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***Indian Reserve; Weights and Measures; quarantine; Ironside & Griffith; B.B. Johnston & Co.; Empire Day Committee; Dr Maclean; Thomas Hooper; depredations by boys; playing in street prohibited; H.H. Blanchet; opium smoking restrictions; smallpox and measles; Good Roads Association; Granville Street Bridge; Free Library [now Carnegie]; Vancouver Home Guards; Vancouver Property Owners Association; drill shed; C.P.R. land.***

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Vancouver, May 20, 1901

The Council met on Monday May 20, 1901  
Present His Worship, the Mayor, and Ald[ermen] Grant, Painter, Neelands, Cook, M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden,  
Foreman, MacDonald, Fraser and Wood

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

## Communications

From G. R. Maxwell acknowledging receipt of resolution re Indian Reserve  
Filed.

From the Police Court Clerk reporting on Street Lights.  
Referred to Railway and Light Committee

From H. Findley, Inspector Weights and Measures recommending that weigh scales be roofed in.  
Referred to Water & Market Committee

From E. B. M<sup>c</sup>Master et al. asking for compensation for loss occasioned by quarantine at 727  
Richards Street  
Referred to Health Committee

From Ironside & Griffith asking that the pile driver be not used on work other than City Work.  
Referred to Board of Works.

From the Mayor and Council of Victoria inviting the Mayor and Council of Vancouver to be  
present at the Victoria Day Celebration  
Moved by Ald. Grant  
Seconded by Ald. Painter  
That the invitation be accepted with thanks.  
Carried.

From B. B. Johnston & Co. offering property for Water Works Shops.  
Referred to Water & Market Committee.

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From J. J. Logan, Chairman Empire Day Committee, asking for the use of the Market Hall on  
Empire Day  
Referred to Ald. Foreman.

From John H. Jackson complaining of drain between Robson and Alberni from Cardero to  
Georgia Streets.  
Referred to Board of Works

From M. J. Henry et al. asking for water service to the City Limits on Westminster Road.  
Referred to Water & Market Committee

From Dr Maclean, Medical Health Officer, enclosing 2 accounts for St Lukes [sic] Home for nursing for \$56.00 and an account for Jas. Sibbald for \$15.00

Moved by Alderman MacDonald

Seconded by Alderman Foreman

That these three accounts be paid

Carried.

From Thos. Hooper, Architect, reporting on Plans for Fire Halls and Jail.

Resolved that when the Council adjourns it stands adjourned till Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> inst at 11 a.m. when the report will be considered and the plans inspected.

The following reports were received and read: –

## Fire & Police

The Fire and Police Committee met on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1901

Present Aldermen Wood, Painter and M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:–

G.E. Frith	.25
Dr Langis	5.00
Can. Gen. Elec.	2.93
G.W. Hutchings	10.50
S. Fader	25.72
J. Wan	.25
F.A. Lee	1.00

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M.S. Rose	175.00
V. Straube	22.50
Valley Dairy	1.65
Robt Clark	31.58
J.T. Luscombe	1.62
Clarke & Stuart	2.00
D. Dodson	20.70
Storey & Carson	17.60
Armstrong & Morrison	10.25
F. Peele	.50
R.V. Palmer	98.42
C. Cocking	3.00

G.E. Trorey	3.35
M <sup>c</sup> Dowell & Co.	6.30
Thos. Dunn & Co.	42.00
Edgett & Co.	6.55
B.C. Mills	78.58
Dr Poole	5.00

## Communications

From J. B. Palmer complaining of depredations of boys on Fairview and from Jas. O. Flemming complaining that his son had been prohibited from playing on the street by the Police Referred to the Chief of Police.

From R. Waller asking for the refund of a fine of \$5.00 imposed on his son for riding a bicycle on the sidewalk

Filed.

From Police Officer John McKeown applying for promotion to the rank of Sergeant.

Filed.

From the Poundkeeper furnishing report.

Filed.

From H. H. Blanchet, Ottawa calling the attention of the Board to a fire fighting and life saving machine

Referred to Chief Fire Dept.

Resolved that G. F. Cane be tendered \$2.50 in full settlement of the claim of his client, Chas. Collins, against the City

Resolved that a telephone be installed in the Poundkeepers house on Mt Pleasant.

The Board then adjourned.

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Moved by Ald. Wood

Seconded by Ald. Cook

That the report be adopted as read

Carried.

