a Remington Typewriter be purchased from M. Urquhart for the sum of \$135.00 on condition that he allows \$15.00 for the old typewriter

From R.G. Tatlow recommending Thos. Crawford for the position of Policeman  
Filed for Reference

From H. T. Ceperley complaining of the conduct of two of the Firemen.  
Mr. Ceperley did not attend to substantiate his charges.

From Mrs Raine complaining of shooting at the head of False Creek and from Constable Park stating that Mrs Raine had denied there was any damage to their property through shooting. The City Clerk was instructed to have placards printed and put up notifying that shooting was not allowed in that vicinity

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From J.A. Byers and D. Harris applying to be put on the Civic Pay Roll as Night Watchman at a salary of \$20.00 per month and uniforms      Filed.

From J.B. Hart applying to be appointed City Veterinary Surgeon  
Resolved that the City Clerk be instructed to invite tenders for all veterinary Services for the year and request tenderers to produce their testimonials

Resolved that tenders be invited for the supplying of Police & Firemen's Uniforms Such tenders to be received up to 12 March

The following tenders were recommended for acceptance:

Clothing for Prisoners	Robt Clark
Feed	R.V. Palmer
Drugs & chemicals	D. Roslington

The Board then adjourned.

The **Fire and Police Committee** met on Friday, February 15, 1901  
Present the full Board

Communications

From Thos Dominy & Thos Crawford applying for position on Police Force  
Filed for reference

From S.H. Brown complaining that he had been assaulted by Fireman M<sup>c</sup>Morran  
From Chief Carlisle stating that he had suspended the Fireman for the offence  
From The [sic] Fireman apologizing to Mr Brown and from Mr Brown accepting his apology.

After hearing the Chief it was resolved that his action in suspending M<sup>c</sup>Morran be confirmed and

that M<sup>c</sup>Morran be further suspended for 30 days without pay dating from his suspension by the Chief.

The Board then adjourned.

Moved by Alderman Wood  
Seconded by Alderman Cook  
That the reports be adopted as read  
Carried.

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## Water & Market

The Water & Market Committee met on Wednesday, Feb 13, 1901  
Present the full Board and his Worship the Mayor

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

### Communications

From W.L. Fagan asking to be allowed the cost of changing his water service from Georgia to Melville Streets the amount being \$10.50  
Resolved that Mr Fagan be allowed \$10.50 off his Water Rates.

From Chas. Cripps and Jno. Nesbitt asking for Water Supply on Pacific St.  
Referred to City Engineer.

From residents on Victoria Drive and vicinity asking for water supply.  
Referred to Chairman and Engineer to report.

From the Y.M.C.A. asking for free water.  
Resolved that the meter be removed and that a rate of \$7.50 per year be charged.

From Thos Alexander asking for water supply at Corner of Dock Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Referred to Alderman Fraser and City Engineer to report.

From Geo. Murray Corner 5<sup>th</sup> Ave & Cyprus [Cypress] Street asking the Committee to lay a pipe to his premises  
It was resolved to lay the 1<sup>st</sup> small pipe that is taken up from any other quarter.

From F.W. Boulton asking for an increase of salary  
The Board did not see their way to granting the amount asked for, but recommend an increase of \$10.00 per month from Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1901.

It was resolved to call for tenders for supplies of brass cocks, lead, pipe ...



... etc for the year.

It was resolved that the tenants in the Shed at the South Side of the City Hall be given one month's notice from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March to vacate and that the buildings be advertised for sale in the News Advertiser for one week.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Jas. Robertson Co.	65.83
Thos Dunn & Co.	39.66
Vancouver Gas Co.	3.07
A.J. Woodburn	4.25
Boyd, Burns & Co.	15.09
Evans, Coleman & Evans	17.50
City Grocery Co.	3.00
Can Gen. Elec. Co.	3.25
G.W. Dunlap & Co.	28.72
G.F. Upham	32.00
W. Thurston & Sons	6.52
G.A. Roedde	8.00
Vancouver Iron Works	224.73
Thomson Stat. Co.	10.70
Pay Roll	857.91

The Board then adjourned.

Moved by Alderman Foreman  
Seconded by Alderman ~~Wood~~ M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden  
That the report be adopted as read

Moved in amendment by Alderman Neelands  
Seconded by Alderman Wood  
That the report be adopted as read with the exception of the clause granting F.W. Boulton an increase of salary, to be laid over till Estimates.  
Motion lost. Amendment carried.

## Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday  
Present Aldermen Grant, Cook, M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden, MacDonald [sic] & Wood  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Davis Marshall and MacNeill enclosing copy of award of Arbitrators ...

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... in case of Northern Counters Investment Trust Ltd. re Lot 22, Blk 2, 200a  
Referred to City Solicitor to report to Finance Committee

From F. Bayliss asking for sidewalk on Davie Street North Side from Nicola to Bidwell St  
Referred to Estimates

From A.P. Horne and Rand Bros Agents asking for the filling in and moving in of Sidewalk on Georgia Street between Nicola and Bidwell Streets, S. Side.  
To be put in Estimates.

