



D'Arcy Island, near Sidney Island, became a leprosarium in 1891, a virtual prison and a place of no escape for the next 33 years, where this small group of sufferers would live out what remained of their lives without medical care. Article written by Cherie Thiessen.

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Vancouver June 10<sup>th</sup> 1901

The Council met on Monday, June 10th, 1901.  
Present His Worship the Mayor and full Council  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

## Communications

From H.T. Thrift asking the City to grant \$400 for the purpose of publishing the Agricultural Advantages of the Province  
Referred to the Finance Committee

From Kip and Morden asking payment for 10 feet of Lot 1 Block 104, D.L. 596  
Referred to the Board of Works & Finance Committee

From Campbell BrS. asking for the laying of a sidewalk on Carrall Street  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From R.V. Palmer complaining of nuisance of smoke from B.C. Elec Power House  
Referred to the Health Committee

From N.C. Schou asking for the deepening of the drain on 3<sup>rd</sup> Av near Holy Trinity Church  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From Philip Fewster asking that more septic tanks be constructed  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From Mrs. Mary N. Macaulay etal, Local Council of Women asking for more hospital accommodation  
Referred to the Health Committee

From J.H. Harding etal asking for water on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Referred to the Water Committee

From Mason & Co. on behalf of Rev W.W. Percival re taxes.  
Referred to the Finance Committee

From the Police Court Clerk reporting on the electric lights  
Filed

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From A.M. Forbes asking for a cinder path on Westminster Av and Hastings Street  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From Lee Yune & Co. asking for the sprinkling of Dupont Street  
Referred to the Board of Works.

From MacKenzie Urquhart asking payment for taking evidence in the Police Court in 1899  
Referred to the Police Committee

From G. Sheldon etal asking for rock on Eveleigh Street  
Referred to the Board of Works

From Hon J. Israel Tarte objecting to the City interfering re drill shed  
Filed

From Mary Schneider asking for a sidewalk on Helmcken Street  
Referred to the Board of Works.

The following Reports were received and read:-

## Light Railway and Tramway Committee

The Light Railway and Tramway Committee met on Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> 1901.

Present Aldermen McPhaiden Painter Neelands and Wood

The following account was recommended for payment:-

B.C. Elec Ry Co.	Lights	\$2596.51
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Resolved that the Police Court Clerk be requested to give the location of lights out in his weekly reports.

Resolved that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a draft of an Agreement consolidating all the B.C. Electric Railway Agreements  
sgd D. McPhaiden, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McPhaiden  
Seconded by Alderman Painter  
That the Report be adopted  
Carried.

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## Fire and Police Committee

The Fire and Police Committee met on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 1901.

Present the full Board

Communications

From A.J. McIntosh V.S. [possibly Veterinary Surgeon] Seattle Wash certifying that the horses recently purchased for the Fire Department were sound and free from all contagions and infectious disease.

Filed

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

Champion and White	Supplies	\$1.65
Valley Dairy	Supplies	1.70
D'. Poole	Examinations	10.00
G.N. Telegraph	Telegram	2.78
Cosman and Son	Supplies	1.20
ThS. Dunn & Co.	Supplies	33.05
G.W. Hutchings	Supplies	1.50
W.A. Cumyou	Interpreting	10.00
J. Dodson	Supplies	18.65

Chief of Police	Disbursements	11.10
A. Savard	Supplies	18.60
F.A. Lee	Hack hire	2.25
R.V. Palmer	Supplies	206.85
Atkins & Johnson	Drayage	1.50
Welsh and Nightingale	Supplies	6.20
J.W. McIntosh	Disbursements	8.00
Fader & Co.	Supplies	22.50
John Munro	Labor	.50
Johnston, Kerfoot & Co.	Supplies	3.50
Van Engineering Works	Supplies	3.00
Tower & Lyon	Supplies	156.80
Storey and Carson	Supplies	17.60
Donaldson & Mathews	Supplies	57.50
W.J. McGuigan	Inquests	35.00

sgd W.H. Wood  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Wood  
Seconded by Alderman MacDonald  
That the Report be adopted  
Carried

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## Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> 1901.  
Present Aldermen Neelands, Foreman and Fraser.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

G.W. Hutchings	Supplies	\$25.15
F.A. Lee	Hack hire	5.00
News Advertiser	Ads	20.65
Crickmay BrS.	Freight etc	65.10
B.C. Toilet Co.	Washing	1.50

### Communications

From W<sup>m</sup> H.P. Walker, Russell House, Ottawa asking for printed matter relating to Vancouver  
Resolved that he be sent copies of what may be on hand

From Jas. Henderson, Managing Director of the Henderson Publishing Co. asking the Council to place their order for Directories for the current year.  
Filed

From G.N. Parker, Secretary Vancouver Expositions and Mid-Summer Carnival Association asking for the introduction of a By-Law to provide \$50000 for the erection of buildings etc.

Moved by Alderman Foreman

That provided the Committee of Citizens having the promotion of holding exhibitions in land arrange for a suitable site for exhibition buildings and ground free of cost to the City and also arrange for a satisfactory guarantee of the payment of interest and sinking fund on a loan of \$50,000 to the satisfaction of the City Council, the Council will submit a By-Law to the Vote of the ratepayers to authorize the issue of debentures by the City to raise a loan of \$50000 to be used for the purposes of erecting exhibition buildings and paying necessary expenses on the grounds to enable an Annual Exhibition to be held in Vancouver.

sgd T.F. Neelands  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Neelands  
Seconded by Alderman Foreman  
That the Report be adopted

Moved in Amendment by Alderman Grant  
Seconded by Alderman Painter  
That the clause re exhibition grounds be referred back and the balance of the Report adopted.  
Amendment carried, motion lost.