## Health

The Health Committee met on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1901

Present Ald. Grant (Chair) Neelands, M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden and Foreman

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

The following accounts were recommended for payment:—

Champion and White	15.95
D.M. Stewart	211.06
M. Rae	11.60
Clarke & Stuart	8.40
R. Marrion	1.00
Brown & Green	4.59
Vancouver Gas Co.	15.35
Stark & Son	15.05
Stevens & Co.	18.75
E. Easthope	3.50
F. Buscombe & Co.	3.25
Rose Bros	8.00
Jas. Pont	3.50
Gordon Drysdale	13.10
S. Fader & Co.	144.04
M <sup>c</sup> Dowell & Co.	181.79
Hastings Saw Mill	25.52
Scott & Kennedy	17.65
Edgett & Co.	45.87
Cleeve Canning Co.	12.00
Wm Urquhart	35.00
Valley Dairy	116.24
Chas. Tisdale	2.00
J.T. Luscombe	10.50
T. Dunn & Co.	32.06
F.A. Lee	10.00
W. Ralph	3.35

### Communications

From R. Marrion Health Inspector, asking that restrictions be placed on opium smoking.  
City Clerk instructed to write other cities for regulations.

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Dr Maclean, Medical Health Officer, reported on an alleged case of small pox which had developed into measles

Resolved that Dr Maclean's action in quarantining Miss Donnelly's [sic ] boarding house be endorsed and that the accounts incurred in connection with the case, be paid.

Resolved that the Health Inspector be instructed to have two water closets in the City Hospital, tiled.

Resolved that the previous action of the Committee in deducting \$15.00 from Dr Maclean's salary for non-attendance on a case of midwifery at St. Luke's Home be confirmed.

The Board then adjourned

Moved by Alderman Grant

Seconded by Alderman Foreman

That the report be adopted as read

Moved in amendment by Ald MacDonald

Seconded by Alderman Wood

That the clause deducting \$15.00 from Dr Maclean's salary be struck out and the remainder of the report be adopted as read.

Amendment carried.

## **Board of Works**

The Board of Works met on Thursday at 4 p.m.

Present Ald. Grant, Cook, McPhaiden and Wood

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Messrs. H. O. Bell-Irving, O. L. Spencer and C. M. Beecher waited on the Board representing the Good Roads Assoc. re the placing of bicycle path from Granville Street to Greers Beach [now Kitsilano Beach]

The Board promised that the question would be taken up as soon as possible

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From H. B. Gilmour enclosing C.P.R. weigh bill of weight of new steam roller

It was arranged that Engineer should notify Council when public test can be made of the roller

From Geo. Spring asking for permission to put down some broken rock for testing on the Streets  
To be given permission to place rock on Westminster Road between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

From Allan Sharpe et al. asking that Pender Street be rocked from Granville to Richards Streets  
To be repaired.

From W. Williams asking that roots be cleared from around Block 124.264a  
Foreman to attend.

From Knowles and Macaulay applying for new walk and levels for their store on East Side of  
Richards Street from Cardero to lane South.  
Ald. Cook and Engineer to report.

From John Mason asking that Barnard Street be opened from Vernon Avenue [now Vernon  
Drive] to the Eastern Boundary of Block 8, Sub.83C  
Engineer to examine and report.

From J. Buntzen requesting permission to raise the grade of their bridge on Granville Street 38  
inches  
The Board decided to go and examine the same in Company with Mr Dunn, after which it was  
decided to recommend that they be allowed to raise the grade as per plan submitted.

The Engineer submitted Estimates for Ward expenditure for the current year after which  
It was moved by Alderman Wood,  
That the Estimates for Street improvements as submitted by the City Engineer be adopted  
Carried.

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Tenders for the clearing and grading of Nelson and Chilco Streets were received from the  
following

	Nelson	Chilco
Watt & Bailey	200.00	230.00
S. Hull	450.00	300.00
A Macfarlane	525.00	475.00
Crowe & Wilson	295.00	345.00

Moved by Ald. McPhaiden

That the tender of Messrs. Watt & Bailey for the grading etc of Nelson Street according to  
specifications at 20¢ per foot and the grading etc of Chilco Street as per specifications at 25¢ per  
foot and for the grading near Beach Avenue for the sum of \$80.00 be accepted they being the  
lowest tenderers  
Carried.

