

Nanaimo Board of Police Commissioner's fonds

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First meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police for the City of Nanaimo held in the City Council office on Monday 1st January 1894.

Present

Mayor Haslam and J. P. Planta Esq. Police Magistrate

Mr. Planta presented his oath of Allegiance and oath of office as required by Section 248 of the Municipal Act 1892.

The Commissioners requested the City Clerk to act as Secretary to the Commissioners, and appointed him accordingly.

Communication

From the Municipal Council stating that if it was agreeable to the Commissioners, they would be pleased to have Mr. Alex [F] McKinnon appointed to the position of Chief of Police, for this City, was read.

The Commissioners then appointed Mr. Alex F McKinnon, Chief of Police for the City of Nanaimo.

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. McKinnon of his appointment, also to forward to him a copy of his appointment. Mr. McKinnon being present took the statutory oath of office.

The meeting then closed.

E. Quennell
Chairman
S Gough
Clerk

Second meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Nanaimo held on the 23rd January 1894.

Present

Mayor E Quennell and J.P. Planta, Esq. Police Magistrate

In reading the resolution of the Municipal Council passed on the 22nd visit viz: "That the communication from Mr. A. F. McKinnon Chief of Police "stating that as he performed active duty, he did not require the aid of more than one policeman, be received and that the Commissioners of Police be requested to appoint one Constable", and after hearing Mr. McKinnon Chief of Police as to the manner in which Mr. Henry Brown had performed his duty in the past, it was decided that Henry Brown late police officer be appointed Police Constable. The formal appointment of Mr. Henry Brown as Police Constable was then made by the Commissioners, and the oath of office was duly administered.

The meeting then adjourned.

E Quennell
Chairman
S. Gough
Clerk

Third meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Nanaimo held on the 21st November 1894.

Present

E. Quennell Esq. Mayor and J P Planta Esq. Police Magistrate

The Commissioners met to consider the situation of the City Police in view of the disclosures in the Police Court as to the breach of the peace by the Chief of Police and Officer Brown on the morning of the 20th inst.

The Commissioners were impressed with the opinion that these officers had lost their influence and could not at present discharge their duties usefully and in the public interest, and therefore it was decided to relieve them from duty until the charges against them were disposed of by the Courts, and the Secretary was directed to notify them to the above effect.

The Commissioners also resolved to appoint two special officers temporarily and to ask Chief Constable Stewart to kindly assist the city in this juncture of police affairs by devoting such portion of his time as he could spare to the supervision of the city police until further arrangements can be made.

The Secretary was directed to communicate with Mr. Stewart accordingly.

The meeting then adjourned.

E. Quennell
Chairman
S. Gough
Clerk

Fourth meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Nanaimo held on the 3rd December 1894.

Present

E Quennell Esq. Mayor and J P Planta Esq. Police Magistrate

The resignations of Alex F. McKinnon Chief of Police, and Officer Henry Brown were received and accepted.

Communication

From the Municipal Council recommending Mr. James Crossan for the position of Chief of Police, and Messrs Jacob Neen and George A Thompson as Police Constables, was received.

The applications of the parties recommended were examined, and it was resolved that Mr. James Crossan be appointed Chief of Police, and that Jacob Neen and George A Thompson be appointed city Constables.

The Secretary was directed to inform the Municipal Council of the appointments and to convey the information to the officers of their respective appointments.

The meeting then adjourned.

E. Quennell
Chairman
S. Gough
Clerk

Fifth meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Nanaimo held on the 4th December 1894.

Present

E Quennell Esq. Mayor and J P Planta Esq. Police Magistrate.

The matter of Mr. Crossan's appointment was under consideration, and the appointment was formally made by the Commissioners and he was then sworn in as Chief of Police.

Jacob Neen and George A. Thompson were appointed Constables by the Commissioners, and they were duly sworn in Police Constables.

The Police Magistrate briefly addressed the Chief and the Officers on the importance of their respective offices, and the special need of cooperation of each with the other in carrying out their duties.

The meeting then adjourned.

E. Quennell
Chairman
S. Gough
Clerk

Sixth meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Nanaimo held on the 12th December 1894.

Present

E Quennell Esq. Mayor and J P Planta Esq. Police Magistrate

The rules for Police having been lost they were replaced by a copy of "Victoria Rules" of Victoria Police altered to omit the requirements of their City.

The meeting then closed.

E. Quennell
Chairman
S Gough
Clerk

Seventh meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Nanaimo held on the 5th December 1895.

Present E. Quennell Esq. Mayor and J H Simpson Esq. Police Magistrate

Communication

From Mr. C. C. McKenzie, agent for James Beck drawing attention to certain damages done to Mr. Beck's house on Nicol Street, by the children attending the boys' school, was read. Mr. James Crossan Chief of Police stated that his attention had been called to the matter, and he had collected Seven 50/100 dollars for account of the same and had paid it to Mr. McKenzie from Mr. T Bryant Secretary of the "Central Executive Committee of the Temperance, asking the Commissioners if they would accept the services of a Policeman to be paid by, and to act under the supervision of the temperance party of this City. Was read, and the Clerk was directed to reply that if the party will deposit \$45.00 per month as salary, the offer will be accepted, but the officer will be under the direction of the Commissioners, and Chief of Police, from Mr. Joseph Allison, complaining of the manner in which he had been treated by the Police Magistrate, and enclosing a cutting from a newspaper regarding the matter, was read and received and filed.

From the City Clerk with petition of Rev. D.A. McRae and others. Re-houses of ill fame in this City, having been presented to the Municipal Council, was referred by them to the Police Commissioners, was read Rev Mr. McRae, by permission addressed the Board in support of the petition – Action was deferred.

The meeting then adjourned.

Eighth meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City Nanaimo held on Wednesday 15th April 1896.

Present

J H Davison Esquire, Mayor, and J H Simpson Esquire, Police Magistrate.

No business being transacted the meeting adjourned.

J H Davison

Chairman

Adam Thompson

Clerk

Ninth meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Nanaimo, BC held in the Council Hall, Nanaimo on Saturday 16th May 1896.

Present

J H Davison Esquire, Mayor; J H Simpson Esquire, Police Magistrate, and Angus. R. Johnston Esquire.

On motion, the City Clerk was appointed Secretary of the Board.

Communication

From the Municipal Council of the City of Nanaimo asking the Commissioners to reduce the Police Force by one member was read, and discussed, and on motion, was received and the proposition of the Council to reduce the force rejected.

R. Simpson asked if it was the wish of the Board to engage special policemen for the Queen's Birthday Celebration on the 25th and 26th inst.

It was on motion, decided to leave the matter of engaging specials in the hands of the Chief of Police.

Mayor Davison stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Joseph Allison asking what had been done with his previous communication to the Board. On motion, it was decided to acknowledge the communication of Mr. Allison and to state that the communication was received and fyled on Dec 5th 1895.

A communication from Mr. William Trounce was read asking for leave of absence for two weeks. The absence having been previously granted the communication was on motion, received and fyled.

From Mr. Thomas Bryant Secretary of the Central Executive Committee of the Temperance Societies of Nanaimo asking that in the event of a reduction of the Police staff that Constable Thompson be retained, was read and on motion, was received and fyled.

Owing to the illness of Constable Trounce, Mr. Thomas Withers who was present was duly sworn in as Constable and Night watchman.

The meeting then adjourned till the call of the Mayor.

J H Davison
Chairman
Adam Thompson
Clerk

Tenth meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Nanaimo, BC held in the Council Hall, Nanaimo, on Saturday 15th August 1896.

Present Communication

His Worship Mayor Davison and A R Johnston, Esquire, from Mr. Joseph Allison of January 20th 1896 complaining

against Constable Thompson taking his boy from his house without a warrant was read. The communication was on motion, received and filed.

From Rev D A McRae drawing attention to the unbecoming conduct and illegal actions of Chief Constable Crossan and Constable Thompson and stating that it is a fact that both these officers are in the habit of frequenting houses of ill fame in this city otherwise than in the discharge of civil duty and while they have acted in an unseemly and illegal manner, furthermore they have failed to enforce the laws dealing with the sale of spirituous liquors but on the contrary in both instances have connived at, aided and abetted these institutions in violating the laws laid down for their total prohibition and regulation, furthermore it may be shown that their conduct in other matters has been such as should not be tolerated in men occupying public positions. I am prepared to substantiate these charges and demand an immediate investigation was read and it was agreed to lay the communication over until the next meeting of the Board.

The Secretary was directed to notify Chief Constable Crossan and Constable Thompson to appear at the next meeting of the Board to defend themselves against the charges preferred by the Rev D A McRae, the meeting to be held on Monday the 17th inst at 3:30 p.m.

Meeting then adjourned.

Adam Thompson
Clerk

J H Davison
Chairman

Adjourned meeting of the Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo BC held in the Council Hall, Nanaimo on Monday 17th August 1896 at 3:45 p.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor Davison, J. H. Simpson, Esquire, Police Magistrate and A.R. Johnston, Esquire.

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Of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The communication of Rev D.A. McRae of August 15th 1896 was again brought forward and read.

Motion

Moved by Mr. J. H. Simpson seconded by Mr. A R Johnston that the communication as it stands at present be dismissed as the communication is general and the charges are not specific. Carried.

Mr. Simpson, Police Magistrate reported that on Saturday evening Mr. Charlton Pearson had been brought to his office to be sworn in as a Constable during the absence of Chief Crossan, and he had accordingly sworn him in.

On motion, the action of Mr. Simpson was confirmed.

Meeting then adjourned till this evening at 7 p.m.

Adam Thompson
Clerk

J H Davison
Chairman

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo BC held in the Council Hall Nanaimo on Monday at 7 p.m. on August 17th 1896.

Present

His Worship Mayor Davison, J.H. Simpson, Esquire Police Magistrate and A.R. Johnston, Esquire.

The following communication from Rev D A McRae preferring charges against Chief Constable Crossan was read viz:

“As a citizen of this City of Nanaimo I would draw your attention to the following charges made by me against Chief Constable James Crossan of the City of Nanaimo. 1st That Mr. James Crossan Chief Constable on or about the 27th and 28th of July 1896 was engaged in games of chance till about two o'clock in the morning in the Crescent Hotel for intoxicating drink.

2nd That on or about Thursday August 13th 1896 about the hour of 11:40 he stood and sought entrance at the door of No. 61 Frazer [Fraser] Street and failing made his way to the house on the corner of Comox Road and Frazer [Fraser] Street and having entered by the back door remained in the house till the hour of 17.50 a.m. and during this time was present when intoxicating liquor and cigars were bought and paid for contrary to the law in such cases.

3rd. That on several occasions within the past six months he has failed to carry out the instructions of the Medical Health Officer and in this way has endangered the health and lives of citizens.

Mr. G.F. Cane appeared on behalf of Mr. Crossan stating that he had got permission from the Board to go East on some lodge business. He had been told by Mr. McRae that the Commissioners would meet on Saturday but he had already purchased his ticket and had paid for his berth. If Mr. Crossan did not go on Monday morning he would be too late and hence it was compulsory for him to go. He did not wish to shirk any investigation but asked that the hearing of the charges be postponed until Mr. Crossan comes back from the East.

Mr. Simpson stated that the Chief of Police had got permission to go.

His Worship the Mayor stated that permission had not been granted by the Board as he had not made application to do so.

Mr. Johnston explained that it was understood for the Chief of Police to go away if he found a substitute and he had done so. It was not the intention of him to ignore the Board or prosecution.

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Motion

Moved by Mr. J H Simpson seconded by Mr. A R Johnston that the charges preferred against Mr. Crossan be laid over for two months.

Mr. McRae asked permission to speak.

Mr. Simpson said if Mr. McRae begins to address the Board he would retire from it.

Mr. McRae being allowed to address the Board, Mr. Simpson retired from his seat and left the room.

Mr. McRae stated that it was very unreasonable for the Chief to go and ask for him to stay for the investigation to wait till he comes back.

A.T. Moved by Mr. Johnston seconded by

It was then agreed ~~between the Commissioners~~ Mr. Davison that the communication be received and

The communication be received and the investigation proceeded with. Carried. The following communication from Rev. D A McRae preferring charges against Constable Thompson was read viz:

1st That the said George Thompson did enter No 61 on Frazer [Fraser] Street about 12:15 a.m. on or about August 4th and remained there until 12:45 a.m. and was present when intoxicating liquor was drunk and paid for in his presence and did also drink himself and remained there till 12:45 a.m. At the hour of 12:45 having left he crossed over Frazer [Fraser] Street to a house sometimes known as the Star entered about 12:50 a.m. remained there till about 1:50 a.m. and was present there when intoxicating liquor and cigars were bought and paid for in his presence and did make use of them.

2nd. That on or about Saturday August 8th 1896, he did enter the house on the corner of Comox Road and Frazer [Fraser] Street at the back door was present when intoxicating liquor was bought and paid for and did also drink himself. Having left there between 11 and 12 at night he made his way to No 61, entered there and was present when intoxicating liquor was bought and paid for and did also drink himself.

3rd. That on or about Wednesday August 12th 1896, about 10:30 o'clock p.m. he did enter No 61 on Frazer [Fraser] [Fraser] Street, was present when intoxicating liquor was bought and paid for and did also drink himself. All of which I am prepared to substantiate.

Mr. G.F. Cane on behalf of Constable Thompson denied any guilt and asked for a copy of the charges and that the investigation be delayed for one day at least.

It was then agreed by the two Commissioners that the communication be received and the charges investigated and copies given to Mr. Cane.

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Mr. McRae asked the Board to procure the following witnesses viz:

D.A. McRae

A.A. McRae

A. Matheson

B. Mr. Taylor Nanaimo River

C. Mr. Bates Crescent Hotel

The meeting then adjourned till to-morrow (Tuesday) evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Adam Thompson

Clerk

J. H. Davison

Chairman

Adjourned Meeting of the Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo BC., held in the Council Hall Nanaimo on Tuesday August 18th 1896.

Meeting opened at 8:14 p.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor Davison, A H Simpson Police Magistrate and A.R. Johnston Esquire.

The business of the Board being to investigate the charges preferred by Rev D. A McRae against Chief Constable Crossan and Constable Thompson.

Mr. Lister of Vancouver was duly sworn in as Stenographer for the Investigation.

Mr. A. Matheson, a Witness, stated that he did not wish to be reported through the press.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Johnston seconded by Mr. Simpson that we conduct this meeting as a private meeting of the Police Commission Investigation and that we invite the press to be present. Mayor Davison did not vote.

Carried.

Mr. Campbell appeared on behalf of the Board and Mr. G F Cane on behalf of Chief Constable Crossan and Constable Thompson. Mr. Campbell asked the Board whose charges they wished to deal with first. Mr. Cane asked the Board for an adjournment until the Chief Constable comes back which would be nearly two months.

Mr. Campbell asked if the Chief had got permission to go away also if he got a notice to appear. Mr. Simpson and Mr. Johnston stated that verbally he had.

The Chairman stated that the usual leave of absence was two weeks but the chief had asked for 6 weeks and he had not sent a communication to the Board and the Board had not granted permission at a meeting.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Johnston seconded by Mr. Simpson that these cases be adjourned until the return of the Chief Constable Mr. Crossan in two months. Mr. Davison stated that he would not put the motion at present as he thought it was not right that officers should continue to work when charges are hanging against them but would put the motion if they were suspended. Mr. Simpson then put the motion for the adjournment until the return of the Chief, which was carried. Mr. Simpson and Mr. Johnston voting for the motion and the Chairman against. Mr. Simpson then moved that this Board adjourn.

The Chairman state that the previous motion passed was out of order.

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Motion

Moved by Mr. Simpson seconded by Mr. Johnston that we adjourn. The Chairman stated that Mr. Simpson could put this motion too.

Mr. Simpson then put the motion to adjourn stating by refusal of the Chairman to do so. The motion was declared carried, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Johnston voting for the motion and the Chairman against.

The meeting then adjourned.

Adam Thompson
Clerk

J H Davison
Chairman

Adjourned meeting of the Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo BC held in the City Hall Nanaimo BC on Monday the 19th October 1896.

Present

His Worship Mayor Davison, J. H. Simpson, Esquire, Police Magistrate and A.R. Johnston, Esquire.

The meeting having been adjourned till the return of Chief Crossan in the matter of the charges preferred by the Rev D.A. McRae and Chief Crossan now being present it was decided to proceed with the Investigation. It was further agreed that the Investigation be open to the public.

Mr. G.F. Cane appeared on behalf of Messrs James Crossan, Chief of Police, and George Thompson, Constable; and Mr. McDonald appeared on behalf of the Rev D.A. McRae. The charges preferred were read by the Clerk. All the evidence having been taken by the Stenographer as will be found on the Public Commissioners Fyle, the meeting adjourned till Tuesday October 20 1896 at 10' o'clock, a.m.

Adam Thompson
Clerk

J H Davison
Chairman

Adjourned meeting of the Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo BC held in the City Hall, Nanaimo BC on Tuesday October 20th 1896.

Meeting opened at 10 o'clock a.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor Davison, J. H Simpson, Esquire, Police Magistrate and A.R. Johnston Esquire

The business of the meeting being to continue the Investigation against Chief Constable James Crossan and Constable George Thompson. Mr. Cane reviewed the evidence on behalf of the defense and Mr. McRae on behalf and in the absence of Mr. McDonald reviewed the evidence on behalf of the prosecution. It was then resolved that the Board adjourn ["Sine die"]? and that a copy of the evidence be obtained for each Commissioner.

Adam Thompson
Clerk

J H Davison
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held in the City Hall, Nanaimo, BC on Tuesday October 20th 1896.

Present

His Worship Mayor Davison, J H Simpson Esquire Police Magistrate and A R Johnston Esquire.

Communication

From Mr. Jacob Neen, Constable, applying for a vacation from the Police Force for two weeks was read and on motion, was granted. Mr. Simpson stated that on August 24th 1896 notices had been made out dealing with the Houses of Ill fame in the city but were not sent out to the parties as it had not been directed from the Board at a meeting.

Moved by Mr. Johnston seconded by Mr. Simpson that notices be sent to the owners of houses of ill fame notifying them to ~~vacate~~ conform with the "Public Morals Bylaw 1895" and to state that action will be taken against them if steps are not taken to have the same remedied. Carried. Mr. Johnston drew attention to the necessity of appointing one of the Commissioners to instruct the Policemen in matters pertaining to their duties.

Moved by Mr. Johnston seconded by Mr. Simpson that His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Simpson and myself individually be instructed to instruct the Police Officers pertaining to their duties at any time when required. Carried.

His Worship the Mayor voting against the motion.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Simpson that a code of Rules and Regulations be drawn to regulate the duties of the Police Force. Carried

There being no further business to transact the Board adjourned.

Adam Thompson
Clerk

J H Davison
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo BC held in the Council Hall, Nanaimo on Monday December 14th 1896.

Meeting opened at 3 p.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor Davison, J H Simpson Esquire, Police Magistrate and A R Johnston Esquire.

The Clerk then read the decision of Commissioner A R Johnston on the Police Investigation held on 19th October

1896 stating "that he did not consider the charges preferred by Rev D.A. McRae against Chief Constable Crossan and Constable George Thompson sustained and should therefore be dismissed".

(Decision on P.C. Fyle). The decision of J. H. Simpson Esquire, Police Magistrate was read as follows: --

"That there is nothing to support the charges preferred against Chief Crossan and Constable Thompson by the Rev D A McRae". The decision of His Worship the Mayor was then read namely: "The charges preferred against Chief Constable Crossan have been fully sustained in every particular by evidence which any just and impartial Judge or Jury in the land would look upon as overwhelming and incontrovertible, and in his opinion the inquiry has disclosed many good and sufficient reasons why Mr. Crossan should no longer be continued as Chief of Police of this city." The decision of His Worship the Mayor in the charges preferred against Constable George Thompson was the same as the decision in the case of the Chief of Police and he moved "That the Chief of Police Crossan and Police Constables Thompson be summarily dismissed by this Board from their positions on the Police Force of this city. The motion was not seconded.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Simpson seconded by Mr. Johnston that the accusations of the Rev D A McRae preferred against Chief of Police Crossan and Police Constable Thompson be dismissed. The motion was carried. His Worship the Mayor voting against.

Communication

From Constable Thompson asking permission to be allowed one week's vacation from the Police Force was read and on motion, permission was granted.

Mr. Johnston wished to know if the Clerk had received any reply to the notices ordered to be sent out to the disreputable houses on Frazer [Fraser] Street demanding that the present tenants vacate their premises within a month. The Clerk stated that no reply had been received. Mr. Simpson stated that reply could hardly be expected in so short a time, the notices having be mailed to the different parties on October 21st 1896.

No further action was taken.

Meeting then adjourned.

Adam Thompson
Clerk

J H Davison
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo BC held in the Council Hall, Nanaimo, on Monday February 8th 1897.

Present

His Worship Mayor Davison J H Simpson Police Magistrate and A.R. Johnston Esquire.

Communication

From the Municipal Council with a copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of that Board held on 1st February 1897 requesting the Board of Police Commissioners to immediately remove from the Police Force of the City Chief of Police James Crossan and Police Constable George Thompson were read.

Moved by Mr. Johnston seconded by Mr. Simpson that the communication and resolution be received. Carried.

Motion

Mr. Johnston presented the following motion which he moved viz: -

“That the Board of Police Commissioners cannot comply with the request of the City Municipal Council to dismiss Chief Crossan and Constable Thompson on the grounds suggested in the communication as in the opinion of the majority of the Commissioners as expressed in their judgment already delivered there is no grounds for their dismissal and further that the Commissioners regret that the Council should under the circumstances make such request as the appointing, dismissing and management of the police rests solely with the Police Commissioners and is a matter over which the Municipal Council has no control.

Mr. Simpson seconded the motion and it was Carried, the Chairman voting against it.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Simpson seconded by Mr. Johnston that all notices requiring a meeting of the Police Commissioners in future shall state the matters to be taken up at the said meeting. Carried.

Motion

Mr. Johnston presented the following resolution which he moved viz: -- That no complaint against any member of the Police Force made by a private individual shall be heard by the Police Commissioners until security to cover expenses thereof shall be given to the satisfaction of the said Commissioners or a majority shall deem sufficient.

Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Chairman stated that he was opposed to that resolution being passed. The motion was now put and Carried the Chairman voting against it.

Adam Thompson
Secretary

J H Davison
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo BC held in the Council Hall Nanaimo on Tuesday March 30th 1897.

Present

His Worship Mayor Davison, J. H. Simpson Esquire Police Magistrate and A. R. Johnston Esquire

Communication

From the Municipal Council stating that the Jail premises at the Old Court House premises on Front Street are now ready to be used for Jail purposes and further stating that after the end of the present month the Bastion will not be required any longer for a Lock-up was read and discussed.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Simpson seconded by Mr. Johnston that the Clerk be instructed to notify Mr. Hussey Superintendent of Police of the fact that the new jail premises are in order and it is the wish of the Board of Police Commissioners that he should come to Nanaimo and inspect the premises before they are accepted by the Board as a prison. Carried.

In reply to Mr. Simpson the Clerk stated that the next communication to be read was a communication from the Municipal Council enclosing documents for consideration by the Board. Mr. Simpson stated he wished copies of the matter and Mr. Johnston also wished copies. The Chairman stated that it was not in order to give copies of any papers before they were presented to the Board.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Simpson seconded by Mr. Johnston that in future all notices of a meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners shall not only contain a statement of the business to be taken up for consideration at the said meeting but shall also be accompanied by a copy of all documents which are to be produced and read at the meeting of the said Commissioners.

The motion was put and Carried, the Chairman voting against it.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Johnston seconded by Mr. Simpson that we adjourn until copies of all the papers for consideration be presented to the members of the Board.

The motion was put and carried, the Chairman voting against it.

Meeting adjourned.

Adam Thompson
Secretary

J H Davison
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo BC held in the Council Hall Nanaimo on Tuesday April 6th /97.

Present

His Worship Mayor Davison and A. R. Johnston, Esq.

The meeting was called at very short notice this afternoon to consider whether the Commissioners should hold an investigation on the charges preferred against Constable George Thompson or not. The Chairman and Mr. Johnston both stated that they had read ~~both~~ copies of all the correspondence in the matter of the charges.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Johnston seconded by Mr. Davison that the Investigation into the charges preferred against Constable Thompson commence tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Johnston seconded by Mr. Davison that all moneys that are needed for the investigation be paid by the City Clerk on the order of any one of the Board of Police Commissioners. Carried.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Johnston seconded by Mr. Davison that Mr. Hawson be engaged as Stenographer for the Investigation at a salary of Fifty dollars. Carried.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Adam Thompson
Clerk

J H Davison
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo BC held in the Police Court Nanaimo on Wednesday April 7th 1897.

Present

His Worship Mayor Davison, J H Simpson Police Magistrate and AR Johnston Esquire.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board the business of the meeting was to investigate the charges preferred against Constable George Thompson. Mr. Henry Hawson was duly sworn as Stenographer for the Investigation. Mr. F. McB. Young stated that he did not appear on behalf [of] the prosecution. Mr. G. F. Cane stated that he appeared on behalf of Constable George Thompson as he wished the charges to be thoroughly investigated.

The Chairman stated that the City did not intend to prosecute but they would pay the expenses of the investigation. The minutes of the previous meeting of the Board were then read.

All the evidence having been taken by the Stenographer as will be found on the Police Commissioners File the Investigation adjourned till Tuesday the 13th April 1897 at 11 o'clock in the fore-noon.

Adam Thompson
Clerk

J H Davison
Chairman

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo BC held in the Police Court Nanaimo on Tuesday 13th April 1897.

Present

Mayor Davison, J H Simpson Esquire Police Magistrate and A R Johnston Esquire

The meeting of April 7th 1897 having been adjourned till to-day to allow the solicitors to prepare their argument from the extended notes of the evidence Mr. F McB Young addressed the Court – After Mr. Young had completed his argument Mr. Cane addressed the Board –

Moved by Mr. Johnston seconded by Mr. Simpson that we adjourn till Tuesday 20th April 1897 at 3 o'clock p.m. Carried.

Meeting then adjourned.

Adam Thompson
Clerk

J H Davison
Chairman

Adjourned meeting of the Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo BC held in the Police Court Nanaimo on Tuesday 20th April 1897.

Present

Mayor Davison and A. R. Johnston Esquire

Meeting opened at 3 o'clock p.m. Mr. Johnston stated that Mr. Simpson had been called away on account of the sickness of his daughter in the East and that Mr. Simpson has requested him to mention the fact and wished the meeting adjourned until his return –

The Chairman stated that he would be willing for an adjournment if Mr. Thompson Police Constable was suspended from duty until Mr. Simpson returned and the decision of the Board given.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Johnston seconded by Mr. Davison that Mr. Thompson Police Constable be suspended from his duties as a Police Officer for the City of Nanaimo until Mr. Simpson returns and until the full Board gives their decisions. Carried

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Adam Thompson
Clerk

J H Davison
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo BC held in the Police Court Nanaimo on Saturday afternoon May 15th 1897.

Present

Mayor Davison, JH Simpson Esq. Police Magistrate and A. R. Johnston Esquire

The meeting having been opened by the Chairman Mr. Simpson stated that Alderman Foreman had told him that the jail premises adjoining, were not be used for prisoners sentenced but only for confining prisoners on remand and prisoners sentenced would be sent to the Provincial Jail.

The decisions of the three Commissioners in the Investigation of George Thompson's charges were read by the Clerk (decisions) (on fyle).

In response to Mr. Simpson's request, the Clerk read the last resolution of the previous meeting of the Board regarding the suspension of Constable Thompson. In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Johnston stated that George A. Thompson would be now reinstated and the Chairman voted against it.

Communication

From the Municipal Council asking that the Board to instruct the Police Officers to enforce section six (6) of the "Bicycle Regulation Bylaw 1896".

In reply to Mr. Simpson Mr. Crossan stated that he would attend to the request of the Council.

Mr. Simpson drew attention to the Amendment to the Municipal Act which had been passed and of which he had a copy regarding the Police Commissioners fixing the salaries of the policemen

Motion

and he moved second by Mr. Johnston that the Salary of the Chief Crossan be \$90.00 per month, the salary of Constable Neen be \$70 per month and the salary of Constable Thompson be \$70 per month, for services as policemen. The motion was put and Carried, the Chairman voting against the motion. In reply to Mr. Johnston, the Chairman stated that the reason he voted against the motion was, "that he did not consider, that the Chief nor Constable Thompson are fit and capable men to be employed on the Police Force". The Chairman drew attention to the advisability of something being done to prohibit the storage of explosives in this city and the Grand Jury had also drawn attention to it in their presentment. He further stated that the City Council was not to blame as they had passed a Bylaw for that purpose last year but for some reason unknown to him the Police authorities would not enforce it. Mr. Johnston stated that, Mr. Young the Powder Works' Manager had informed him that the Company had arranged to build a wharf at Departure Bay and the ground had been purchased for the purpose and he thought it would be better for the matter to wait a while as the Company were moving in that direction.

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Mr. Simpson agreed with Mr. Johnston, The Chairman stated he was opposed to any more explosives being stored in the city and should any accident Messrs Johnston, Simpson would be responsible.

No further action was taken.

Communication

From the Municipal Council asking the Board to endorse a bill of \$7.10 rendered to them by George A. Thompson was read and on motion, it was decided that the account be paid.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Adam Thompson
Clerk

J H Davison
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, BC held in the Council Hall Nanaimo on Thursday the 10th June 1897.

Present

All the Commissioners

Communication

From D.M. Eberts, Esq. Attorney General enclosing extracts for the information of the Board of the presentment of the Grand Jury at the Assizes recently held at Nanaimo and asking that they receive attention from the Board, the extracts dealing with "the behavior of occupants in houses of prostitution while out on the streets and the sale of liquor should be stopped in these houses, that some hotels in this city are frequented by prostitutes and are used for gambling purposes and to these places boys under age are admitted and take part in the gambling and are allowed to smoke and drink. Cigarettes are sold to boys under age and no enquiry has been made to find out the parties selling the cigarettes". The matter having been discussed by the three Commissioners it was moved by Mr. Simpson

Motion

Seconded by Mr. Johnston that the communication and the copy of the presentment be received and the Police be instructed to present the continuance of the matters complained of by the Grand Jury to the best of their ability. Carried.

Communication

From Mr. Jas. Crossan Chief of Police requesting that the Police Force be provided with a suit of clothes each including caps and shoes also a pair of nippers as one pair was broken, was read.

The Chairman read Section 227 of the Municipal Amendment Act 1897 and then stated that the communication was out of order as the communication should be sent to the Municipal Council and not to this Board.

On motion, the matter was laid over until the next meeting Mr. Simpson stating that he was going to Victoria and would interview the Attorney General with reference to Section 227 of the Act.

Meeting then adjourned.

Adam Thompson
Clerk

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo BC held in the Council Hall Nanaimo on Thursday 12th August 1897.

Present

J H Simpson Esq Police Magistrate in the chair and A R Johnston Esq.

An account from Mr. Philip Niles of \$5.00 for Special Police services and from Mr. Thomas Peters of 5.00 for Special Police services were read.

In reply to Mr. Simpson, the Chief stated that the accounts were correct. On motion, the accounts were passed for payment.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Johnston seconded by Mr. Simpson that the usual annual vacations be given to all the members of the Police Force. Carried.

The Chief stated that he wished [cases?] of absence for [three?] weeks to go to the Grand Lodge.

Meeting then adjourned.

Adam Thompson
Clerk

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Nanaimo BC held on the 7th July 1899.

Present Mayor Bate and Commissioner Manson

Rules and Regulations for the government of the Police Force were considered and it was decided to adopt the code of regulations now before the Board to be agreed by the Commissioners before coming into force and that they be amended as it is found necessary.

The meeting then adjourned to re-assemble during the next week.

Wm Manson
Commissioners
Thomas O [Connell]

S Gough
Clerk

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on 12th July 1899.

Present

Messrs Wm Manson and Thos O. Connell Commissioners

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. On motion, S Gough was appointed Clerk.
On motion, of Mr. O'Connell it was decided that the Rules and Regulations now before the Board be adopted.

Notice of Meetings

It was decided that a notice be inserted in the Free Press, and the Review for one week giving information that the regular meeting of the Board will be held on the first Saturday of each month at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Records

On motion, it was ordered that the record books required by the Rules and Regulations be procured for the use of the Chief of Police and Constables, and that the books now in use of the Police Department be handed to the Clerk of this Board on delivery of the new set.

City-By Laws

The Clerk was directed to request the Municipal Council to consolidate the City By Laws so that they may be properly enforced.

On motion, the clerk was directed to inform the Chief of Police, that at the times of the meetings of the Board of Commissioners, he will be expected to be in his office so that he may be called if required.

It was decided that a copy of the Rules and Regulations be given to each member of the Police Force and the Magistrates.

The Board then adjourned till Saturday 5th August at 7 o'clock p.m.

Wm. Manson
T O'Connell

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 5th August 1899.

Present

Messrs Wm Manson and Thos O'Connell, Commissioners

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communication

From Mr. Jas Crossan Chief of Police reported that two constables had been on duty during the past month.

On motion, the report was received and fyled from the Chief of Police and Constable Neen asking for ten days leave of absence during the present month were read.

Constable Thompson asking for ten days leave of absence commencing from about the 20th inst. was read.

On motion, the leave was granted under the direction of the Chief of Police, no two men to be absent at once.

The pay sheet for the month of July of salaries of the members of the Police Force, was read and certified for payment.

On motion, it was decided that the attention of the Chief of Police be drawn to the nuisance of persons sitting on the handrails of the bridges and sidewalks in various parts of the city and that he be requested to abate the nuisance.

