

POSTPONE PURCHASE OF WATER TOWER

Fire and Police Committee
Shelve Question on War's
Account.

No water tower will be purchased by the city this year unless the civic fire and police committee changes its opinion. The committee deferred the question yesterday afternoon until further notice on account of the money stringency caused by the war.

At the same time, Assistant Fire Chief Thomson suggested that \$14,000 be spent on a combination pumping engine and hose wagon for use in the higher parts of Ward Seven. Horse-drawn vehicles he said could not get over the long distances in that ward. The fire chief was asked for a report on the subject.

On the completion of the new hall in Hastings Townsite, it was said that this winter a horse-drawn hose wagon would be transferred from Hall Number Nine.

Compliments for the work done by firemen outside various halls in the city were voiced by the committee and a suggestion made by Deputy Chief Thomson that a competition be started with a prize awarded by the city each year. Chairman Mahon mentioned the matter when telling of the stone wall built by the firemen of Number Twelve Hall at Eighth Avenue west and Balaclava street. A letter of appreciation will be sent the Number Twelve staff and that and other halls will be visited by the committee.

Complaints about the dazzling lights appearing outside stores were reported by City Electrician Fletcher. He said some were as high as 2000 candle power and persons were "blinded" after looking at them. There was also the possibility of an effect on traffic. A committee will investigate the matter.

Seymour street was recommended to be eliminated from the traffic by-law as a taxi-cab stand since the opening of the C. P. R. station, where provision is to be made for them. The bylaw is to be amended.

City Electrician Fletcher was authorized to represent the city at the coming convention of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers at Spokane. The electrician will visit Portland to inspect street lighting and fire alarms but will do so at his own expense.

CLAIMS BUILDING PLANS WERE SWITCHED

Contractor of Apartment Is
Now Suing for Sum Ex-
ceeding \$31,000.

A consolidated action in which Mr. J. H. Vickers, contractor, and the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. are suing Messrs. Kennedy Hagan and H. T. Rogers for a sum of \$31,122, is being heard today by Mr. Justice Morrison in the Supreme Court. The action arises out of the building of the Colonial Apartments on Bayview street in 1911. A feature of the

POLICE CONTRIBUTE TO WAR FUND

Already Sum Will Exceed \$480
Monthly to Close of
the War.

Council Says Police Department Moved Without Proper Authority.

That the police department moved into the new headquarters without the permission of the City Council was the effect of a letter addressed to the Board of Police Commissioners and read at the regular meeting of that body yesterday afternoon. The City Council, through the finance committee, wished it made quite clear that they did not consider that the unauthorized move on the part of Chief MacLennan and his men waived any responsibility that might be attached to the contractor, Mr. C. F. Perry, or to the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, which gave bonds for the proper completion of the building.

The sad fate of Detective Richard Levis in the execution of his duty was the principal topic of discussion at the board meeting, and after ordering that Chief MacLennan spare no expense in making proper arrangements for the funeral, which will be under the auspices of the department, a recommendation was ordered forwarded to the finance committee for approval with a view to making some provision for those dependent upon the brave detective whose life was sacrificed for the good of the city. A letter of condolence will be sent to Mrs. Levis.

Chief MacLennan reported that seventeen of his men had applied for leave of absence to volunteer for active service, and their places had been filled temporarily. He paid high tribute to the officers who had volunteered to serve with the army, saying that they were among the best on the department.

Contributions to Fund.

"That those who remain behind would have liked to go, and are just as anxious to serve their country as the men who have left," continued the chief, "is evidenced by this subscription list. Incomplete as it is, it shows that the men on the police force have already offered willingly—for no one had to sign it who did not wish to do so—to contribute monthly the sum of \$483 until the conclusion of the war for the maintenance of those dependent upon the men who have gone to the front to fight our battles."

The chief also made a suggestion that met with the hearty endorsement of the commissioners. This was to give a large quantity of departmental clothing to the ladies who are making up clothing for the children whose fathers are on the firing line. In bringing the matter to the attention of the commissioners, Chief MacLennan remarked that someone had suggested, in speaking of the war fund to which his men had contributed, that it was a charity fund.

"It is far from a matter of charity," he declared. "It is a duty that we owe to those who have volunteered their lives to protect us, and a duty that we should be proud to perform in so looking after those whose breadwinners are protecting our homes and loved ones, and fighting the battles of the Empire."

As reported in yesterday's Province, the commissioners offered a reward of \$500 for the capture, dead or alive, of T. J. McIlvenney, known as "Mickey the Dago," who is alleged to have been the man who murdered Detective Levis, or for information which will lead to his arrest.

