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CITY OF VANCOUVER

TEMPORARY CITY HALL
16 HASTINGS ST EAST

City Clerk's OFFICE

June 13th, 1933.

His Worship Mayor L.D. Taylor,
Mayor's Office,
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:

Re City Archivist - Major J.S. Matthews

I beg to notify you of the following recommendation of the Finance Committee, which was adopted by Council on the 21st inst:

"Recommended that Major J.S. Matthews be appointed City Archivist and that he be allowed for his services as an honorarium, the sum of \$25.00 per month;

It was further recommended that His Worship the Mayor be requested to appoint a Committee for the purpose of finding office accommodation where exhibits, etc. may be kept."

Yours truly,

Chas Jones
City Clerk.

For Jones

FH/MM.
sent to -
Major J.S. Matthews.
Acting Comptroller.
City Accountant.
Mayor.

EPILOGUE.

SCENE: Granville Street sidewalk. His Worship Mr. Taylor is approaching his apartment, Granville Mansions, corner Granville and Robson streets. Major Matthews meets him. Both men stop and greet each other, then converse:

Matthews: "Thank you very much for what you did."
(He is referring to his appointment as City Archivist and the gratuity of \$25 a month, Council resolution, 13th June 1933)

Taylor: "I'd have done more. But those aldermen—they are only a lot of ignoramuses. They never read."

[LETTER FROM CHARLES E. TISDALL.]

November 12th, 1935.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of the City Council,
City Hall,
City.

Your Worship and Gentlemen:

Budget Committee.

Your Special Committee appointed to deal with Budgetary Matters, begs to submit the following report for adoption:

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4. Re City Archivist.

Details were submitted with regard to various matters which have been under consideration during recent months in connection with the activities of the City Archivist, and your Committee has further considered the joint report of Alderman Lembke and the City Comptroller, with regard to the City Archivist, dated June 20th last, which report was submitted to Council on July 2nd and referred back. Your Committee has amended the report in some particulars and now presents it herewith for favourable consideration:

"Pursuant to a recommendation of the Budget Committee of April 17th, 1935, that Alderman Lembke and the City Comptroller be appointed to interview Major Matthews, City Archivist, and bring in a definite proposal as to the further operation of the City Archives Department, your Committee has had several interviews with Major Matthews, and begs to report as follows:

"Major Matthews was appointed as City Archivist under a recommendation of the Finance Committee, dated June 7th, 1933, which was adopted by Council on June 12th, 1933. Under this resolution an honorarium in the sum of \$25.00 per month was granted to Major Matthews, who has devoted the whole of his time to this work, and apparently has expended a considerable amount of personal cash in acquiring material of an historic nature.

"Your Committee is of the opinion that this honorarium of \$25.00 is insufficient, and that some increase should be granted, also that as stenographic help, stationery, postage, supplies, etc., are necessary if the Archives work is to be carried on, some appropriation is necessary in this connection.

"In view of the City's present financial position, your Committee feels that it cannot recommend too large an increase at this time, but it would suggest that the honorarium to Major Matthews should be raised to \$50.00 per month as from July 1st,