The meeting then adjourned till Saturday 2nd Septr 1899.

Wm Manson
T O'Connell Police Commissioners

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 2nd September 1899.

Present

Messrs Thos O'Connell and Wm Manson, Commissioners

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communication

From Mr. James Crossan Chief of Police stating that during the past month there had been 29 cases in the Police Court for violation of City By Laws, and 3 cases of assault on the Public Streets under the "Code" the fines in the latter cases had been paid over to the Provincial Government. One Policeman had made a tour of the City in respect of Sanitary work and noxious weeds. All members of the force had been on regular duty during the month except himself, having been away two days.

On motion, the report was received and fyled and the Secretary directed to request the Chief of Police to report the nature of all cases brought before the Police Court. The pay sheet for the month of August 1899 amounting to \$245.00 for salaries of Police Officers was read and approved by the Commissioners for payment. It was recommended that the Chief of Police's monthly report embrace the section of the City that had required the attention of the Police Officers in dealing with nuisances.

The meeting then adjourned till 7th October next.

Wm Manson
Police Commissioners
Thomas O'Connell

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 7th October 1899.

Present

Messrs W Manson and Thos O'Connell, Commissioners

The minutes of the previous meeting we read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of September there were 15 cases before the Police Court as follows: Drunk and Incapable 3 – causing disturbance 2. Drunk and Disorderly 6, Refusing to pay Tax 1 – Using Insulting Language 2, Assault and beating 1. A number of nuisances reported at the office had been abated under the direction of the officers. During the month Constable Neen had been away 4 days on his vacation and Constable Thompson had been away 10 days, Nightwatchman Trounce had been off duty several nights but on each occasion he had had a man in his place.

On motion, the report was received and fyled. The pay sheet for the month of September amounting to \$245.00 for Salaries of Police Officers, was read and approved for payment.

The Clerk stated that an application from the Chief of Police and the Nightwatchman for new suits of clothing for

the winter had been made to the Municipal Council who had referred the applications to the Commissioners for recommendation. On motion, it was decided that Municipal Council be requested to provide the police officers and nightwatchman with one suit at once for winter wear and spring suits in due course and that they be the usual style worn by Police Officers, and that rain coats be supplied when necessary.

The meeting then adjourned till Saturday 4th November.

M. Bate

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 4th November 1899.

Present

His Worship Mayor Bate and Messrs Thos O'Connell and Wm Manson Commissioners

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Mr. James Crossan Chief of Police reported that during the month of October there had been fourteen cases before the City Police Court as follows viz:

Driving Waggon over sidewalk 1. Theft 1. Using Insulting language 1. Obstructing sidewalk 1 Vagrancy 1. Causing disturbances 8. Allowing cattle to run at large 1. One nuisance had been reported at the Police Office but on investigation it was found to be outside the city limits. During the month Constable Neen had been absent 6 days which completed his vacation. Nightwatchman Trounce had been sick and off duty two nights but had put a man in his place.

On motion, the report was received and fyled. The pay sheet for the month of October amounting to \$245.00 for salaries of Police Officers, was read and approved for payment. Commissioner Manson stated that his attention had been drawn to reports that gambling was being carried on in some public places also that licensed premises were kept open during prohibited hours. The matters were considered by the Commissioners at some length, when on motion, of Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Manson it was decided to request the Chief of Police to be present at the next meeting of the Board when matters affecting the duties of the Police Officers may be considered.

The meeting then adjourned till 2nd December 1899.

M Bate

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Tuesday 5th December 1899.

Present

His Worship Mayor Bate and Messrs Wm Manson and Thomas O'Connell Commissioners.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of November eleven cases had been disposed off in the Police Court, as follows:

Allowing cattle to run at large	3
Drunk & Incapable	2
Gambling	5
Theft	<u>1</u>
Total	11

During the month Nightwatchman Trounce had been off duty on account of sickness, and Mr. James Gilligan had performed his duties. On motion, the report was received and fyled. The pay sheet for the month of November 1899 amounting to \$245.00 for salaries of Police Officers was read and approved for payment.

In reply to a Commissioner, the Chief of Police stated that the attention of a number of parents had been called to the provisions of the Curfew By Law, and some children had been brought before the magistrate to be cautioned. Referring to the damage done at the North Ward School the Chief stated the officers had regularly visited the schools during the vacation Commissioner Manson referred to a complaint that had been brought to him of the need of a better enforcement of the laws.

In reply to Commissioner O'Connell, the Chief of Police stated that there was not much to complain of in the way the general laws were kept, if the laws were stringently carried out many poor people would be made to suffer. His Worship the Mayor stated that it was the express duty of the Police to carry out the provisions of the by laws of the City and the general laws of the Province. Commissioner O'Connell referred to certain portions of the city which needed attention, particularly the using of water from wells, many of them were but little better than cesspools.

The meeting then adjourned till Saturday 6th January 1900.

M Bate

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 3rd February 1900.

Present

His Worship Mayor Bate and Messrs Thos O'Connell and William Manson, Commissioners

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. On motion, His Worship Mayor Bate was appointed Chairman of the Board.

Communication

From Geo A Thompson and Jacob Neen, Policemen, drawing attention to the long hours they are on duty, and that they are on duty at night, while the policemen in other cities have a change from night to day duty, and that while they are a longer time on duty than any other policemen in the cities of this Province there wages are less than the

general rate paid in Nanaimo and other cities of British Columbia, was read and on motion, was referred to the Chief of Police for report as to any better plan for this division of the hours of duty.

The Chief of Police reported that during the month of January 18 cases had been before the Police Court as follow

Assault	3
Allowing bitch to run at large	1
Selling liquor during prohibited hours	3
Using obscene and grossly insulting language	1
Selling goods without a license	1
Stealing	2
Under the Drunkards Act	1
Causing disturbance on street	1
Exposing the person on the public street	2
Vagrancy	<u>3</u>
Total	18

On motion, the report was received and fyled. The pay sheet for the month of January amounting to \$245.00 for police officers was read and approved for payment.

The Chief of Police stated that he had received a communication from Mr. E.M. Yarwood on behalf of Mr. John Mahrer respecting the sale of liquors at the Opera House, and he wished the advice of the Board on the matter.

On motion, the question was referred to this Board of Licensing Commissioners to investigate any irregularity in the issue of the license to the Opera House.

The meeting then adjourned till 3rd March next

M Bate

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 3rd March 1900.

Present

His Worship Mayor Bate and Messrs Wm Manson and Thomas O'Connell, Commissioners.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted the Chief of Police reported that during the past

month there had been seven case in the Police Court as follows

Drunk and disorderly	4
Vagrancy	1
Drunk and incapable	<u>2</u>
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The pay sheet for the month of February 1900 amounting to \$245.00 being salaries of police officers was read and approved for payment.

Moved by Commissioners O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Manson that Mr. James Gilligan be appointed Nightwatchman in place of Wm Trounce deceased and that he be sworn in a constable to act in any case of emergency. Carried

In answer to a Commissioner the Chief of Police stated that the hours of duty has been fixed by a previous Board, and were from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. and from 6 p.m. till 5 a.m. On motion, the question of the hours of duty was [laid] over until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The meeting then adjourned till Saturday 7th April

M Bate

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 5th May 1900.

Present

His Worship Mayor Bate and Messrs Thos O'Connell and Wm Manson, Commissioners

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of April there had been eighteen cases before the Police Court as follows

Theft	2
Assault	7
Drunk & Disorderly	3
Drunk & Incapable	2
Vagrancy	1
Using profane language on street	2
[Wounding]	<u>1</u>
Total	18

He also submitted a statement of a house to house sanitary inspection made by the Constables.

The report of the Sanitary inspection was referred to the Sanitary Committee of the Municipal Council.

Communication

From Mr. M J Booth asking for some steps to be taken to abate a nuisance caused by boys congregating the corner of Fitzwilliam and Milton streets, and using abusive language to ladies and others.

The Clerk stated that as there was no meeting of the Board last month, he had shown the letter to the Chief of Police. Constable Thompson was present and stated the matter had received the attention of the policemen, and there was now no cause for complaint.

The communication was then received and filed.

The pay sheet for the month of April 1900 amounting to \$245.00 being salaries of Police officers was read and approved for payment.

On motion, Constable Neen was appointed to act as Chief of Police during the absence of Mr. Crossan.

The meeting then adjourned till 2nd June

Wm Manson
Thomas O'Connell

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 2nd June 1900.

Present

Messrs Thomas O'Connell and Wm Manson Commissioner Manson was appointed chairman of the meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of May 13 cases had been before the Police Magistrate as follow

Drunk and Disorderly	3
Assault and Beating	1
Using obscene Language	1
Supplying liquors to Indian	4
Drunk	4
Total	13

The pay sheet for the month of May amounting to \$245.00 for Police officers salaries was read and approved for payment.

The meeting then adjourned till 7th July next

Wm Manson
T O'Connell

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 4th August 1900.

Present

Messrs Wm Manson and Thomas O'Connell, Commissioners. Mr. Manson was appointed chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The reports of the Chief of Police for the months of June and July were read as follows. For June there had been eleven cases before the Police Magistrate as following:

Using indecent language on public streets	3
Drunk and Disorderly	2
Drunk and Incapable	4
Vagrancy	1
Selling good without having a license	<u>1</u>
Total	11

For July nine cases:

Drunk and incapable	2
Stealing	1
Incest	1
Using indecent language	3
Drunk and disorderly	<u>2</u>
Total	9

The pay sheet for the month of July 1900 amounting to \$245.00 for Salaries of Police Officers was read and referred to the Municipal Council for payment.

In reply to Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Manson stated that tenders had been invited for supplying police uniforms and they would be considered at their meeting next Monday.

The meeting then adjourned till 1st September next

Wm Manson
T O'Connell

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 1st September 1900.

Present

Messrs Thomas O'Connell and Wm Manson. Mr. Manson was appointed chairman.

The minutes

Of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the past month fourteen cases had been before the Police Magistrate, as follows

Drunk and Incapable	3
Drunk and Disorderly	4
Committing a nuisance on the street	1
Riding Bicycles on Sidewalk	1
Peddling goods without a License	1
Selling Tobacco to a minor	1
Having Stolen goods in possession	1
With intent to do grievous bodily harm	1
Vagrancy	<u>1</u>
Total	14

On motion, the report was received and fyle.

The pay sheet for the month of August 1900 amounting to \$245.00 for salaries of Policemen read and referred to the Municipal Council for payment.

Reverends M VanSickle, C E Cooper, MB Cumming and W W Baer addressed the Commissioners regarding the better enforcement of the laws in this city and referred particularly to the suppression of Bawdy houses, gambling, and the enforcement of the Curfew Law and Sunday Closing law. The deputation thanked the Commissioners for the hearing granted them and then withdrew.

The Commissioners decided to postpone the consideration of the various matters referred to by the speakers until the return of His Worship the Mayor

The meeting then adjourned

Wm Manson
Thomas O'Connell

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 1st December 1901.

Present

Messrs Thos O'Connell and Wm Manson. In the absence of the Mayor Commissioner Manson was appointed Chairman of the meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The reports of the Chief of Police for the month of September and October were read as follows. For September there were six cases in the Police Court.

Drunk and Incapable	4
Stabbing with intent to do grievous bodily harm	1
Drunk and Disorderly	<u>1</u>
Total	6

For October thirteen cases

Vagrancy	1
Drunk & Disorderly	1
Causing a disturbance on street	5
Assault	2
Drunk and Incapable	2
Criminal Libel	<u>2</u>
Total	13

On motion, the reports were received and fyled. The pay sheet of Salaries of Police Officers for the month of November 1900 amounting to \$245.00 was read and referred to the Municipal Council for payment.

The meeting then adjourned

M Bate

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 5th January 1901.

Present His Worship Mayor Bate, and Commissioners W. Manson and Wm O'Connell.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 2nd March 1901.

Present

His Worship Mayor Manson and Commissioners Geo Johnson and John Morrison.

Communication

From Mr. J N Musgrave applying for the appointment of himself as City detective was received and fyled. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of January there had been nine cases in the City Police Court as follows:-

Drunk and disorderly	3
Keeping a Disorderly house	1
Vagrancy	1
Selling liquor by retail	1
Selling liquor without a license	1
Assault	1
Using profane language on the street	1
Total	9

During the month of February there had been thirteen cases, as follow

Stealing	1
Drunk and Incapable	3
Drunk and disorderly	2
Infraction Fire limit By-Law	4
Vagrancy	1
Using profane language on the street	1
Assault	1
Total	13

On motion, the report was received and fyled. The PaySheet for the month of February 1901 amounting to \$245.00 being Salaries of Police Officer was read and referred to the Municipal Council for payment. The Chairman referred to the remarks of an Alderman at the Council Meeting of the necessity for the police to act in harmony with the Sanitary and other committees of that body in carrying out the regulations made from time to time, and stated that it was understood that no complaint was intended by the remarks, but merely to have the arrangement on a proper footing for the proper enforcement of the City by-laws. He also referred to some complaints that had been made about the sanitary condition of the Chinese wash houses.

Commissioners Johnson and Morrison stated that complaints were made that gambling was being carried on in the saloons and some of the candy stores, and that young boys were enticed into the latter places for the purpose of carrying on gambling practices. Chief Crossan stated that he had visited the saloons and had not seen

anything of it, if it was carried on it is done in back rooms.

The Commissioners stated that they would give every facility to put a stop to the practice.

The meeting then adjourned till 6th April at 7 p.m.

Wm. Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 6th April 1901.

Present

His Worship Mayor Manson and Commissioners John Morrison and Geo Johnson

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of March there had been three cases before the Police Magistrate as follows

Drunk and Disorderly	2
Assault	<u>1</u>
Total	3

The report was read and filed. The Pay Sheet for the month of March 1901 amounting to \$245.00 for Salaries of Police Officers, was read and referred to the Municipal Council.

A communication from Mr. S. Wilks to the Municipal Council, referring to an overcoat and gloves belonging to him and which had been lost while he was employed as a Quarantine guard – and which had been referred to this Board by the Council was read.

The Chief of Police stated that the coat had been left by Mr. Wilks to be fumigated and when that was done, there was no reason why he should not have taken it away himself as he had personally removed the coat from the fumigating chamber and put it in the next room. Commissioner Johnson stated that complaints had been made to him, that young boys under age were being supplied with cigarettes.

The meeting then adjourned till 4th May 7 p.m.

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 4th May 1901.

Present

His Worship Mayor Manson and Commissioners Geo Johnson and [Jno] Morrison

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of April 1901, there had been 26 cases before the Police Magistrate as follows:-

Assault	2
Drunk and Disorderly	4
Keeper of Houses of Ill fame	6
Inmates of Houses of Ill fame	9
Using obscene language on Street	3
Carrying fire-arms, (Boy being under age)	1
Riding Bicycle on Sidewalk	1
Total	26

Also requesting that the members of the Police Force be allowed their usual holidays during the summer months. And making applications for summer uniforms for the police.

On motion, The portion referring to Police Court cases was received and fyled. It was decided to grant the Chief one week additional to the usual holidays. The Commissioners recommend that the Police be supplied with summer uniforms, and referred the furnishing of the same to the Municipal Council.

The Pay Sheet for the month of April amounting to \$245.00 being Salaries of Police officers was read and referred to the Municipal Council for payment.

The meeting then adjourned till 1st June next

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 1st June 1901.

Present

His Worship Mayor Manson and Commissioners John Morrison and George Johnson

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the past month there had been ten cases with Police Court as follows:

Unlawful damage to Property	1
Drunk and Incapable	2
Drunk and Disorderly	2
Riding Bicycle on Sidewalk	2
Using Abusive language on street	1
Unlawful wounding	1
Beating	<u>1</u>
Total	10

On motion, the report was received and fyled. The pay Sheet for the month of May amounting to \$245.00 for Salaries of Police Officers was read and approved for payment.

The Chief of Police referred to the employment of Mr. John McDonald as a Special Constable for five days during the month of May at \$2.50 per day, and amounting to \$12.50. On motion, payment of this account was approved and it was referred to the Municipal Council. The attention of the Chief of Police was drawn to the deposit of offensive matter in the drain on Prideaux Street near Victoria Road. The Chief stated that steps would be taken at once to abate the nuisance.

The meeting then adjourned till 6th July

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 6th July 1901.

Present

His Worship Mayor Manson and Commissioner Geo Johnson and J Morrison

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the past month there had been nine cases in the Police Court, as follows

Drunk and disorderly	5
Drunk and Incapable	1
Selling Liquor to Indians	1
Driving waggon on Sidewalk	1
Willful damage to property	<u>1</u>
Total	9

On motion, the report was received and fyled. The Pay Sheet for the month of June, amounting to \$245.00 for Police Officers Salaries was read and approved for payment. Reference was made to the condition of the drains in several parts of the City which called for attention by the Sanitary Committee, and the Chief of Police requested to report such drains to the above committee. Commissioner Johnson referred to the fact that men were canvassing the town for the supply of [picture?], and some of them had not applied for Licenses.

The meeting then adjourned till 3rd August

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 3rd August 1901.

Present

His Worship Mayor Manson and Commissioners John Morrison and George Johnson

The Minutes

Of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Reports

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of July, that during the month six cases had been brought before the Police Magistrate as follows, was read:-

Causing disturbance	3
Assault and beating	1
Selling vegetables during prohibited hour	1
Drunk and incapable	1
Total	6

On motion, the report was received and fyled. The Pay Sheet for the month of July amounting to \$245.00 being Salaries of Police Officers, was read and being approved, was referred to the Municipal Council for payment. Attention was drawn to the wanton destruction of the fence at Deveril Square and to the under part of the fire station, the matter was referred to the Chief of Police, he was also requested to bring to the attention of the proper parties any drains that required attention.

The meeting then adjourned till 7th Sepr next

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 7th September 1901.

Present

His Worship Mayor Manson, and Commissioner Morrison.

The minutes

Of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Reports

The Chief of Police reported that during the month of August there had been four cases in the Police court, as follows:-

Causing Disturbance	1
Vagrancy	1
Drunk and disorderly	<u>2</u>
Total	4

On motion, the report was received and fyled. The pay sheet for the month of August, 1901, amounting to \$245.00 being salaries of Police Officers, was read, and being approved was referred to the Municipal Council for payment.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned till 5th October next.

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 5th October 1901.

Present

His Worship Mayor Manson and Commissioner Johnson

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted

The Chief of Police reported that during the month of September there had been four cases before the Police Magistrate as follows:

Drunk and disorderly	1
Drunk and incapable	1
Assault	1
Damage to property	<u>1</u>
Total	4

On motion, the report was received and filed. The Pay Sheet for the month of September amounting to \$245.00 being salaries of Police Officers was read, and was approved and referred to the Municipal Council for payment.

The Board then adjourned till 2 Nov at 7 p.m.

Wm. Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 2nd November 1901.

Present

His Worship Mayor Manson and Commissioner Johnson

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the past month there had been 17 cases in the Police Court as follows

Drunk and disorderly	3
Drunk and incapable	4
Drunk	3
Vagrancy	1
Damage to property	1
With intent to commit and indictable offence	1
Selling liquors to Indians	1
Assault	1
With intent to maim and wound	1
Selling Liquor during prohibited hours	<u>1</u>
Total	17

He also made application for winter uniforms for the Police Force. The Commissioners suggested that in the monthly report fuller particulars might be incorporated such as the disposal of the cases before the Court and

mounting of fines levied. The report was received and fyled. The pay sheet for the month of October amounting to \$245.00 being Salaries of Police Officers was read and referred to the Municipal Council for payment. The Chairman referred to the case of the man found in Hirst's store. The Chief stated that the party referred to had been found in the store and had been brought before the Police Magistrate on a charge of attempting to commit an indictable offence, and as there was not evidence produced to substantiate the charge he had been dismissed. Provincial Constable Stewart had disagreed with the decision of the Police Magistrate and had caused the arrest of the man again.

In reply to Commissioner Johnson, the Chief stated that Nightwatchman Gilligan got part of his Salary from the New Vancouver Coal Co and is required to make three or four trips to the wharves every night.

In reply to the Chairman the Chief stated that there being no detective the policemen had to do things that were prohibited in the rules and regulations, otherwise they would be unable to get information that may be necessary.

It was agreed that the Commissioners and Chief meet and consider such amendments to the rules as may be necessary to secure their enforcement.

Reference was made to complaints had been that the Curfew by law as not enforced. The Chief stated that as required by the by law he had last spring sent out as many as a dozen letters a day to parents and guardians, these had to be [signed?] by the City Clerk and the by law entailed so much that it was hard to keep track of the children, some children that were brought before the Police Magistrate six weeks ago were brought before him again yesterday, and will come up again on Monday. He wished to visit the Provincial Reformatory to ascertain particulars regarding it.

The meeting then adjourned till 7th Dece next

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 7th December 1901.

Present

His Worship Mayor Manson and Commissioner Johnson

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of November there had been fifteen cases in the City Police Court as follows

Drunk and Disorderly	5
Drunk and Incapable	3

Assault	1
Indecent Exposure	1
Breaking and Entering	1
Supplying liquors to Indian	1
Under the liquor Act	1
Stealing	<u>2</u>
Total	15

Fines to the amount of \$55.00 and \$20.00 costs had been levied.

On motion, the report was received and fyled. The Pay sheet for the month of November amounting to \$245.00 being Salaries of Police Officers was read and referred to the Municipal Council for payment.

The Chairman stated that the Commissioner with the Chief of Police had examined the Police Rules and Regulations and they were found to be satisfactory, and it is expected that in future they will carried out.

In reply to Commissioner Johnson, the Chief of Police stated that the drains were in fair condition there had not been any complaints since the rainy weather had started.

The meeting then adjourned till 4th January 1902.

Wm. Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 4th January 1902.

Present

His Worship Mayor Manson and Commissioner Johnston

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of December 1901, there had been seven cases before the Police Magistrate as follows

Drunk & Disorderly	3
Stealing	1
Assault	2
Causing a disturbance	<u>1</u>
Total	7

Fines to the [sic] of \$17.50 and \$4.00 costs had been levied. On motion, the report was received and fyled. The Paysheet for the month of December 1902, amounting to \$245.00 for salaries of Police Officers, was read and referred to the Municipal Council for payment.

The Clerk was authorized to procure the necessary books for the use of the Police Dept.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Sunday 7th April 1902.

Present

His Worship Mayor Manson 2nd Commissioners A.E. Planta and J H Cocking.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 1902, were read, there was not any action taken on them by the Board.

Communication

From Constables Neen and Thompson drawing the attention of the Board to the long hours that they are upon duty and asking for a raise of wages. Commissioner Planta referred to the non enforcement of the laws, especially gambling which is being carried on in two or three of the Hotels, and which must be stopped, if it cannot be done by the present force and they required help, he would be in favour of giving it to them, but the laws must be enforced.

Mayor Manson stated that the matter had been referred to by the previous Boards, and he was of the opinion that much more could be done than had been. It had been represented that the services of a detective were needed. ~~{Other the laws needed}~~ enforcing among others, the hours during which salaries should be closed
Commissioner Cocking stated that he agreed with the remarks of the Chairman and Commissioner Planta and would lend his assistance to see that the laws were properly enforced . Complaints were constantly made that the laws were not enforced, he referred to the non enforcement of the Curfew By Law – also that liquors were sold in unlicensed premises.

Chief of Police Crossan stated that there were more young men in town who do not work, but he did not know that there was any gambling in the City. It was impossible to enforce the Sunday Closing By Law, The Chief of Police in Victoria had endeavoured to enforce the law there, but had not been able to secure a conviction.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Cocking seconded by Commissioner Planta that the communication be received, and that the wages of Constable Neen and Thompson, be \$80.00 per month from 1st April. Carried.

In reply to the Chairman, the Chief of Police stated that the rules were kept as far as possible, smoking was indulged in sometimes by Constable Neen and himself.

Report

The Chief of Police reported that during the month of March there had been seven cases in the Police Court as follows

Drunk and Incapable	6
Vagrancy	1
Total	7

Fines to the amount of \$25.00 and costs \$10.00 had been levied.

He also made application for summer suits of clothing for the Police Officer. On motion, the report was received and filed and the request for uniforms was granted. The Paysheet amounting to \$245.00 being salaries of the Police Officers for the month of March was read and referred to the municipal Council for payment Commissioner Planta suggested the advisability of installing alarm bells for calling the police, say one on Victoria Crescent. It was decided to procure an estimate of the cost of placing in position and maintenance. Attention was drawn to boys making noisy demonstrations on the streets. The Chief of Police was requested to report to the Board the names of parents, and the children allowed to run at large on the streets after nightfall.

The meeting then adjourned till 5th May at 3 p.m.

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on 3rd June 1902.

Present

His Worship Mayor Manson, and Commissioners J H Cocking and A E Planta

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communication from Mr. J. Gillian Nightwatchman requesting that he may be provided with a suit of clothes or uniform, was read, and on motion, was referred to the Municipal Council. The report of the Chief of Police for the month of April was read, stating that there had been 13 cases in the Police Court, as follows:-

Vagrancy	2
Causing disturbance on street	3
Cruelty to Animal	2
Selling liquor during prohibited hours	1
Allowing people in Bar room	1

With being in the Barroom	1
Violation Sunday Observance By Law	1
Drunk and disorderly	1
Theft	<u>1</u>
	13

Fines to the amount of \$52.00 and costs \$10.00 had been levied.

During the month he had fumigated the schools and 7 private houses. The city had been very quiet during the month, and he applied for the usual holidays for the members of the Police Force. The report was received and filed and the holidays were granted, but so that but one member of the force should be absent at once. The Pay Sheet for the month of May 1902 amounting to \$265.00 being salaries of Police Officers was read and referred to the Municipal Council for payment.

In reply to Commissioner Planta, Acting Chief Neen stated that he did not think that the Curfew By Law was seriously violated, he had stopped some children on the streets and they had stated that they were on their way home from entertainments, but the boys that used to congregate under the electric lights had been dispersed.

Attention was drawn to men and boys sitting on the handrails on the side of some of the streets.

In reply to Commissioner Planta, Constable Thompson stated the cases of violation of the Sunday closing By Law had been adjourned so as to allow them to appeal as a test case, it was expected that the other cases would come up to-morrow.

The matter of the several summonses issued under the Sunday closing By law was considered by the Commissioners, It was found that since the first summonses were served, other cases had arisen under the same By Law and the lawyer for the defence had asked for their adjournment.

Attention was drawn to the necessity of the Police making a tour of inspection of the back premises in all parts of the City. Reference was made to reports of persons selling liquors without license, Mr. Neen stated that in following up such reports he found that it was parties to whom Wholesale Liquor licenses had been issued.

Mr. Pittendrigh offered to install two Call bells, one in Victoria Crescent and the other on Front Street, for \$35.00 each bell, the cost of maintaining them would be about \$5.00 per month.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Cocking seconded by Mr. Planta that the Municipal Council be requested to arrange for the installing of two call bells for police purposes. Carried

The meeting then adjourned till 8th July at 3 p.m.

Wm Manson

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on 7th October 1902.

Present

His Worship Mayor Manson and Commissioners A E Planta and J H Cocking.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of September there had been ten cases in the City Police Court as follows:

Drunk and Incapable	7
Carrying Concealed Weapons	2
Assault	<u>1</u>
Total	10

Fines to the amount of \$22.00 and costs \$2.00 had been levied. On motion, the report was received and fyled.

Communication

From G [Treherm?] asking for a refund of fine imposed for being present in a bar room. The Chairman explained that the amount claimed was included in Mr. Young's account the communication was then fyled.

Bill from Mr. Jas Crossan Chief of Police of [byor] for traveling expenses of Miss Lawrence and himself to Vancouver to give evidence in the Pick-pocket cases, was approved for payment and referred to the Municipal Council.

Replying to Commissioner Cocking, the Chief of Police stated that tests of milk were being made, but not published and that the inspection of Bread will commence at once.

On motion, the Chief of Police was instructed to test milk and also inspect Dairies and outhouses in conformity with the By-law and that the results of the milk inspection be published twice (once in each daily paper) between the present time and the next meeting of this Board.

The Chairman drew attention to the case of a boy being enticed into and harboured in a certain house of ill-fame. On motion, the Chief of Police was instructed to use the most rigid measures in the case.

A number of matters were discussed and the police were directed to enforce the provisions of the several By laws relating to the same.

The meeting then adjourned till 4th Novr at 3 pm.

Wm. Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on 6th April 1903.

Present

His Worship Mayor Manson and Commissioners J H Cocking and A E Planta.

The Minutes

Of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The reports of the Chief of Police from October 1902 to 3rd March were received the details being as follows:

For October	No Cases	Fine	Costs
Assault	1	\$20.	2.00
Shooting off a gun inside City	3	dismissed	
Causing a disturbance in streets	2	10	4.00
Drunk & Incapable	2	10	4.00
Supplying Liquors to Indians	1	100	2.00
Supplying Liquor to person under Act	<u>2</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>2.00</u>
Total	<u>11</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>14.00</u>

For November	No Cases	Fine	Costs
Refusal to pay dog tax	1	2.00	
Selling Tobacco to Minors	1	7.50	2
Shooting of firearms in City	1	15	2
Drunk & Incapable	<u>3</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	<u>6</u>	<u>39.50</u>	<u>8.00</u>

For December	No Cases	Fine	Costs
Vagrancy	4	\$30.00	
Refusing to pay dog tax	8	7.00	
Drunk & Incapable	1	10	2
Placed under Liquor Act	<u>2</u>		

Total	<u>15</u>	<u>47.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>
For January			
Drunk & Disorderly	6	25.00	10.00
Obstructing Police on duty	2	50.00	4.00
Carrying concealed weapons	1	10	2
Selling Liquor in prohibited houses	2	40.00	4
Drunk and Incapable	1	dismissed	
Assault	<u>1</u>	-----	
Total	13	125.00	20.00
For February			
Put under Liquor Act	1		
Theft	2		
Vagrancy	1		
Biting & Kicking	1		
Assault	1		
Attempting to break from Custody	1		
Drunk & disorderly	<u>1</u>	<u>5.00</u>	
Total	8	5.00	-----
For March			
House Breaking	1	5.00	2.00
Assault	1		
Unlawful cohabiting	1		
Drunk & Disorderly	3	15.00	6.00
Drunk & Incapable	1	5.00	
Obstructing Police Officer	1	25.00	2.00
Causing disturbance	<u>2</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>
	10	\$60.00	\$12.00

The Chief of Police also applied for uniforms for the policemen.

Replying to Commissioner Cocking, the Chief of Police stated that he had carried out the instruction of the Board

regarding the inspection of milk and Bread which he found up to the required standard, he had not inspected the dairies, as he doubted his authority. The question of inspecting the Dairies in the district was considered, and it was decided that the Chief make periodical inspections.

On motion, the application for Police uniforms was approved, and it was decided to request the Municipal Council to have them provided. The matter of having the City Bylaws codified and bound in pamphlet form was considered and it was decided to request the Municipal Council to have the work done for the use of the Members of the Council and various officials.

Commissioner Planta drew attention to disrepectable women parading the streets in a manner to attract attention, as well as driving around the city in very conspicuous vehicle. The Chief of Police stated that he would see that it was discontinued.

Commissioner Cocking referred to report of gambling being carried on in the City. It was decided that the laws against gambling be enforced, and that raids be instituted if necessary.

The meeting then adjourned.

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Saturday 6th June 1903.

Present His Worship Mayor Manson and Commissioners A E Planta and J H Cocking

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police made report for the month of April and May as follows:-

		Fines Levied	Costs
Assault	2	10.00	2.00
Drunk and Incapable	3		
Drunk and Disorderly	3	10.00	
Keeping a Vicious Dog	1		
Supplying Liquor to person under Act	<u>2</u>		
Total	11	\$20.00	2.00

During the month he had visited seventeen places from which milk is sold in the city, and found them in good condition, he had also examined the certificates furnished to the respective parties and by the Cattle Inspector which showed that the cattle were in a satisfactory condition. He also made application for the usual holidays for the members of the Police Force, sometime during the summer.

For May the cases in the City Police court were:

Drunk and disorderly	1	5.00	2
Drunk and Incapable	3	10.00	2
Riding Bicycle on Sidewalk	1	3.00	2
Theft	1		
Incendiary	<u>2</u>		
Total	8	18.00	6.00

A great many complaints had been received at the Police Office regarding boys breaking windows, also playing ball on the streets and other mischievous acts. The law is such that the boys cannot very well be punished themselves and their parents are inclined to believe the boys in preference to outsiders.

Also that the Police are doing a good deal of Sanitary work at present.

On motion, the reports were received and fyled, the request for holidays was granted the chief to arrange the times so that there would not be any conflict.

Commissioner Planta referred to the complaints of boys playing on the streets to the annoyance of residents, as well as trampling in gardens, this had been going on Albert Street and Victoria Road as well as a growing practice of breaking windows in vacant houses.

The Chief stated that the police were endeavouring to find out the parties that were breaking windows.

Commissioner Planta also referred to the offensive habit some persons had of using profane language and swearing, parties lounging about at the intersection of Church & Commercial were in the habit of indulging in the offense. Reference was also made to the need of inspecting back yards to see that nuisances were not permitted to exist, which may become dangerous as the warm weather approaches. The Chairman referred to a report that had reached him, of gambling being permitted in licensed houses, the police were urged to do their utmost to prevent any such practices.

The need of a Municipal By law to regulate the issuing of liquor licenses was considered by the Commissioners.

The meeting then adjourned till 4th July at 7 pm

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on Monday [21st] December 1903.