A letter was received from the attorney-general in regard to a recommendation sent in 1910 last month, in re-

THREE MYSTERIES CONFRONT POLICE

Whereabouts of "Mickey,"
Death of Hindu and Disap-
pearance of McLean.

"Mickey the Dago" is still at large, and apparently his capture is as difficult now as when he escaped from the cabin on Alexander street, where he had allegedly murdered Detective Levis. Many different rumors have been received at the police headquarters as to his whereabouts, but each one that has been investigated has resulted in nothing. The detectives are tired after their long efforts to catch the man, and at the same time to attend to their other duties.

Detectives investigating the mystery surrounding the death of Harnan Singh the Hindu ex-priest, have been unable to come upon anything of a definite nature which will assist them in determining whether the man was murdered or committed suicide. The fact is well known that he had many enemies by reason of his having assisted the authorities in their work at the time of the Komagata Maru trouble, and also in suppressing the seditious teachings of Hindu revolutionists.

Another matter which has not been cleared up, nor upon which no additional light can be obtained is the mystery surrounding the strange disappearance of "The Sea Wolf," Captain Alexander McLean, who was last heard of as he was going to a row of tugboats. Captain Charles Anderson and Engineer Kirkman of the harbor police have prosecuted a most thorough search of the waterfront, and have again dragged the water without discovering anything which might tend to throw any light upon his movements. The discovery of his hat is the only tangible evidence that the police have been able to discover.

The Ratepayers of Ward Three will meet at Gibbena Hall, 1255 Powell St., on Friday, Sept. 4 at 8 p.m.



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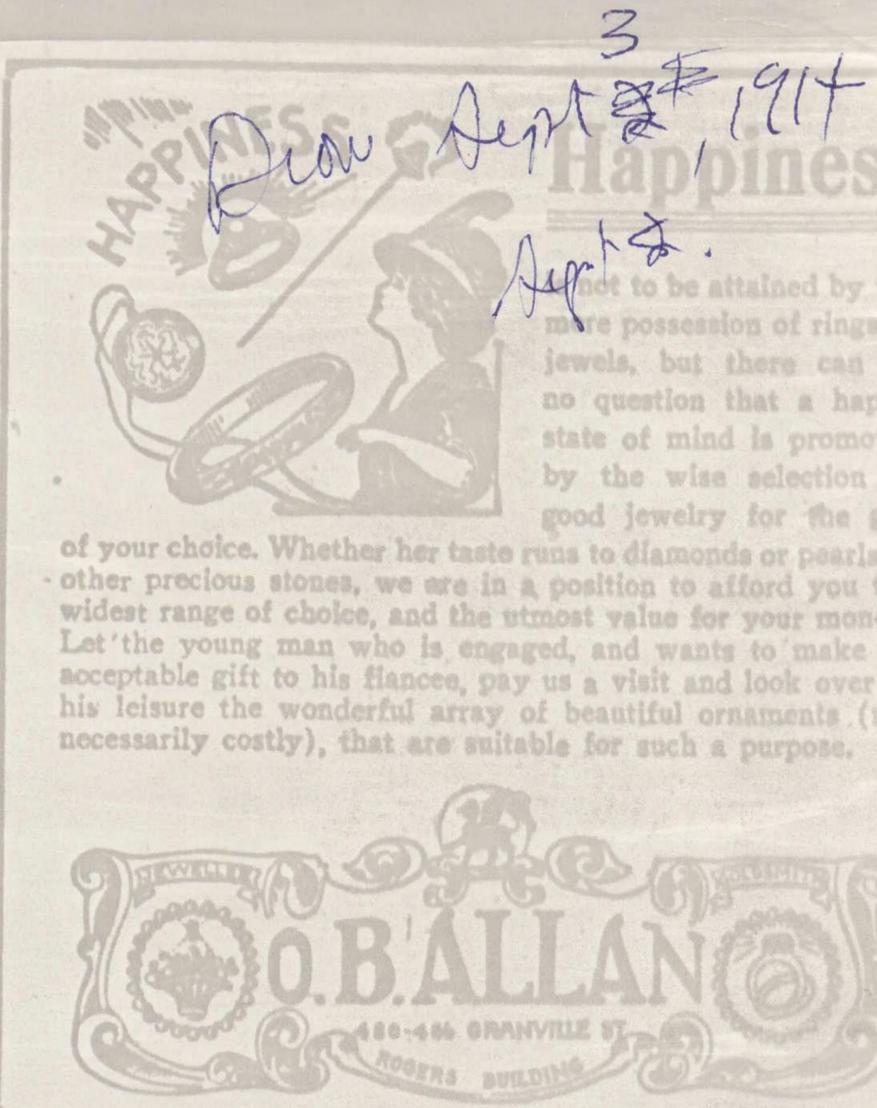
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