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## Health

The Health Committee met on Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1901  
Present Aldermen Neelands, Grant and Foreman  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:-

H.M. McDonald	20.00
M <sup>c</sup> Donald Bros.	6.00
Clarke & Stuart	11.85
Thos. Dunn & Co.	36.19
C. Peters	14.65
Chas. Hach	2.00
Valley Dairy	124.20
J. Dodson	32.10
Chas. Hach	6.00
Trudgeon Bros.	82.88
M.D.M. Coray	16.50
Scougale Bros.	26.05
Champion & White	8.00
A.F. Morris	3.25

Welsh & Nightingale	325.00
South Vancouver	1.70
Fader & Co.	146.90
City Treasurer	20.00
H. Kersey	21.00
M <sup>c</sup> Dowell & Co.	163.91
Jas. Hughes	22.17
Chas. Hach	20.00
Buscombe & Co.	11.35
G. Drysdale	6.10
F.A. Lee	78.50

#### Communications

From W. J. Walker, Clerk of South Vancouver stating that his Council would be willing to close the lane running through the proposed addition to the Cemetery  
 Resolved that he be notified that if the By-Law carries the Council will be pleased to have lane in question closed.

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From H.A. Jones extending his option for the purchase of the Cemetery site to August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1901  
 Filed

From E.B. M<sup>c</sup>Master et al asking for compensation for being quarantined.  
 Referred to City Solicitor

From M. Barry asking for a horse and cart for use at Cemetery  
 Referred to the Fire Dept. to see if there is a horse available for this purpose

From Jas. Hughes rendering an account for work done at Hospital.  
 Filed.

From the City Auditor furnishing list of collections made of Hospital accounts since his last report the amount being \$461.10  
 Filed.

From the Cematory furnishing report  
 Filed

From W.C. Marshall agreeing to look after the City Ambulance and take non-paying patients to the City Hospital at \$2.50 a trip  
 Laid over until next meeting

From House Surgeon of Hospital furnishing Annual Report  
 Filed for reference

From the Health Inspector furnishing report for the month of May  
Filed.

From the Medical Health Officer furnishing report on infectious diseases during the month of May.  
Filed for reference

Resolved that the City Clerk be instructed to write to the City Clerk of Victoria asking when the next trip will be made by the civic authorities to the leper station on Darcy [sic D'Arcy] Island and requesting that our Health Inspector be permitted to accompany the party on ...

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... behalf of the City of Vancouver.

Resolved that the City Auditor be empowered to enforce the collection of outstanding accounts where he deems it advisable to do so.

The Board then adjourned.

Moved by Alderman M<sup>c</sup>Guigan  
Seconded by Alderman Foreman  
That the report be adopted as read.  
Carried.

## Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday at 4 p.m.  
Present Aldermen Grant, M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden and Wood.  
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr D.L. Spencer on behalf of the Good Roads Assoc. asked that the building of the Pender Street Cinder path be allowed to stand over this year and that a board track be placed on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Granville Street West as far as the grant of \$500.<sup>00</sup> will go.

### Communications

From J. Israel Tarte notifying Council that they have nothing to do with Dominion Public Works and that he would not allow any outside interference in the same  
Referred to Council.

From J. Buntzen asking for a location of proposed new tram lines  
Referred to Engineer.

From A.J. Wilkinson et al asking for the opening, grading and naming of a Street running east and west between Charles and Grant Street.  
Engineer to examine and report.

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From R. Jones et al asking that Dunlevy Avenue between Barnard and Prior be graded etc. and box drain put in on Dunlevy Avenue  
Alderman M<sup>c</sup>Donald and Engineer to examine and report.

It was decided to put down 100 feet of new walk in front of Secord Hotel.

To put down walk in front of Mr. B.T. Rogers on Davie Street.

The Engineer reported on waggon [sic] for Chaingang and was authorized to purchase.

It was decided to call for tenders for cement walks on Georgia Street Robson and Nelson Streets.  
Tenders to be in by 4 p.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup> June.

It was decided to hold Court of Revision on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1901, at 11 a.m. at the City Hall for the purpose of hearing complaints against proposed cement walk assessment.

The Engineer was authorized to have gates put at the entrance to Burrard Street Slips.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

M <sup>c</sup> Donald Bros.	330.00
J. Williams	756.00
M <sup>c</sup> Donald Bros.	63.00
Watt & Bailey	81.00
G.A. Roedde	.40
Hastings Saw Mill	88.93
Robertson & Hackett	177.44
B.C. Mills	2.48
Van. Gas Co.	32.50
News Ad.	6.00

The Board then adjourned.

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

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## Motions

Moved by Alderman Foreman  
Seconded by Alderman Painter  
That a grant of \$1,000 be made to the Dominion Day Celebration Committee  
Carried.

## Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Ald Grant

Seconded by Ald Neelands

That the Street Watering By-Law be read a 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

Carried.

The By-Law was accordingly read a 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

The Council then went into Committee of the Whole with Ald. Grant in the Chair for the Consideration of the By-Law

The Committee rose and reported the By-Law complete with amendments.

Moved by Ald Grant

Seconded by Ald Foreman

That the Street Watering By-Law be read a third time

Carried.

The By-Law was accordingly read a 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

## Notice of Motion

Alderman Wood gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the Council he would move that a gratuity of three months salary be given to ex-Chief of Police Stewart in recognition of his long service in the City's employ.

The Council then adjourned.

T.O. Townley

Mayor

ThS. F. McGuigan

City Clerk