Tenders were directed to be called for the following work to be in by 4 p.m. May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1901

9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	surface grade	2 blocks
Arbutus Street	surface grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
Alberni Street	walk	Thurlow to Nicola
Nicola Street	walk	West Side
8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	walk	Cedar to Maple
Richards Street	walk	Pacific to Drake
Abbott Street	walk	West Side to Water.
Columbia Avenue	walk	Water to Cordova
Harris Street	walk	Boundary to Vernon
Abbott Street	walk	Hastings to Pender
Columbia Avenue	walk	Hastings to Dupont
Park Lane	walk	Prior to West Ave
Ontario St.	walk	East side 10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave
Walk on 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenues		
Cordova Street East		Gore to Westminster Ave

The following accounts were passed for payment:—

B.C. Elec. Ry Co.	1.00
Hastings Saw Mill	166.57
Thos. Dunn & Co.	186.73
Robertson & Hackett	63.78
Champion & White	66.35
B.C. Mills	4.32

The Board then adjourned.

Moved by Ald. Grant

Seconded by Ald. Cook

That the report be adopted as read

Carried.

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## Finance

The Finance Committee met on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1901

Present Aldermen Neelands, Painter, M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden, Foreman and Fraser.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following accounts were recommended for payment

J. K. Sutherland	1.00
Rose Bros.	8.00
B.C. Elec Co.	2574.52
B.C. Bill Posting Co.	1.50

#### Communications

From E. Machin, Secy. Free Library Board asking that a Committee be appointed from the Council to act in connection with the Library Board in selecting a site for a Free Library  
Filed.

From E. Machin, Secy Free Library Board asking what arrangements are being made for Library accommodation as present lease expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Being attended to. Mr Machin to be notified as soon as information received

From N. LaBranche asking that his application for the formation of a Corps to be known as the Vancouver Home Guards be endorsed by the Council  
Filed

From A. W Tregent, Secy. Vancouver Property Owners Assoc. asking the Council to have corrected a report of the Finance Committee which appeared in the Province of April 26<sup>th</sup> and which continued an unjust reflection on the Property Owners Assoc.  
Resolved that the Province be asked to publish a correction as such statement was not made by any Alderman at the Finance Committee.

The Board then adjourned.

Moved by Ald. Neelands  
Seconded by Ald. Foreman  
That the report be adopted as read  
Carried.

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## Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Painter  
Seconded by Alderman Cook  
That the By-Law to raise \$80,000 for bathing places be introduced and read a first time  
The By-Law was accordingly read a 1<sup>st</sup> time

Moved by Alderman Grant

Seconded by Alderman Neelands

That the rules be suspended to allow the introduction of a By-Law to amend the bicycle by-law.  
Carried.

The By-Law was accordingly read a 1<sup>st</sup> time.

Moved by Alderman Grant

Seconded by Alderman Neelands

That the rules be suspended to allow the introduction of a By-Law for Street Sprinkling

The By-Law was accordingly read a 1<sup>st</sup> time.

## Motions

Moved by Alderman Grant

Seconded by Alderman Foreman

That a copy of the report of the City Building Inspector re Drill Shed be transmitted to the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, Ottawa, with a request from this Council that the Dominion Government take immediate steps to have a thorough and impartial inspection made of the quality of the materials used in the construction of the building as well as the faulty construction of the walls, alluded to in the Inspectors [sic] report, a copy of which is herewith attached.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Foreman

Seconded by Alderman MacDonald

That the following account be paid.

D. J. McPhalen	Moving Weigh Scales	\$126.76
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Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Neelands

Seconded by Alderman Wood

That the Canadian Pacific Railway Company be respectfully requested to convey to the City a portion of land 80 by 120 feet on Cordova Street West as shown and coloured red on plan annexed for a Free Library site.

The City to erect a Library Building thereon under the conditions of Mr Carnegies [sic] offer.

Moved in amendment by Ald. M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden

Seconded by Ald. McDonald

That the Library Building be erected on the Corner of Westminster Avenue and Hastings Street

Yeas: Aldermen M<sup>c</sup>Phaiden, Foreman, MacDonald, Fraser 4

Noes: Aldermen Grant, Painter, Neelands, Cook and Wood 5  
The amendment was declared lost  
Motion Carried.

The Council the adjourned.

T. Townley  
Mayor

ThS. F. McGuigan  
City Clerk