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The recent tragedy in Vancouver whereby a Chinese servant boy killed his mistress brings up again the whole Oriental question. It will be remembered that not so very long ago a similar crime was committed by a Chinaman upon his Sunday school teacher in New York. Events like these give the impression the Oriental is more of a brute than a man and justifies to some extent the stern attitude assumed toward them by a large number of the people. There is no denying the fact that gentle spirits do exist among them, but generally speaking they come to us with a point of view that hardly justified the reception they received.

It looks as if even desperadoes had developed a contempt for the McBride government. At any rate they do not seem to have very much fear for the enforcement of law in this province. The recent series of bank holdups that have taken place give the impression that the enforcement of law is very lax. It is reported that crooks of all kinds have been tolerated and even encouraged by the up-river police force, all of course for a liberal consideration. After

an education of that kind the natural thing is to try something more desperate, and the recent holdups seem to be a development of that system.

The failure of the holdup at New Hazelton seems to be due largely to the co-operation of the citizens. While it is difficult to rejoice at the spilling of blood, yet that is the only cure for criminals of this kind. There seems to be every reason to believe that this is a relic of the same gang that were guilty of the former holdup. Their easy escape on the former occasion encouraged them sufficiently to make the attempt in broad daylight and in business hours. It is to be hoped that the treatment they received will be a warning to all others who might be induced to join their ranks.

When it became known that the provincial government had practically turned down the city's request for a money grant for Morse creek bridge, the local member got busy. He wired to Victoria to have the grant renewed and asked for a reply before the council's meeting on Monday. Stern silence still stares him in the face, for his govern-



FIELD MARSHAL SIR JOHN FRENCH

Chief of general staff—practically commander-in-chief of the British army—who resigned as a result of the Vurragh camp officers' episode.

ment would not take the trouble of answering him. What a loving government we must have when they even snatch back the money that was placed in the estimates for us. It was bad enough to cut down our appropriations by one-half, but they are adding insult to injury when they go back on their estimates.

The weather that Prince Rupert has been enjoying during the whole of this year is surely the envy of the whole world. There is no denying the fact that the Pacific coast has its rainy season and that we have had an abnormal share of this in the past year. This year, however, seems to be duplicating 1911 and 1912, and better weather no man would ever desire. In a new country like this it takes a time to ascertain the average state of the climate, but so far the average climate seems to equal if not surpass anything on the coast, which means anything on the continent of America.

VENERABLE MINISTER DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Vancouver, April 7.—Rev. Dr. Peter Wright, a pioneer Presbyterian minister, died suddenly here of heart disease. He was founder of the Kitsilano church, and had been pastor at Toronto, Ingersoll, Quebec and Portage la Prairie. Wherever Dr. Wright went he was a veritable father among his people and his demise will be much regretted. While advanced in years, his spirit was full of youth, and he was a favorite with old and young.

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AUTHORIZED MANY LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

City Council Has \$50,000 to Spend on Some Much-needed Works

The mayor announced at the Monday session of the city council that the finance committee had sold about \$50,000 worth of four-year 5% debentures at 95 for local improvement, and the council had a bunch of the improvements presented at the meeting for preliminary sanction.

Several bylaws already under way had to be cancelled and brought in anew to comply with the provisions of the new local improvement clauses of the new municipal act.

The works proposed include: a temporary sewer on Borden street costing \$2,200; 16-foot plank road on Borden and Fifth avenue costing \$3,500; sidewalk on Fraser street costing \$1,450; plank road on Taylor street around to Fulton, costing \$6,000; a 16-foot plank road from Seal Cove along Eleventh avenue to the Boulevard to McBride street, costing \$24,500; redecking Sixth avenue and Bowser, \$4,400; redecking Fifth avenue, McBride to Hays Cove, \$3,000; redecking Tallow, \$800; redecking Seventh avenue, \$6,100; a 12-foot sidewalk on two sides of Third avenue from Eighth street to Lynch Bros., \$2,700; sidewalk on Second ave from Lynch's to Eleventh street, \$2,000.

COUNCIL TAKES ACTION RE THAT SLIDING WALL

Committee Appointed to See That City Property is Safeguarded

The Dominion government retaining wall on the Pioneer club lots in the rear of the city hall was the subject of the closing discussion at the city council meeting Monday night. Ald. Montgomery brought the topic into court and asked that the board of works and city engineer inspect the wall and report to the council. Ald. Morrissey said that it was a menace to the city hall and persons in the city building. Some attempt had been made to fix it, but he noticed a new crack that afternoon.

Ald. Maitland, who is also a member of the Conservative executive, evidently felt it was due to somebody to apologize for the job and blushing remarked that the government is fixing it. He thought it would be all right, but only a prophet could tell whether it would fall or not.

