

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

at a Meeting held on the 21st June, 1906.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Director of Public Works (WILLIAM CHATHAM), Chairman.  
• „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).  
„ Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.  
„ Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.  
„ Mr. WILLIAM JARDINE GRESSON.

*Refuse Destructor.*—(C.S.O. 8489/1904).

The Committee had before it a scheme for reclaiming an area of land immediately west of Cadogan Street and south of Chater Street (extended), and for erecting on this a destructor capable of dealing with 100 tons of refuse per day, together with quarters for a Superintendent and 300 coolies, the estimated cost being as follows:—

Reclamation of site, including 50-foot road in extension of Chater Street, .....	\$160,700
Destructor buildings, including piled foundations, chimney, approach road (incline) and iron boundary fence, .....	98,100
Machinery, including 12 cells and furnaces with fan and engine, two boilers, slab-making machine, tram-lines and trucks, &c., .....	82,500
Quarters for Superintendent, .....	15,000
Do. 300 Coolies, .....	75,000
Total, .....	<u>\$431,300</u>

After full discussion, it was resolved unanimously that the Committee are prepared to recommend, in principle, the provision of a destructor for dealing with the refuse of the City of Victoria, but advise that, before any further steps are taken, the makers of the type of destructor which it is proposed to adopt should be requested to send out a representative to investigate local conditions and submit a tender, accompanied by a guarantee for 3 years, for dealing effectively with 100 tons of refuse per day.

The Committee then adjourned.

W. CHATHAM,  
*Chairman.*

Laid before the Legislative Council this 28th day of June, 1906.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

*at a Meeting held on the 25th October, 1906.*

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Director of Public Works (WILLIAM CHATHAM), Chairman.  
" the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).  
" Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.  
" Mr. WILLIAM JARDINE GRESSON.

ABSENT :

The Honourable Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE (absent from the Colony).

*Harbour of Refuge for Small Craft.*—(C.S.O. 9647/1903.)

The Chairman laid before the Committee a chart of the Harbour, on which were shown possible sites for harbours of refuge.

The following is a statement of these :—

- (i). *Mongkoktsui.*—A detached breakwater extending from near Taikoktsui to opposite the south end of Yaumati and enclosing an area of 166 acres.
- (ii). *Cheungshawan.*—A detached breakwater extending from near Laichikok to near Shanshuipo and enclosing an area of 166 acres.
- (iii). *Stonecutters.*—A detached curved breakwater off the east end of Stonecutters' Island extending from near the North-eastern point to near the South-eastern point and enclosing an area of 107 acres.
- (iv). *Kelletts' Bank.*—A breakwater extending northwards from Green Island, curving round and then extending southwards to about opposite its point of commencement and enclosing an area of 136 acres.
- (v). *Kennedy Town.*—A curved breakwater projecting from Belchers' Point and enclosing alternatively an area of 32 or 75 acres according to the length to which it is extended.

After full discussion, it was unanimously agreed to recommend the construction of a harbour of refuge at Mongkoktsui, Mr. HEWETT favouring the construction of such a harbour either at Mongkoktsui or Cheungshawan and expressing the opinion that probably the latter site possesses greater advantages than the former.

Mr. GRESSON stated that there was a strong feeling among the Boating Population in favour of another harbour of refuge in the Western District, off Kennedy Town, even at the expense of curtailing the scheme proposed for the north side of the harbour. The Committee however considered that, unless the Government can see their way to undertake both schemes, precedence should be given to the one at Mongkoktsui.

The Committee then adjourned.

W. CHATHAM,  
*Chairman.*

Laid before the Legislative Council this 1st day of November, 1906.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,  
*Clerk of Councils.*