Present

Mayor Manson and Commissioners J H Cocking and A. E. Planta.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The reports of the Chief of Police for the month of July, August, Sept. Oct and Nov were read

For June there had been 16 cases in the police court, as follows:

		Fines	Costs
Inmates of house of ill fame	4	20.	8.
Drunk & incapable	5	10.	2.
Drunk and disorderly	1	5.	2.
Assault	3	5.	
Damage to property	1		
Under the Liquor Act	1		
Supplying liquor to Indians	1		
	16	\$40	\$12

One house had been fumigated, where a consumption patient had died. Milk had been tested once during the month, and all had been found above the required standard

For August 27 cases in the police court

Drunk & Incapable	3	10.00	4
Drunk & disorderly	7	45	10.00
Supplying Liquor to Indian	1	50	2.00
Malicious damage to property	8	15	2.00
Refusing duty on ship	6		
Dog Stealing	2		
	27	\$120.00	\$18.00

During the month the public schools had been fumigated and the police had attended to mowing weeds and Sanitary work.

For August and September 12 cases in the police court

Aug 30 th			
Drunk and disorderly	1	5	
Sept 30 th " "	2	10.00	4
Drunk and incapable	1	5	
Assault	8	5	2
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	12	\$25.00	\$6.00

A number of nuisance cases had been reported at the Police Office, but as they were of only a light nature, and the parties complaining did not wish to have their names mentioned publicly, the nuisances were abated under the direction of the officers. The city had been very quiet generally, otherwise

He also made application for new rain coats for the officers

For October there had been nine cases in the Police Court

		Fines	Court Cases
Stealing	1		
Vagrancy	1		
Assault	1	5	
Drunk and disorderly	1		
Drunk and incapable	4	15	6
Supplying liquor to Indian	1		
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	9	\$20.00	\$6.00

For November there had been 15 cases in the police court

Writing obscene language on fences	1		2.00
Stealing	1		
Receiving Stolen goods	2		
Drunk and Incapable	1		
Assault	2		2.00
Vagrancy	1		
Selling liquor on Sunday	5	130.00	10.00
Wounding with intent to maim	1		
Shooting " " "	1		
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\$130.00

\$14.00

He also reported that Constable Neen had been off duty for two weeks, more than his holiday time, with a sore arm, and he had put Mr McIndoo in his place since the 1st Decr to perform his duties.

Commissioner Cocking referred to the absence of reports of inspections of milk.

The Chief of Police stated that through having no [narrative?] and on hand he had not made inspections recently and he had not incurred expense for buggy hire to visit dairies every month, when in the vicinity of any dairy he looked into it.

The chairman referred to the wait for accommodations at the police station, for persons having business there. It was decided to ask the Municipal Council to have a door placed in the partition on the upper floor, and make the front room the private office for the Chief.

The Chairman referred to certain reports that had been in circulation regarding irregularity in the [manner?] of dealing with the late nightwatchman's offence, by the Chief of Police. Mr. Crossan stated that he was quite prepared for the Commissioners to inquire into the matter at any time, though if they were not ready to proceed with the investigation at once, he would reserve any remark until that time.

It was decided to make further inquiry and then decide as to the time.

The Commissioners directed that application be made to the Municipal Council for two night lamps for the policeman.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Wm. Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on 2nd January 1904.

Present

Mayor Manson and Commissioners A E Planta and J H Cocking

The Minutes

Of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of December

there had been 27 cases in the City Police Court as follows:-

		Fines	Costs
Stealing	7		
Using Profane language on street	1	10.00	2.00
Fighting on Street	2	10.00	4.00
Refusing to pay Dog Tax	15	13.50	10.00
Assault	1		
Vagrancy	1		
Total	27	\$ 33.50	\$16.00

The Chairman stated that the inquiry regarding the conduct of the Chief of Police in the matter of delay in the arrest of the late nightwatchman, would be proceeded with on the 16th inst at 3 o'clock pm.

The meeting then adjourned till the 16th January at 3 pm

Wm. Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on 16th January 1904.

Present

Mayor Manson and Commissioner J H Cocking and A E Planta

The Chairman stated that the meeting was convened for the purpose of holding the investigation decided upon concerning the Chief of the Police Force.

Commissioner Planta stated that since the last meeting of the Board, some changes had occurred, he had been informed that his successor had been named, and he thought it would be unwise to commence the inquiry, when there was but little prospect that the present Board would be able to complete the work.

Replying to Commissioners Cocking, the Chairman stated that summonses had not been served on witnesses, owing to the uncertainty regarding the inquiry being proceeded with [today?]

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Planta and resolved that the investigation be delayed for a few days, and that the Chairman call the Board together on a day when the inquiry can be proceeded with and finished.

The meeting then adjourned, to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on Tuesday 1st March 1904.

Present Mayor Manson and Commissioners T. Hodgson and Wm. Fenton

Communication

From Rev C E Cooper, making inquiry as to the duties of the Chief of Police and asking if he was not Public Prosecutor on behalf of the city, also criticizing his action in the late case of Joseph Guffallo before the Board of Licensing Commissioners was read. The Chairman stated, that the case referred to by Mr. Cooper had been dealt with in the Police Court, remark was there made that the license might be revoked or suspended, subsequently complaints were made, and the matter was brought before the Licensing Commissioners. Mr. Crossan was not requested to prosecute, as far as he was aware, there was nothing in the Police rules, imposing on him the duties of Prosecutor. He had no doubt that if Mr. Crossan had been requested to prosecute in the Licensing Commissioners Court, he would have done so.

Replying to Commissioner Hodgson, the Chief of Police stated that he was present at the Police Court when Guffallo was fined and that he had personally lodged the complaint against Guffallo, as far as he knew, the procedure was to fine for a first offense.

It was decided, that Mr. Cooper's communication be acknowledged, and that a copy of the Police Rules and Regulations be sent to him.

Reports of The Chief of Police for the months of January and February 1904 were read as follows:

For January, there were six cases in the Police Court

Using obscene language	1
Drunk and Incapable	3
Assault	1
Put under Liquor Act	<u>1</u>
Total	6

Constable Neen was reported on the sick list, and slowly improving. Milk had been tested during the month.

For February, there were 16 cases in the Police Court

		Fines	Costs
Drunk and disorderly	2	5	4
Drunk & incapable	1	5	2
Selling Liquor to a boy under 16 years	1	10	2
Assault	2	1	2
Obstructing the sidewalk		1	
Theft	2		
Children to Protective Association	5		
Put under Liquor Act	<u>2</u>		
	16.00	21.00	10

Constable Neen was reported so far recovered, as to be able to be on duty again.

Replying to Commissioner Hodgson, the Chief stated that he could not say that Mr. Neen's arm was entirely well or that he would be able to undertake a serious duty, but he would be able to attend to ordinary duty.

The reports of the Chief were then received and filed.

The Chairman referred to the inquiry that it was purposed by the members of the Board, last year, regarding the arrest of the late nightwatchman Gilligan, and the minutes of the previous meeting referring to the matter were read.

Replying to Commissioner Fenton the Chairman stated that there had not been any specific charges made against Mr. Crossan, but certain rumour had been circulated and the Commissioner had thought it better to hold an inquiry.

On motion, it was decided that the inquiry be proceeded with on Tuesday next the 8th inst, at 7:30 pm

The clerk was directed to draw the attention of the Municipal Council to the request of the Commissioners for a door way to be placed in the partition between the two rooms in the police office, with necessary linoleum for the floor and kalsomining the walls. Also dark lanterns for the policemen.

The meeting then adjourned till Tuesday and at 7:30 pm.

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on Tuesday 8th March 1904.

Present

Mayor Manson, and Commissioners Fenton and Hodgson.

The Chairman stated that the Board had met to investigate certain complaints circulated regarding the actions of the Chief of Police in the matter of the arrest of the late nightwatchman Gilligan for stealing. At the request of the Commissioners the Police Magistrate occupied a seat with the Commissioners.

Messrs Albert E Hilbert, George A. Thompson and H. McIndoo gave evidence before the Commissioners. The evidence was read to the witnesses and was signed by them and is filed in the City Clerks office.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Geo Fletcher had been summonsed to appear before the Board, but owing to a business engagement at Victoria, he had excused him until the next meeting of the Board. He also stated that any persons desiring to appear and give evidence before the Board would be heard. The Court then adjourned till Thursday 10th March, 1904 at 7:30 p.m.

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on Thursday 10th March 1904.

Present

Mayor Manson and Commissioners Hodgson and Fenton, Police Magistrate Yarwood also occupied a seat with the Commissioners George Fletcher, Mrs. Jane Hunter, the Misses Ethel, Lillie and Bill Hunter, Miss E R Bennett, Miss Maude E. Barnes, Hugh Aitken, J. E. Norcross gave direct evidence. Messers A E Hilbert and Geo A Thompson, were recalled and gave evidence.

The evidence was read to the witnesses and was signed by them, and is filed in the City Clerk's office.

The Court then adjourned until Saturday 12th March 1904 at 3 p.m.

Wm Manson

Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on Saturday 12th March 1904.

Present

Mayor Manson and Commissioners Fenton and Hodgson and Mr. Yarwood Police Magistrate, John Waugh gave direct evidence and an affidavit made by Mr. Charlton Pearson was put in as evidence by Mr. Crossan, with a telegram from Mrs. Pearson, stating that Mr. Pearson had left for Skagway on the 11th inst George A Thompson was recalled and gave further evidence.

Mr. James Crossan Chief of Police gave evidence on his own behalf the evidence was read to the several witnesses and is filed in the City Clerk's office.

A memorandum, referred to in former evidence, having been given by James Gilligan to A E Hilbert witnessed by James Crossan, was put in.

The Court then adjourned till Monday 14th March at 9 a.m.

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on Monday 14th March 1904.

Present

Mayor Manson, and Commissioners Hodgson and Fenton and Mr. Yarwood Police Magistrate. The Records of the Police Office were produced by Mr. Crossan.

The Chief stated that since the time when he commenced to reside in the Police Office building, he had not made any entries in the record as he was present in the building nearly all the time. Thomas Beaver was present and gave evidence and Mr. Crossan was recalled. The evidence of Thomas Beaver was read to him and he signed it. It is filed with the other evidence in the City Clerk's office.

The Court then adjourned till Saturday 26th March at 7:30 p.m.

Wm. Manson

Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on Saturday 26th March 1904.

Present

Mayor Manson and Commissioner Fenton and Hodgson

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st, 8th, 10th, 12th and 14th March were read and adopted. The report of the Commissioners in the matter of the inquiry regarding the conduct of the Chief of Police relating to the arrest of the late nightwatchman Gilligan for the theft of a watch, chain and lock[et?] at the Vendome Hotel, was read by the Clerk.

The Chairman stated that the Commissioners desired that their findings in the case be recorded.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to communicate with the Municipal Council asking that the Police Court room may be repapered and painted, and the floor oiled.

The meeting then adjourned till Saturday 7th May at 7 p.m.

Wm. Manson

Chairman

Note the findings of the Commissioners Is attached on the next page S.G.

[The following is transcribed from the typewritten report of the inquiry that is attached to the minutes volume]

In the matter of the inquiry regarding the conduct of Mr. James Crossan, Chief of Police, relating to the arrest of night-watchman, J. Gilligan on the 13th, December, 1903, for the theft of a Watch, Chain and Locket at the Vendome Hotel on the 9th, November, 1903.

The inquiry was conducted publicly, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Nanaimo, commencing on the 8th March, instant continuing on the 10th and 12th and concluding on the 14th instant, before the Board of Commissioners of Police for the City of Nanaimo; at the request of the Commissioners Mr. E.M. Yarwood, Police Magistrate, occupied a seat with the Commissioners.

A large number of witnesses were examined, and from the evidence taken, the Commissioners consider that the Chief of Police is deserving of censure for the questionable manner in which the case was dealt with at several points, particularly where the other officers were not informed when he had received information regarding the watch; by keeping them searching for the watch and the thief, after he had the watch in his possession and had been made aware of the person who had committed the theft, tended strongly to give colour to the rumor that he intended to shield Gilligan from the consequence of his crime.

Under certain circumstances it may be prudent for the Chief of Police to keep his own counsel, and he would have been less deserving of censure in this case, were it not for the fact that while he kept the other policemen in ignorance of the information he had received, yet he freely imparted it to other persons, as was shown by the evidence of one of the witnesses and by an affidavit submitted by Mr. Crossan in support of his contention that he intended to arrest Gilligan on or before Monday the 14th December, the giving of such information to outsiders under any circumstances is most indiscreet.

In regard to the Search warrant obtained on Sunday the 13th, December, to search Gilligan's house for other missing articles, we are of the opinion that it should have been used, and at the earliest moment allowed under its authority. If it was necessary to secure a warrant for that purpose on the Sunday evening, the same necessity existed earlier, and application should have been made for it as soon as the first information was received regarding the watch, especially in view of the prevailing suspicion that the party who had stolen the watch had also taken the furs and coat.

Other criticisms might be made of the unbusinesslike methods adopted in connection with the case, but as much of the work of the police department must be left to the discretion of the Chief, we deem it unwise to particularize further, or to outline what should be done in the detail work of the department, as it might be taken as indicating a course to be followed in future under similar circumstances and might be understood as relieving the Chief from the responsibility which must at all times rest upon him, to use his own best judgment in all such matters.

The manner in which the records of the Police Office have been kept should be improved, at present in a number of cases many details of minor importance as entered, while in such an important case as the loss of watch, neither the fact of the loss nor of its recovery are recorded at all. On this point more definite regulations may be decided upon by the Board, but in the meantime particulars of all cases must be recorded.

Regarding the charge that the Chief did not intend to arrest Gilligan at all, we have come to the conclusion that it has not been proven.

A careful consideration of the evidence given before us has revealed the fact that considerable laxity has prevailed in the administration of the affairs of the Police Department, which we strongly condemn, and we feel it incumbent upon us to state that unless immediate steps are taken to improve upon the methods that has obtained for some time past, we shall be forced to take up the question of the reconstruction of the force upon general grounds.

Nanaimo, B.C. 26th March 1904.

Wm Manson
Thomas

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on Saturday 7th May 1904.

Present

Mayor Manson and Commissioners Hodgson and Fenton

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Chief of Police reported that during the months of March and April, there had been 14 cases in the City Police Court as follows:--

		Fine imposed	Costs
Drunk and incapable	5	\$10-	2-
Vagrancy	3	20-	---
Breaking and entering	5	-----	---
Attempting to Commit Suicide	1		
Total	14	30 ⁰⁰	2 ⁰⁰

The police had done a great deal of Sanitary work during the past month, notifying people to clean up their back yards, and looking after children who are not attending school. Two houses, in which cases of Consumption and Typhoid Fever had existed had been fumigated. He also applied for new uniforms and caps to be supplied to the members of the Police Force.

On motion, the report was received and filed, and the request for Uniforms was referred to the Municipal Council with recommendation that they may be granted.

Referring to the question of gambling, the Chief stated that he had not seen any gambling, he had visited a place reported to be a gambling resort, and had not found any signs of the practice being carried on the policemen had also informed him that they had not been able to find that gambling was carried on.

Replying to Commissioner Hodgson the Chief stated, that lately, he had sent three parties from the City, who had no employment, at present he did not know of any persons in town, that were not working. The Chairman stated that the Board would afford every facility to the police in their efforts to keep the gambler element away from the city.

It was decided to allow the usual vacation to the members of the force.

Commissioner Hodgson referred to a copy of the Dominion report of examinations of milk made in the several

Provinces, and while less than 50% of the samples tested were pure, yet the three samples taken from this city were found to be pure.

The Board then adjourned till 8 p.m., on Saturday 11th June /04

Wm. Manson
Mayor, Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on 2 July 1904.

Present

Mayor Manson and Commissioners Fenton and Hodgson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read out and adopted. The reports of the Chief of Police for the month of May and June were read, as follows:

Drunk and incapable	5	Fines imposed \$20--	Costs \$4 ⁰⁰
Drunk and disorderly	1	5 ⁰⁰	2
Using indecent Language on Street	<u>1</u>	<u>10⁰⁰</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>7</u>	<u>35⁰⁰</u>	<u>8</u>

For June

Keeping a Vicious dog	1		
Keeping a common gaming house	1		
Stealing	1		
Drunk and incapable	2	5.00	2.00
Drunk and disorderly	1	5.00	2.00
Inmate of an house of ill fame	1	10.00	2.00
Vagrancy	1	15.00	2.00
Laying poison	1	5.00	
Using abusive Language	1	25.00	2.00
Assault	<u>1</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>

Total 11 75.00 12

Replying to Commissioner Hodgson, the Chief of Police stated that the dog referred to in his report had not been seen around for some time, but he did not know whether it had been destroyed or not. Also that he had not received any complaints regarding poison being laid about any premises in the City. Neither did he know of any gambling being carried on in any of the Licensed houses at present. It was suggested to the Chief that he report to the Board of Licensing Commissioners the fact that gambling had been carried on in some premises. The report of the Chief was then received and filed.

The Chief stated that during the past week the Provincial Inspector had visited a number of dairies – and had in consequence of the prevalence of hog cholera, had directed that the City weighing scales be washed with crude carbolic acid. Also that he had drawn the attention of the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee of the Municipal Council to an objectionable drain on Wallace Street.

Attention was drawn to the growing practice of parties riding their Bicycles on the sidewalk and the Chief was directed to see that the law was enforced.

The Clerk was directed to communicate with the Municipal Council and ask that the jail may be whitewashed. The unsanitary condition, in which the public urinals were allowed to remain, was considered by the Board, and it was decided that the Policemen inspect them regularly and report their condition.

Reference was made to the accumulation of rubbish on Benson Street and the need of having deposits burned from time to time. The Board then adjourned, to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on Saturday 8th October 1904.

Present

Mayor Manson and Commissioners Hodgson and Fenton.

Communication

From Mr. Thomas R Stockett, Manager of the Western Fuel Company, asking that their watchman, John Rowan, may be clothed with Police [power?] and furnished with a star was read.

On motion, the clerk was directed to reply that the Commissioners are satisfied to have Mr. Rowan sworn in as a special constable, but when he has to make any arrest, or perform any police duties, he must report at the police office, and act under the Chief of Police as far as practicable and also ask Mr. Rowan to call at the City office for

instructions regarding his being sworn in. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of July there had been 25 cases in the city Police Court, as follows

		Fines	Costs
Drunk & Incapable	2	5.	2.
Drunk & Disorderly	2	10.	2.
Breaking & Entering	2		
Placing nightsoil on Street	1	10.	2.
Keeping a common gaming house	4	100.	6.
Playing or looking on in a gaming house	<u>14</u>	<u>200.</u>	<u>24.</u>
	25	325.00	36.

The Schools and one dwelling house had been fumigated. During the month of August there had been four cases in the Police court

Put under Liquor Act --	2
Stealing fruit from an orchard	2

There were no fines imposed.

The policemen had performed a great deal of sanitary work. Samples of milk had been taken, and they were found to be up to the requirements of the By Law. On motion, the reports were received and filed.

Attention was drawn to the dirty condition in which the Public Urinals were allowed to remain. The Chief of Police stated that the City Manager had informed him that he would have a man go round and have them attended to every morning. He had found the Urinal near the Police Office in an unclean condition one morning during the past week and had sent a prisoner to clean it out. He also stated that he would have the policeman examine the urinals every day and report as to their condition.

Commissioner Hodgson stated that complaints had been made to him of some parties willfully obstructing the Bicycle paths, also that harness had been stolen from the Market stable, and although it had been reported at the Police office on the Thursday morning, nothing had been done in the matter until the following Monday.

The Chief of Police stated that he had not heard of any trouble regarding obstructions being placed on Bicycle paths, he had received the complaint regarding the harness but he was very busy at the time and it had slipped his memory. Constable Thompson had worked on the case for two days following the Monday but had not been able to find any clew [sic], he had learned that the stable was not locked at the time of the theft.

The Board then adjourned till called by the Chairman.

Wm Manson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on 6th January 1905.

Present

Mayor Manson and Commissioners Fenton and Hodgson.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the meeting held on 2nd July were read and adopted.

The reports of the Chief of Police for the months of October, November and December were read, as follows: --

	No of cases	Fines and	costs imposed	
For October				
Assault	1			
Using Threatening language	1			
Drunk & incapable	1			
Riding Bicycle on Sidewalk	4	9.00	2.00	
Fast driving over bridge	1			
Stealing		<u>2</u>		
Total	10	9.00	2.00	\$11.00
For November				
Drunk & disorderly	2	5.00		
Drunk & incapable	1			
Supplying Liquor to Indians	2			
Riding Bicycle on Sidewalk	1	3.		
Inmate of House of Ill fame	1	12-	3.	
Assault	4	7-	3.	
Causing a disturbance	2			
An Indian having an intoxicant in possession	1	25.	2.	
Peddling goods without a license		2	55.	2.
Put under Liquor Act	<u>1</u>			

	<u>17</u>	<u>107.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>\$117.00</u>
For December				
With having Liquor in his possession	1	25.00	2.	
With supplying Liquor to Indians	2	two month in jail		
Drunk & disorderly	2	dismissed		
Drunk & incapable	1			
Unlawfully playing game of chance	1	25	2.	
Keeping a common gaming house	<u>1</u>	<u>25</u>		
	<u>8</u>	<u>75.00</u>	<u>4.00</u>	<u>\$79.00</u>

In the report for October, he reported that milk had been tested on two dates. Five samples of milk had been sent to Mr. S. F. Tolmie. V.S. for testing, he had pronounced them excellent samples, and gave the following report on same

No	Name	Butterfat	non fatty solids	Total Solids
4	W Raines	4.2	8.35	12.55
3	G [Coles?]	4.2	8.60	12.80
2	-- Bassett	5.6	8.64	14.24
5	P Gordon	4.4	8.90	13.30
6	J Marshall	5.2	9.06	14.26

Also that he had been recommended to procure a book, on "Milk and its contents," and a small instrument for testing – and that general work had been attended to.

During November he had notified the owners of two houses that were considered to be in a dangerous state, one had been taken down and the other nailed up, and one house in which a case of diphtheria had occurred, had been fumigated, all other necessary work had been attended to.

During the month of December the schools had been fumigated, also the residence of Mr. [McKeen?] in which a case of consumption had occurred all other work had been duly attended to. The clerk was directed to communicate with the Municipal Council that the Commission recommends that the book and instrument referred to in the Chief's report be procured.

The resignations of James Crossan, Chief of Police, Police Constable Geo. A. Thompson and Police Constable Jacob Neen ~~were read, and were accepted by the Board~~ to take effect on the 1st March next, were read, and were accepted by the Board.

The Clerk was directed to communicate the action of the Board to the members of the Police Force.

The Clerk was also directed to inform the Mayor for the year 1905, of the resignations of the several members of the Police Force.

The minutes of the meeting were then read and adopted.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on 16th February 1905.

Present

Mayor Planta and Commissioners Dick and Hoult.

Communication

From the Secretary of the late Board of Commissioners of Police, to the Chairman informing him that on the 6th January last James Crossan, Jacob Neen and George A Thompson resigned their respective positions on the Police Force of this City, to take effect on the 1st March 1905, and that the Board of Commissioners accepted the resignations was received and filed.

The Chief of Police stated that during the month of January there had been eight cases in the Police Court, as follows:-

		Fines	Costs
Carrying concealed weapons	1		
Assault	1		
Vagrancy	3		
Selling Liquor to a minor	1	15.00	2.00
Drunk and incapable	<u>2</u>	_____	_____
	8	\$15.00	\$2.00

[Mr. F McB Young] addressed the Board, stating that he had been asked to represent the members of the Police Force in the matter of their resignations, and stated that the resignations had not been given voluntarily, that the men had pressed for a reason when the late Board had asked for their resignations and the only reason advanced, was neglect of duty which the policemen deny, and they desired an investigation into the matter. The Commissioners retired for a few minutes. On reassembling, the Chairman stated that they had considered Mr. Young's request and they were quite prepared to hold an inquiry into the causes leading up to the resignations but they wished the request to be put in writing. Mr. Young then prepared, and handed in the following letter:

The Board Of Police Commissioners

Nanaimo

Sirs:

On behalf of Chief Crossan and Constables Thompson and Neen, I request that an investigation be had re the charge made against them for neglect of duty and for which reason their resignations were called for.

Yours truly

F. M. B. Young

The Chairman stated that as the time was short the Board would hold the first session of the inquiry on Saturday next at 7:30 p.m.

A E Planta
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on Saturday 18th February 1905.

Present

Mayor Planta and Commissioners Hoult and Dick

The Chairman stated that the meeting this evening was for the purpose of holding any inquiry into or regarding charges of neglect of duty against the members of the Police Force and for which they had been required to hand in their resignations.

He also stated that he wished to correct a statement in the "Free Press" that the policemen had been allowed to withdraw these resignations.

Mr. Young appearing for Mr. Crossan, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Neen, said that he wished to restate the statement made at the last meeting that they had been requested to resign, for neglect of duty, he presumed it was by the Board of that time sitting as Commissioners. Further that they were told at the time that if the resignations were not tendered they would be dismissed "instantly", the charge was neglect of duty, which the Chief and policemen deny. Mr. Manson on behalf of himself and fellow Commissioners of last year, stated that they were quite prepared to go on and state all the facts in connection with the resignations of the members of the Police Force, at the proper time. He considered that the investigation asked for practically placed the Board of last year on trial, he wished that point settled, the statement made, was that the Commissioners had forced the police to resign, and he considered that evidence should be given by the parties complaining of the action of the Commissioners the parties constituting the Board of last year believed that they had rights in the matter, and they questioned the propriety of them being required to be present at this time.

Mr. Young stated that he would not place his clients in the box, as it was contrary to the usual practice, he expected that the ordinary rules of police court practice would be observed in giving evidence.

The Chairman stated that the Board would not deprive any person from expressing themselves freely on the matters coming before them. Also that the Board believed that [the position?] taken by Mr. Manson was correct, that the police had made the statement and they must prove the same. Mr. Young asked for permission to retire to confer with his clients, and a short adjournment was taken.

On reassembling, Mr. Young stated that they repeated the charge that they were dismissed without cause, they were here to answer questions and he took the responsibility of advising his clients not to go into the box.

Mr. Manson still maintained the position he had taken they had nothing to cover up, and would act similarly again under like conditions, that there was no special mention of the resignations in the minutes of the Board, was owing to the fact that the resignations were handed in, in the ordinary way.

The Chairman stated that unless the policemen were prepared to swear to their statements, the Board would not ask the Commissioners of last year to give evidence, since the investigation is being held at the request of the policemen, they must prove their statements that they were forced to resign.

After waiting in silence for a short time, the Chairman stated that if the attitude taken by both sides was maintained the investigation would end at once, and action would be taken to fill the vacancies.

On motion,, it was decided to invite applications up to the 25th inst., for the position of Chief of Police, Salary to be \$90.00 per month, and a free residence, he to provide himself with fuel, light-and water also for the position of Constable, salary to be \$80.00 per month.

The Board then adjourned till Saturday 25th at 7:30 pm

A.E. Planta
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on Saturday 25th February 1905.

Present

Mayor Planta and Commissioners Dick & Hoult.

The minutes of the meetings of the Board held on the 16th and 18th visit, were read and adopted.

The following applications for the position of Chief of Police, and Constable were read

For Constable

Albert Rowbottom

A.K. Cochrane

A J Smith

Jacob Neen

Alf. Andrews

J. C. McGregor

T.S. Wilson

Thos. [Dominy?]

G Farrant

Jas Hardy

[Sam G Fose]

Walter Buss

George Hirst

Robert Crowe

Chas Webster

Pendray Harris

J Waring

For Chief of Police

Geo. A. Thompson

Thos O'Connell

James Crossan

Jacob Smith Wood

George Johnson

The Commissioners then took an intermission for one hour.

On reassembling the Chairman stated that they had, after a careful consideration of the applications, decided to take a plebiscite vote on Monday next, in order to obtain the opinion of the ratepayers. On the present Commissioners assuming the duties of their office, they were informed that all the members of the Police Force had resigned, the resignations were on file and they appeared to be voluntary, there was nothing on record to contrary, the Board had taken steps to fill the vacancies and the three members of the force had applied with others, letters had appeared in the "Press" for and against the reinstatement of the present policemen, and Mr. Crossan's application was endorsed by a large number of ratepayers, which might be construed to an endorsement of each member of the force. There was no way of obtaining the opinion of the majority of the ratepayers except by vote, so they would be asked to name two persons to fill the offices, and the Commissioners would then make the appointments. Public notice would [be] given of the time and place of taking the vote. By permission Mr. Thos Hodgson addressed the Board, suggesting that the vote be taken on the question "shall the old force be reinstated or not", or on the Chief alone.

The Chairman stated that as it had been decided to appoint only two officers the plan suggested by Mr. Hodgson, could not be followed.

The Board then adjourned till Tuesday 25th at 9 p.m.

A. E. Planta
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on Tuesday 28th February 1905.

Present

Mayor Planta and Commissioners Hoult and Dick.

The Chairman stated that the Commissioners had considered the applications for Chief of Police and constable, and the result was that James Crossan had been appointed Chief and Jacob Neen Constable. He also further stated, that he had made inquiries regarding the conduct of the force in the past, and was satisfied that they had not exercised sufficient vigilance, but other than that, there did not appear to be anything to warrant their discharge from office. They had apparently resigned voluntarily, and had applied again, quite a large number of ratepayers had endorsed Mr. Crossan's application, which may be also taken as an endorsement of the other members of the force. The Board wished it to be distinctly understood, that if there was not greater vigilance exercised by the force in future, than there had been in the past, their term of office would be very short.

The Board then adjourned.

A.E. Planta
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on Tuesday 11th April 1905.

Present Mayor Planta and Commissioners Dick and Hoult

The Minutes

Of the meetings held on the 25th and 28th February were read and adopted.

The Chief of Police reported that during the months of February and March, eight cases had been before Police Court, as follows:-

Drunk and incapable	3	10.00	4.00
Riding Bicycle on Sidewalk	1	1.00	

Put under the Liquor Act	2		
Allowing dead dog to remain in premises	1		
Unsound mind	1		
	8	\$11.00	\$4.00

During the past two months the city had been very quiet with the exception of the Police trying to drive the boys into their homes at night. During the past two weeks, Constable Neen had been on a tour of inspection on Sanitary work and further time would be required for the same work, application was also made for new suits of uniforms.

On motion,, the report was received and filed, and the clerk was directed to request the Municipal Council to supply the three officers with suits of uniform as soon as may be convenient.

Referring to the report of the Chief of Police regarding boys being on the streets at night, the Chairman stated that the members of the Board would always support the police in their endeavours to enforce the laws, referring to the cases in the police court for selling liquors during prohibited hours, while the cases had been lost, yet, he trusted these energetic steps would be followed up. The meeting then adjourned till 2nd May at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on Tuesday 2nd May 1905.

Present

Mayor Planta and Commissioners Hoult and Dick.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of April, nine cases had been in the Police Court as follows

		Fines	Costs
Assault	2		4.00
Causing a disturbance	2	5.00	2.00
Drunk and disorderly	1		2.00
Selling Liquor during prohibited hours	2		
Cruelty to Animals	1	10.00	
Vagrancy	1		
	9	\$15.00	\$8.00

The report was received and filed

The Chairman referred to the public announcement that a game of baseball would be played next Sunday, the city had been free from games on Sundays and he regretted the innovation, while the people undoubtedly had the right to spend the day in their own way, yet when it is spent in a way that is objectionable to many others, he wished something could be done to stop it. It was said that the reason the game was to be held on Sunday was that there was no other time available, he thought that time could be found if they desired it and the holding of games on Sundays deprived many men of their day of rest, as excursions of people to witness the games meant work for the men who run the trains, and steamboats for Sunday excursions.

He strongly objected to Sunday sports on these grounds and took this opportunity of expressing himself in the matter. Commissioner Dick said that he endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, with the eight hour labour law, he thought that plenty time could be found to play on Saturdays or other days.

The Board then adjourned till Tuesday 6th Jun at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on Tuesday 6th June 1905

Present

Mayor Planta, and Commissioner Hoult

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Chief of Police reported that during the month of May there had been three cases in the Police Court, as follow

		Fines	Costs
Assault	1	10.00	2.00.
Unlawful wounding	1		Sentenced 1 month in jail
Common Prostitute	1		Dismissed
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$10.00	\$2.00

He also applied the usual two weeks vacation for the members of the force, during the summer. On motion,, the report was received and filed, and the vacation asked for was granted.

The Board then adjourned till Tuesday 4th July at 7:30 p.m.

A.E. Planta
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on Tuesday 4th July 1905.

Present

Mayor Planta and Commissioners W Dick and W Hoult.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chairman stated that he had received a letter from the B.C. Land and Investment Company of Victoria, complaining that a great deal of damage had been done to their vacant houses in this City, the matter was considered and was referred to the Chief of Police for further inquiry. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of June there had been 12 cases in the Police Court, as follows:

		Fines	Costs
Drunk & Incapable	1		
Stealing	2		
Drunk and disorderly	1	5.00	2.00
Obstructing the Police	1	25.00	5.00
Playing, or looking on at Gambling	7	50.00	10.00
		\$80.00	\$17.00

On motion, the report was received and filed.

The Board then adjourned till 8th August 1905.

