

FINANCES ARE IN SPLENDID SHAPE

Chilliwack Taxes Coming In Satisfactorily—Small Loan Bylaw is Passed.

CHILLIWACK, Sept. 21.—A query by Ald. Jef. Harrison, chairman of the board of works, at the meeting of the city council on Monday night, as to whether he should proceed with certain expenditures on repairs, gave rise to a discussion on the finances of the city. It was shown that the taxes were coming in as fast as could reasonably be expected and while there was not a great surplus in the treasury the financial condition of the city, comparatively speaking, was good.

A number of requests for extension of time in which to pay up outstanding taxes were granted.

Alderman J. H. Asnwell reported that he had interviewed Mr. Geo. Clarke with reference to his taxes, but was unable to make terms and, after going into the matter the council decided to give Clarke two weeks in which to pay up and if he did not comply, the law would be allowed to take its course.

Chief of Police Richardson reported that a number of cattle belonging to Mr. Samuel Sutor had been allowed to graze on some vacant lots within the city limits, contrary to the city's bylaw, and asked what course the council desired him to take in the matter. After some discussion, the report was marked "read."

The city clerk of Niagara forwarded a copy of a resolution passed by the city council of Niagara calling on the government to extend the same treatment to returned private soldiers as to returned officers. The resolution pointed out that prior to enlisting the men were equals, and on the battle field they fought side by side with equal heroism and it was not fair to make distinctions when these men returned again to private life. A private soldier who had lost an arm or a limb was just as much handicapped in his future career as the officer who was similarly maimed. The council endorsed the resolution.

A resolution passed by the Nanaimo city council protesting against the release of interned alien enemies to work in the mines and in the factories of Canada when there were sufficient British subjects and subjects of the countries of the Allies to fill all positions, was forwarded by the city clerk of Nanaimo. After consideration the resolution was marked "read."

Mr. F. H. Parker applied for a certificate for lot 33, block 14, and same was granted. The city of Chilliwack loan bylaw, No. 180E, empowering the city to borrow \$5000 to meet current expenses for the remainder of the year, was read a third time and finally passed.

Mrs. Chadsey appeared before the council and applied for a refund of the taxes which she had paid on a boulevard which did not belong to her. Mayor Barber and Alderman R. J. Banford pointed out that the council was convinced that Mrs. Chadsey had paid more taxes than she should have paid, and when the matter was first brought to the notice of the council the council was willing to make the refund, but they were informed by the higher authorities that such a course would be illegal. The council, however, was willing to recompense Mrs. Chadsey by making some repairs to the road in front of her property and to the approach to her barn. Mrs. Chadsey thought that if the council could make repairs it could just as easily give her the money that the repairs would cost. She would rather have the money than the repairs. Eventually the matter was left with the finance committee to consider and report at next meeting.

Artist Lee appealed to the council to make some improvements to the approach to his property in return for the taxes that he had paid for the last eight years, and the matter was left with the chairman of the board of works, Mr. J. Harrison.

Mr. W. A. Banks, manager of the Chilliwack Evaporating & Packing Company, to get permission to run the water used for washing purposes into the city's sewer. Mayor Barber pointed out that this would scarcely be practicable as the sewer did not run in the vicinity of the company's property. Eventually permission was given the company to run the water into a nearby drain and the city decided to put in the connections to the property line.