From W. Blizzard requesting the opening up of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Granville Street East to Spruce Street.  
Laid over for Estimates

From Frank J. Cahill et al petitioning for six[-]foot walk on South Side of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Ash to Bridge Street.

From Geo. E. Glass et al petitioning for 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to be extended one block west to corner of Arbutus Street and along Arbutus Street to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Both laid over for Estimates

From C.S. Johnson asking that boulevard be fixed and grades given at his residence Fairview  
Referred to Engineer and Alderman Wood.

From John Healy et al requesting sidewalk on Victoria Drive  
Referred to City Engineer to report

From D. Munroe et al requesting that sewers be placed in Blk 62, S.D. 181  
Referred to Engineer and Ald M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden.

From John Castile requesting employment on City Work

Filed

It was decided to cut about 100 feet of trail for Mr Whaley on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue opposite Lot 8, Blk 289  
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To put down piece of walk on South Side of Barnard, West of Campbell Avenue  
And also small piece of walk on South Side of Pacific Street West of Burrard Street.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Pay Roll	2533.86
J. Dunnan	4.00
Champion & White	100.90
R. Bailey	5.00
Campbell Bros.	45.65

Dixon & Cook	2000.00
H. Saw Mill	300.13
J.K. Davis	2.00

The Board then adjourned.

Moved by Alderman MacDonald [sic]  
 Seconded by Alderman Grant  
 That the report be adopted as read  
 Carried.

## Finance

The Finance Committee met on Friday February 15, 1901  
 Present the full Board  
 The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

G.E. MacDonald & Co.	28.63
The Province	40.27
News Advertiser	48.30
The World P & P Co.	42.24
R.C. Webber	19.15
G.A. Roedde	33.80
Bailey Bros.	3.50
E.H. Roome	10.50
F.T. Bagshawe	1.25
Thomson Stat. Co.	47.32
C.P.R. Co.	21.21

## Communications

From Messrs Club & Sewart et al merchants asking for the passage of an Early Closing By-Law  
 Laid over until it has been ascertained if Clause 4 of the Provincial Act has been complied with.

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From Brown Bros. et al asking the Council to impose a tax of \$25.00 on parties doing electrical work  
 Laid over.

From F.T. Bagshawe asking the City to purchase his improved glow lamps.  
 Filed

From Miss Fraser asking the City to inspect the Art Hist. collection and from Col. Warren asking that  
 a catalogue of the collection be made.  
 Referred to Aldermen M<sup>c</sup>Guigan and Neelands for report.

From W<sup>m</sup> Cowderoy asking for an increase of salary

Laid over for estimates

From the Trades and Labour Council advocating the purchase of the Street Railway System Filed for reference.

From the Accountant submitting Annual Financial Report.

It was approved and 250 copies ordered to be printed in pamphlet form

In reference to the account of the Provincial Government against the City in connection with a personal property tax of \$750 against the late Water Works Co. the City Solicitor advised that the payment be contested and it was accordingly resolved.

The Board then adjourned

Moved by Alderman Neelands

Seconded by Alderman Foreman

That the report be adopted as read

Carried.

## Health Committee

The Health Committee met on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 1901 at 4 p.m.

Present Aldermen Grant, Neelands and Foreman

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

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F.A. Lee	2.50
W.A. Brown	3.60
Thomson Stat Co.	15.98
People's Fuel Co.	8.50
F. Buscombe	3.90
Weeks & Robson	9.00
H. Kersey	21.00
Scott & Kennedy	7.80
Champion & White	8.00
M <sup>c</sup> Dowell & Co.	60.87
C.H. Jones	1.35
G.E. M <sup>c</sup> Donald & Co.	60.87
J.W. Currell	1.50
Trudgeon Bros.	32.50
W. Ralph	11.50
Industrial Wood Yard	29.70
Thorpe & Co.	3.00
Jas. Hughes	4.50

Hudsons [sic] Bay Co.	7.88
R.G. MacPherson	194.27

## Communications

From Thos. O'Connor asking the City to provide transportation for him to to [sic] Hamilton, Ontario  
Filed

From the Health Inspector reporting on three cases of distress now in the Salvation Army Home  
Mr Marrion was instructed to enquire as to the rates of transportation to their native places.

From D. Reath reporting on the condition of the Isolation Hospital  
Laid over for Estimates.

From the Secy. Barkers Union enclosing a list of Union Shops                      Filed

From Dr. Weld, Hon. Secy. Medical Board of the City Hospital suggesting that more desirable  
quarters be secured for the City Hospital.  
Referred to the Mayor and Chairman

From W. Mallock & Co. offering to quote prices for alterations in City Hospital.  
Filed

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From D. Reath applying for an increase of salary  
Laid over for Estimates.

Resolved that Mr Marrion be instructed to consult City Solicitor re disposal of goods in Seckar  
Shack on Deadman's Island.