A. E. Planta
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on Tuesday 7th Nove, 1905

Present

Mayor Planta and Commissioners W Hoult and W Dick

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The reports of the Chief of Police for the month of July, August, September and October, were read and were received and filed, following are the reports in details: -

For the month of July and August

		Fines	Costs
Stealing	2		
Put under Liquor Act	1		

Swearing on Street	2	8.00	
Using Insulting Language	1		
Vagrancy	1		
Drunk and disorderly	1	5.00	2.00
Assault	1		
	<u>9</u>	<u>\$13.00</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>

For September

Vagrancy	2
Murder	<u>1</u>
	<u>3</u>

For October

Stealing	1
Drunk & Incapable	<u>1</u>
	<u>2</u>

Commissioner Dick drew attention to the wanton destruction of property on Halloween night, the carrying on of some parties was quite beyond ordinary fun. The Chief stated that he was out of the city that evening, but he had not heard any complaints. The Board then adjourned till 5th Decr

A.E. Planta
Chairman

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on Friday 5th January 1906

Present

Mayor Planta and Commissioners W Dick and William Hout

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted

The reports of the Chief of Police for the month of November and December, 1905 were read:

In the month of November there had been five cases in the Police Court as follows:-

Fines	Costs
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Drunk and incapable	2	7.00	2.00
Using obscene language on streets	1	15.00	2.00
Leaving wagons on streets	1		
Supplying Liquors to Indians	1		
	7	\$22.00	\$4.00

In the month of December there had been 25 cases as follows:-

		Fines	Costs
Stealing	6		
Drunk & Incapable	3	5.00	2.00
Causing disturbance on street	3	5.00	2.00
Attempt to damage property	8		
Assault	1		
Using obscene language on street	2		
Supplying liquor	1	20.00	
Put under the liquor Act	1		
Total	25	30	4.00

He also referred to a boy under the age of sixteen years, sentenced to two months in the reformatory, he had learned that the Act calls for not less than two years, the matter had been reported to the Attorney General's office by the Superintendent of the Reformatory.

He called attention to the fact that liquor was supplied to boys under 18 years of age, he trusted that the hotel keepers would take this as a warning.

On motion,, the reports were received and filed. Commissioner Dick in reviewing the past year referred to the good order that had been maintained during the year, while strike conditions had prevailed for a considerable period in the past summer, yet no trouble of any kind had occurred.

His Worship the Mayor remarked that it was evident that gambling was stopped, as some of the hotel keepers had stated that it was difficult for them to pay rent under the present conditions.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

A.E. Planta
Chairman

Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on Tuesday 10th April 1906

Present

Mayor Planta and Messrs W Hoult and W Dick

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the months of January, February and March there had been 19 cases in the City Police Court as follows

		Fines	Costs
Keeping vicious dogs	2		
Vagrancy	1		
Obstructing the Police	1		
Drunk and disorderly	1		
Destroying Trees	1		
Assault	6	15.00	6.00
Stealing	1		
Drunk	3	15.00	6.00
Supplying Liquor to Indians	1		
Trespassing	2		
Total	19	30.00	12.00

He also applied for new suits of clothes for the members of the Police Force, and that they be allowed their usual two weeks holidays, to be taken sometime during the summer. On motion,, the report was received and filed, and the requests for clothing and holidays were granted. On motion,, the clerk was directed to lay before the Municipal Council the request for clothing for the Police with the recommendation of the Board that they be provided.

In reply to the Chairman, the Chief stated that the police were looking after Sanitary matters, a complaint regarding a nuisance at the boarding house on Comox Road had been partially attended to, they had allowed the parties ten day to clear it up.

The Chairman referred to the dumping of refuse in several parts of the City, he believed it was partly through ignorance.

Commissioner Hoult referred to fast riding on the streets by cyclists, and fast driving by some parties, was referred to the Chief of Police, for attention.

The Board then adjourned till 1st May at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held 7th August 1906

Present

Mayor Planta, and Commissioners Wm Dick and Wm Hoult.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The reports of the Chief of Police for the month of April, May, June and July, were read, as follows:

For the months of April and May there had been fifteen cases in the City Police Court as below-

		Fines	Costs
Malicious damage to property	2	1.00	
Stealing	2		
Assault	1		
Drunk & incapable	6	18.00	8.00
Put under Liquor Act	1		
Drunk and disorderly	1		
Receiving money under false pretenses	1		
Supplying Liquor to Indians	1		
Total	15	19.00	9.50

For the month of June as below:-

Causing disturbance on Street	4	20.00	6.00
Unlawful wounding	1		
Supplying Liquor to Indians	2	50.00	2.00
Put under Liquor Act	2		
Assault	1		
Willful damage to Property	1		
Drunk and Incapable	2	10.00	4
Stealing	1		
Total	14	80.00	12.00

For the month of July:-

Causing disturbance on Street	1	5.00	2.00
Horses fastened on street	2		
Riding Bicycle on Sidewalk	5	3.	

Riding on E & N Cars	1		
Having stolen goods in possession	1		
Assault	1		
Using obscene language on street	1		
Drunk and incapable	1		
Total	13	\$13.00	4.00

During the months of April and May, the force had been kept rather busy looking after Sanitary work and other things in general. Also, it had been reported that a little poker playing was going on in several of the hotels. On motion,, the reports were received and filed.

The Chairman referred to the practice of allowing horses to stand on the streets without being fastened, they ought to be fastened to weights so as to prevent them running away, with the advent of automobiles the danger was increased very much. On motion, of Commissioner Hoult, it was decided to ask the Municipal Council to pass a By Law dealing with the matter referred to by the Chairman, and as well to regulate the speed of automobiles and other vehicles on the public streets.

The Board then adjourned till 4th Sept at 8 p.m.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on Wednesday 20th March 1907.

Present

Mayor Planta and Commissioners Wm Dick and A E Mainwaring

The Chief of Police reported that during the months of January and February there had been ten cases in the Police Court as follows:

		Fines	Costs
Drunk & disorderly	3	30.	4.00
Vagrancy	1		
Stealing	1		
Supplying Liquor to Indians	1	150.00	2.00
Drunk & incapable	1	5.00	2.00
Malicious damage to property	1	5.00	2.00
Supplying Liquor to prohibited persons	1		
Assault	1	1	2
	10	\$191.00	\$12.00

He also made request for the usual suits of clothing with an addition pair of pants, and that the Police officers be also allowed their usual two weeks holidays, to be taken sometime during the summer.

On motion,, the report was received and the requests were granted. Reference was made to reports of open violation of the Sunday closing law for some time past and the members of the Board expressed themselves as being anxious for the restriction of the traffic during the prohibited hours, and the Chief of Police was requested to admonish the hotel keepers that the law must be obeyed, otherwise further steps will be taken.

The Chairman referred to the growing practice of bicyclists riding on the sidewalk, very often at night time and without lights, and the Board directed that the By-Law in the matter be enforced. The Commissioners referred to the practice of some person or persons frightening children on the streets after nightfall. The Chief of Police stated that Constable Neen patrolled the back streets of the City almost every evening endeavouring to find out who the parties were.

The Board then adjourned till 10th April at 8 p.m.

A.E. Planta
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on Wednesday 10th April 1907

Present

Mayor Planta and Commissioners A.E. Mainwaring and Wm Dick

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of March there had been 14 cases in the City Police Court, as follows:-

		Fines	Costs
Drunk & disorderly	3	\$15	6
Drunk & incapable	5	2	2
Causing a disturbances	1	5	2
Riding Bicycles on Sidewalk	5	6	
	14	28	10

On motion,, the report was received and filed.

Reference was made by the Commissioners regarding the frequenting of saloons during prohibited hours. The Chief of Police stated that he had warned the hotelkeepers, but they had not kept the bar rooms entirely clear.

In answer to Commissioner Mainwaring, the Chief stated that if he complained against any holders of licenses at their renewal he would have to do it against all of them.

Mayor Planta referred to the approach of pay day, and precautions must be taken to have the law obeyed, if the proprietors do not obey the present law, it is likely an amended law will be enacted more restrictive than the present law.

The Board then adjourned.

A.E. Planta
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on Wednesday 12th June 1907.

Present

Mayor Planta, and Commissioner Wm Dick and A.E. Mainwaring.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Chief of Police reported that during the months of April and May, there had been 28 cases disposed of in the City Police Court, as follows:

		Fines	Costs
Vagrancy	3	5.	2.
Carrying a Revolver	2	100.	4.
Stealing	3		
Gambling	4	80.	
Trespassing	1		
Malicious damage to property	2	10.	2.
Drunk & Incapable	6	27.50	8.
Drunk & disorderly	1	5.	2
Riding Bicycle on Sidewalk	1	2.	
Using Obscene Language	2	5.	2
Indecent exposure	1	10.	2
Causing disturbance on Street	2	10	2
	28	254.50	24.00

On motion,, the report was received and filed. Answering questions of the Commissioners, the Chief of Police stated that he had conferred with Mr. Stevenson on the matter of rowdiness of parties traversing the Newcastle Townsite and on Saturday night five persons were brought up, on the following Monday Mr. Neen and himself had

been engaged all day at the Court House, and they were unable to do any patrol work on the street, which probably accounted for the lawlessness of certain parties on Commercial street on that day.

The Chairman stated that complaints from many sources, of men and boys willfully damaging property, and nuisances being allowed to accumulate probably it was on account of the Police Force being too small to do the work, he was in favour of appointing an extra policemen, and then if the work was not done he would want to know the reason why. He also suggested that the Council be asked to pass a By-Law limiting the hours for Saloons to be open, say until 12 o'clock at night, and for their being kept closed all day on Sundays. This was concurred with, by the other Commissioner with the Municipal Council, laying before them a request for the passage of a By Law restricting the hours when liquors may be sold upon licensed premises and the closing of such premises during prohibited days and hours.

Replying to Commissioner Mainwaring, the Chief of Police stated that the police had always understood that as long as a man could walk, they were not to arrest them.

The Chairman asked for a tour of inspection of offensive drains and persons who neglected to employ the Scavenger, and efforts to be made to prevent the willful destruction of property.

The Chief of Police stated that they had in the past spent a lot of time securing evidence of this class of offences, then the parties failed to prosecute, being satisfied with the parties paying the cost of repairs.

The Board then adjourned till 19th inst at 5 pm

S Gough
Clerk

A.E. Planta
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on 19th June 1907.

Present

Mayor Planta, and Commissioners Mainwaring and Dick.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The question of appointing an additional policeman was considered, but there was no action taken. It was thought that if the By-law restricting the hours of sale of liquor was passed by the Council, it would in a measure reduce the duties of the present force and it was suggested that the Chief of Police be relieved of the duties of Sanitary Inspector which would give him more time for police work. It was agreed that this be followed for the present.

On motion,, the clerk was directed to lay before the Municipal Council the desire of the Commissioners, that the Chief of Police be relieved from the performances of the duties of Sanitary Inspector.

The Board then adjourned till 10th July at 5 p.m.

S Gough
Clerk

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police for the City of Nanaimo, held on 30th March 1908.

Present

Mayor Planta and Commissioners William Dick and E G Cavalsky.

Communication

From Mr. Jas. Crossan, Chief of Police, stating that at the time he was asked to live at the Jail premises one of the conditions was, that firing [sic], water and light free, after living there about two years this condition was set aside, he now wished the Board to renew the arrangement, and further as the cost of living has increased and labor has received an advance in wages, and in consideration of the members of the force working longer hours than any other in the municipality or Province, that an advance of Salary may be allowed him.

From Mr. Jacob Neen, asking for an increase of Salary as he was required to work longer hours, and the cost of living had advanced.

Both communications were laid on the table, The Chief of Police reported that during the months of January and February there had been 52 cases before the Police Court, as follows:-

		Fines	Costs
Drunk and incapable	13	64.	18.
Supplying Liquor to Indians	3		
Drunk and disorderly	8	32.	8.
Indecent Assault	1	20.	2.
Assaut	2		2
Put under Liquor Act	2		
Using Obscene Language on street	2	10.	4.
Indecent Exposure	1	5.	2.
Vagrancy	2		
Having Stolen goods in possession	4		
Causing Bodily Harm	1		
Unlawful wounding	2		

Selling Liquor during prohibited hours	1	20	2.
[Affray?]	1		
Stealing	2		
Riding Bicycle on Sidewalk	1	2.	
Attempt to unlawfully wound	1		
Selling goods without license	1	5.	2.
Causing disturbance on street	<u>4</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	52	\$158.00	\$40.00

He also asked that the police be supplied with the usual suits of clothing and extra trousers, and that they be allowed their usual holiday during the summer.

On motion, the report was received, the requests for clothing was granted, the Municipal Council to be asked to supply them, and the prescribed holidays were allowed.

Commissioner Cavalsky referred to the frequency when parties may be met riding Bicycles on the sidewalks, and Commissioner Dick referred to the use of obscene language on the streets as well the encumbering of the sidewalks with boxes. The Board then adjourned till 4th May at 5 p.m.

S Gough
Clerk

A.E. Planta
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, for the City of Nanaimo held on 27th May 1908.

Present

Mayor Planta and Commissioner Cavalsky.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communication

From the Moral and Social Reform Society of Nanaimo drawing the attention of the Commissioners to the recent action of the Police and License Commissioners of the City of Victoria, as reported in the "Colonist" of 2nd May, regarding the enforcement of the laws restricting the sale of liquor.

The Chairman stated that a copy of the letter just read, had appeared in the public press, it had not been given out by him, and it was a new departure for official communication to be published before they were presented. The

letter was then received and filed.

Report

The Chief of Police reported that during the months of March and April, there had been 39 cases in the police court as follows:-

		Fines levied	Costs
Drunk and disorderly	9	25.	10.
Stealing	2		
Vagrancy	2		
Supplying Liquor to Indians	2	30.	2.
Drunk and incapable	4	5.	4.
Using threatening Language	1		
Sent to Childrens Protection Society	1		
Assault	2	15.	4.
Put under Liquor Act	2		
Indecent exposure	1	5.	2.
Seaman's Act for Wages	2		
Causing a disturbance	4		
Frequenting houses of ill fame	5	65.	10.
Killing a dog	1		
Selling liquor during prohibited hours	1	<u>20</u>	<u>2.</u>
	39.	165.00	
34.00			

On motion,, the report was received and filed. The wages of Special Officer A Barnes, for the month of April, amounting to \$48.00 was authorized for payment.

Referring to the communication from the Chief of Police and Constable Neen, laid on the table at the previous meeting of the Board, the Chairman stated that the members of the Board did not consider that they had any authority any free, water, light or fuel, for police officers, these matters were under the direction of the Municipal Council. Regarding the matter of increased salaries, the Board considered that it was more necessary to appoint a third man then the work would be reduced and the hours lessened, there could not be any increase of salary.

On motion,, it was decided that Mr. Adam Barnes be appointed Police Constable at the salary of \$80.00 per month

from 1st May, inst, and that he be supplied with clothing and accoutrements.

Replying to the Chief of Police, the Chairman stated that it was expected and understood that each man on the force would serve eight hours each day.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

S. Gough
Clerk

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on 26th February 1909.

Present

Mayor Hodgson, Alderman Busby and James Hodgkinson, Commissioners.

Reports

The Chief of Police reported that during the month of January there had been 12 cases tried before the Police Magistrate, as follows:

	No of Cases	Fines	Costs
Carrying concealed weapons	1	10.00	2.00
Supplying Liquor to Indian	1	-----	-----
Drunk and disorderly	1	one week in Gaol	
Drunk and incapable	5	12	
Stealing	1		
Causing disturbance on street	2	10	4
Vagrancy	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	
	12	32.	6.

The report was received and filed, and the Chief was requested in future to give particulars in the reports of the disposition of cases where fines are not imposed.

Attention was drawn by vehicles being allowed to stand on the street, obstructing traffic for an unreasonable time. Also the waste paper from Bill Boards being allowed to lay around the street.

Reference was also made to parties riding Bicycles on the sidewalks. The Chief was requested to arrange for a systematic visitation of premises to see that they are put in proper sanitary condition.

The operation of the Laundry on Bastion Street was reviewed and being considered in contravention of the Fire Limit By Law, it was decided that sixty days notice be given, after which time it should not be operated.

The Chief stated that all the hotels were doing fairly well since the rule of early closing established by themselves, only two or three had failed to keep the rule.

The Chairman stated the Board expected a reasonable enforcement of the laws, also referred specially to the practice of fast driving over the bridges, which must be prevented.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

S. Gough
Clerk
T. Hodgson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on 19th August, 1909.

Present

Mayor Hodgson, Alderman Busby and James Hodgkinson, Commissioners

The Minutes of the previous meeting, were read and adopted.

The Chief of Police reports for the months of February, March, April, May, June and July, were read of which the following is an abstract:-

February	13 cases	\$140.00	Fines and	16.00	imposed
March	14 "	175.00	" "	12	"
April	14 "	70.00	" "	12	"
May	13 "	60.00	" "	6.00	"
June	17 "	99.50	" "	10	"
July	23 "	197.	" "	10	"

The Chief of Police made request for clothing for the force, one set of accoutrements, and for the usual holidays.

Answering the Chairman, the Chief stated that he would recommend that both policemen be placed in uniform, should the Board decide to place one officer in plain clothes, then in his opinion officer Neen should receive the appointment, as he was the senior in service.

The Clerk was directed to communicate with the Municipal Council asking for the clothing and accoutrements, and the usual holidays were granted.

The Chief stated Constable Neen had about finished the inspection of the City for nuisances. The closing of the hotels under the regulations of the new By-Law had been attended with some little trouble at first, but the time had not exceeded five minutes. Attention had been given to trees overhanging the sidewalks and to prevent fast driving over the Bastion Street bridge, He did not now whether the Bowling Alleys ran late or not but he had found them well conducted, there was one "Nickel in the Slot" machine in the Bowling Alley.

The Board expressed the wish for the Police to see if boys were allowed to hang around the Bowling Alleys, and the Chief was requested to report specially on the way the bowling alleys are conducted, so that if necessary a By-Law may be recommend to the Council.

Reference was made to an offensive smell that appeared to emanate from the Japanese store on Commercial street, the Chief stated that he had noticed it, and had called in the Health Officer, and on investigation had been unable to find anything but the usual smell from dried fish, also that the streets had been kept fairly clear until to-day when a number of vehicles had been brought to the Blacksmith shops to have tires reset, which it was expected would be done by tomorrow.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

S Gough

Clerk

T Hodgson

Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, for the City of Nanaimo held on 29th October, 1909.

Present

Mayor Hodgson, Alderman Busby and James Hodgkinson, Commissioners

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Chief of Police reported for the months of August and September, as follows:-

For August – six cases	Fines	Costs
Drunk and incapable	2.50	2
Assault Dismissal		
Supplying Liquor to prohibited person	30.00	2
Drunk and incapable 2 week in jail		
“ “ “ Dismissed	<u>7.00</u>	<u>Bail [extended?]</u>
“ “ “	<u>39.50</u>	<u>4-</u>

For September 26 cases		
Causing a disturbance	5.	2.
Infraction of Liquor License By Law	10.	2.
“ “ “	2.	
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“ “ “	2.	
Causing disturbance 1 wk in Jail		
“ “	10	2
Infraction of Liquor License By Law Dismissed		
“ “ “	10	2
“ “ “	2	
“ “ “	2	
“ “ “	2	
“ “ [Tryede?]	25	2
Murder - Withdrew		
Drunk & incapable dismissed		
Murder – Committed for trial		
Drunk and Disorderly	dismissed	

“	incapable	5	2
Keeping disorderly house		dismissed	
Stealing	“		
Drunk and incapable		5	2
Stealing		<u>dismissed</u>	_____
	88	14	

On motion,, the reports were received and filed

The Chairman stated, that in view of recent occurrences in the City, -Re “Slot Machines”, he had requested the Chief of Police to ascertain the exact number of machines, which had been done, The Board directed the Chief of Police to enforce the law regarding slot machines, and also to stop diceing.

In reply to the Chairman, the Chief stated that as far as the bar rooms in the various hotels were concerned, the law as very well carried out, but he believed that, with few exceptions, the law was broken in other parts of the hotels. He did not know whether it would be difficult to catch them, or if they took money.

The Chairman stated that the Board wished the law to be enforced, and if the Police Force could not secure convictions with the regular members of the force, if the Chief made application, other assistance would be provided. The Chief was directed to see that boys under 16 years of age were not allowed to frequent the Bowling Alleys and Pool room, also to see that the Slot machines were removed from the Bowling Alley and Fruit stores. The riding of Bicycles on the sidewalks on the bridges in the City as well as on sidewalks, and angering pedestrians, was referred to and the Chief was instructed to take steps to stop it.

Reference was also made to shopkeepers allowing empty cases to stand on the streets for an undue length of time, and branches of shade trees on private grounds overhanging the sidewalks and which could be lopped off was referred to the Chief.

Answering the Chairman, the Chief of Police stated that steps were being taken by the City and Provincial officers to discover the party that has been taking horses and riding them during the night time and then turning them loose.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

T Hodgson
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, for the City of Nanaimo, held on 30th November 1909.

Present

Mayor Hodgson, Alderman Busby and James Hodgkinson, Commissioners

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communication from Constable Adam Barnes, resigning his position as Constable, to take effect at once, On motion,, the resignation was accepted

Reports

The Chief of Police made report for the month of October, 1909 as follows (16 cases in the Police Court)

		Fines	Costs
1 Stealing	Dismissed		
1 Put under Liquor Act (1)			
1 Stealing	out on Suspended Sentence		
3 Assault		15	6
3 Drunk & Incapable		10	4
1 " "	Ten days in jail		
2 Obtaining money under false pretences, 1 dismissed, and 1 sentenced to 9 months in Jail			
1 Non-support of wife	(withdrawn)		
2 [Furious] driving		<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>
1 Drunk	Dismissed	\$35	\$1400

was received and filed.

It was decided to invite applications for the position of Police Constable up to Friday next at 6 p.m.

The Board then adjourned.

A.E. Planta
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on 3rd December 1909.

Present

Mayor Hodgson, Alderman Busby and James Hodgkinson, Commissioners

The following applications for the position of Police Constable were read: -

Arthur [Clearland?], Jas. Robertson, Albert Rowbottom, W Scott, Alfred Mace, John Davies, Alex Stewart, Enock Frances, Geo. Hannay, B. Notts, J.G. Wilson, Jas. H. Clarke, Wm Snowden, J.D. Stewart, Alfred [Grundy?], Wm. Love, S. Swanson, Jas. Thompson,, W. N. Clarke, John Waugh, Jas. Littler, Thos. Hesp. Paul W. Greer, Alphonse Wardle, Richard Spear, Thos. Pickup, J. Killeen.

The Board then took a short intermission, on reassembling, the Chairman stated that the Board had considered the various applications, and had decided to appoint Mr. John Waugh to the position of Constable.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

A.E. Planta
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, for the City of Nanaimo, held on 6th April, 1910.

Present

Mayor Planta, Alderman Busby and Lamont Ross, Commissioners.

The Minutes of the meetings held on 30th November and 3rd December, were read and adopted.

Communication

From Mr. James Harley asking for an increase of Salary.

The Chief of Police, asking for the usual two weeks holiday for the members of the Police Force, for new uniforms, a new revolver and police club also asking for an increase in the salaries of the force.

The requests for increase of Salaries were considered, and it was agreed that from the 1st April the salary of the Chief of Police be \$100.00 per month, Constable Neen \$90.00 per month and Nightwatchman J Harley, \$25.00 per month, and that the requests for Uniforms, accoutrements and holidays be granted.

The reports of the Chief of Police for the months of November & December 1909 January, February and March 1910 were read

For November there were 11 cases and \$26.00 fines & costs imposed

“	December	“	“	25	“	“	749.	“	“	“
“	January	“	“	24	“	“	47.50	“	“	“
“	February	“	“	15	“	“	64.	“	“	“
“	March	“	“	18	“	“	95.	“	“	“

The reports were received and filed

The Chairman referred to Clause 9 of the Liquor License Regulation By Law, and stated that the Board wished it to be strictly enforced, and the Chief was directed to instruct the officers to that effect. Attention was draw to some storekeepers obstructing the sidewalks unduly, and the Chief of Police promised to see that the By-Law was enforced in future.

A communication from the Citizen's League to the Municipal Council, which body had referred it to the Commissioners, complaining that the practice of Bicycle riding on the sidewalks was dangerous and an annoyance to the Public and the Board requested the Chief of Police to see that the By-Law prohibiting the practice complained of, was enforced.

The Chief of Police was also directed to see that the notice regarding premises being cleaned up by the 15th April, was strictly enforced, any parties not complying with the notice by the above date, to be prosecuted. The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

A.E. Planta
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on 1st June 1910.

Present

Mayor Planta, Alderman Busby and Mr. Lamont Ross, Commissioners

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communication

From the Clerk of the Municipal Council, stating that at the meeting of that Body held on the 31st January, 1910, a motion was passed that application be made to the Commissioners of Police, to have Mr. Geo Harrison sworn in

as a special Constable.

Replying to question of the Board, the Chief of Police said that he did not know of any special reason at this time for Mr. Harrison to be sworn in, a time or two he had been called on, but he had thought that any man in that position should be a special.

On motion,, the application was received.

The Chief of Police reported that during the months of April and May, 27 cases had been in the Police Court, and \$194 fines and costs had been imposed.

The reports were received and filed. Answering Commissioner Ross, the Chief stated that the barrooms of the licensed premises were strictly watched, but he could not say for the back parts of the premises, he had never been at the back premises. The Board directed the Chief to see that the Constables were informed, that the Board wished the Closing By-Law to be strictly enforced.

Mr. Ross referred to a drawing for a house that had been advertised, the drawing had not taken place, and there were complaints that the money for tickets had not been refunded. The Chief stated that at the time the drawing was announced, his permission had been asked, which he had refused, but he had made inquiry and had been informed that the parties were arranging to refund the money for every ticket sold.

The Chairman referred to complaints of men obstructing the sidewalks on the Commercial Street [filling?] and the Chief stated that he had already taken steps to prevent the practice.

The Chairman stated that, in view of the general dissatisfaction at the outcome of the Carlson murder case, the Board had decided to hold an inquiry, two weeks from this date.

It was decided that notice be given by notice in the press.

The fast driving by auto-mobile drivers was referred to, often to the danger to the public.

The meeting then adjourned till [15th] inst at 8 p.m.

A.E. Planta
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on 15th June 1910.

Present

Mayor Planta, Alderman Busby and Mr. Lamont Ross, Commissioners.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Chairman stated that owing to the murderer of the late Gus Carlson still being at large, the Board had decided to hold an inquiry to ascertain if the local police were at fault in the matter. Evidence will be admitted on Police Court rules.

He then invited any person to come forward and give evidence on the matter of the Carlson murder trial, the question was called three times, and as no person responded, the Chairman declared the inquiry closed.

Replying to Mr. C H Leicester, the Chairman stated that from the knowledge he had of the Carlson case, he was satisfied with the action of the local police, and he believed that if the matter had been left in their hands the culprit may have been found. Answering Commissioner Ross, the Chief of Police stated that the case was taken out of their hands on the evening of the 16th by [Sergnt] Murray. Mrs. Carlson had been charged with murder on the morning of the 16th.

Mrs. Carlson was allowed to go into the house on the 15th to get clothes, to go to Carlson's funeral, this was the first time Mr. James Young addressed the Commissioners on the matter of the actions of the police stating that though they had been in charge of the premises for two days, yet no search had been engaged to made, and when Mr. H. Freeman had been engaged to make a [plan] of the premises, he procured a key from Mrs. Carlson, and the pillow-slip and shirt were found in the shed, hid from the house.

The Chief stated the coroner's jury searched the house on the 14th, and Mrs. Carlson was in on the 15th.

The meeting then adjourned.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held 20th October 1910.

Present

Mayor Planta, Alderman Busby and L Loss Commissioner.

The Chairman stated that he had been requested by the Secretary of the Local Option League of the City, to call a meeting of the Board.

Mr. Richard Booth introduced a deputation from the League and stated, in part, that their business was to urge

upon the Board to have the law enforced regarding disorderly houses in the City. Rev J R Robertson addressed the Board asking for a better enforcement of the License regulation By Laws, and the abolition of the segregated district. Mrs. A.K. Thompson. Provincial Supt. Of Moral Education presented a letter referring to the white slave traffic and the illegal segregated district in this City claiming that the segregation amounted to a license.

Mr. J.E. T Powers, representing the Citizen League, addressed the Board, asking the Board to take action and close the Fraser Street house of ill fame. Doctor O'Brien addressed the Board on the matter of the segregated district and its effect on the morals of the City, and thought it was the duty of the Commissioners to make the condition for wrong doing as hard as possible, stating, amongst other things, that 50 per cent of all operations on women are the result of diseases, having been infected by men.

The Chairman stated that the Board had listened with much interest to the remarks of the speakers, and they would consider what could be done. Victoria had decided to close the segregated system in that City, he would prefer to wait to see the effect there, he had been informed that the City of Winnipeg had considered it a mistake to abolish the segregated district, and would be glad to undo their action.

The Report of the Chief of Police for the month of June, July, August and September were read and were received and filed.

The Chairman referred to the action of the Chief of Police asking parties to advance the cost of securing prisoners. The Chief of Police stated that at the time the party advanced the money he was informed that it would be refunded if the case was gone on with and it had been done.

Reference was made to the [noisy] way in which some dances were conducted with Forrester Hall.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on 10th May 1911.

Present

Mayor Planta, Alderman Busby and Mr. L Ross, Commissioners

Communication

From Constable Waugh asking for an increase of Salary, was read, and it was decided to advance his salary Ten dollars per month.

The Chief of Police reported that during the month of April there had been twenty cases in the Police Court and fines and costs to the amount of \$263.50 had been levied.

Constable Neen was present and in the absence of the Chief of Police made request for new suits of clothing and raincoats, also for three pairs of hand-cuffs and Police Badges, and that the force be allowed the usual holidays.

It was decided to ask the Council to provide the clothing and other articles required.

The Chairman drew attention to several reports of persons discharging firearms in the South Ward, the practice should be stopped.

The Board instructed the Acting Chief to see that By Laws were enforced regarding fast driving over the bridge and Bicycle riding on the sidewalk. Answering Commissioner Ross, Constable Neen stated that the saloons were living up fairly well to the regulations, but he thought there was still liquor being sold during problem hours. The Police were doing their best to carry out the law.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on 28th March 1912.

Present

Mayor Shaw, Alderman Busby and C H Leicester, Commissioners

Reports

The reports of the Chief of Police for the months of January and February, 1912 were read showing that there had been 45 cases in the Police Court during the two months, and \$132.00 had been levied in fines, the reports were received and filed.

Communication

The Chief of Police asked the Commissioners to consider the advisability of appointing two additional men on the Police Force, and asking for increase in salaries for himself and the other members of the force, that they be supplied with uniforms and that the Police Office be furnished with a set of the new consolidated statutes of BC.

Answering the Chairman, the Chief of Police stated that in other cities there was usually one policeman for every 600 persons, while here it was over 2000 for each officer, the work varied, at times there were parts of the town that the force never visited unless called, and it was impossible to police the town and the office work, when court was held quite often took him half a day to enter up the cases.

There are more offenders than the force can take care of, if the men were around more then would be more arrests.

Regarding the hours of duty, he was supposed to be on duty all the time, the other men's hours were prescribed, one came on duty at 2 o'clock and went off at 11 pm the other came on duty at 10 p.m., and went off at 6 a.m.

Mr. Harrison only acted when he was called, sometimes he was annoyed all night by unruly prisoners, and at times prisoners were kept in the lockup for a week.

The Communication was laid on the table until the next meeting of the Board. It was also decided to request the Council to supply the Police Office with a set of the revised B.C. statutes. Answering Commissioner Leicester, the Chief stated that regarding the houses of ill fame, when he came to the position 17 years ago the houses were here, and he had been directed by successive Mayors to keep things going as they were. He did not know personally that liquors was sold in those house, every time they had information they were pulled. Money was required to prosecute such places, & he had not been able to get any for that purposes.

Commissioner Busby stated that complaints had been made to him, that after the saloons close, men go there shouting and disturbing the neighbourhood.

Mr. Crossan said that he wanted two men as specials to secure evidence against parties breaking the law on Fraser Street. Discussion was had on the matter of dealing with houses of ill fames in the City.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Leicester seconded by Mr. Busby that the Chief of Police be instructed to use the utmost endeavour to carry out the law regarding the red light district and the selling of liquor there. Carried.

Commissioner Busby drew attention to the speeding of Autos much beyond the limit, and Bicycle riding on the sidewalks.

The Chief of Police stated that he did not think autos, could travel at the speed defined in the City By Law, and stated that he would procure copies of the By-Laws in force in other cities, regulating the speed of motor vehicles.

On motion,, it was decided to request the Municipal Council to provide four suits of uniforms for the Police Force.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

S Gough
Clerk

John Shaw
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on 2nd May, 1912.

Present

Mayor Shaw, Alderman Busby, and Mr. C. H. Leicester, Commissioners

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Chief of Police reports for the months of March and April were read during the month of March there had been [33] cases in the Police Court and \$254.00 had been levied in fines and Costs, during the month of April there had been 67 cases, and \$1546.50 had been levied in fines and costs the reports were received and filed. Consideration of the communication from the Chief of Police laid on the table at the previous meeting, was deferred until the next regular meeting of the Board.

Mr. Leicester asked the Chief what more had been made in reference to further checking the Red Light District, the Chief replied that nothing further had been done.

The Board then adjourned.

S. Gough
Clerk

John Shaw
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on 9th May, 1912

Present

Mayor Shaw, Alderman Busby and Mr. C. H. Leicester, Commissioners

Communication

From Mr. James Crossan, Chief of Police, resigning his position was read and on motion, was accepted.

The Chairman stated that the Chief of Police had informed him this morning, that he wished to be relieved of his duties at once, he had then called in Mr. Neen, and requested him to act Chief until an appointment had been made.

The action of the Chairman was approved, and Mr. Neen was requested to continue the duties of Chief until a permanent appointment was made.

The Chairman also stated that request had been made for the appointment of a special constable, and the name of Mr. G. Banasky had been suggested as a suitable person for the position.

