

MR LONGLEY'S SERVICES.

A PUBLIC TRIBUTE.

13/10/1894

The following petition to the City Council upon the merit of Mr. Geo. Longley's services to the ratepayers, and his qualifications for continued occupancy of the post he now holds, has been forwarded to the mayor of the city:—

"To his worship the mayor of the city, and councillors, Ballarat. Gentlemen,— We, in the most respectful terms, beg to offer some suggestions for the council's consideration respecting the management of the Botanical Gardens. According to the press, it is the intention of some of the members of the council to consider the advisability of curtailing Mr Longley's control as curator. If such an intention be discussed, will you kindly consider our respectful views which, we believe are those of the bulk of the public; an expression from whom can be readily obtained, if desired. It is thought, however, there is no necessity for going further, and we would rather rely on the good judgment and justice of our representatives at the council table. Several of us are residents of thirty to forty years' standing, and we can therefore competently judge the circumstances. We submit the council might consider Mr Longley's case favorably for following reasons:—1. Mr Longley has proved himself a thoroughly good servant for thirty-six years, and throughout that long period has had an unblemished reputation. 2. Mr Longley's difficulty in moving about quickly is, we have learned, due to the sicknesses brought about while in the employ of your council, and in the early days in the first lodge house at the north gate. He was then attended by Dr James Stewart, who condemned the low-lying site. That house was subsequently improved several times to cure its unsanitary condition; nevertheless in that house there have been at least six deaths. 3. We submit the gardens do not suffer through Mr Longley's not walking about quickly; for he certainly makes up for it by the long hours he spends in the gardens, i.e., from early morning till dusk. 4. Mr Longley's practical knowledge of his business, acquired and learned during his apprenticeship in some of the finest nurseries in the old country, added to his thirty-six years' experience here, is of the highest value to the city, and should more than

LECTURE BY MAJOR-GENERAL TULLOCH.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

(FROM OUR MELBOURNE CORRESPONDENT).

FRIDAY.

Major-General Tulloch delivered a lecture under the auspices of the Imperial Federation League, at the Athenæum last night, on the subject of defences. Mr Justice Holroyd presided. Amongst those on the platform were the Speaker and President of the Legislative Council, Mr Justice Hodges, Archbishop Carr, Sir I. T. Sargood, Hon. R. W. Best, the mayor and other leading citizens. The proceedings invested special interest owing to this being about the last public appearance of General Tulloch previous to his departure. Major Tulloch, in the course of his lecture said there was a great defect in the land forces of the colonies which were under five different heads and acted independently, of each other. The first requirement was a federal regiment of garrison artillery. The Federal Council already possessed the power to establish this, but, strange to say, one of the colonies would not join in with the others even for this object. The matter should be taken in hand without delay. He said men composed of better stuff than the colonials, or amenable to discipline, did not exist. The commerce would be most liable to attack by an enemy, but if English statesmen did their duty, and maintained the British navy at its proper strength, this would not occur. In case of hostilities with France or Russia, he considered it not unlikely that an expedition might be sent to the colonies, consisting of seven or eight ships, with 1500 infantry on each; but if we had 6000 well-drilled infantry, which could be concentrated to any spot, any foreign power would probably think twice before sending an expedition. On the whole, he considered a hostile expedition might be sent here with fair chance of success. Regarding the assistance Australia might afford to the British Empire in case of war, he thought that if the colonies were not crushed at the outset there would, in four months from the outbreak, be infantry and mounted troops ready not only to defend Australia, but to stand side by side with the Imperial army. Many thousands of young men would burn with desire to help the old country, and any one colonial Government which opposed the movement would have but a short tenure of office. He considered the Australian contingent might be very usefully employed in the north western portion of India. He held the subject