Ald. Montgomery wanted the committee empowered to safeguard the city's property, but Ald. Morrissey thought this was going too far. He did not want any one to think that there was any politics in his stand on the question. He suggested a consultation of engineers on the wall.

The city solicitor suggested wiring to the public works department at Ottawa that it was in a dangerous condition and the city would hold them responsible.

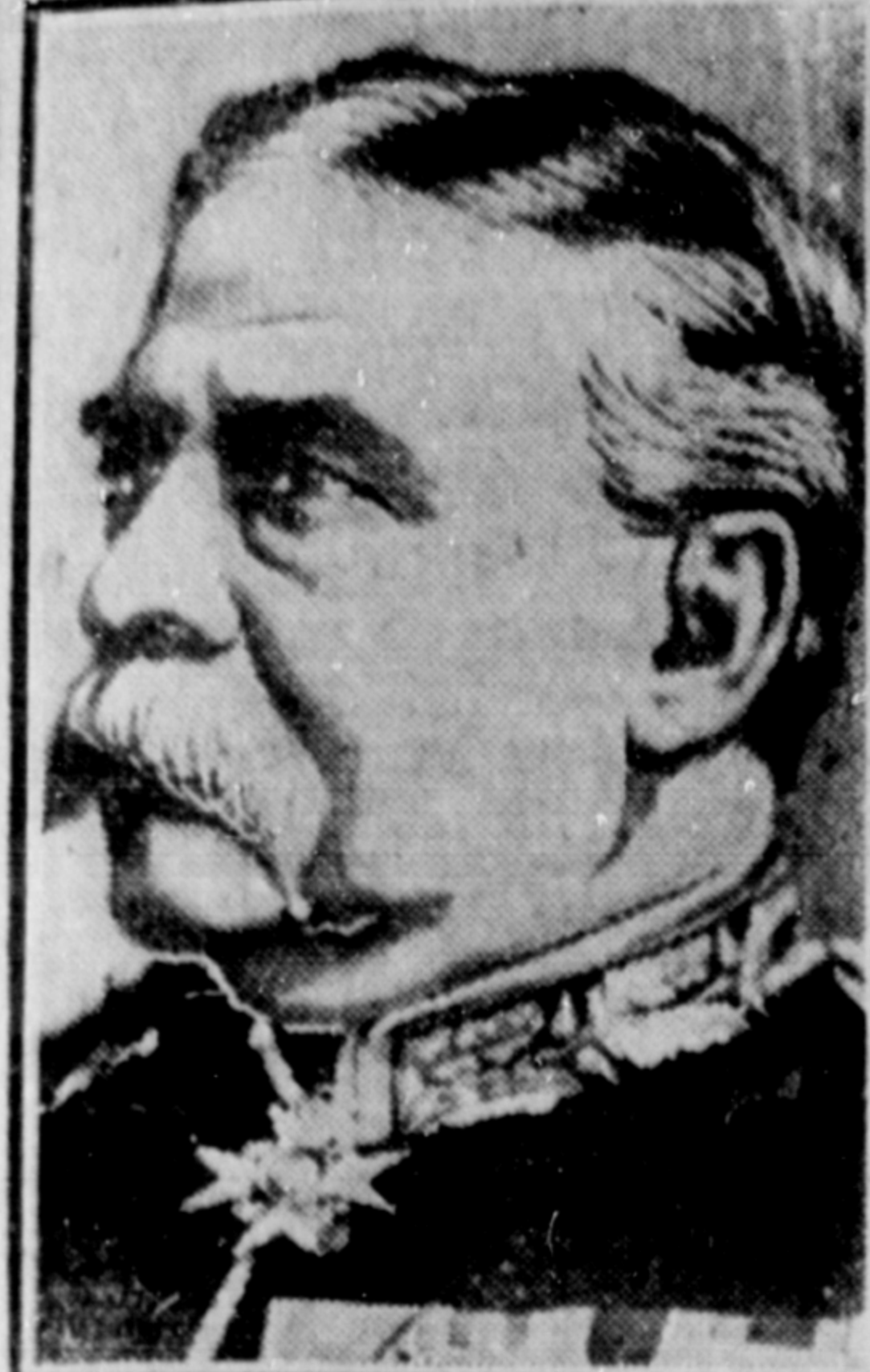
The city solicitor was added to the committee and the motion passed.

In the meantime the Liberal members of the city council appeared to be suppressing smiles.

Montreal Elects Mayor

Montreal, April 7.—With thirteen polls to hear from, Mederic Martin has a majority of 5000 over G. W. Stephens for mayor.

Even if an up-to-date woman did look like the pictures in a fashion magazine, she probably wouldn't be satisfied.



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