On motion, it was decided to appoint Mr. Banasky a special constable temporarily, at wages of three dollars per day.

It was also decided to call for applications for the position of Chief of Police for this City at Salary of \$125.00 per month, the applications to be in by the 25th May, the advertisement to be inserted in Victoria, Vancouver and local papers.

The Board then adjourned till 25th May 8 p.m.

S Gough
Clerk

John Shaw
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on the 25th May 1912.

Present

Mayor Shaw, Alderman Busby, and Mr. C H Leicester Commissioners.

The following applications for the position of Chief of Police were read:-

S L Redgrave	Taylor Ainsworth
Geo Johnson	C H Chapin
F Jones	W G Hunter
A H Bateman	A L [Durgman?]
P Brogan	H Wallbank
H [Amplett?]	J H Graves
T B Thomas	R Parnell
H Carpenter	D G [Aaby?]
A B Baxter	H Smith
T C Reed	J B Younghusband
Jas D Taylor	E J Millen
H G French	R C Mansfield
G A Edwards	Thos Backlog
Robt P Morton	J Neen
F W Hosking	J Urquhart
M Stafford	J T Pirie

Telegram from D. Archibald, Chief Inspector of Toronto Police Force, recommending George Chapman for the position, was also read, was ruled out of order by the Chairman, as there was no application from Mr. Chapman.

The several applications were laid on the table, to be considered at a meeting of the Board on the 5th June.

The Chairman reported that he had found it necessary to swear in two special policemen on the 24h May.

It was decided to ask the Municipal Council to provide six police badges.

The Board then adjourned till 5th June at 8 pm

S Gough
Clerk

John Shaw
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on the 5th June 1912.

Present

Mayor Shaw, Alderman Busby, and Mr. C.H. Leicester, Commissioners.

The Minutes of the previous regular meeting, and of the special meetings held on the 9th and 25th May, were read and adopted. The Acting Chief of Police reported that during the month of May, there had been 43 cases in the police court, and \$1251.00 fines and costs had been imposed, one case had been appealed, and the penalty had not been paid in yet – the net amount being \$1099.00. On motion, the report was received and filed. The various applications for the position of Chief of Police received at the previous meeting of the Board, were considered, a ballot was taken and Jacob Neen was declared appointed to the position.

On motion,, Mr. Harold Wallbank was appointed Constable at salary of \$80.00 per month, his duties to commence on the 10th June.

On motion, of Mr. Leicester, seconded by Alderman Busby, it was decided to recommend to the Municipal Council that the work of the Sanitary Inspector, the looking after quarantined houses, the care of the City Jail and weigh scales be put directly under the supervision of the Chief of Police, and that the services of Mr. G. Harrison be dispensed with. Mayor Shaw stated that application had been made to him by Lee Manson, for permission to give a sixteen round exhibition of boxing, the exhibition to be clean sport, or the receipts to be seized and given to some charitable institution. He had not given any permission and would not, except with the consent of the Board. The Board decided to withhold its consent to the exhibition.

The question of police clothing was considered and it was decided that regular uniforms be procured.

The questions of rules for the government of the Police Force was referred to and laid over. The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

John Shaw
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on the 4th July, 1912.

Present

Mayor Shaw, Alderman Busby, Mr. Chas. H. Leicester, Commissioners.

The minutes

Of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Report

The Chief of Police reported that during the month of June there had been 26 cases dealt with in the City Police Court, and \$86.00 in costs and fines, 9 cases had been dismissed.

The report was received and filed. The Chief of Police presented a request for the following articles required by the Police department, namely:-

1 Criminal Code, with latest amendments

1 Canadian Criminal Procedure Magistrates Authority, [Treamirars?] or [Daly?]

1 Set of Revised statutes of BC

1 Index Book

2 Revolvers

2 Batons

Telephone in house of Chief and one Constable

1 Stop watch or timer

2 Constables.

On motion, it was decided to have all the articles supplied. Answering Commissioner Leicester, the Chief of Police stated that he had not taken any particular steps to clear out the red light district, the Board had not given any directions so far. The question of the Social evil and its suppression was considered by the Board. Rev S J Thompson, Doctor O'Brien and Mr. Jas Young addressed the Board regarding the question.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Leicester seconded by Mr. Busby that the Chief of Police be now instructed by this Board to prosecute all keepers of houses of ill fame to the limit of the law. Carried

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

John Shaw
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on Monday 8th July 1912.

Present

Mayor Shaw, Alderman Busby and Chas H Leicester, Commissioners

The question of appointing an additional Police officer was considered and on motion, Mr. Geo D Banasky was appointed to the position at salary of \$75.00 per month. The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

John Shaw
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on 29th August, 1912.

Present Mayor Shaw, Alderman Busby & C H Leicester, Commissioners

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 4th and 8th July were read and adopted.

Communication

From Mr. C Taylor complaining that he had been summoned to attend the Police Court as a witness, he had to lose two days work, and the Magistrate had not made any order for wages to him, it was referred to the Police Magistrate. The Chief of Police reported that during the month of July there had been 39 cases in the Police Court, and \$820.00 in fines and costs had been levied. The Chief of Police stated that on the 13th July, he visited the houses on Fraser Street and gave them until the 31st July to vacate the premises, he had sent a police officer to investigate, there, and Commissioner Leicester had asked the officer to resign or he would expose him. In consequence of this action, no further work had been done, and he did not propose doing any until he was protected from such attack. On the 14th July, there were between 40 & 50 women on Fraser Street, and 31st July there were 14, and three houses had been closed up. The particular night referred to he had sent the policeman to Fraser Street, but he was there on duty.

The Chairman expressed his disapproval of the action of Commissioner Leicester in following the police, and giving orders to a subordinate police officer to arrest a senior officer. Addressing the Chief, he stated that the Board expected them to do his duty in his own way, the Board had confidence in his ability, and his subordinates must not take orders from any one but himself. Commissioner Leicester stated that there had been an effort made to secure a sale of liquor, and an exhibition of lewdness had been witnessed, and while a conviction had been secured, yet no proceeding had been taken against the proprietor of the house.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on 5th September, 1912.

Present

Mayor Shaw, Alderman Busby, and Chas H Leicester, Commissioners

The Chairman stated that two or three weeks ago, Commissioner Leicester had asked Constable Waugh to resign, and had stated that he had better resign or save exposure, he (The Chairman) had mentioned to Mr. Waugh some damaging evidence regarding him to which Mr. Waugh had stated that he would court enquiry.

This meeting had been called to consider the matter.

The Chairman then asked Mr. Waugh if he would resign and settle the matter quietly. Mr. Waugh asked where the charges came from, as he wanted a chance to meet the accusations.

Commissioners Busby and Leicester expressed themselves that, on the evidence which had been placed before the members of the Board, they were fully justified in dispensing with the services of the officer, and that it would be better not to disclose the matter further. Mr. Waugh then stated that he would not resign.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Leicester seconded by Mr. Busby that Mr. Waugh be given notice that his services will not be required after the 15th September, inst. Carried

It was decided that applications be invited for a police constable, who must have had actual police experience, at salary of \$80.00 per month.

The Board then adjourned till 12th inst at 8 p.m.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on 12th September, 1912.

Present

Mayor Shaw, Alderman Busby, and Charles H Leicester, Commissioners.

The following applications for the position of Police Constable, were read.

Robert H Tarn	A H Atkins
James Robertson	Thos Backlog
Wm Atkinson	[Benj] Butler
R.I [Mayben?]	T G Hall
Chas E Thompson	Andrew Struthers Rae
Wm J Robertson	Lancelot Dawkin
R E McMinn	Wm Hart
James Ward	Geo Wm Bambrough
J Love	Chas Billsborough
J [Tiplady?]	W F Whiteley
Wm Snowden	Edward [Prynallt?]
W F Seaton	H McElroy
W R Henley	Frederick Young
Arthur Davis	Edward Hopper Smith
Sydney Ross	Wm D Milne
John [Shirras?]	Jas C Proudlock
E L [Doige?]	Arthur Cleveland

The applications were laid on the table, to be considered at a meeting to held on Wednesday next.

The Board then adjourned till Wednesday 18th inst at 8 p.m.

Special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on 19 Sept 1912

Present

Mayor Shaw, Alderman Busby and Charles H Leicester, Commissioners

The applications for the position of Constable laid on the table at the meeting of the Commissioners, on the 12th inst, were considered and Mr. John Shirras was appointed to the position.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on [4th] November, 1912.

Present

Mayor Shaw, Alderman Busby, and Charles H. Leicester, Commissioners

Communication

From Mrs. C. G. Stevens, complaining that the dances and other entertainments held in the Forresters Hall were often kept up until 4:30 o'clock in the morning, which prevented the traveling public that patronized the Temperance Hotel from getting sleep, and they complained of the nuisance, during one week it had occurred five times.

The communication was referred to the Chief of Police.

The appointment of an additional policeman was considered, and on motion, of Mr. Leicester, Mr. James Robertson was appointed to the position, at salary of \$80.00 per month.

It was decided to advance the salaries of H. Wallbank and John Shirras to \$90.00 per month from the 1st December next.

On motion,, the Chief of Police was authorized to employ Special policemen in any cases of emergency.

The Chief of Police referred to the lack of authority on the part of police officers, in the matter of Wholesale Liquor licenses, and suggested the passage of a By-Law by the Municipal Council giving a greater measure of control.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on 21st February, 1913.

Present

Mayor Shaw, Alderman Crossan and Robert R Hindmarsh, Commissioners

The Chief of Police reported that during the month of January 1913, 35 cases had been tried in the Police Court, and \$126.75 had been paid in fines and costs. The Report was received and filed.

Communication

From the Chief of Police, asking for telephones to be installed in the homes of each of the Constables, and into the Jailor's room at the Jail, also asking for the appointment of two additional constables. The members of the force had applied to be allowed one Sunday off in each month, but with the present number of men, he had not been in

a position to grant the request. His application for a copy of Tremears Canadian Criminal Procedure had not been filled yet, and only two of the six Police Badges had been delivered. He also asked that a Typewriting machine be supplied the Police Office. On motion,, it was decided that the Municipal Council be requested to furnish a typewriting machine, that a telephone be installed in H Wallbank's residence, and in J Robertson's home as soon as the system is extended.

It was decided that one additional constable be appointed at Salary of \$70.00 per month, and the clerk was directed to invite applications up to noon on Wednesday next. The usual holiday of two weeks was granted the police.

The meeting then adjourned till Wednesday 26th inst at 4 p.m.

John Shaw
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on 26th February, 1913.

Present

Mayor Shaw, Alderman Crossan and Mr. Robt. R. Hindmarsh, Commissioners.

The following applications for the position of Constable were read:

Robert Morton	James Ward
Wm Menzies	Alex Bell
R H [Tebb?]	Wm Sykes
J J Little	D McDonald
David Little	T H Killeen
[Jno] Stephenson	F E Higgins
Alex Young	[Jno] Kelley
Geo Perry	Wm Snowden
J G Jackson	Geo H Adam
Alex Park	R H White
J E Thomson	James D Fearon
S Orr	J H Birchall
T Jordan	[S] Dawkin
H J Robinson	

A ballot was taken and Mr. Alex Young was appointed.

John Shaw
Chairman

Meeting of Board of Commissioners of Police held on 24th December 1913.

Present

Mayor Shaw, Alderman Crossan and Mr. Robt. T. Hindmarsh, Commissioners

A communication from Mr. James Harley resigning his position as nightwatchman. The Chairman informed the Board that this position was created by the various businessmen, the Council appropriating a sum toward his wages, and he was appointed a special policeman. The businessmen had given the position to Mr. W. Hart, and he had commenced the duties.

It was decided to appoint Mr. Hart as special constable, the clerk to notify the Municipal Council of this action.

The Board then adjourned till 2 p.m. on Friday 2nd January 1914.

John Shaw
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on 8th January 1914.

Present

Mayor Shaw, Alderman Crossan and Mr Robert R Hindmarsh, Commissioners

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 21st and 26th February and the 24th December 1913 were read and adopted.

The Chief of Police reported that during the month of December, 1913, 46 cases had been dealt with in the City Police Court, and \$315.50 had been levied in fines and costs.

The Chief of Police informed the Board that Mr. Alex Young had proved satisfactory in performing his duties as Constable, and the Board then decided to make his appointment as a member of the Police Force permanent.

On motion, it was decided to ask the Municipal Council to supply uniforms for the members of the Police Force.

The Board then adjourned.

A.E. Planta
Chairman

Meeting of Board of Commissioners of Police held on 21st February 1914.

Present

Mayor Planta Alderman Crossan, R Hindmarsh Commissioners.

The Minutes

Of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The report

Of the Chief of Police for the month of January was read and was received and filed. The Salaries of the Police officers were fixed at the following rate per month

Chief of Police	\$130.
Constable Shirras	100.
“ Wallbank	95.
“ Robertson	90.
“ Young	80.

Motion Moved by Mr. Hindmarsh, seconded by Mr. Crossan, that Constable Shirras be appointed to the position of Sergeant. Carried.

Application of T Moore to hold a boxing bout between Meredith and Hyne, at the Nanaimo Athletic Club, was refused.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

S Gough
Clerk

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held 29th April, 1914.

Present

Mayor Planta, Alderman Crossan and R Hindmarsh Commissioners.

The Chief of Police referred to the proposed gathering on the 1st May.

After consideration of the matter, it was decided by the Board that the Saloons, Breweries and Wholesale Houses be closed on the 1st of May, and that an auto patrol for the police be engaged for the day.

It was decided that the Streets Traffic Regulation By Laws be strictly enforced, and that the citizens be asked to co-operate with the authorities. Also that the police keep a strict lookout for undesirables, by boat and rail.

The Chairman stated that he had received a letter stating that a parade would be held whether consent was granted or not. The Board decided that no parade be permitted by any number of persons, or any instrumental Band.

The Board then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

S Gough
Clerk

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police held on 29th June 1915.

Present

Mayor Planta, Alderman Busby and J R McKinnell, Commissioners

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of May 1915 was read that 23 cases had been before the Police Magistrate during that month, and \$336.00 had been levied in fines and costs.

The report was received and filed. The Chief of Police made request for uniforms and Helmets for the Policemen and it was decided to place the request before the Municipal Council.

Answering Commissioner McKinnell, the Chief of Police stated that two or three contests had been held in Athletic Club arena, he had understood that they were within the regulations and had been allowed to proceed.

The matter of the proposed contest in the Athletic Club was discussed and it was decided to withhold consent thereto.

The matter of street traffic and the use of vehicles, in proper order of traffic was considered, it was mentioned that the City Streets Traffic Regulation By-Law permitted traffic contrary to the practice in other cities. It being understood that there was a probability of an amendment to the By Law being passed, the matter was laid over.

The Board then adjourned.

S Gough
Clerk

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on the 31st day of December 1915 in City Hall, Nanaimo at 2 pm.

Present

Mayor Planta, Alderman Busby and Mr. J R McKinnell.

Communication

From Constable Wallbank was received as follows:-

"I beg to most respectfully ask extended leave of absence from the City Police Force, having joined the 88th Overseas Battalion of Canada. Being an ex-soldier, I have had, a desire to answer my Country's call for sometime but owing to the responsibility that I have, as a married man, with small young family I hesitated. However, I have at last taken a definite step. Knowing what my absence will mean to my family, I trust that your Honourable body will see that they suffer no hardships. I sincerely hope that when I return should I be spared to do so that it will be with the consciousness, that I have faith fully served my country. I feel that I cannot say goodbye without thanking your honourable body and your precedents as well as the other members of the force, for the splendid treatment that I have been afforded.

Alderman Busby stated that it was with great feeling that he moved that Constable Wallbank's request be granted and that his position would be kept for him should he be spared to return. Mr. J R McKinnell seconded the motion, which was adopted. Chief of Police then gave a brief outline of how useful and upright a man Constable Wallbank had been and it was with the greatest regret that he acceded to his request.

The resolution as follows was then put to the Board that Constable H. Wallbank be granted leave of Absence, and that the Corporation will undertake to see that the family are looked after. The motion was adopted.

Mr. J R McKinnell moved that the Board adjourn till the call of the Chair, which was adopted.

A L Rattray
Clerk

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police for the City of Nanaimo, held on 11th January 1916.

Present

Mayor Planta, Alderman Busby, J R McKinnell

Communication

From Sergeant John Shirras, asking for extended leave of absence from the City Police Force as he had joined the 103rd Battalion of the Canadian Over Sea's forces. He thanked the Board, the Chief of Police, and the other members of the force for the splendid treatment accorded him, and expressing the trust that the Board would look after the welfare of his home during his absence.

On motion, of Mr. Busby, seconded by Mr. McKinnell, the Board granted the leave of absence asked for by Sargent Shirras, the several members of the Board expressing their regret at losing the services of Mr. Shirras.

The Chief of Police was authorized to employ any necessary assistance on the Police Force that may be required, and the appointment of an officer was left in abeyance.

On motion, it was decided that a communication be sent to the Municipal Council recommending that Constables Wallbank and Shirras be paid their full salary for the months of January 1916.

The Board then adjourned.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Police, held on 12th January, 1916.

Present

Mayor Planta, Alderman Busby, Jas R McKinnell

Communication

From Constable Alex. E. Young, informing the Board that he had joined the No.1 Field Ambulance, Canadian Army Medical Corps for service over-seas, and having been notified to report for duty at his earliest convenience, he

asked for extended leave of absence from his duties on the Police Force.

He thanked the members of the Board, for the kind treatment accorded him during the time he had been connected with the Force. The communication was received and filed and the extended leave of absence asked for was granted.

It was decided that John Little be appointed special constable, at remuneration of \$80.00 per month.

The Board then adjourned.

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on February 15th 1916.

Present

Mayor Busby, Alderman McKinnell and [Mr. Walker]

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Report of the Chief of Police for month of January was read on motion, it was received and filed.

Applications for an appointment on the Police Force were received from the following gentlemen Alex Young, Ben Cheetham, and J Nicholson After the merits of the various applicants were discussed, Alderman McKinnell moved that Mr. Nicholson be sworn in as a special Policeman to take place held by Mr. Little and to act as such until one of the former Policemen who had enlisted came back to retain his position. Seconded (Alderman) Mr. G Walker. Carried

The Chief of Police applied to the Board for 3 uniforms, 2 overcoats and helmets or Caps. On motion, it was agreed to supply 2 suits, Overcoats, Caps. Moved by Alderman McKinnell [2nd] Mr. Walker

Moved by Alderman McKinnell, Seconded by Mr. Walker, that the force be granted the usual Holidays when the time came around. The Estimates for the current year were laid over until the Board were sure of the action to be taken by the Municipal Council. The meeting then adjourned till the call of the Chair.

A.L. Rattray
Clerk

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on the 14th day of February 1917 at 5 pm in the City Hall.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Alderman Wm H Morton and Geo A Beattie

Communication

From the Municipal Council to the Board asking them to use their discretion in considering the Estimates, emphasizing on the point of Strictest economy.

Motion

Moved by Alderman Morton, Seconded by Mr. Beattie that the communication be received and filed. Carried.

Estimates

The Estimates for the year were submitted as follows: Salaries \$4986.00 Legal Expenses \$50.00 Keep of Prisoner \$125.00 Taking Evidence \$50.00 Light \$48.00 Advertising \$15.00 Uniforms \$16.00 Witness Fees \$20.00 Postage [& Box Rank] \$10.00 Transportation of Prisoners \$100.00 Telephone \$120.00 Telephone Tolls \$10.00 [Stoves] \$15.00 Water \$12.00 Incidentals \$100.00 Coal & wood \$15.00. Total \$5841.

Moved by Mr. Beattie that \$100.00 be added to the Estimates as presented for Secret Service Work and that the Estimates as amended be received and referred to the Finance Committee of the Municipal Council to be incorporated in their report. Seconded by Alderman Morton Carried

Communication

From the Attorney Generals' office as follows:-

"I am directed by the Hon. Attorney General to advise you that the Government purposes pursuing a policy of vigorous law enforcement in all unorganized districts of the Province, with particular reference to the question of prostitutes, and houses of prostitution in segregated areas. This Department hopes that you and your Police Force, will at once take steps to abolish the evil, and will be pleased to render you all reasonable assistance in backing you up. You will of course, understand that the Government's Policy of law enforcement extends not only to the question of prostitution but to all breaches of law. I will be pleased if you will acknowledge receipt of this letter and let me know what steps your City intend taking with regard to prostitutes and prostitution.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Beattie, Seconded by Alderman Morton, that the clerk send a reply stating that the Board was thoroughly in accord with their wishes re the enforcement of the law but would like to know what was meant by the use of the term reasonable assistance. Carried

The report of the Chief of Police was received and filed.

Moved by Alderman Morton, Seconded by Mr. Beattie, that a request be forwarded to the Council to furnish the necessary uniforms for the Police as per Estimates
Carried

The report of the Chief of Police was received and filed.

Moved by Mr. Beattie, Seconded by Alderman Morton that the Police be granted the usual holidays during the summer.
Carried.

Moved by Alderman Morton, Seconded by Mr. Beattie, that the Chief be granted power to engage help if deemed necessary.

The Board then adjourned.

A L Rattray
Clerk

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on the 9th day of October 1917 at 5 p.m. in the City Hall, Nanaimo.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioner Geo Beattie and Chief of Police Neen.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. W.C. Findlay as follows:- "I am enclosing you herewith a copy of the British Columbia Prohibition Act" which comes into effect in this Province on Octr 1st 1917. I will be [glad] if you will draw the attention of your Police officials to the provisions of this Act and instruct them accordingly. You will notice, under Section C29), sub-section (1) that, "The duty of seeing that the provisions of this act are complied with and of enforcing the same and of prosecuting persons offending against such provisions shall [devolve] upon every municipal Police Force in the Province, and they shall severally have full authority to enforce all such provisions. The government seeks the hearty cooperation of yourself and officers in the vigorous enforcement of the Act".

Motion

Moved by ~~Alderman Morton~~, rev. Beatties seconded by Worship the Mayor that the communication be received and filed. It was regularly moved and seconded that Chief order suits for the force at a price consistent with quality, this being left to his discretion.

The meeting then adjourned.

A.L. Rattray
Clerk

First Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on the 31st day of January 1918 at 7:30 p.m. in the Police Chambers. Nanaimo

The Returning Officer having reported that an Election had been held on the 17th January for two Police Commissioners for the City of Nanaimo and that Mr. W.J. Morton had been elected for the term of two years and Mr. M.W. Garman for the term of one year.

The necessary declarations having been taken, the Board then took their seats.

Estimates

The Chief of Police laid the requirements of the ~~Board~~ Police before the Board for the year 1918.

Salaries \$54.00 [4] Uniforms \$240.00 Legal Expenses \$50.00 Keep of Prisoners \$200.00. Taking Evidence \$50.00 Light \$48.00 Advertising \$15.00. Witness Fess \$20.00. Postage and Box Rent \$10.00. Transportation of Prisoners \$100.00 Telephone \$120.00 Telephone Tolls \$20.00. [Stores] \$15.00 Water \$21.00 Coal \$40.00. Stationery \$10.00 Incidentals \$100.00. Making a total \$6459.00.

Motion

Moved by ~~Alderman~~ Commissioner Morton, Seconded by ~~Alderman~~ Commissioner Garman, that the Estimates be approved and handed over to the Finance Committee of the Council to be incorporated in their report. Carried.

Report

The Chief reported that he had seized 30 gallons of liquor but found that the freight charges against same amounted to \$17.00, but if the purchaser of same did not appeal his case before the Police Magistrate within 30 days it would be confiscated. The cost of the liquor ~~only~~ alone would be in the neighbourhood of \$180.00 and he felt sure the purchaser was only a procurer for another as he was a [batcher?] and a few months ago had no money. He also knew of a case of a Chinaman who had 100 gallons of Chinese Wine in Bond, but this was ordered previous to the Prohibition Act coming in force. The Chinaman had called on him and asked what could be done in the matter but he had informed him he could do nothing.

Motion

Moved by Alderman Morton, Seconded by Mr. Garman, that the Police Commissioners hold a regular monthly meeting on the 1st Friday in the month commencing in March. Carried.

It was decided that the City council be asked to bring in legislation compelling the registration of rooming and boarding houses.

The meeting then adjourned till the first Friday in March.

A.L. Rattray

Clerk

Second Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held in the Council Chamber, Nanaimo at 7:30 p.m. on the 1st March 1918.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners Messrs Morton and Garman

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted after the word Commissioner had been substituted instead of Mr. Garman.

Communication

From Constable Nicholson asking for an increase in wages on the grounds of the high cost of living.

Motion

Moved by ~~Alderman~~ Commissioner Garman, Seconded by Commissioner Morton, that the matter be referred to the Chief of Police to report at the next meeting of the Board. Carried.

Report

The reports of the Chief of Police for the months of January and February were, on motion, received and filed. The Chief stated that Reid had asked through Harrison the Solicitor for a date to be set to appeal the case but he did not think that the Magistrate would set another date.

The Boarding House By Laws was considered by the Commissioners and it was suggested that an interpretation clause should be in the By Law to define what a Boarding House was. It was decided to redraft the By Law to be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

The Commissioners then adjourned till 7:30 p.m. on the first Friday in April.

A.L. Rattray
Clerk

Third Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, held in the Council Chambers on the 5th day of April 1918 at 7:30 p.m. in Nanaimo, B.C.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners Morton and Garman

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted

Report

The Chief of Police reported 15 cases during the month of March netting an amount of \$220.50 in fines and costs. The report was received and filed.

The Chief reported on the request of Constable Nicholson for an increase of Salary and, after submitting figures from seven other Municipal cities in the Province showing scale of wages paid, recommended that the Police Force of this City be placed on the same basis.

Motion

After considerable discussion, it was on the motion of Commissioner Garman decided to recommend to the Municipal Council that an supplementary estimate be brought in to provide revenue for a raise of \$10.00 per month for Constables Robertson and Nicholson, the same to come into effect from 1st March 1918.

Carried

Commissioner Garman asked the [Greek Club on Cavan Street?] and wanted to know if it was correct that same was a gambling joint. The Chief in reply stated that, as far as he knew after visiting the place, it was a sort of a meeting place or Club for Greeks where cards etc was played but he had not seen anything to designate it as a gambling house. In fact, it was well nigh an impossibility for him to catch them gambling, as he was so well known that if gambling was taking place their lookout man would warn them when he was coming and everything would be off the table ere he gained admittance.

Regarding the position of Nightwatchman, the Council and Board of Police Commissioners had decided not to fill the vacancy, but looked to the Chief to so arrange his staff that the City would get the best possible protection.

The Board then adjourned till 7:30 p.m. on the first Friday in May.

A.L. Rattray
Clerk

Fourth Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held in the Council Chambers on 10th day of May 1918 at 7:30 p.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners Mr. Garman and W.H. Morton

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Reports

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of April was received and filed.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, Seconded by Commissioner Morton, that the Clerk be instructed to insert a notice in the local papers stating that copies of the Street Traffic By Law can be obtained at the City Hall on payment of twenty-five cents. Carried

The letter from the Police Magistrate [appertaining?] to the provision of stopwatches for the Police, from the City Council was on motion, received and filed. It was suggested that the Chief of Police have an interview with the leader of the Italian band regarding band practices in the Princess Theatre.

The meeting then adjourned till 7:30 p.m. on the First Friday in June.

A.L. Rattray
Clerk

Fifth Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held in the Council Chambers, Bastion Street Nanaimo on Friday the 7th day of June 1918 at 7:30 p.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners W H Morton and Mr. Garman

Communication

From the W.C.T.U. asking permission from the Board for the hearing of two of its members who will address the Board of Police Commissioners on the "Red Light District". On motion, the communication was received and the

request granted.

Report

The Chief of Police 16 cases for the month of May meeting the sum of \$176.00 in fine and costs.

Motion

On the motion of Commissioner Garman seconded by his Worship the Mayor the report was received and filed. Moved by Commissioner Morton seconded by Commissioner that the clerk write the Council recommending that the cycle used by the Engineering Department be repaired and turned over to the Police for their use.

Carried.

His Worship the Mayor informed the deputation from the W.C.T.U. that the Board were now prepared to hear the two delegates from their organization regarding The "Red Light District". The speakers appointed by the W.C.T.U. organization being Mrs. West and then Rev D. Unsworth. The deputation consisted of [Mr. and Miss West, D. Unsworth, Mr. [Cult?], Mrs. Irvine, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. G. Lindsay (Five Acres) Mr. Nicholson, Mrs. Priestly, Mr. A. Bradfield, Mrs. A. Bradfield etc.

Mrs. West thanked the Board for the permission given by the Board, for the opportunity to speak to the Commissioners on the "Red Light District" and stated that the Chief of Police had power, by the Criminal Code, to close up the houses of the ill fame within 48 hours and that he also had power to prosecute the owners of the property who allowed this to be a means of revenue to them within that District. She asked that the Board of Police Commissioners do their part by instructing the Chief of Police to close up the houses as mentioned without delay.

Rev D. Unsworth then followed and quoted statistic concerning the various diseases of men and women, as compiled by Board of Conservation at Ottawa. He quoted that 12% of the patients admitted to the Public Ward of the General Hospital at Toronto were either suffering from the disease or tainted with same. He emphasized on the part of conservation and thought it was the duty of all to help the saving of the coming generation as far as possible from this malady. The Rev Unsworth closed his presentation of the appeal to the Board by appealing to the patriotism in the conserving of human life by the closing up

of the Red Light District. The deputation then left the meeting after the Commissioners stated that owing to the many difficulties which confronts conviction under this [lead?] and, until such time as it could be shown that good would accrue out of the action proposed by the delegation, they could not see their way clear to fall in line with the proposed action of the delegation from the W.C.T.U.

The Board then adjourned till on 7:30 on the First Friday in July.

A.L. Rattray
Clerk

Sixth Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held in the Council Chambers, Nanaimo on Friday the 5th day of July at 7:45 p.m. 1918.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners W.H. Morton and M. W. Garman

The Minutes of the two previous meeting were adopted as read.

Communication

From the B.C. Secretary of the Lords Day Alliance as follows:- "Some time ago, in an interview with His Worship the Mayor, I called attention to the petty trading that is going on Sunday in your City in violation of the Lord's Day Act. I have not yet had any information that this matter has been dealt with, indeed I am informed that nothing has been done, I am informed that by virtue of the amendment of the Municipal Act of 1917 your Board is under oath individually and collectively to enforce the laws of the land. I shall be glad to be corrected if I am in error. If I am not, I desire to call upon you to take such action as will put a stop to the violations of the Act referred to above. I am [?] that the Hon. Attorney-General has stated that he is ready to give the necessary permission required by Section 17 of the Act before cases can be taken to the Courts.

Motion

Moved by ~~Alderman~~ Commissioner Morton, Seconded by Commissioner Garman, that the communication be received and the Secretary informed that this matter was receiving their consideration.

Carried.

From J [Harhurs?], Caretaker at the Jail, handing in his resignation from the 27th June.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Morton, Seconded by Commissioner Garman, that the resignation be accepted and the communication be received and filed.

Carried.

Report

Of the Chief of Police for the month of June was, on the motion of Commissioner Morton, Seconded by Commissioner Garman, received and filed.

Carried

Motion

On the motion of Commissioner Morton, Seconded by Commissioner Garman, the Clerk was instructed to write the Council recommending the purchase of 3 suits, 1 cap and two helmets. Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Morton, Seconded by Commissioner Garman, that the Police Board recommend to the City Council the advisability of erecting small sign posts at the intersections of the busiest streets with the idea of dividing automobile and other traffic more satisfactorily than the present method of a Policeman having to be on point duty. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned till the 1st Friday in August.

A.L. Rattray
Clerk of Board

Seventh Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held in the Council Chambers, Bastion Street, Nanaimo on the 3rd day of August 1918 at 7:30 p.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners M Garman

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communications

From the Municipal Council attaching letter from the Secretary of the Canada Food Board, Victoria stating that the Consolidated Orders-in-Council and Canada Food Board Orders issued relative to food Conservation had been placed in the hands of the Police Authorities and asking that the officials see that the regulations are strictly observed and vigorously enforced.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, Seconded by His Worship the Mayor, that the communication be received and filed and that the Secretary of Food Board be informed that this matter is being attended to.

Carried.

Report

The Chief of Police reported 32 cases and fines and lists amounting to \$334.00 for the month ending July 31st 1916. The report was received and filed.

The meeting then adjourned till the 1st Friday in September 1918

A.L. Rattray
Clerk of Board

Eighth Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on the 6th day of September 1918 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bastion Street, Nanaimo.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners Maurice W Garman and Wm J Morton

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From J. Shirras as follows "I hereby respectfully beg to make application for re-instatement to my old position on the Police Force of this City. For your information, I may state that I have advised my present employers, the Military Authorities of my intention to apply for my old position, and they have asked the [retention] of my services for a period of two months. Under the circumstances, I would respectfully ask your Board to consider my request. I may state that when I obtained leave of absence from the Police Board in 1916, I was then in receipt of \$100.00 per month. But since then the Police Force of the City have been granted an increase owing to the condition of the times, and I would expect to receive the same consideration at your hands, as my colleagues, in the Force. Should you consider this application favourably, I would endeavour to perform my duties to the best of my abilities. Awaiting the favour of any early reply."

