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THE BURIAL OF MRS. M.A. MACLEAN, FIRST MAYORESS OF VANCOUVER, MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY, 5 JULY 1934.

Mrs. MacLean died on 4 July; she had been ailing for several years. About four days before her death, she fell and cut her head. The doctor put in stitches. She was frail and feeble, and then after the shock of falling, she did not take nourishment, and passed away without pain. The funeral was private, and was held from Nunn and Thompson's undertaking establishment on South Cambie Street at 10.30 a.m., 5 July 1934. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Dr. E.D. McLaren, the first minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and one who still remains Presbyterian; did not join the United Church. The mourners numbered about 30; largely pioneer ladies; there were nineteen wreaths, including one from the Mayor and Council of Vancouver. In the absence of His Worship Mayor Taylor in Seattle, the city was represented by Major J.S. Matthews, V.D. Burial was in the family plot in the old section of Mountain View Cemetery, beside the grave of her husband, who had predeceased her in 1895.

MAYOR MACLEAN.

The inscription on Mayor MacLean's tombstone, a granite Celtic cross, is:

In Loving Memory of
Malcolm Alexander MacLean,
First Mayor of Vancouver
Born at Tiree, Scotland
Died April 4th, 1895, Aged 51 years

"After life's fitful fever, he sleeps well."

(Compare with *Hamlet*.)

EXCERPTS FROM EARLY NEWSPAPERS, 1886.

INAUGURAL MEETING, FIRST CITY COUNCIL.

Vancouver Daily Advertiser, Vol. 1, No. 3, Tuesday, 11 May 1886.

First meeting
Of our City Council Characterized
by Harmony and Intelligence.

The first meeting of the Vancouver City Council, reference to which was made in yesterday's issue, was held in the Court House at 2.30 p.m. There was a full attendance of the newly elected Aldermen, his Worship presiding. In another column we publish in full the inaugural address of the presiding officer, and it strikes the reader as such a fair, outspoken, and business like address that comment is unnecessary.

The proceedings were opened by the appointment of J. Huntly as City Clerk pro. tem. The applications for city clerk with their testimonials were then read by the city clerk. [*Note: it would seem this should have read "acting city clerk" or "city clerk pro. tem."*]

J. Rooney, John Pemberty (applied for city clerk and city engineer), Amas Morrison, Thos. F. McGuigan, Michael Picken (applied for clerk and assessor), O.D. Sweet (assessor, clerk and collector), Geo. F. Baldwin.

ABRIDGED PROCEEDINGS FROM REMAINDER OF NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT.

Moved by Coun. Dunn that "a clerk be appointed temporarily."

Moved by Coun. Balfour that "G.F. Baldwin be appointed temporary City Clerk."

Moved by Coun. Northcott that J. Rooney be "appointed temporary City Clerk."

Moved by Coun. Hemlow that Thos. F. McGuigan be "appointed temporary City Clerk."

Coun. Northcott's amendment carried. J. Rooney appointed.

A discussion re power of City Clerk to act as one of City Commissioners followed.

Moved by Coun. Balfour that the appointment of City Clerk be reconsidered, and a permanent appointment made.

Moved by Coun. L.A. Hamilton that the salary of City be \$75 [*per mo.*] for this year.

The reconsidered motions were put and J. Rooney was appointed City Clerk permanently.
[*Important: see W.H. Gallagher.*]

Applications not considered, as Mr. John Boulton volunteered to act as police magistrate without salary.

Moved by Coun. E.P. Hamilton, seconder Coun. Cordiner, that J.P. Lawson be appointed engineer and assessment commissioner. Carried on the Mayor's casting vote.

Moved by Coun. L.A. Hamilton, seconded Coun. Northcott, that all applications for Chief of Police be referred to the license commissioners. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Caldwell, second Coun. Cordiner, that as Mr. J. Huntly has kindly offered the use of two rooms adjoining the Court House, that the Council accept the same. Carried.

The proceedings throughout were characterized by good feeling, and a large amount of work was accomplished for the first meeting.

Report Ends.

EARLY NEWSPAPERS.

Vancouver Daily Advertiser, Vol. 1, No. 3, Tuesday, 11 May 1886, is the first copy in the bound volume of this newspaper in the shelves of the Library, University of British Columbia. Nos. 1 and 2 are missing.

HASTINGS SAWMILL.

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Advertisement

"C.P.R."

Terminal City
Vancouver

Lots 181 and 196, known as the Hastings Sawmill
property, are now being cleared and streets opened.
etc. etc.

ROBERTSON & CO.
Real Estate Agents.

(See panorama photo.)

FIRST COUNCIL. MAYOR MACLEAN.

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THE FIRST CIVIC SPIKE
Driven Home by His Worship the Mayor.
Inaugural Address by the Chief Magistrate
of the City of Vancouver

(A long address follows detailing with the appointment of officials and other matters.)