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Mr Longley's practical knowledge of his business; acquired and learned during his apprenticeship in some of the finest nurseries in the old country, added to his thirty-six years' experience here, is of the highest value to the city, and should more than compensate for his slowness in getting about. 5. If the council think him not quick enough, then, might we not venture to say, Mr Longley should have authority (if he has not already got it) to instruct his foreman to occasionally attend to the more distant parts. This would manifestly be wiser than having two managers inside the gardens, for sooner or later that would be found unworkable—a divided authority in the gardens must, we believe, be highly prejudicial. 6. Mr Longley's creation of the gardens, commencing from the day the site was a bush, and his transforming management all along, has brought great credit to the city. His uniform treatment of all sections of the community has made him respected and honored by everyone. 7. We have ascertained that during Mr Longley's thirty-six years management (as evidencing his devotion and love for his duties) his total holidays have not exceeded three months, and about a year ago his salary was reduced to £175 a year. And very serious further reduction or curtailment of his position would we think be considered by the citizens as unworthy of the town. We submit for these and other reasons councillors can fairly hesitate about taking any action unfavorable to our curator.—We are, gentlemen, your obedient servants, James Oddie, W. Tulloch (members of the first council), Henry Cuthbert, J. Noble Wilson, David M'Naught, Richard M. Goodfellow, H. W. Morrow, T. D. Wanliss, Andrew Anderson, R. Gibbings, R. Dehain Pinnock, M.D., William Dawson, Alex. Gray, John M'Leod, D. M'Kenzie, H. Stewart, L. Stanfield, Charles Walker, J. Lombard, J. D. Woolcott, O. E. Edwards, W. D. Thompson, J. E. White, John Snow, Wm. Orrock, John Thomas Marsh, Francis Jago, R. F. Hudson, M.D., Wm. Eyres, John Murray, J. A. Doane, Wm. Little, David Ham.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last evening, for the purpose of considering the estimates of receipts and expenditure for the year ending September, 1895, and other business; the mayor (Cr E. Morey) presiding. There were present:—Cr Bell, Elliott, Heinz, M'Donald, Retallack, Shoppee, and Thompson.
Mr Geo. Perry (town clerk) sub-

thousands of young men would gain with desire to help the old country, and any one colonial Government which opposed the movement would have but a short tenure of office. He considered the Australian contingent might be very usefully employed in the north western portion of India. He held the subject of increasing the naval defences should be considered by the statesmen of England, by conferring with those of the colony in England. He strongly urged federation as indispensable to defence.

Sir F. T. SARGOOD, in moving a vote of thanks, said that whatever Ministry was in power he would take care that the efficiency of the defences was not tampered with, as good defences were the best insurance for the safety of the colony.

The Hon. R. W. BEST said that the Government were determined to make a beginning with federation. The people should insist on their representatives forwarding the movement.

A vote of thanks was carried enthusiastically.

Major-General TULLOCH, in responding, said he left Victoria with much regret, and should always feel himself a Victorian.

SALES.

Special attention is drawn by Messrs Broken shire and Coltman to their important sale on Wednesday next, at twelve o'clock, on the premises, No. 38 Burnbank street, a commodious family residence; containing thirteen rooms, large stable, cowhouse, and other conveniences, together with grand block of freehold land, containing 1 acre. The house is replete with all necessary conveniences of a first-class family residence, and commands the most magnificent view of the lake and city to be obtained in Ballarat. All the rooms are lofty, lathed and plastered, and well-fitted with gas, venetian blinds, marble mantelpieces, &c.; choice flower garden and large paddocks. Special attention is invited to this sale. The property must be sold to the highest bidder, by order of the mortgagees. Very liberal terms can be arranged, and persons wanting a good family residence should be present at this sale.

Messrs Brokenshire and Coltman will sell on Wednesday next at two o'clock, at Hill and Paine's auction rooms, Dana street, under distraint for rent, Mitthison v Macfarlane; also, on account of parties leaving Ballarat, removed for convenience of sale, household furniture and effects, comprising—piano (by Collard and Collard), drawingroom, suite in tapestry and plush, carpets, tables, feather and irons, bedsteads, wire mattresses, Scotch and other chests of drawers, office desk, forms, books, lamps, crockery, kitchen utensils, also tailor's sewing machine, without reserve.

Messrs Brokenshire and Coltman on Thursday next will sell, at twelve o'clock on the premises, No. 6 Hunt street, a well built and comfortable residence, containing five rooms and bathroom and a good allotment of land. This property is well situated for either of the