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, Seconded by Commissioner Morton, that the request be granted and that Mr. Shirras be reinstated as Serg at \$110.00 per mo. Carried

Report

The Chief of Police reported 16 cases during the month of August 1918 resulting in \$318.00 n fines and costs.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, Seconded by Commissioner Morton, that the report be received and filed. Carried

Moved by Commissioner Morton, Seconded by Commissioner Garman, that Constable Nicholson be notified that owing to the reinstatement of Sargeant Shirras, his services would not be required after October 31st 1918. Carried

Moved by Commissioner Garman, that the Clerk be instructed to write the Council, asking what had been done regarding the placing of posts in the main Streets for the Division of Traffic Carried

The Board then adjourned till 7:30 pm on the 4th day of October 1918.

A.L. Rattray
Clerk of Board

Ninth Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on 4th day of October 1918 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers Bastion Street Nanaimo BC

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners Messrs Morton and Garman

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Report

The Chief of Police reported 19 cases disposed of, during the month of September 1918 resulting in \$317 being collected in fines and costs.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Morton, Seconded by Commissioner Garman, that the report of Chief Neen be received and filed. Carried

The Board then adjourned till 7:30 pm on Friday, the 1st November 1918.

H Hackwood
Clerk of Board

Tenth Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on the 6th day of December 1918 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bastion Street, Nanaimo, BC

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners Messrs Garman & Morton

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Report

The Chief of Police reported 22 cases disposed of during the month of October, 1918 resulting in \$483.05 being collected in fines and costs.

Motion

On motion, of Commissioner Morton, seconded by Commissioner Garman, the report of Chief of Police was received and filed.

Report

The Chief of Police reported 19 cases disposed of during the month of November 1918, resulting in \$646.00 being collected in fines and costs.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Morton, seconded by Commissioner Garman, that the report of the Chief of Police be received and filed. Carried.

The Board then adjourned till 7:30 p.m. on Friday, the 3rd January, 1919.

H Hackwood
Clerk of Board

Eleventh Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, held on the 3rd day of January, 1919 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bastion Street, Nanaimo, BC.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners Messrs Morton and Garman

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and adopted.

Report

Chief of Police Neen, reported a total of 18 cases disposed of, in the City Police Court for the month of December, resulting in \$664.40 being collected as fines and costs. On motion, the report of the Chief of Police was received and filed.

The Board then adjourned till 7:30 p.m. of the first Friday, in February, 1919.

H Hackwood,
Clerk of Board

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on the 7th day of February, 1919, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bastion Street, Nanaimo, BC.

Present

His Worship, Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners Messrs Garman & Morton

The necessary declarations were taken by His Worship, Mayor McKenzie and Commissioner Garman and filed with the City Clerk; Commissioner Garman being re-elected for a term of two years.

Communication

From John Shirras, tendering his resignation from the City Police Force, to take effect forthwith to fulfill an appointment under the Provincial Civil Service.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton, that the communication be received and the resignation accepted. Carried.

Report

The Chief of Police reported that 8 cases had been disposed of in the City Police Court, during the month of January 1919, and that \$46 had been collected in fines and costs. On motion, the report was received and filed.

The Chief of Police submitted the estimates for the Police Dept. for the year 1919, and attached a report explaining that he had allowed for an increase of 15% on the salaries of the Dept., and also \$100 for renovating and repairing the Police Office and cells, which they needed badly, as water seems to seep through the walls. On motion, the estimates were laid over for consideration at a special meeting of the Board.

On motion, the action of Chief Neen in appointing Thomas Richardson as Constable until the return from overseas of one of the old members of the Police Force, was endorsed, and the Constable's salary was fixed at \$90. plus the bonus granted to the City Employees.

H Hackwood
Clerk of Board

Special meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, held at the City Hall, Nanaimo, on the 15th of Feby 1919.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners, Messrs Morton and Garman

The estimates of the Police Dept. for the year 1919, came up for consideration and on motion, the estimates as revised were approved and the clerk of the board instructed to submit same to the City Council for incorporation in the general estimates.

The Board then adjourned until the next regular meeting in March.

H Hackwood
Clerk of Board

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on the 14th day of March 1919 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bastion Street, Nanaimo.

Present

His Worship, Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners, Messrs Garman and Morton

The Minutes of the previous meeting and the special meeting were read and adopted.

Report

The Chief of Police submitted a report of the number of cases disposed of in the City Police Court during the month of February, 1919, the total number being 22, and the total amount collected as fines and costs, \$643.50. On motion, the report was received and filed.

The attention of the Board was drawn to the return from overseas of Sergt. H. Wallbank, ex-constable of this City, and on motion, the Clerk was instructed to write to Sergt. Wallbank, and convey the congratulations of the Board on his return from Overseas, and to say that they will be pleased to meet him.

The Board then adjourned till the next regular meeting in April.

H Hackwood
Clerk of Board

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, held in the 4th day of April, 1919, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bastion Street, Nanaimo.

Present

His Worship, Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners Messrs Morton and Garman

The minutes of the last regular meeting were adopted.

Report

Chief of Police Neen, submitted a report for the month ending 31st March 1919, showing that a total of twenty cases had been dealt with in the City Police Court, resulting in the collection of \$288 in fines and costs. On motion, the report was received and filed.

The Board then adjourned till the next regular meeting to be held in May.

H Hackwood
Clerk of Board

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, held in 2nd day of May, 1919, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bastion Street, Nanaimo.

Present

His Worship, Mayor McKenzie and Commissioner Garman.

The meeting of the last regular meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. Tom Moore, making application for permission to stage a ten-round boxing bout in this City.

On motion, the communication was received and filed, and the Clerk instructed to notify Mr. Moore that permission was not granted.

His Worship the Mayor, reported having received a telegram from C.H. [Heists?], of Edmonton, requesting that

action be taken in the case of a band concert which was advertised for Sunday night, April 20th, and which is a clear violation of the Lord's Day Act. His Worship stated that he had taken no action in the matter.

Communication

From Chief of Police Neen, drawing attention to the condition of the City Police Office building, which is in need of being painted and fixed up generally, and advising that an examination be made to ascertain the cause of the dampness which exists on the walls, also as to the cause of the sagging of the floors. On motion, it was decided that the Council be asked to have the necessary examination and repair done as soon as possible.

Report

Chief of Police Neen, submitted a report for the month ending 30th April, 1919 showing a total of 33 cases disposed of and the sum of \$332 collected in fines and costs.

The report was received and filed.

The Board then adjourned till Friday, June 6th at 7:30 p.m.

H Hackwood
Clerk of Board

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on the sixth day of June 1919, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, bastion Street, Nanaimo.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners Messrs Garman & Morton

The Minutes of the last regular meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. Tommy Moore, making application for official sanction to a ten round boxing bout between himself and Seaman Slingsby to be held near the end of June.

On motion, the communication was received and filed, and the Clerk directed in inform Mr. Moore that permission was not granted.

Report

Chief of Police Neen submitted a report showing that a total of 23 cases had been dealt with and the sum of \$564

collected in fines and costs, by the City Police Court, during the month of May 1919.

The Report was received and filed.

On motion, it was decided to recommend to the Municipal Council, the employment of silent policemen on the busy intersections of the City, the present Police Force being too small to do point duty in addition to their routine work.

The Board then adjourned till Friday, July 4th at 7:30 p.m.

H Hackwood
Clerk of Board

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on the Fourth day of July 1919 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bastion Street, Nanaimo.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners Messrs Morton and Garman

The minutes of the last regular meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. A.E. Young applying for reinstatement to the position of Constable of the City Police Force, which position he left when going overseas. The communication was received and filed, and the Clerk directed to inform Mr. Young that his former position was open for him. The Board decided to retain the services of Constable Richardson for the time being.

Communication

From Mr. J [Sclater?], Prohibition Commissioner, stating that he had information which he believed to be reliable, that there are flagrant violations of the Prohibition Act taking place in this City, and asking for a strict enforcement of the Prohibition Act. On motion, the Clerk was instructed to reply, and to refer the Prohibition Commissioner to the record of convictions as reported to the Provincial Superintendent of Police each month and to suggest the curtailment of the number of medical prescriptions issued by the medical profession might bring about a desired improvement.

Report

The Chief of Police submitted his monthly report showing a total of 45 cases disposed of, and the sum of \$571 collected in fines and costs in the City Police Court during the month of June 1919. The Report was received and filed.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton that the Clerk write the Prohibition Commissioner to find out if some method could be evolved to remove the present difficulties in getting suspected liquors analysed. Carried

On motion, the Clerk was directed to inquire if the Municipal Council was taking any steps to have the repairs to the City Police Office carried out.

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, held on the First day August, 1919 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bastion Street, Nanaimo.

Present

His Worship, Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners Messrs Garman and Morton

The minutes of the last regular meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. J. [Sclater?], Prohibition Commissioner informing the Board that he was writing to three members of the medical Profession in Nanaimo, who have issued the largest number of prescriptions for liquor during the past few months, pointing out the gravity of the charge contained in the letter from this Board and asking for the strict observance of the prohibition Act, also asking that the Commissioners direct the attention of the Police to a strict supervision, of bars and hotels in the City, and for the rigorous prosecution of all offenders under the Prohibition Act. On motion, the Communication was received and filed, and the Clerk directed to reply, pointing out that no specific charge had been made against the local doctors by this Board, also to ask if in quoting this Board as having made serious charges against the members of the medical profession in his letters to them, he had complied with the provisions of the Prohibition Act.

Communication

From Mr. J. Sclater, Prohibition Commissioner, informing the Board that the certificate of the Provincial Analyst is authorized to be prima facie evidence of the contents of any liquor and is conclusive, but the certificate of any other qualified Analyst can be [adduced] as evidence, but would be subject to proof of its accuracy.

The communication was received and filed, the Clerk to thank the Commissioner for the information contained in his letter, and to ask for further information as to the procedure in getting analysed any suspected liquors.

Report

The Chief of Police submitted a report showing that a total of 28 cases had been disposed of and the sum of \$438 collected in fines and costs in the City Police Court during the month of July. The report was received and filed.

The Board then adjourned till Friday 5th September at 7:30 p.m.

H Hackwood
Clerk of Board

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, held on the Fifth day of September 1919, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Bastion Street, Nanaimo.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners Messrs Morton and Garman

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. J. Sclater, Prohibition Commissioners, as follows:

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., in acknowledgment of my letter of the 18th inst to you.

"It is to be regretted in view of the [disclaimer] in your letter of the 15th inst., that the paragraph in question did not bear a clearer definition of the meaning now ascribed to it. In view of the fact that my letter of the 17th June to the Mayor had reference only to conditions in Nanaimo reported to me by reputable private individuals residing in that City, whose names I have not disclosed, it was only reasonable to suppose that the paragraph in question had reference only to members of the medical profession in Nanaimo, and not to the members of that profession residing elsewhere. No other conclusion was possible in the absence of anything to the contrary and also in view of the number of prescriptions for liquor issued by certain physicians in Nanaimo.

"As regards the application of Section 29 of the Prohibition Act in this instance: I have always withheld the names of persons giving any information and have scrupulously observed the meaning of the Section of the Act to which you refer, where it has had any application, but in this instance we were dealing with a public body, and not with a private individual. In order that there may be no question as to what I did say to the physicians to whom I wrote, I enclose herewith a copy of my letter. You will note that in this letter I made no statement that you board had made serious charges against any physician, as claimed in your letter of the 15th inst."

The Chief of Police submitted a report showing that a total of 21 cases had been dealt with and the sum of \$501.50 collected in fines and costs during the month of August. The report was received and filed.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to recommend to the Municipal Council, the purchase of four coats for the members of the Police Force.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H. Hackwood
Clerk of Board

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on the Twenty-fourth day of October, 1919, at 7:30 p.m., held in the Council Chambers, Bastion Street, Nanaimo Community Archives

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners Messrs Garman and Morton

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Constable A.E. Young, tendering his resignation from the Police Force, to take effect on the 30th September. On motion, the communication was received and filed and the resignation accepted.

From Mr. J. Sclater, Prohibition Commissioner, informing the Board that all samples of suspected liquor for analysis should be sent to Mr. D.E. Whittaker. Provincial Analyst, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. That the charge for analysis is two samples \$4 each over and above that number, \$3 each. The communication was received and filed.

Report

Chief of Police Neen, reported that a total of 18 cases had been disposed of in the City Police Court and the sum of \$218.50 collected in fines and costs, during the month of September.

His Worship, Mayor McKenzie, reported that, upon Constable Young resigning, Constable Richardson had been temporarily appointed to Constable Young's position and Mr. Richard Prowse Jr. temporarily appointed Constable, pending the action of the Board.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton, that Constable Richardson be appointed permanently to the Police Force, at a salary of \$110 a month, and that Mr. Richard Prowse, Jr., be appointed junior constable at \$100 a month. Carried

The Board then adjourned till Friday 21st November.

H Hackwood
Clerk

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held on the Fifth day of December 1919, at 7:30 p.m., held in the Council Chambers, Bastion Street, Nanaimo, B.C.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioner Mr. M.W. Garman

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From the Clerk of the Municipal Council, bringing before the Board a letter from Mr. J.H. Good and others, asking why Mr. Richard Hilbert is conducting a Second Hand Store without a license, and also why the By-Law compelling all Second Hand Dealers to make a report of all goods bought by them, has never been carried out, and further asking that instructions be given the Police to see that goods bought by Mr. Hilbert from a Mr. McBratney be returned to the rightful owner. The Chief of Police reported that the matter had been attended to. On motion, the communication was received and filed.

Reports

Chief of Police Neen submitted a report showing that 25 cases had been disposed of and the sum of \$423.00 collected in fines and costs, in the City Police Court during the month of October.

Chief of Police Neen submitted a further report showing that 32 cases had been disposed of, and the sum of 1234.75 collected in fines and costs during the month of November. Both reports were received and filed.

The Board then adjourned.

H Hackwood
Clerk

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners on the Ninth day of January 1920 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers Bastion Street, Nanaimo, B.C.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Report

The Chief of Police submitted his monthly report showing that 33 cases had been dealt with and fines to the amount of 228.50 collected in the City Police Court during the month of December 1919. The report was received and filed.

The Board then adjourned.

H Hackwood
Clerk

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners on the Sixth day of February 1920 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Nanaimo, BC

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners, Messrs Garman and Morton

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The necessary declarations having been taken and filed with the City Clerk, His Worship, Mayor McKenzie and Commissioner Morton took their seats on the Board. Mr. W.H. Morton was re-elected for a term of two years.

Communication

From Mr. Thomas B. Booth, Secretary, Nanaimo Board of Trade, stating that he had been instructed to urge the necessity of having a police officer placed on duty to regulate traffic at the corner of Commercial and Bastion Streets especially on Saturday nights. The communication was received and filed and the Clerk instructed to reply stating that the matter is receiving the serious consideration of this Board, and that as in the past, a man will be placed at the said corner on busy occasions whenever one is available for this duty.

From Chief of Police Neen applying for an increase in salaries in his Department was received and filed.

Report

The Chief of Police submitted a report showing that a total of 26 cases had been dealt with and the sum of \$507.50 collected in fines and costs during the month ending January 31st.

The report was received and filed.

Estimates

The estimates of the amount required for the maintenance of the Police Department for the year 1920, came up for consideration, and on motion, the revised estimates as follows were adopted and the Clerk instructed to lay the same before the Municipal Council for incorporation in the estimates for the year.

Salaries. \$9700; Four Uniforms, \$500; Legal Expenses, \$200; Keep of prisoners \$200; Taking Evidence, \$50; Light \$50; Advertising \$20; Witness Fees, \$50; Postage and Box Rent \$20; Transportation of prisoners \$200; Telephones \$160; Telephone tolls, \$30.00 Stores, \$30; Water \$21; Coal \$60; Stationery \$30; Incidentals \$100; Total, \$11,311.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton that the Municipal Council be requested to purchase four uniforms for the members of the Police Force. Carried

Moved by Commissioner Garman that the Chief of Police submit a full report to this Board at the earliest possible date of the conditions existing on Fraser Street with a view to drastic action in this matter. Carried

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H. Hackwood
Clerk

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, held in the Council Chambers, Nanaimo B.C., on Friday 5th March, 1920 at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners Messrs Morton and Garman

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Report

The Chief of Police submitted his report for the month of February 1920, showing that a total of 23 cases had been disposed of and the sum of \$412.90 collected in fines and costs during the month, in the City Police Court. The report was received and filed.

The Chief of Police submitted a further report as follows:-

Re Houses of Prostitution on Fraser Street.

"I beg to report that certain houses situated on Fraser Street in this City are being used as houses of prostitution. From reports to me by the constables, and observations made myself, it is evident that 5 of these houses namely, Nos. 58, 59, 61, 63, 67, are mostly frequented by Japs, Chinese, Hindoos, and Indians. On the

evening of Sunday the 8th inst., in company with one of the constables, I counted 15 Japanese come out of one house (No.61) and saw several bunches of from 2 to 6, go in and come out of Nos. 58, 59, and 65. During the week between the 8th and the 15th, I saw 2 hindoos go to 65, and they were refused admission, but told them to come back at 12:30 m.n. [midnight?] On the evening of Sunday, the 15th inst., in company with Constable Robertson, I visited 8 houses, namely 58, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 101, and the Star, and found the following number of women: No 58, 5 women, the [landlady?] being out of town; No.59. 5 women; No. 61, 4 women; No. 63, 6 women; No. 65, 6 women; No 67, 2 women; No. 101, 4 women; the Star 4 women.

We visited these houses between 8:30 and 11 p.m.. There were men in all the house visited except one. We took the names, age, nationality, religion and particulars as to whether married or single, of all these women, a list of which I attach herewith.

I may say that while some of the landladies try to run their houses with some show of decency, others are just the opposite, and as mentioned above, admit all nationalities, also youths from 17 years upwards, who the Police have several times warned them against allowing into their houses.

It has also accidentally come to my knowledge that two men had contracted venereal disease in some of these houses within the past month, one of the men being at present in the Nanaimo Hospital the other an Indian residing at Alberni.

There is very little disorder on Fraser Street, considering the class of people that frequent it, and the landladies are always willing to give the Police any information they can to assist them in locating anyone wanted or anyone having goods in their possession illegally, of the 9 houses on Fraser Street occupied by these other three are rented at the present time, one of them No. 61 being rented temporarily”

On motion, the report was received and filed.

Motion

The following motion was made by Commissioner Garman, and carried unanimously:

“That the Chief of Police be instructed to give notice to the keepers and inmates of the bawdy houses on Frazer [Fraser] Street and elsewhere in the City (if he knows of any) to discontinue their unlawful business, and if this request is not complied with, with one week from tonight (March 5th) then action will be taken in accordance with the law.

The Board then adjourned.

H Hackwood

Clerk

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners on the Ninth day of April 1920 at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Present

His Worship Mayor McKenzie, Commissioners, Messrs Garman and Morton

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mrs. Alice S Leighton, Secretary Local Council of Women, stating that resolution of commendation and endorsement of the Board's action re Fraser Street, had been passed by the Local Council of Women, was received and filed.

Report

Chief of Police Neen reported 42 cases disposed of and the sum of \$1384 collected in fines and costs in the City Police Court during the month of March 1920. The report was received and filed.

The Chief of Police reported that in conformity with the instruction given at the last meeting of the Board, he had served notices upon the keepers of bawdy houses in this City, and that conditions on this street were favourable.

The Chief of Police drew attention to the hardship imposed on certain car owners, owing to the parking regulations, and recommended that signs be placed to indicate the streets on which car parking is prohibited.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton, that a recommendation be made to the Municipal Council to have signs placed to indicate streets on which car parking is prohibited, also that a silent policeman be placed at the corner of Bastion and Commercial Streets. Carried

The Board then adjourned.

H Hackwood
Clerk

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on the Fourth day of June 1920.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Morton and Garman

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Reports

Chief of Police Neen submitted reports for the months of April and May 1920, showing that 55 and 45 cases had been disposed of in the City Police courts and \$943.50 and \$590 collected in fines and costs for these months

respectively. Both reports were received and filed.

The Chief of Police laid before the Board, a letter from J. [Sclater?], Prohibition Commissioners, requesting that all liquor seized and confiscated to the Crown, be shipped forthwith to the Government Liquor Warehouse. The Chief of Police asked for instructions as to his action in this matter.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton, that the Chief of Police be instructed to reply to the communication from the Prohibition Commissioners, stating that this Board considers that the liquor seized by the City Police as the property of the City.

The Board then adjourned.

H. Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on Friday, July 9th, 1920, at 7:30 p.m.

Present

His Worship, Mayor Busby, Commissioners, Messrs Garman and Morton

The Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Charles Wilson, Jr., Secretary Good Templars, Nanaimo, B.C., drawing attention to the continual destruction of their property on Crace Street and requesting that steps be taken to protect private property from wanton destruction. On motion, the communication was received and filed and it was decided to offer a reward of ten dollars for the apprehension of the guilty parties.

From Mr. William Waugh laying before the Board a resolution adopted at a public meeting of citizens held in the Haliburton Street Methodist Church School Room on June 8th 1920 asking for the rigorous enforcement of the Prohibition Act as amended on June 1st 1920, was received and had been discussed and that the matter is receiving the attention of the Chief of Police.

Report

The Chief of Police reported that during the month of June 15 cases had been disposed of and the sum of \$408

collected in fines and costs in the City Police Court. The report was received & filed.

The Board then adjourned.

H Hackwood
Clerk of Board
F A Busby
Chairman

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, held in the Council Chambers City Hall, on Friday September 3rd, 1920, at 7:30 p.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Morton and Garman

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Report

The Chief of Police reported 25 cases disposed of and \$1026 collected in fines and costs in the City Police Court during the month of July.

The Chief of Police submitted his report for August, showing that 20 cases had been disposed of and \$371.50 collected in fines and costs in the City Police Court during the month. He further reported that on September 1st, Mr. Wilson McLellan of the Eagle Hotel, laid a charge against Constable Jas. Robertson, for assaulting his daughter, Catherine McLellan, which was heard by Police Magistrate C.H. Beevor-Potts, who dismissed the case. As soon as the notes of the evidence have been transcribed and typed, as copy will be placed before the Commissioners. The reports were received and filed.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H. Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, held in the Council Chambers City Hall, Nanaimo, on the 23rd day of September 1920.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Garman and Morton

His Worship the Mayor stated that the meeting had been called with the idea of holding an inquiry into the charges made against certain members of the Police Force. The following charges from Mr. Sutton, President of the Junior Football League and corresponding Secretary of the Foresters were then read.

“That on the night of August 26th at about 10 o’clock, they (Constables Robertson and Prowse) did arrest a boy from the Forrester’s Hall and that the arrest was made with unnecessary violence and was detained in the lock-up all night and was not given a chance to prepare his case.”

Also further “we regret to state that in our opinion your Chief Jacob Neen, did not act with the best discretion he had at his disposal”.

On motion, it was decided to hear the evidence of the witnesses present.

Mr. Sutton addressed the Board first, and gave an outline of the occurrences on which the charges were laid. He also outlined the specific charges which they wished to make.

The following witnesses were then sworn and gave direct evidence before the Board, namely:

Leslie Johnson, Ernest Edmunds, Charles Allan Thompson, Ray Hardy, Cecil Fisher, Robert Barry, Abraham Sandland, D Gibson.

After hearing the evidence of Constables Prowse and Robertson, the Board closed the enquiry and stated that after the matter had been duly considered the findings of the Board would be brought in and the interested parties would be informed as to same.

The Board then adjourned till the next Regular Meeting in October.

H Hackwood

F A Busby
Chairman

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, held in the Council Chambers City Hall, Nanaimo, on Friday October 1st 1920.

Present

His Worship, Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Morton & Garman

The minutes of the previous regular and the Special meeting were read and adopted.

Communication

From Mr. James Robertson, asking to be relieved of his duties as constable from the 1st of October 1920 was received and the resignation accepted.

Report

The Chief of Police reported 19 cases dealt with and the sum of \$243 collected in fines and costs, in the City Police Court during the month of September. The report was received and filed.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton, that the action of the Police in the Edmund's case be upheld. Carried

Moved by Commissioners Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton, that the Chief of Police be authorized to engage such temporary assistance as he may deem necessary. Carried

The Board then adjourned till the next regular meeting in November.

H. Hackwood

F.A. Busby

Clerk

Chairman

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, held in the Council Chambers, City hall, Nanaimo on Friday, 12th November, 1920.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Garman and Morton

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Report

The Chief of Police reported 27 cases dealt with and the sum of \$1899.50 collected in fines and costs in the City Police Court during the month of October. The received and filed.

The Board then adjourned.

H Hackwood

F.A. Busby

Chairman

Clerk

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C. held in the Council Chambers, Nanaimo, on Friday, December 10th, 1920.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Mr. John McMinn and Mr. Jonathan Pearson applying for positions on the local Police Force were received and filed for future reference.

Communication

From Mr. J Sclater, Prohibition Commissioner, requesting that instructions, be given to the Chief of Police to have all liquor at present under his charge and which has been confiscated under the Prohibition Act, sent to the Government Liquor Warehouse in Vancouver, as all doubt as to the Ownership of this liquor had been disposed in the Courts.

Motion

On motion, of Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton, the Clerk was instructed to reply, informing the Prohibition Commissioner that the liquor is in safe keeping here, and that they will be pleased to have him arrange for the removal of the same also to inform him of the age of the liquor.

The Chief of Police reported that he had received several complaints about the conduct of Constable White and on motion, he was instructed to investigate the same, and authorized to take such action as he deemed necessary.

Report

The Chief of Police reported 8 cases disposed of and the sum of \$49.20 collected in fines and costs in the local police court during the past month. The report was received and filed.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the chair.

H Hackwood

F.A. Busby
Chairman
Clerk

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers, on Friday, February 18th, 1921.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Garman and Morton

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. F.J. Rowbottom, applying for a position on the Police Force of the City was received and filed for future reference.

Reports

The Chief of Police submitted his reports for the months of December 1920 and January 1921 showing 14 cases disposed of and \$189.50 collected in fines and costs during December and 9 cases disposed of and \$496.50 collected in fines and costs in the City Police Court during January.

The reports were received and filed.

Estimates

The estimates for the year came up for consideration, and on motion of Commissioner Morton, it was decided that the estimates as submitted by the Chief to the Municipal Council for incorporation in the general estimates for the year.

The estimates were as follows:

Salaries, \$11,200; Four uniforms, \$500; Legal Expenses, \$200; Keep of prisoners, \$250.00; Taking evidence, \$50; Light, \$50; Advertising, \$20; Witness fees, \$50; Postage and Box Rent, \$12; Transportation of prisoners, \$150; Telephone \$160; Telephone tolls, \$48; Stores, \$30; Water \$21; Fuel \$60; Stationery \$30; Incidentals \$100. Total \$12,923.00.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C. held in the Council Chambers, on Thursday, 21st April, 1921.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Morton and Garman

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. Chas H [Heists?], Secretary, The Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, calling attention to the number of alleged infractions of the Lord's Day Act in this City, referring particularly to the small stores which deal in tobacco, confectionery, etc., and stating that it was thought that perhaps the time had come to take action to have these closed on Sunday. He also enclosed copies of a judgment dealing with this matter, and asked that this matter be taken up at the first meeting.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioners Morton, that the Communication be received and that the Clerk reply stating that in the opinion of the Commissioners the Act the present time is too cumbersome for proper enforcement, but that in the event of an Act being passed capable of enforcement, they would be only too pleased to enforce it. Carried.

Reports

The Chief of Police submitted his reports for February and March, 1921, showing that during February 17 cases had been disposed of in the local police court, and \$408 collected in fines and cost, and that during March 24 cases had been disposed of, and \$315 collected in fines and costs. The reports were received and filed.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton, that the Clerk procure one copy each of the New Liquor Act for the members of the Board. Carried.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Morton, seconded by Commissioner Garman, that the Clerk request the Municipal Council to supply four uniforms for the members of the Police Department. Carried

On motion, the Chief was authorized to arrange the holidays of the members of the force.

The Chief of Police drew attention to certain repairs which were necessary to the City jail, and on motion, of Commissioner Garman, the Clerk was instructed to request the Municipal Council to have the necessary repairs affected.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the Board had been approached by the Finance Committee of the Municipal Council, and it had been agreed to reduce the amount allowed for salaries in the Police estimates from \$11,200 to 9,700 cutting out the provision that had been made for an extra policeman. On motion, this action was confirmed, and endorsed.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton, that the Clerk receive \$5 a month for his services to the Board. Carried

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H. Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers, City Hall on Monday, May 9th, 1921 at 7 p.m.

Present

His Worship, Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Garman and Morton

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communication

From Constable J Pearson, resigning from the Police Force, his resignation to take effect on Thursday, May 19th, 1921. On motion of Commissioner Garman, the communication was received and his resignation accepted.

Applications for the position of constable on the City Police Force were received from Thos. Ovenden and Chas. McRobert and were laid over for consideration at a meeting of the Board to be held on Friday next.

From Mr. John Fry, Chief of Police Victoria, stating that the cost of the uniforms supplied to the Victoria Police Force was \$54.50 which includes tunic and pants; extra pair of pants \$16.00

From Chief of Police James Anderson, Vancouver, stating that their uniforms cost approximately \$62.50 which includes uniform and extra pair of pants.

Both communications were received and referred to the Municipal Council for their information.

Report

The Chief of Police reported 42 cases disposed of and the sum of \$305.50 collected in fines and costs in the City Police Court during the month of April, 1921. The report was received and filed.

His Worship the Mayor drew attention to the practice of cycling on sidewalks and requested that efforts be made to have the offenders punished.

The Chief of Police drew attention the Superannuation Act which had been passed at the last session of the Legislature and it was decided that this matter be considered a special meeting.

The Board then adjourned till Friday next at 7:30 p.m.

H. Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on Friday 13th May 1921.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Morton and Garman.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The following applications for the position of constable on the City Police Force were covered:-

Daniel O. Tweedhope; Thomas Moore, J.W. Irving; T. J. Williams; J.C. Mansfield; Chas. McRoberts; Thos. Ovenden and Fred J. Rowbottom.

On motion, of Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton, Mr. Fred J. Rowbottom was appointed Constable at \$110.00 a month.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the chair.

H. Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on Thursday, 26th May 1921.

Present

His Worship, Mayor Busby, Commissioners, Messrs Garman and Morton

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton, that the Clerk be instructed to send a letter of condolence to the widow of the late Chief of Police, expressing the deep sympathy of the Board in her great loss.
Carried.

An application was received from Mr. J. Shirras for the position of Chief Constable of the City, outlining his previous service on the City Police Force and stating that if favored with the position, he would do his best to execute the duties which would [devolve] upon him. On motion of Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton, the application was received, and Mr. Shirras was appointed Chief Constable at a salary of \$170 per month.

Communication

From Rev. Chas H [Huestis?], Secretary, The Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, stating in reply to a letter from the Board, that the Lords Day Act, had not been cumbersome in other cities, and that, particularly in Vancouver, no difficulty had been encountered in enforcing this Act. On motion, the Clerk was instructed to reply stating that this matter, will be seriously considered by the Board and the New Chief of Police.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood, Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, BC, held in the City Hall, Bastion Street, Nanaimo on Tuesday, June 7th, 1921.

Present

His Worship, Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Morton and Garman

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communication

From Mr. A.M. Johnson, Chairman, Liquor Control Board, stating that clubs should have been included amongst the places to be warned against selling near beer or beer after June 14th and requesting that all clubs be officially warned to this effect, was received and filed and the matter left entirely in the hands of the Chief of Police.

Report

Acting Chief Constable Richardson submitted a report showing that 13 cases had been disposed of and the sum of \$293 collected in fines and costs in the City Police Court during the month of May. The report was received and filed.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers, on Tuesday, July 5th, 1921.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Garman and Morton

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Report

The Chief of Police submitted a lengthy report on the condition of the police office and jail with a number of recommendations of essential changes in order to bring the force to a state of efficiency. He also submitted a list of requirements, which he deemed necessary in order to properly equip the police offices. On motion of Commissioner Garman, the report was received, the Chief of Police was instructed to prepare an estimate of the costs of the articles he had recommended for the office, and the Clerk was instructed to furnish each member of the Board with a copy of the Chief's report.

The Chief of Police further reported showing that the number of cases disposed of in the City Police Court during the month of June was 21 and the fines and costs collected \$1243.00. He also submitted a report showing the

activity of the Police during the same month. The reports were received and filed.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C. held in the Council Chambers, on Friday August 5th 1921.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Morton and Garman

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communication

From Chief of Police J. Shirras, informing the Board that, owing to illness, Constable Prowse was unfit for duty, and as he was likely to be several months, he recommended that another constable be appointed during his absence. He also requested that the matter regarding the reorganization of the force be taken up immediately, so that the efficiency of the force could be improved. In a further communication, he stated that the requisition he had submitted for office furniture and supplies dated 1st July, had been filled and delivered with the exception of a table, which he hoped to procure later. He invited an inspection of the office improvements as carried out so far. The sleeping room was in bad condition, but he would obviate the necessity of using this by having a man in the office night and day, providing that the City Scales could be operated from elsewhere. On motion, the communications from the Chief of Police were received and filed, and the Clerk instructed to request the Municipal Council to relieve the Police Department of the duties of the attending the City Scales.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton, that two policemen be appointed.

Carried.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Morton, seconded by Commissioner Garman, that Mr. Daniel O. Tweedhope be appointed constable at \$110 a month, with 3 months probation.

Carried

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton, that the salary of Constable F.J. Rowbottom be increased to \$120 a month commencing September 1st, 1921.

Carried

Report

Chief of Police Shirras submitted his report for the month of July, showing that 116 cases had been disposed of and the sum of \$845 collected in fines and costs in the City Police Court. He also submitted a report showing the activity of the Police Department during the same period. The reports were received and filed.

The Board then adjourned.

H Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers on Friday, 16th September 1921.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Garman & Morton

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Applications for the position of constable on the Police Force were received from Mr. John Townsend, 711 Pine Street, and Mr. Thomas Moore, 710 Fitzwilliam Street. On motion, they were received and filed for future reference.

The Chief of Police reported that 37 cases had been disposed of and the sum of \$732 collected in fines and costs in the City Police Court during the month of August. He also submitted a report showing the activities of the force during the same period. The reports were received and filed.

The Chief of Police reported that nothing had been provided for the members of the force in the way of raincoats, which added greatly to the discomfort of the men in wet weather. A suitable coat, he stated, could be purchased for \$35.00.

Motion

On motion, of Commissioner Garman it was decided to provide the members of the force with raincoats and the Clerk was directed to request the City Council to provide five raincoats for the Police Department at an estimated cost of \$175.00.

The Board then adjourned.

H Hackwood

F.A. Busby
Chairman
Clerk

Meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C. held in the Council Chambers, on Friday, 14th October, 1921.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Morton & Garman

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

An application for the position of constable on the Police Force was received from Mr. G.S. Blaney, was received and filed for future reference, and the Clerk instructed to acknowledge same.

Communication

From Mr. Frank E. Watchorn, stating that he had been asked by the Chief of Police to move his taxi stand. As he had acquired this stand at considerable expense, and as a move would mean the loss of much of his business, he appealed for consideration of his case. On motion, it was decided to leave this matter to the discretion of the Chief, after an interview with Mr. Watchorn.

Report

The Chief of Police reported that 38 cases had been disposed of and the sum of \$918 collected in fines and costs in the City Police Court during the month of September 1921. He also reported upon the activity of his Department during the same period. He further reported that the City had been successful in two appeals viz:- City versus [Previdoris?] and City versus Canal. The reports were received and filed.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood

F.A. Busby
Chairman
Clerk

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, December 21st, 1921.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Garman and Morton

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communication

From Mr. V.B. Harrison, on behalf of Mrs. G. Grafton, requesting that the bail put up by her husband, George Grafton, and forfeited when he failed to appear for trial, be refunded, as he had since gone insane, and the circumstances of the case seemed to indicate that the man was not in his proper mind when the offense was committed.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Morton, that the City Council be asked to consider this request, and that any refund should be made to Mrs. Grafton direct. Carried.

Report

The Chief of Police reported 26 cases disposed of and the sum of \$607 so collected in fines and costs in the City Police Court during the month of October 1921. He also submitted a report showing the activity of the force during the same period. The reports were received and filed.

The Chief of Police reported 18 cases disposed of and the sum of \$753.00 collected in fines and costs during the month of November 1921. He further reported upon the number of matters receiving the attention of the force during the same period. The reports were received and filed.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the chair.

H Hackwood

Clerk

F.A. Busby

Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers, on Wednesday, February 1st, 1922.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Welch and Garman.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Chief of Police advising that on the 1st of January, Constable Richardson had met with an accident while on duty causing a dislocated knee and torn ligaments, also on 1st of February advising that Constable Richardson had recovered from his accident, and had resumed duty again. While off duty, his son James took his place, so that there was no inconvenience or extra duty placed on the other men, and the boy had given good service during the month. His services were dispensed with when the father returned. The communications were received and filed, and it was decided to pay James Richardson, who had filled his father's place during January, a salary of \$110 for the month.

The Chief of Police reported that a total of 14 cases had been disposed of and the sum of \$545.00 collected in fines and costs in the City Police Court during the month of December 1921. He also submitted a report showing the general activity of the force during the same period.

He also reported a total of 14 cases and fines and costs amounting to \$608.00 collected during the month of January 1922, and submitted a report showing general activity of the force for the same period.

The reports were received and filed.

The Board took the estimates for the year 1922 under consideration and on motion of Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the estimates as submitted by the Chief be adopted, and that the Clerk be instructed to forward them to the Municipal Council for incorporation in the estimates of the year. Carried.

The estimates were as follows:-

Salaries, \$9600; Uniforms \$455; Overcoats \$200; Cap & Helmets, \$25; Legal Expenses \$225; Taking evidence, \$50; Keep of Prisoners, \$300; Light \$55; Advertising \$20; Witness fees, \$80; Postage & Box Rent, \$14.50; Transportation of Prisoners, \$190; Telephone rates \$220.20; Telephone Tolls, \$40.00; Stores \$30; Water \$12.00; Fuel \$70; Stationery \$30; Finger printing \$30; Stop-watch \$60; Incidentals \$50; Repairs to station, \$200.00 Total \$11,956.70.

The annual report of the Chief of Police was read before the Board comprising Schedule A, a list of all offences with which persons were charged during the year, and amount of fines and costs paid through the City Police Court; Schedule B a statistical return; Schedule C, a descriptive roll of the Police Force as at January 1st 1922; Schedule D, a short review of the work of the Department compared with the previous year 1920; Schedule E an inventory of furniture of equipment of the Police Department. Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the report be received and filed, and a vote of thanks extended to the Chief of Police for the very able and comprehensive report.

Carried.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood

F.A. Busby
Chairman
Clerk

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C. held in the City Hall on Thursday, February 23rd, 1922.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Garman and Welch

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. Richard J Prowse dated 16th February 1922, handing in his resignation from the Police Force to take effect at once, owing to ill health, was received and the resignation accepted.

The Board then took from the file several applications which had been submitted for the position of constable, which were taken up for consideration.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman seconded by Commissioner Welch that Mr. George S. Blaney be appointed to the Police Force as constable on three months probation at \$110.00 a month, and that if his services are satisfactory at the end of that time, that his salary be increased to \$120. Carried.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood

F.A. Busby
Chairman
Clerk

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the City Hall on Thursday, March 16th, 1922.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Welch and Garman

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. H Hackwood, City Clerk, stating that numerous complaints had been received by the Municipal Council regarding the dog nuisance in the business section of the City, and urging that instructions be given to the Police Department for a rigid enforcement of the Dog Tax and Pound By-Law in cooperation with the Pound-keeper to effectively combat this nuisance. The communication was received and filed and the Chief of Police instructed to cooperate in this matter as far as possible.

Report

The Chief of Police submitted his report for the month of February, showing that 15 cases had been disposed of and the sum of \$549.00 collected in fines and costs in the local Police Court during this period, he also submitted a report showing the general activity of the Department during the same period. The reports were received and filed.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C. held in the City Hall on Wednesday, April 19th 1922.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Garman and Welch

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. Allen Richardson, Andrew Ogden, Frank Watchorn, W. Plummer and H. Brighton, taxi drivers, complaining of the practice on the part of several small boys, who meet the local trains and trains soliciting passengers for taxis. This they do solely for the sake of tips, thus depriving them to some extent of their livelihood. They requested that steps be taken to have this practice stopped. The communication was received and it was decided to take this matter up with the Municipal Council to have the By-Laws so arranged as to cover the point complained of.

Report

The Chief of Police submitted his report for the month of March showing that 48 cases had been disposed of and the sum of \$870.50 collected in fines and costs during this also. He also submitted a report showing the activity of the department during the same period. The reports were received and filed.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chair

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Hall, on Thursday, June 8th 1922.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Welch and Garman

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. Clarence B. Wilgress applying for a position on the City Police Force, was received and filed.

From Mr. William Wakelem, complaining of the manner in which justice is handed out by the Police Magistrate, Mr. C.H. Beevor-Potts, comparing his case with those of J.R. McKinnell and James Richards. On motion, the communication was received and the Clerk instructed to inform Mr. Wakelem that in the case of McKinnell, the charge was altogether of a different nature to that of his, and that Mr. Richards' case was under a different jurisdiction.

From Hon. A.M. Manson, Attorney-General, soliciting the cooperation of the Board of Police Commissioners in the enforcement of the "Liquor Act", stating that there has been a great laxity in its enforcement in many of the municipalities, and that in future, where such is reported, he would not hesitate to recommend the Liquor Board to take the enforcement of the Act into its own hands in such municipalities. On motion, the communication was received and the Clerk instructed to acknowledge it, and point out that the Act referred to is being enforced to the limit as far as this City is concerned.

Report

The Chief of Police reported that an inquest was held into the fatal accident to Thomas Christian, and that the driver of the car, which killed the lad, was exonerated from all blame by the jury. The report was received and filed.

Report

The Chief of Police reported that [Geonannit?] Battisti Pontello had committed suicide in the City Gaol while in custody on the charge of wife desertion. An inquest had been held by order of the County Coroner and the verdict of the jury was that the deceased came to his death by self strangulation, and that no blame can be attached to the authorities. He further reported that in his opinion the cells as at present are out of date and very unsuitable especially for persons of an unsound mind and he strongly suggested that one of the cells be fitted up with a steel barred door. On motion, the report was received and the Chief instructed to make inquiries regarding the acquisition and cost of installing one of these doors.

The Chief of Police reported that constable Rowbottom had completed 12 months service on the force and is now due a raise of \$10 a month. Also that Constable Blaney has almost completed his 3 months probation, and is also due a raise of \$10 per month. He also reported that both these officers are giving very satisfactory service.

The report was received and an increase of salary of \$10 per month, authorized to both these officers.

On motion, of Commissioner Garman, the Chief was empowered to appoint one of the constables to take charge at any time during his absence from the City.

April Report

The Chief of Police submitted his report for the month of April, showing that 34 cases had been disposed of, and the sum of \$520.00 collected in fines and costs. He also reported upon the activity of the force during the same period.

He also submitted his report for May, showing that 22 cases had been disposed of, and the sum of \$539.00 collected in fines and costs, in the local police court. He also reported upon the activity of this department during the same period. Both reports were received and filed.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that four uniforms with extra pair of pants to each, and one pair of pants be purchased for the Police Department. Also, that the Chief be authorized to procure helmets and caps for the force. Carried.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood

Chairman

Clerk

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Hall on Tuesday, July 18th, 1922, at 7:30 p.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Garman and Welch

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

A communication from V.B. Harrison referred to this Board by the City Council was then read. In his communication, Mr. Harrison complained of the Police Magistrate's treatment of him in the Police Court in the case of Mrs. Hendrickson versus W. [Haapala?], and suggesting that the position of Police Magistrate could be better filled by a layman rather than a member of the legal fraternity.

The Magistrate, Mr. C.H. Beevor-Potts, was present and gave a complete history of the case on which Mr. Harrison based his complaint, which was one from outside the City and was tried by him as Stipendiary Magistrate.

After some consideration, the Board decided that the complaint was outside their jurisdiction, and that Mr. Harrison should have been familiar with the proper channel through which to pursue his complaint, and on motion, of Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Welch, the communication was received and filed.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that this Board upholds the actions of the Police Magistrate and the Chief of Police in the administration of the local Police Court and are of the opinion that they are carrying out the duties of their positions to the best of their ability. Carried.

The Chief of Police submitted his report for the month of June, showing that a total of 46 cases had been disposed of and the sum of \$541.50 collected in fines and costs in the local Police Court during the month of June. He also submitted a detailed report, showing the activity of the Police during the same period. The reports were received and filed.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the chair.

F.A. Busby

H Hackwood

Chairman
Clerk

Special meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Nanaimo, B.C. held in the Council Hall on Friday, July 28th 1922.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby

Commissioners Messrs Garman and Welch.

Communication from Constable Richardson of the City Police Force, resigning his position to take effect at the end of his holidays, was received and the resignation accepted.

Moved by Commissioner Welch seconded by Commissioner Garman, that applications be invited for the position of Constable, to be in by Tuesday, August 1st 1922.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood

F.A. Busby
Chairman
Clerk

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C. held in the Council Hall on Tuesday, August 1st, 1922.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Welch and Garman

The minutes of the previous meeting and of the special meeting were adopted.

Applications

Applications were received from the following men for the position of Constable on the City Police Force, viz:

John Townsend, Thomas Herdman, Thomas Moore, Howard Killeen, Robert Kay, Thos. Matthews, Alexander Menzies, P. [Dunsire?], John W. Young, James Menzies, John E. Irving.

After some consideration of the merits of the different applicants, the Board decided on motion, of Commissioner Welch, to lay over the applications for further consideration until Thursday evening next.

Report

The Chief of Police submitted his report, showing that 18 cases had been disposed of and the sum of \$588.00

collected in fines and costs in the Local Police Court during the month of July.

He also submitted a report, summarizing the work of his department during the same period. The reports were received and filed.

The Board then adjourned till Thursday, August 3rd, 1922 at 7 p.m.

H. Hackwood

F.A. Busby
Chairman
Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C. held in the Council Hall on Thursday, August 3rd, 1922.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Garman and Welch

The meeting was for the purpose of further considering the applications for the position of constable received at the last regular meeting.

After some consideration, it was moved by Commissioner Welch, and seconded by Commissioner Garman, that Mr. Thomas Herdman be appointed constable of the City Police Force on three months probation at \$110.00 a month, on the understanding that should his services be satisfactory during his probation period, his salary will be increased to \$120.00 a month at the end of that period. The motion carried.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the chair.

H Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers, on Monday, 18th September, 1922.

Present

His Worship, Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Welch & Garman.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the meeting had been called to consider the advisability of stopping Sunday

sport on the Central Sports grounds, for which purpose this Board had met the City Council earlier in the night. After consideration it was moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that no sport or games be allowed to be played on the Central Sports Grounds on the Lord's Day. Carried.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the City Hall, on Saturday, October 28th 1922.

Present

His Worship, Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Garman and Welch

The meeting was called to consider what action should be taken in view of the evident intention of certain persons to violate the order of this Board in regard to Sunday games.

After full consideration of the matter, the Chief of Police was authorized to proceed with the enforcement of the order made by this Board on September 18th 1922, regarding Sunday games and was empowered to employ the services of Mr. Leighton as solicitor to advise and to prosecute such cases as the Chief might place before him.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C. held in the City Hall, on Tuesday, 31st, October, 1922.

Present

His Worship, Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Welch and Garman.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous regular and three special meetings were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. T.J. Thomas, City Clerk of New Westminster, stating in regard to the enforcement of the Lord's Day Act, that in their City, cafes and eating houses are allowed to sell tobacco as well as meals, but that tobacconist stores are closed. He further stated that they had no confectionery stores solely for the purpose of selling confectionery, all of them having facilities for serving meals. The communication was received and filed.

From J. Shirras, Chief of Police recommending that the salary of Constable Tweedhope be increased to \$130. per month as from the 8th of August last, he having completed 12 months satisfactory service on that date.

Moved by Commissioner Garman, seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the communication be received and the recommendation adopted. Carried.

The reports of the Chief of Police for the months of August, September and October, were received and filed.

The Board approved the account of the Chief of Police for \$8.00 on account of a payment made for information received from H. [Uakayaima?], and order same for payment.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the City Hall, on Thursday, December 21st, 1922.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Garman and Welch.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. Arthur Leighton in regard to Sunday football. He stated that two cases were proceeded with and dismissed by the Magistrate without admitting an argument or discussion. He then proceeded to give an outline of the respective cases, and stated in conclusion that in his opinion, an appeal would be of no avail.

On motion, of Commissioner Welch, seconded by Commissioner Garman, that the communication be received and filed.

Report of Chief of Police

The Chief of Police reported that 29 cases had been disposed of and the sum of \$904.50 collected in fines and costs in the local police court during the month of November. He also reported upon the activity of the force during the same period. The reports were received and filed.

The Chief reported that some time ago, a watch had been handed in to the Department and not claimed. The party who had found the watch wanted it turned over to him, to which he was probably entitled. He had therefore told this party, that they could get the watch by calling at his office. On motion, of Commissioner Welch, seconded by Commissioner Garman, the action of the Chief was endorsed.

A communication from Mr. Joshua Norris referred to this Board by the City Council, urging the changing of the name of Frazer [Fraser] Street, due to its immoral associations was received and filed.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the City Hall, on Tuesday, February 20th, 1923, at 2:30 p.m.

The necessary declarations having been taken by His Worship Mayor Busby, and Mr. V.B. Harrison they together with Commissioner Welch, the present member of the Board, took their seats on the Board

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. H. Hackwood, City Clerk, stating that the Municipal Council desired that in future all Police Board accounts be approved by the Board of Police Commissioners before being presented to the Council for payment. They also wished to have this apply to the January accounts.

On motion, it was decided to comply with the desire of the Municipal Council.

Report

The Chief of Police submitted a detailed statement of the estimated amount required for the maintenance of the Police Department for the year 1923, amounting to \$12,041.80.

On motion, the estimates were laid over for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

The monthly reports of the Chief of Police for December, 1922, and January, 1923, were received and filed.

The annual report of the Chief of Police for the year 1923, was received and filed.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Welch that the Chief of Police be appointed Clerk of the Police Court. Carried.

Accounts

The accounts against the Police Department for the month of January, 1923 were approved with the exception, of one from Miss Wallace in the sum of 24.30 for services as stenographer in the case of Rex vs. Mainwaring. This the Clerk was instructed to forward to Mr. Leighton, for payment, the Board being of the opinion that this case was of the nature of a civil suit.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers, City hall, On Friday, 9th March, 1923.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Harrison and Welch

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. Arthur Leighton returning the account for stenographers services in the case of Rex vs. Mainwaring, and stating his client will not admit any liability in connection with it. The communication was received and filed.

Report

Chief of Police Shirras reported that 23 cases had been disposed of, and the sum of \$529.00 in fines and costs had been collected in the local police court during the month of February. He also submitted a general report,

showing the work done by the Police Force during the same period. The reports were received and filed.

Accounts

The following accounts for the month of February were approved and ordered to be passed to the Finance Committee of the Municipal Council for payment, viz: Salaries as per paysheet, \$775.00; H.H. Weeks, \$80.00; Western Fuel Corporation, \$70.00; Waterworks Dept, \$2.60; Electric Light Co. \$4.00; J. Shirras, \$14.50; B.C. Telephone Co., \$2.60; C.P.R. Telegraph, 35¢; City Taxi Co. 3.75; H Brighton \$1.00; 909 Taxi, \$1.00; J. Shirras, \$10.00.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Welch, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, that Constable Blaney's salary be increased to that of a full constable, namely \$130.00 from the first of March. Carried.

The estimates of the year were taken up for consideration, and were adopted as follows:

Salaries, \$9540.00; Uniform, \$455.00; Raincoats, \$100.00; Legal Expenses, \$200.00; Taking Evidence, \$50.00; Keep of Prisoners, \$350.00; Light, \$50.00; Advertising, \$15.00; Witness fees, \$50.00; Postage and Box rent, \$15.00; Transportation of Prisoners, \$150.00; Telephone rents, \$190.80; Telephone tolls, \$50.00; Stores, \$30.00; Water, \$21.00; Fuel \$70.00; Stationery, \$30.00; Finger Printing, \$20.00; Incidentals \$25.00; Repairs to Station, \$250.00; Allowance for use of car \$240.00; Total \$11,901.80.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk		Mayor

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Hall, on Wednesday, 4th April, 1923.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Welch and Harrison

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. H. Hackwood, City Clerk, stating that he had been directed by the Finance Committee of the Municipal Council to ask for particulars on the following items appearing in the police estimates for the current year, viz:

Uniforms, which they asked be deleted from the estimates, Raincoats, which they asked be deleted from the estimates. Increase to Chief of Police, which they objected to, and suggested that the action of the Board of Police Commissioners in this matter be rescinded.

Regarding the item for allowance for use of car, they suggest that the Board recommend the purchase of a pod car for general City use, which would be kept in a garage convenient to the Police station. They suggested that the item in your estimates for allowance for use of car be struck out, and that the Board include an amount to cover part of the purchase price of a car as outlined above.

After considerable discussion, the Board decided to ask the Finance Committee to meet them to go thoroughly into the matters referred to in their communication.

Mr. J. Shirras, Chief of Police, asking the Board to give an opinion on the matter of granting further club licenses, stating that he has to report on all applications for club licenses, and that he would like to have the opinion of the Board on this matter. Also he stated that before any more clubs are opened up it would be necessary to pass a By-Law governing and regulating same. It was decided to leave the matter of reporting on the applications of clubs in the hands of the Chief of Police, and the Clerk was instructed to obtain all possible information regarding regulation of clubs.

Report

The Chief of Police reported, 36 cases disposed of and the sum of \$775.00 collected in fines and costs in the local police Court during the month of March. The reports were received and filed.

Accounts

The following accounts of the Police department for the month of March were approved and passed to the Finance Committee of the municipal Council for payment, Salaries, \$795.00; Sampson Hardware Co., \$11.10; Dept of Printing, \$2.50; B.C. Telephone Co., \$11.50; Electric Light Co., \$4.00; H. Brighton, \$1.00; G. Foster, \$11.25; Nanaimo Transfer, \$2.25; Oakalla Prison Farm, \$14.00; Waterworks Dept., \$3.00; J. Shirras, \$3.00; B.C. Telephone Co., \$1.00.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H. Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Mayor

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the City Hall, Nanaimo, on Tuesday, May 15th 1923.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioner V.B. Harrison

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. J. L. Ward, Secretary, Empire Day Celebrations applying for permission for the Pacific-Alaska Exposition Co., and the G.W.V.A. to operate certain forms of amusement on the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th May under the Auspices of the Empire Day Celebration Committee. On motion, the concessions and games, were allowed subject to the approval and supervision of the Chief of Police. From Mr. James Anderson, Chief of Police Vancouver, impressing the importance of allowing the Chief of Police to attend the convention of the Chief Constables of the Dominion to be held at Hamilton Ont. The matter was laid over to allow His Worship the Mayor to take up the matter with the City Council. From Mr. R. Baird, Inspector of Municipalities, stating that if there are any particular points upon which advice is required, in regard to the licensing of clubs further than had already been asked of him, he would endeavor to obtain what assistance he could. The communication was received and referred to Commissioner Harrison to take up with the legislature Committee of the Municipal Council with a view to bringing in a By-Law regulating clubs. From Mr. H Hackwood City Clerk, stating that the Municipal Council desired that the Board of Police Commissioners report to them the full particulars of the account for stenographer's services in the case of Tippet vs. Mainwaring, which was paid by the City, showing why this account has been charged to the City. Commissioner Harrison stated that he had made a full enquiry into this matter and had reported the results to the City Council. The communication was received and filed.

Communication

From Messrs Leighton and Meakin, drawing attention to the intolerable condition that exists in connection with the Police Court at the City of Nanaimo. They complained that they are continually faced with the difficulty that Mr. Lionel Beevor-Potts, a son of the Magistrate who is carrying on business in the same suite of offices as his father, appears to defend cases before him. In conclusion, they suggested that an inquiry be made as to whether or not Section 399 of the Municipal Act is being contravened. From Mr. C.H. Beevor-Potts, Police Magistrate, replying to the complaint of Messrs Leighton and Meakin, and stating that no one could give one single instance where he had shown partiality towards his son. He further stated that the complaint was the result of jealousy. In conclusion, he suggested that the letter of complaint, together with his reply, be forwarded to the Honorable the Attorney-General, to deal with as he thinks proper. On motion,, it was decided to take up the two foregoing communications at a joint meeting of the City Council and this Board, to be called by His Worship the Mayor.

Reports

Chief of Police Shirras reported that Constable Blaney is off duty sick, and that he has left for Harrison Hot Springs, where he intends to take one month's treatment.

The Chief stated that Constable Blaney's sickness was contracted on duty, watching for the illicit sale of liquor. The Chief further reported that he had engaged Mr. James Harley to act temporarily on the Police Force at a salary of \$80.00. The report was received and filed and the action of the Chief endorsed.

The Chief of Police drew attention to the very congested condition of the Parking sections of the Streets in the downtown section of the City. He stated that certain garages monopolized large sections of the parking areas. The matter was referred to Commissioner Harrison to bring an amending By-Law before the City Council to overcome these difficulties. The Chief of Police reported that he had an opportunity of getting a motor cycle from the Weeks Motors for less than \$100.00 and that he had been offered one month's free trial. He was given

authority to try the motorcycle for one month. The Chief of Police submitted his regular report for the month of April, which was received and filed. The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H. Hackwood

F.A. Busby
Chairman
Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers, on Tuesday, July 10th, 1923.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby

Commissioners A.G. Welch and V.B. Harrison

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. Fred Deeley, acknowledging an order given to him for a Harley-Davidson motorcycle for the Police Department. His Worship the Mayor explained that the members of this Board had met the Finance Committee of the Municipal Council and had decided upon the purchase of a motor cycle for the Police Department. On motion, the communication was received and filed and the action of the Board endorsed.

From Mr. S. Gough, Secretary Nanaimo School Board, complaining of damage done to the school buildings by boys playing games on the grounds after school hours, and asking the Board to consent to having the Police make an occasional visit to the School grounds.

They also asked that Mr. J. B. Mercer, the Caretaker of the Central Schools, be invested with special authority to deal with parties misconducting themselves on the school grounds.

On motion, the communication was received and the Chief of Police instructed to have a constable visit the school grounds occasionally. Also it was decided that Mr. Mercer should be sworn in as special constable.

From Mr. [L.S. May], President of the Northwest Association of Sheriffs and Police inviting the Chief of Police to attend their annual convention. On motion, of Commissioner Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Welch, the Chief was authorized to attend this convention provided he can make arrangements satisfactory to himself.

Reports

The Chief of Police reported 39 cases disposed of and the sum of \$470.00 collected in fines and costs in the local police court during the month of May. Also he reported upon the general activity of his department during the same period. The reports were received and filed. The Chief of Police reported a total of 34 cases disposed of and the sum of \$1040.50 collected in fines and costs in the local police court during the month of June. He also attached a report showing the general activity of the Police Force during the same month. The reports were received and filed.

Accounts

Accounts totaling \$800.75 for the month of May and \$1350.29 for the month of June were approved and passed on to the Municipal Council for payment.

Motion

Moved by Welch, seconded by Alderman Harrison, that this Board recommends to the Finance Committee of the Municipal Council that the amount representing the difference between the salary paid to Mr. J. Harley and the amount which would represent Constable Blaney's salary during the two month's period Mr. Harley worked in the Police Department, be paid over to Constable Blaney. Carried.

The communications from Messrs. Meakin & Leighton and from Mr. C.H. Beevor-Potts, Police Magistrate, laid over at the last meeting were taken up for consideration. After some discussion and consideration, the Clerk was instructed to forward copies of both letters to the Honorable, the Attorney-General for his consideration.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H. Hackwood

F.A. Busby
Chairman
Clerk

Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers, on Monday, August 20th, 1923.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Harrison and Welch

His Worship the Mayor stated that the meeting had been called to consider the action the Police Magistrate in the case against Thomas Tracy, charged with attempting to have carnal knowledge of a girl under 14 years of age. The Commissioners seemed to be of the opinion that the case should not have been dismissed but should have been sent up for trial by a higher Court, and he had called the meeting for the purpose of going into the details of the case. The Chief of Police was then requested to read the transcript of the evidence given at the preliminary hearing of the case and also to give the particulars leading to the bringing up of the accused and of the hearing. After reading the evidence, the Chief of Police summarized the whole proceedings of the hearing as reported to him by Constable Rowbottom and also presented Constable Rowbottom's report. After considering all the aspects

of the case, the Board instructed the Clerk to obtain a copy of all the depositions, warrants, etc., from the Chief of Police and to send this together with a copy of Constable Rowbottom's report to the Chief of Police, to the Honourable the Attorney General for his consideration.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood

F.A. Busby
Chairman
Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the City Hall, on Friday, December 7th, 1923.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby and Commissioner V.B. Harrison

Minutes

The minutes of the previous regular meeting and special meeting were read and adopted.

Communication

From Mr. W.D. Carter, Deputy Attorney-General, regarding the complaint made by Messrs Leighton & Meakin against the Police Magistrate. As regards the complaints that the son of the Police Magistrate is permitted to act in cases in which his father presides as Magistrate; he can find nothing either in the Statutes or in precedent to prevent this from being done. Also as to the alleged violation of Section 399 of the "Municipal Act"; he had made full enquiry, and had failed to find any violation of this section.

The communication was received and filed. From the Honourable A.M. Manson, Attorney-General, stating that he had carefully considered the facts placed before him in the Case of Rex vs Tracy, with the Deputy Attorney-General, and was of the opinion that the Magistrate erred in refusing to receive the testimony of Dr. [Bissett?]. He could see that Dr. Bissett's evidence might have been very material, and in view of the fact that it was not received, he had directed the Deputy Attorney-General to give instructions that a new preliminary hearing be held. The communication was received and filed and the Chief of Police instructed to give a written report showing the facts of this case up to the final disposition thereof.

Petty Thieving from Stores Mr. J.C. Dakin appeared before the Board on behalf of the Retail Merchants Association, and complained of the petty thieving taking place in the stores, and that they had seriously considered placing on a man to act as special constable to cope with such cases. It was pointed out to Mr. Dakin, that although several persons had been caught in the act of stealing by the merchants themselves, yet no prosecuting had taken place and that until prosecutions were made, the crime would likely continue, and they suggested that where persons were detected in the act of stealing, that an example should be made of them.

Reports

The reports of the Chief of Police for the months of July, August, September, October, and November were received and filed.

Accounts

Accounts totaling \$960.75; for the month of July; \$973.10 for the month of August; \$930.80 for the month of September; \$1321.15 for the month of October; and \$1007.60 for the month of November, were approved and passed on to the Municipal Council for payment.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chairman

Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, on Friday, December 21st, 1923.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby., Commissioners, Messrs. Welch and Harrison.

His Worship stated that the meeting had been called to consider what action if any, should be taken in view of the recent serious accident at the Comox Road crossing of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, as it was the possibility of a recurrence of such an accident with a great loss of life, that action should be taken to avoid. His Worship then asked the Chief of Police to give the Board the facts, of the case as far as he was able. The Chief stated that it was rather a difficult case to report, but stated that the crossing referred to has always been regarded as dangerous. He stated that the accident was a collision between an auto vehicle called "Whiz-bang No.1", and the south-bound train of the E & N. Railway, running 55 minutes behind schedule. The Whiz-bang, driven by William Stigler, was conveying 15 men and 2 boys to Lantzville, and seven of the occupants were more or less injured. From the evidence, it appeared that the train had whistled when approaching the crossing, and that the automatic alarm bell was in good order. The train was traveling fairly slow, as was evidenced by the fact that it stopped within a very reasonable distance after striking the truck. The reason the driver of the truck did not observe the approach of the train was probably due to the sun in his face, the noise inside the truck, and the poor vision from the truck.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the report of the Chief of Police be received and filed for future reference, and that a copy be laid before the Board of Municipal Council.

Carried.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Harrison seconded by Commissioner Welch, that the Board is of the opinion that the Comox Road railway crossing is not a safe crossing considering the amount of traffic and that the Board of Railway Commissioners be asked to consider the question of having an overhead railway crossing.

Carried

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H Hackwood

Clerk

F.A. Busby

Chairman

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C. held in the City Hall, on January 31st 1924.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Harrison and Hickman

Communication

From Mr. J.R. [Crellin?] referred from the City Council, submitting a claim for a 50 foot steel tape which had been broken when borrowed by Constable Rowbottom. The matter was referred to the Chief of Police and Clerk for adjustment.

From Mr. H. Hackwood, City Clerk asking the Board for a report on a communication from Mr. D. McGugan, Supervisor of Law Enforcement, Liquor Control Board, regarding the deduction of costs and expenses in respect of the enforcement of the Government Liquor Act within the City, from the share of Liquor profits due the City. On motion, a report as drafted by Commissioner Harrison was ordered sent to the City Council.

From Chief of Police Shirras asking for a refund of \$10.00 paid personally by him into the City Treasury as a fine for Wm. Haddon, who had pleaded extenuating circumstances on account of his wife and children.

On motion, the Board decided to approve the refund of this amount for payment.

Reports

The Annual Report of the Chief of Police, embracing the activities of the Police Force for the year 1923 and filed, and ordered to be incorporated in the annual statement of the City.

The monthly reports of the Chief of Police for the months of December, 1923, was received and filed.

Communication

From Mr. C.H. Huestis, Secretary, Lords Day Alliance of Canada, asking to be advised as to what action the Police Commission proposed to take in regard to petty trading and Sunday concerts, was received and filed.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Hickman seconded by Commissioner Harrison, that the Chief be instructed to bring in a full report covering the present condition of traffic in the business section of the City. Carried.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H. Hackwood

Clerk

F.A. Busby

Chairman

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, held in the City Hall Nanaimo, on Tuesday, February 19th, 1924.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Hickman and Harrison

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Chief of Police Shirras, advising that the Provincial Government has offered to supply the City with two double steel cells free of charge, providing the City will accommodate the provincial prisoners as heretofore.

On receipt of this offer, he had immediately taken the matter up with the Board, and was directed to accept the offer, which he done. He had obtained an estimate of the cost of installing these cells from Mr. Henderson, which he considered reasonable, and recommended that it be accepted and the work proceeded with at once.

On motion of Commissioner Hickman, the communication was received, and the matter of arranging for the installation of the steel cells was left in the hands of His Worship the Mayor and the Chief to arrange.

Estimates

Under the consideration of estimates, the salary of the Police Magistrate was considered. Replying to the question of Commissioner Harrison, the Chief of Police stated that the time occupied by the Police Magistrate in his duties would not exceed an average of one hour per week.

Motion

Moved by Commissioner Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Hickman.

“On it appearing to this Board that the salary of the Police Magistrate is out of proportion to the time occupied by him as Police Magistrate.

“We therefore recommend that the Municipal Council take the necessary steps to have the salary reduced from \$1200 to \$500 per annum.”

The motion was carried.