Resolved that R.C. Webber be paid for 32 pages of Health Report at \$2.00 per page.

Resolved that the following tenders be recommended for acceptance

Washing	D.M. Stewart
Groceries	Welsh & Nightingale
Drugs	M <sup>c</sup> Dowell & Co.

It was decided to call for new tenders for Milk.

The Board then adjourned.

Moved by Alderman Grant  
Seconded by Alderman Cook  
That the report be adopted as read.  
Carried.

## Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday at 3 p.m.

Present Alderman Grant, M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden and MacDonald [sic] and His Worship the Mayor

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

### Communications

From O.L. Spencer, Secy. Good Roads Assoc. asking permission for the Good Roads Assoc. to send delegation to the Council re construction and location of Bicycle path.

To be notified that they can attend any Monday evening's Council.

From J. Mason requesting that Street on North Side of Blk 55, 264a be cut down and also that Street on South Side of Blks 66 and 67, 264a be opened up from Clark Drive to Woodland Drive.

To be looked into when Ald. are going round Ward 4.

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From John Mason requesting that Barnard Street be opened from Vernon Avenue East to the eastern boundary of Block 183C.

To be enquired into

From John Mason requesting drain along Blk 111 S.D. 301

Referred to Alderman Wood and City Engineer

From Fred Bridge et al petitioning for the grading of Clarke Drive to Mt. Pleasant.

From W. Anderson et al petitioning for the opening of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Centre Street East to Spruce Street.

From H. Toron requesting new walk in front of Metropole Hotel on Abbott St.

From P.W. Evans requesting new walk on Nelson St. between Jervis and Bute Streets on the North Side

All these petitions were laid over for Estimates.

From Sydney Haylar asking that tenders on Rock Crusher be allowed an extension of time

To be notified that tenders will be opened on 7<sup>th</sup> of March.

From W.S. Dunlop re leasing a small portion of Sophia St. between Westminster Road and 10<sup>th</sup> Ave East from the City

To be notified that it is not the desire of the City to lease or enclose any of the Street.

From J.S. Povah re slope of sidewalk in front of St. Andrews [sic] Church, Richards St.

Referred to Engineer and Ald. Grant to attend to.

From A.J. Wilkinson et al petitioning for the opening and naming and grading of the Street running between Grant St. and Charles Street.

Referred to Alderman M<sup>c</sup>Donald and the Engineer.

From E.R. Barker requesting the ditching and grading of lane between Bute and Jervis and Haro and Barclay.

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Referred to Engineer and Chairman

From Jas. England, Secy. Gas Co. notifying the Board that they propose to put down mains on Nicola Street and asking for grading of Street.

Referred to the Engineer.

Moved by Alderman MacDonald [sic]

That the contract for Hardware for the year be awarded to Thos. Dunn & Co. they being the lowest tenderers. Carried.

Mr Chapman representing M<sup>c</sup>Donald & Co. of Winnipeg applied for permission to run a spur across the lane in Blk 7, 196 to connect with warehouse

Permission was granted subject to agreement being entered into with the City as to keeping the lane clear of cars

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

B.C. Mills	12.16
W.L. Tait	23.73
Hastings Saw Mill	4.75
R.C. Webber	14.25
Province	5.00
Mortimer Pub. Co.	5.10
H. Howe	3.00
Evans Coleman & Evans	596.90

The Board then adjourned.

Moved by Alderman Grant

Seconded by Alderman M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden

That the clause re Dunlop be laid over and that the balance of the report be adopted as read

Carried

## Finance

The Finance Committee met on Friday Feb 22, 1901

Present Aldermen Neelands, Foreman and Fraser

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following contract was awarded:-

Stationery	Clarke & Stuart
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Mr Morris appeared before the Board and asked for the free use of the Market Hall for Monday night for a concert to be given by the Coloured Aristocracy Co. in aid of the Cumberland sufferers. Referred to the Chairman of the Market Committee with power to act

In re the petition of the gents [sic] furnishers and boat and shoe dealers further consideration was deferred until a census is taken. Mr Downing, Poll Tax Collector to make such census.

A Summons issued against the City re arbitration award, was referred to the City Solicitor for attention

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

M. Costillo	11.00
A. St. G. Hamersley	187.05
O.F. Weeks	10.00

The Board then adjourned.

Moved by Alderman Neelands  
Seconded by Alderman Cook  
That the report be adopted as read.  
Carried.

## Motions

Moved by Alderman Fraser  
Seconded by Alderman M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden  
That we reconsider the vote re Relief to the sufferers by the recent explosion in the Cumberland Mines                      Lost

The Mayors [sic] suggestions re Civic improvements were taken up Clause by Clause  
The matter of a new Jail and Fire Hall was referred to the Fire and Police; the Hospital to the Health, English Bay Beach to the Finance; City Engineer to the Board of Works and Water Market, Scavenging to the Health Committee and Schools to the Finance.

The Council then adjourned.

T.O. Townley  
Mayor



ThS. F. McGuigan  
City Clerk