The following estimates for the maintenance of the Police Department for the year 1924, were adopted, viz:- Police Salaries, \$8400.00; Magistrate Salaries, \$1200.00; Telephones, \$190.80; Long Distance Tolls, \$25.00; Telegrams, \$10.00; Uniforms, \$25.00; Caps, \$30.00; Legal Expenses, \$200.00; Stenographer, \$100.00; Keep of Prisoners, \$350.00; Fuel, \$60.00; Postage, \$10.00; P.O. Box Rent, \$4.50; Water, \$12.00; Light, \$48.00; Stores, \$20.00; Transfer of Prisoners, \$100.00; Local Transportation, \$90.00; Criminals Code to date, \$17.50; Interpreter Fees, \$25.00; Batteries, \$12.00; Street signs, \$50.00; Witness fees, \$50.00; Stationery, \$50.00; Finger-printing & photographing, \$30.00; Upkeep of motor cycle, \$100.00; Side-car, \$130.00; Typewriter, \$125.00; Secret Service, \$100.00; Alterations & repairs to lockup, \$500.00. Total \$12,464.80.

Moved by Commissioner Hickman, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, that the estimates as approved, be forwarded to the Municipal Council to be incorporated in the general estimates for the year. Carried.

Report

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of January, was received and filed.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

H. Hackwood

F.A. Busby

Mayor

Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C. held in the Council Chambers on Saturday, April 26th 1924.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Harrison and Hickman

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. M.C. Ironside, Secretary, Nanaimo Board of Trade, stating that the Board had endorsed the following required change in the traffic regulations: "To have the parking of automobiles on all streets allowed after business hours."

The Board took the matter under serious consideration and it was decided after considering the likely hazards of such a change that they could not see their way clear to recommend such a change.

Reports of Chief of Police

The reports of the Chief of Police for the months of February and March were received and filed.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had been interviewed in regard to a competition which the Local Elk's Lodge wished to stage for May 24th, and for which permission was desired.

Mr. T.D. James, then appeared before the Board on behalf of the Elks, and explained the nature of the competition in which coupons printed in the local papers were to appear, and prizes awarded to the contestants. It was pointed out that the nature of the competition was such, that it was in conflict with the Criminal Code.

After further consideration, the Board decided that it could not give its approval to a competition of the nature proposed.

The Board then adjourned till the first Tuesday in June at 7 p.m.

H. Hackwood

F.A. Busby
Mayor
Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers, on Tuesday, June 10th 1924 at 2 p.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Hickman and Harrison

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communication

From Mr. John Geo. Tait, asking to have his name added to the list of applicants for any vacancy that may occur in the Police Force. The communication was received and the request granted.

From Chief of Police Shirras stating that on occasions it was necessary to place Constable Rowbottom in charge of the force and suggesting that Constable Rowbottom be promoted to the rank of Sargeant, and his salary increased accordingly and further suggested that possibly an increase of \$10.00 might be granted. Moved by Commissioner Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Hickman, that the communication be received, and that Constable Rowbottom be promoted to the rank of Sargeant in the Police Force as suggested, and that his salary be increased \$10.00 per month. The motion was carried.

Report

The Chief of Police submitted a comprehensive report covering his action in regard to the closing of the bawdy houses on Frazer [Fraser] Street. He stated in part, that conditions had become so bad, that drastic action had to be taken to put these places out of business altogether, and so after gathering the necessary evidence, and getting all the facts together, he had placed every prostitute found under technical arrest and brought before the Magistrate. Six were charged with keeping disorderly houses and all pleaded guilty and were fined \$100.00 or in default, 30 days in Gaol. They were then warned by the Court that this was the last occasion a fine for such an offence would be imposed; that it would be straight Gaol without the option of a fine. Also fifteen girls were charged with being inmates of a bawdy house, all pleaded guilty and were let out on suspended sentence and given 7 days to return to their homes, otherwise they would be brought up and sentenced. On motion, of Commissioner Hickman, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, the report was received, and the action taken by the Chief of Police was endorsed.

Monthly Reports

The reports of the Chief of Police for the months of April and May, were received and filed.

The Board then adjourned.

H Hackwood

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the City Hall on Wednesday, July 2nd, 1924 at 3 p.m.

Present

His Worship, Mayor Busby, Commissioners, Messrs Harrison and Hickman

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Report

The Chief of Police submitted a lengthy report dealing with the problems of traffic Regulation and Control on the business streets due to the increasing motor traffic. He also submitted a number of suggested amendments to the Streets Traffic Regulation By-Law.

The Board took the several matters under consideration and as a number of the suggestions would require the legislative action of the Municipal Council to put them into effect, it was decided on motion, of Alderman Harrison, seconded by Alderman Hickman, to ask the Council to arrange a meeting when these matters could be fully discussed.

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of June, was received and filed.

The Board then adjourned.

H. Hackwood
Clerk

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C. held in the City Hall, Nanaimo, on Monday, October 20th 1924.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby

Commissioners Messrs Hickman and Harrison

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Miss Peggy Reynolds, applying for permission to hold a concert in the Dominion Theatre on Sunday evening, November 2nd, 1924 at 8:45 p.m., at which there would be no charge for admission, but a collection would be taken at the door and programmes would be on sale during the week.

On motion, of Commissioner Hickman, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, the communication was received and filed.

The Chief of Police drew attention to the regulations governing the speed of vehicles approaching schools, which make it obligatory upon the authorities to have signs placed upon the highways near the schools, before any driver can be prosecuted for exceeding the speed limit past such institutions. Moved by Commissioners Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Hickman, that the Municipal Council be urged to have signs placed upon the highways approaching the different public schools in the City, so that the regulations of Section 3, of the "Motor Vehicle Act Amendment Act, 1923," may be enforced.

The Chief submitted monthly reports for July, August and September, showing in detail the number of cases dealt with in the Police Court; the amount of fines and costs taken; and the general work done by the Police Force during these periods.

The reports were received and filed.

The Board then adjourned.

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the City Hall, Nanaimo, on Monday November 24th 1924.

Present

His Worship Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Harrison and Hickman

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. C.B. Wilgress applying for a position on the Police Force was received and filed for future reference.

Mr. H. Hackwood, City Clerk, urging upon the Board that arrangements be made in the Police Department to have some person in attendance at the Police Office at all times to answer and receive messages. On motion, of Commissioner Hickman, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, the communication was received and referred to the incoming Board with a recommendation that provision be made in next year's estimates for an additional constable with a motor cycle and that the Municipal Council be informed of this action, and also that they be advised that if they require the change forthwith, an additional appropriation to cover the expense involved up to the new appropriations next year.

From Mr. L.A. Menendez, Secretary to the Attorney-General enclosing copy of a letter received complaining of the laxity displayed in the enforcement of the Liquor Act against bootleggers.

The communication was received and the Clerk instructed to inform the Attorney-General that everything possible was being done to enforce the Act, and to suppress the violations complained of.

From Mr. J.D. Galloway, agent for the Union Oil Co. asking to be permitted to stand their trucks on the left side of the street while filling Plummer's and LeCoque's gasoline tanks.

The Board decided that they would not give any permit to conflict with the Rule of the Road as laid down by the statutes.

The Chief drew attention to the practice of backing coal trucks and wagons against the curb in the business section, instead of parallel with the truck as called for by the By-Law. This violation of the By-Laws must [?], it was decided.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to urge the Council to install some traffic guides at the intersections of Commercial and Bastion Streets and at Commercial and Wallace Streets.

Also the Board decided to recommend to the Municipal Council that they purchase all the lots in the Ravine from Commercial Street to the Bastion Street Bridge for the purpose of providing car parking accommodation.

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of October, was received and filed.

The Board then adjourned.

F.A. Busby
Chairman

Special Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the City Hall, on Friday, December 19th 1924.

Present

His Worship, Mayor Busby, Commissioners Messrs Hickman and Harrison

His Worship the Mayor stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of deciding what action the Board was prepared to take in pushing the prosecution of the Bank robbers who had robbed the Royal Bank of Canada,

on December 12th last.

He stated that the Chief had obtained information which he believed would lead to the arrest of the bandits [if] energetically followed up, but that after the arrests had been made, considerable expense would be involved in obtaining their extradition, of which, the Chief had informed him, the Government was prepared to bear a part. The Board felt that the whole cost of the prosecution would constitute a heavy burden on the City, and that some assurance should be obtained that the Government would give suitable assistance.

His Worship the Mayor then got into Communication with the Attorney-General of the Province and gave the following report of their conversation viz:- "The Attorney-General stated that he had received full particulars of the case from Chief Shirras and was highly satisfied with the work of the various police departments in connection with this matter. At the same time, he explained that the case was entirely a Municipal one and that the City has no alternative but to proceed with the prosecution, although he realized that it would create a burden upon the City, and in view of the extraordinary nature of the case he would give assurance that the City would not have to bear the full responsibility, and that the Government could be relied upon to give assistance both as regards expenditures involved and otherwise, and that the whole of the Provincial Police Force had been placed at the disposal of the City to aid in rounding up the bank robbers.

In the meantime, the Attorney-General said that he would see that proper Counsel was employed to look after the prosecution and extradition proceedings and assured the Mayor that there was no need to worry or quibble over expenses, as this matter would be felt sure be settled in a manner satisfactory to both the Government and the City and that the Government would do what was right towards the City of Nanaimo, but that the main thing at the present time was cooperation between all parties so that this case might be successfully concluded".

After hearing the above report of His Worship the Mayor, the Board decided to authorize the Chief of Police to make the necessary arrangements to proceed with the prosecution of this case.

Motion

The following motion was then made by Commissioner Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Hickman, and carried, viz:-

"That this Board is of the opinion that action should be taken towards apprehending the bandits who robbed the Royal Bank of Canada on Friday the 12th instant.

That we do not think we have power to provide for the necessary expenditure for the above purpose: Resolved that we draw the attention of the Mayor to Sections 380 to 392 of the Municipal Act with the idea of immediate action being taken with the Municipal Council".

The Board then adjourned.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council

Chambers, City Hall, Nanaimo, B.C. on Monday January 12th 1925, at 3 p.m.

Present

His Worship, Mayor Busby, Commissioners Harrison and Hickman.

Communication

A communication from Messrs. Patterson and Ross, Prosecuting Attorney, King County, Washington, stating that they had represented the Provincial Government in a number of extradition proceedings, and that through the Provincial Police Department they had been instructed to look after the interests of the City in connection with the robbery of the Royal Bank.

Also they had secured what to their mind, is sufficient evidence to secure a conviction against several persons now in their jurisdiction in connection with the robbery, and suggested that the following procedure be adopted in order to insure their speed extradition and return to this jurisdiction, viz:

1. Arrangements to be made immediately for the appointment of a Crown Prosecutor to handle this matter, and they notified so that they can communicate with him concerning the details of extradition.
2. Complaints and warrants should be immediately secured charging the various persons, whose names Mr. Shirras now has, with the crime of robbery.
3. All proceedings to be kept absolutely secret and duplicate originals of the complaints and warrants mailed to them immediately.
4. The witnesses relied upon for identification of the robbers should be kept in hand ready to be sent to Seattle at a moments notice.

In regard to this communication, the Chief of Police reported that all the suggestions therein had been complied with and that all the persons suspected had been apprehended.

Also in regard to the robbery of the Royal Bank, the following report was submitted to the Board.

Re Bank Robbery.

On Friday the 19th. December 1924, on returning from investigating the marginal noted case, at Seattle and District, and satisfied that arrests would be made, I called up Mayor Busby from Victoria for the purpose of calling an emergency meeting of the Board, and to advise me at once, how far the City was prepared to go in this case. I also asked for an interview with the Attorney General, to ascertain what assistance the Government would render the City in this matter.

The Attorney General gave me a very encouraging interview, and after I had explained all particulars in case and the prospects of rounding up a most desperate gang. The Attorney General was in full accord with my ideas of pressing this case to the limit, and stated that although this was purely a Municipal matter, and that the City of Nanaimo had no alternative but to proceed, at the same time the Attorney General fully realized the expenditure that would be incurred in prosecuting this case, and assured me that the Government would render the City every

assistance.

Mr. Johnston, K.C. was appointed by the Government in my presence to represent the City and Government.

The Attorney General communicated with Mayor Busby by phone and afterwards stated that everything was satisfactory and that meantime there was no need for worry or quibbling over the expenditure, the Attorney General was satisfied that everything would be met satisfactory to all concerned.

The report of the Chief of Police was received and filed and his action in this matter endorsed.

Applications

Applications for the position of Constable were received from James Walford; Cecil R Mulholland; James Smith; John Clark; and Angus Niven, were received and filed for future reference.

Annual Report

The annual report of the Chief of Police for the year 1924 was received and filed.

Monthly Report

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of December, 1924 was received and filed.

The Board adopted a resolution inquiring upon the incoming Board the purchase at once of 3 rifles and 6 revolvers, for use in case of emergency, and that the members of the Police Dept. make themselves acquainted with their use.

The Chief of Police was instructed to send letters of appreciation to all those places who had aided in the apprehension of the Bank robbers.

The Board then adjourned.

Victor B. Harrison
Chairman

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers City Hall, on Friday, February 13th 1925 at 7:30 p.m.

Present His Worship, Mayor Harrison, Commissioners Messrs Hickman and Ironside.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communication

From Mr. F. G. Peto, advising that at the Municipal Elections held on the 15th January, Mr. G. Charles Ironside was elected a Police Commissioner for the years 1925 and 1926. The communication was received and filed.

From the four banking institutions in the City asking in view of the recent hold-up of the Royal Bank of Canada, and the prevalence of bank robberies throughout the Country, that the Board consider the matter of giving the local banks more protection during business hours. Also, that the Chief of Police be requested to make up a card list to be kept in a handy place giving the names and telephone numbers of all the City and District Police garages, filling stations, banks, etc. on each road leading out of town. The communication was received and laid over for consideration later on.

Applications

Applications for the position of Constable were received from Sidney G. Knight; Jas. Steele; Ben Cheetham; J. Morton; F.G. Spencer; S Kemp; R. J. Prowse; S.W. Mortlock, J. Somers.

The applications were received and filed.

Estimates

The Chief of Police submitted a detailed estimate of the amount required for the maintenance of the Police Department for the current year. In this, he pointed out provision was made for an additional constable to the force, and for the installation of four telephone call boxes, the necessity for which was emphasized by the recent bank robbery. These items together with other extraordinary expenditures anticipated has caused a substantial increase over last year. The Board considered the estimates, item by item, and in the case of uniforms and overcoats, ordered that tenders be asked for supplying these items. Also they decided to delete a provision for revolvers and rifles on the understanding that these would be supplied by the Provincial Police Department.

The revised estimates amounted to \$13,177.60. Moved by Alderman Hickman seconded by Alderman Ironside, that another constable be placed in the Police Force and that applications be invited through the Press to be in by 5 p.m. of February 23rd.

The Board also decided that tenders be invited for supplying the six new uniforms and four overcoats required for the force, to be in by 5 p.m. of February 23rd.

Moved by Commissioner Ironside, seconded by Commissioner Hickman, that the estimates as amended be adopted. The motion was carried.

The Chief of Police drawing attention to the serious congestion of the business section during the tourist season and suggesting that the Board give serious consideration to the parking of vehicles, restrictions regarding same, protection of pedestrians, and stands for vehicles plying for hire.

The report was received and the Clerk instructed to place the same before the Council for their consideration.

Rules and Regulations

The Chief of Police submitted a draft of rules and regulations governing the Police Department. The Board took these under consideration and on motion, of Commissioner Hickman, seconded by Commissioner Ironside, that the rules and regulations be submitted be adopted. Carried.

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of January was received and filed.

The Board then adjourned.

V.B. Harrison
Chairman

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the City Hall, on Monday, April 20th 1925.

Present

His Worship Mayor Harrison, Commissioners Messrs. Ironside and Hickman

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Communication

From Mr. K. [Kenns?], requesting permission to give a fire works display sometime in April was received and permission granted.

From Mr. N. Wright, applying for permission to hold a parade along the business streets in connection with the re-union of all Foresters in the Columbia District, which is to be held in this City on August 15th 1925.

The desired permission was granted.

From Mr. W. W. McGirr, Secretary, Nanaimo Kiwanis Club, drawing attention to several items which merit some consideration, which included the practice of driving over "Boulevards", "Danger zones", "School" and "Go Slow" signs.

The communication was received and the Clerk instructed to reply and also to again urge the Council to place signs at danger points near the Schools.

Uniforms

Tenders for supplying uniforms were received from J.A. Caldwell, F. Thompson and the Powers & Doyle Co. On motion of Alderman Ironside, seconded by Alderman Hickman, the purchasing of the uniforms and coats for members of the force was left in the hands of the Chief.

Reports

The reports of the Chief of Police for the months February and March were received and filed.

The Board then adjourned.

V.B. Harrison
Chairman

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the City Hall on Friday, June 12th, 1925.

Present

His Worship Mayor Harrison, Commissioners Messrs Hickman and Ironside.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

Communication

From Mr. N. Wright, Secretary Retail Merchants Association protesting against the manner which the Early Closing By-Law is being violated, and stating that he had been directed to see if anything can be done to have the law lived up to. The communication was referred to the Chief of Police for investigation and report.

Report

The Chief of Police submitted a detailed report giving suggestions and recommendations for handling the traffic conditions in the business section, which included provision for parking vehicles of Taxi companies and stage lines; vehicle stands for cars meeting boats at the C.P.R. Wharf; opening of Skinner Street north of Bastion for parking purposes; parking facilities in the Ravine; and removal of the oblong in the street at Dallas Square.

On motion of Commissioner Ironside, it was decided to submit the report to the Streets Committee and Engineer

for their consideration; and that any suggestions or recommendations meeting with their approval, be adopted.

Report

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of May, was received and filed.

The question of utilizing the public Convenience and Rest Room as a Police Station was taken under consideration, and the Chief was instructed to take up the matter with the City Engineer with a view to ascertaining its feasibility, prior to submitting any recommendations upon the matter to the City Council.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

V.B. Harrison
Chairman

Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the City Hall, on Monday, November 23rd 1925.

Present

His Worship Mayor Harrison, Commissioners Messrs Ironside & Hickman

The Board decided that it had no objection to the application of the Army & Navy Veterans for permission to hold a raffle of a cushion cover among its own members.

On motion of Commissioner Hickman, seconded by Commissioner Ironside, the Silver Cornet Band was granted permission to hold its annual raffle.

Moved by Commissioner Ironside, seconded by Commissioner Hickman, that no Sunday concerts and that no raffles be allowed to take place in this City, where any portion of the proceeds are to be used for private gain.
Carried.

The Chief of Police reported that no receptacles were provided for ashes from the Police Station.

On motion of Alderman Ironside, seconded by Alderman Hickman, it was decided that 3 ash cans be provided for this purpose.

The Chief of Police submitted a lengthy report outlining a number of recommendations designed to provide safety zones and crossings for pedestrians together with warning signals to car drivers, at the most congested parts of

the main thoroughfares.

The report was received and adopted for recommendation to the Municipal Council.

The Chief of Police also reported that the Provincial Government has supplied the City with one more double cell, giving accommodation for twelve prisoners. He suggested for the consideration of the incoming Board, the installation of a small heating plant in the police station at an approximate cost of \$200.00.

The report was received and adopted for recommendation to the incoming Board.

The monthly reports of the Chief of Police for the months of June, July, August, September and October were received and filed.

On motion of Alderman Ironside, seconded by Alderman Hickman, the Chief of Police was authorized to purchase a new battery for the motor cycles if found to be necessary.

The Board then adjourned.

V.B. Harrison
Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the City Hall, on Monday, December 28th, 1925.

Present

His Worship Mayor Harrison, Chairman, Commissioners Hickman and Ironside

A communication from Mr. Robt. Haddow was read, wherein he undertook to maintain his aged Mother, and to reimburse the City at the rate of \$7.50 per month for his indebtedness on account of aid given to his mother by the City. The communication was received and terms accepted.

The report of the Chief of Police for the month of November was received and filed.

A vote of appreciation of the loyalty and of the efficiency of the Police Force was passed by the Board.

The Board then adjourned.

V.B. Harrison,

Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C., held in the Council Chambers city Hall, Nanaimo, on Monday, February 15th, 1926 at 2:30 p.m.

Present

His Worship Mayor Harrison, Commissioner M. C. Ironside

Mr. F.A. Busby has subscribed the necessary oath of office and being declared duly elected by the Returning Officer, took his seat the Board.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and adopted.

The report of the Chief of Police, covering the year 1925, was received and filed.

The reports of the Chief of Police for the months of December 1925, and January 1926 were received and filed.

On motion, the Chief was asked to submit a full report upon the circumstances surrounding the arrest of John Briggs and Ivor Jones.

The Chief then submitted a full report which embraced written statements made to him by Constables Tweedhope and Herdman, Sergeant Rowbottom; Mr. Bamford and others.

As it was deemed advisable to go more fully into the matter, the Board decided to meet on Wednesday evening next at 7:30 p.m., and to request Mr. Briggs and Mr. Jones to appear before the Board.

The Board also decided to hold a regular monthly meeting on the first Monday of each month at 8:30 p.m.

The Board then adjourned.

Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo for the year 1926, held in the City Hall, on Monday, March 1st 1926.

Present His Worship Mayor Harrison, Commissioners Messrs Busby and Ironside.

The Commission having held an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the arrest of John Briggs and Ivor Jones on February 6th 1926, met to consider their findings in the matter.

After due consideration, their findings (as per press copy herewith), were handed to the press for publication.

The Board then adjourned.

Chairman

[Transcript of newspaper clipping glued in volume follows:]

The Board of Police Commissioners, after holding an inquiry into the circumstances connected with the arrest of John Briggs and Ivor Jones, following a fracas on Church Street on Feb. 6th last, met this afternoon and announced their finding as follows:

The Inquiry by this Board into the circumstances surrounding the arrest of John Briggs and Ivor Jones by the city police on Chapel Street, in this city, on the 6th day of February last, was opened in the City Hall, Nanaimo, B.C., on the 23rd inst., and was continued again on the 25th day of February 1926.

The inquiry opened at 7:30 p.m. of the first day, and continued practically uninterrupted until 12 midnight.

Mr. F.S. Cunliffe appeared on behalf of Mr. Briggs, who was also present in person during the entire inquiry. No one appeared for Mr. Jones neither did he personally appear. He did, however, send a letter to the Board in which he stated that he could throw no further light on this case. His attitude apparently was that he was disinclined to appear or make any complaint in the matter.

During the first session seventeen witnesses in all, were examined under oath, and upon resuming the second sitting on the 25th inst., five more witnesses were examined under oath. The inquiry concluded shortly after 9 p.m. when the Board adjourned to consider the evidence, and make their findings.

At the inception of the conclusion of this inquiry, Mr. Cunliffe stated quite plainly and emphatically that he wished to make it clear that Mr. Briggs was making no complaint nor was he laying any charge against the police, but that his only desire was to aid the Police Board in the present inquiry.

We find that the facts of this regrettable incident as near as can be ascertained from the evidence to be as follows:

“On the evening of the 6th inst., a dance was in progress at the G.W.V.A. hall, Chapel Street; Briggs and Jones were present at this dance and were dancing together. Both of the men were considerably the worst of liquor. Owing to some complaint of misconduct on their part, the floor manager, Mr. Bamford approached them and urged them to conduct themselves properly, but seeing that it was impossible to reason amicably with these men, he called in the assistance of Constable Tweedhope. The constable entered the hall and went up to Briggs and Jones for the purpose of placing them under arrest, but owing to the aggressive attitude of Briggs, who also abused him with filthy language, the constable was obliged to use physical force to remove Briggs from the dance floor. After leaving the hall, Briggs again violently resisted arrest with the result that both he and the constable apparently fell down the first flight of stairs from the hall to the landing on the stairway, and at this point, Jones who had followed them out, also attacked Constable Tweedhope. After considerable scuffling at this point, during which both Tweedhope and Briggs were in danger of falling over the banister, the two men in some manner got down on the road where further efforts to arrest on the part of the constable, and resistance on the part of Jones and Briggs, was made.

The constable went after Jones, leaving Briggs in the street, Jones then ran, the policeman after him, by way of Chapel and Church Street and disappeared in the shrubbery at Dallas Square.

In response to a message received at police headquarters, that Constable Tweedhope was in difficulty on Chapel Street, Sergeant Rowbottom and Constable Herdman immediately ran to the scene of the trouble. In the interim, trouble apparently broke out among the civilians with the result that Briggs and a man by the name of “Fee” were fighting on the street and at times both of them were down on the ground roughing it. When police reinforcements arrived this was still in progress, leading them to believe that Constable Tweedhope was the center of the mob. They broke up the crowd and found Briggs in the center of the fracas with his coat off and still in a very belligerent mood. Constable Tweedhope was placed under arrest and taken to the station and put under custody.

Sometime afterwards, Jones appeared at the police station and gave himself up and was also taken into custody.

In the meantime the police treated Briggs for his injuries and the following day Dr. Drysdale was called in to examine Briggs and found a number of superficial wounds but nothing which he considered dangerous. The following day being Monday, both men appeared in the police court and were fined for being drunk in a public place and for resisting arrest. Subsequently Briggs was examined by Dr. Ingham whose certificate was submitted to and filed with the Board showing the extent of the injuries sustained by Briggs.

We are of the opinion that the police were justified in arresting these men, and that Briggs received his injuries as a result of his determined efforts to resist arrest, and we believe it is safe to assume that the injury to his rib resulted from the fall which took place during the time when he was struggling with Constable Tweedhope on the stairway from the said hall; and that his other injuries were contributed to by a blow with a handcuff and to blows from the police batons.

Further, this Board finds that there was no unnecessary violence on the part of the police towards Briggs, while the latter unquestionably resisted while being taken into custody, and that force was used and was necessary to overcome resistance and attack; the preponderance of evidence clearly established this fact. That the affair was very rough is also evidenced by the condition of Constable Tweedhope; his injuries being a broken plate, two

black eyes, kick in the groin and numerous other bruises. Police officers are perfectly justified, under law, in protecting themselves against determined assault which in our opinion was aggravated in this case by the obvious animosity and incitement shown by the majority of the onlookers against the police officers.

No evidence has been deduced to show that either while being transported from the scene of hostilities, or after reaching detention quarters, any abuse of Briggs was resorted to by police officers, nor do we believe this to have been the case; in fact it has been conclusively shown that considerable treatment was meted out to said Briggs after he had been taken to and confined in the cells.

No doubt, under circumstances of manifest confusion and excitement, such as prevailed on this occasion, and where the use of intoxicating liquor had evidently been more or less indulged in, feeling runs high, and distorted versions of incidents will result, based in considerable measure on grounds of prejudices either for or against the different parties concerned. The remarkable extent of contradictory evidence which the investigation elicited, bears testimony to this fact.

V.B. HARRISON

F.A. BUSBY

M.C. IRONSIDE

Police Commissioners.

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo for the year 1926, held in the City Hall, on April 9th 1926.

Present His Worship Mayor Harrison, Commissioner Ironside

Deep regret was expressed by the Board, upon hearing of the serious illness of Commissioner Busby, and hopes were expressed for his speedy recovery.

The estimates of the amount required for the maintenance of the Police Department, for the current year, were taken up for consideration.

The estimates for the year, totaling \$12,634.14 were adopted.

The Board then adjourned.

Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, for the year 1926, held in the City Hall on July 22nd 1926.

Present, His Worship Mayor Harrison, Commissioner Ironside

The following charge, preferred by the Chief of Police was read, viz:

The Chief Constable charges Constable Blaney with being in a state of intoxication while on duty in uniform, on Monday evening, July 19th, 1926.

Constable Blaney was called in, and after hearing the charge against him, made the following statement. That on the evening in question, he had taken no supper, but had taken about 6 glasses of beer. He had thought he was alright, but finding the beer was bothering him, he had gone to Philpott's and had taken a bowl of soup. He did not know that his condition would be observed.

After Constable Blaney had retired from the meeting, Chief Shirras handed a note to the Chairman from Commissioner Busby, who was ill, pleading for clemency for the accused constable, and advocating that he be given another chance in view of his previous good conduct.

The Board decided to suspend Constable Blaney for one week; and to deduct sufficient from his pay to pay for the services of a substitute. Constable Blaney was also severely reprimanded by His Worship the Mayor, for his conduct.

The Chief of Police recommended that the corner of Lot 1, Block 57 owned by the City be reserved for street purposes, a distance of 20 feet back. Also that all through traffic from the Bastion Street bridge, easterly go to Front Street bviating a left hand turn into Commercial Street.

The Chief of Police also asked for a ruling on the application of Sub-section 2 of Section 135 of the Indian Act in regard to the disposition of fines collected under the Act.

The Board felt that so long as the City received one-half of all fines under actions where a [moiety?] was provided, probably the method adopted as heretofore might be better left alone.

The Board then adjourned.

Chairman

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo for the year 1930, held in the City Hall, on Thursday, January 30th 1930.

Present

His Worship, Mayor George A.B. Hall, Commissioners James R. McKinnell & Albert G. Welch, Sergeant J. [Russell?] of the Provincial Police.

The commission had an informal discussion with Sergeant Russell upon matters affecting the Police Department with especial reference to Traffic problems.

Commissioner McKinnell urged some action in regard to parking on Church Street at the [?] where the street takes a bend: on Albert Street at the Totem pole square; and on Front Street opposite the intersection of Chapel St.

The Commission decided to take the matter under consideration at the next meeting.

The Board then adjourned till Thursday, February 6th, 1930, at 2 p.m.

Geo. A.B. Hall

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo for the year 1930, held in the City Hall, on Thursday, February 6th, 1930.

Present

His Worship Mayor George A.B. Hall, Commissioners Albert G. Welch and James R. McKinnell

Sergeant Russell and Corporal Macdonald of the Provincial Police, City Detachment, were also in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that now would be an opportune time to urge the Provincial Government to provide suitable quarters for the local Police staff, and on motion, of Commissioner McKinnell, seconded by Commissioner Welch, the suggestion was adopted.

Regarding amendments to the Streets Traffic Regulation By-Law, now under consideration by the Board; Commissioner McKinnell outlined several points which he suggested might receive consideration, viz:-

That the unloading of coal upon the main streets be confined to the morning hours. That large freight trucks should be required to stand parallel with the curb when unloading. That parking should only be permitted only on one side of Wharf Street.

The Board then adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Geo. A.B. Hall

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held in the City Hall on Friday, March 14th 1930.

Present

His Worship Mayor Hall, Commissioners Welch & McKinnell

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

The Board took under consideration proposed amendments to the Streets Traffic Regulation By-Law as placed before the Board at its last meeting together with several additional suggested amendments.

On motion of Commissioner McKinnell seconded by Commissioner Welch, the suggestions as placed before the Board were adopted and the Clerk instructed to forward them to the Council with the recommendation that they be incorporated in the Streets Traffic By Law.

The Board then adjourned.

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, held in the City Hall on Thursday, May 22nd 1930.

Present

His Worship, Mayor Hall, Commissioners Messrs J.R. McKinnell & A.G. Welch

A general discussion of affairs connected with the affairs of the Police Department took place and the meeting adjourned.

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, held in the City Hall, on Friday, February 1st 1935.

Present:

His Worship, Mayor Barsby, Police Commissioners J.R. McKinnell & A.G. Welch, Sergeant John Russell.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the meeting had been called for an informal discussion of matters affecting the Police Department, and that he wished to hold such a meeting regularly during the coming year.

An informal discussion then took place and it was decided that the Commission meet on the second Monday in each month, when it was hoped that the report of the Police Department for the previous month would be available for members of the Commission.

The Board then adjourned until Monday, February 11th, at 3:30 p.m.

H. Hackwood

Clerk

J. Barsby Mayor

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, held in the City Hall, on Monday, February 11th 1935, at 3:30 p.m.

Present:

His Worship, Mayor J Barsby, Police Commissioners A.G. Welch & J.R. McKinnell

Sergeant John Russell

Sergeant Russell stated that due to the change of the form of the Police Report, they had been unable to have the report prepared in time for the meeting; but that they hoped to have it prepared in time for future meetings. He stated that a copy of the report where ready, would be sent to each member of the Commission.

The Board decided to recommend to the Municipal Council that the sign posts at the corner of Commercial and Bastion Streets be moved back a distance of 25 feet from the street corners.

It was also decided to take into consideration the prohibition of U turns on certain intersections in the City; and this was left for consideration at the next meeting.

Also it was decided to consider sending a recommendation to the Provincial Government urging new quarters for the local Police Department.

The Board then adjourned until the next regular meeting in March.

H. Hackwood, Clerk

J. Barsby , Mayor

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo, B.C. held in the City Hall on Monday, March 11th 1935 at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

Present:

His Worship Mayor Barsby, Police Commissioners J.R. McKinnell and A.G. Welch and Sergeant J. Russell of the B.C. Police

A general discussion took place, during which matters concerning traffic regulations were considered. Arising from this it was suggested that when the traffic lines are being repainted on the streets & that no parking notices be painted at the intersection Bastion and Commercial Streets for a distance of 25 feet from the corners.

The Board then adjourned until the next regular meeting in April.

H Hackwood
Clerk

J. Barsby
Mayor

Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Nanaimo held in the City Hall on Monday, May 13th 1935.

Present: His Worship Mayor Barsby, Police Commissioners A.G. Welch and J.R. McKinnell and Corporal P. Corrigan of the B.C. Police.

A general discussion took place, and in answer to Commissioner Welch, Corporal Corrigan stated that in general practice, the Police Department did not disclose the source of the information when clearing up a general complaint.

The commission adopted the suggestion that the curb on the southerly side of Bastion Street be painted to [rudicate?] that No parking is allowed on that side of the street from the Bridge to Commercial Street; also that "No U Turn" signs be placed at the corner of Bastion and Commercial Streets.

The Board then adjourned till the next regular meeting.

J. Barsby