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DIPLOMATS TRY TO MAKE LIGHT OF THE TROUBLE

MAYOR NEWTON TURNS COUNCIL MEETING INTO CLAP TRAP MEETING AND ABUSED CLERGY

MAYOR NEWTON RAGED AT THE CLERGY WHO CRITICIZED HIM

COUNCIL CHAMBER LAST NIGHT IS SCENE OF DISGRACEFUL TIRADE AGAINST MINISTERS OF CITY WHO DO NOT SUPPORT MAYOR NEWTON.

With a bylaw calling for the expenditure of millions of dollars before them, the Council last night devoted themselves to discussing religion and politics. Most of the evening was taken up in listening to the frequent bursts of oratory on the part of the Mayor, who, when once wound, runs like a clock work gramophone, repeating over and over the same record.

It was disappointing in that the gallery was not filled to hear the tirade of His Worship, the chief magistrate of the city, in his criticism of the morals and Christian principles of the clergy of the city, who had the audacity to hold views contrary to his ideas.

The question arose upon debate in committee of the whole on the Sunday pool bylaw, which was introduced, read a first and second time, considered in committee and adopted at one sitting.

Alderman Bullock-Webster was called to occupy the chair.

The adoption of clause one was moved and immediately Mayor Newton was on his feet with the light of battle in his eye. A political speech having no bearing whatever on the question before the house (the time for opening and closing the pool rooms) followed.

The clergy were taken to task for their attitude on the question of an open town. Dramatically he accused them of the basest ingratitude in not supporting him and Alderman Bullock-Webster, who, from his position at the head of the table, gazed spellbound at the Mayor as he thumped the table in his anger or gulped down water to quench his throat, dried by the burning eloquence that poured like molten metal from his lips.

They, with the chief of police,

had been earnest in their endeavors to aid in the moral uplift of the city, but what was the result? In vain did he call for an answer. Alderman Bullock-Webster wetted his lips but answered nothing. Even Alderman Montgomery was silent. He answered himself, "Ingratitude."

Had not the minister who Sunday night condemned him on one occasion said: "Stick to that line, Newton, and you will be all right?" Now that same man was found opposing him.

Warming to the subject, he raised his voice till it reverberated throughout the building and could be heard in the street below, calling for preachers who would preach Christianity and leave politics alone. His own father had been a preacher, he informed the Council, but later when Alderman Clayton told him that the Council was "no place for a minister's son" depreciated that fact by saying that he had too much religion driven into him when young.

Politics is a dirty game, he explained, and ministers should not dabble in it. If the ministers were true to their Christian principles they would have joined hands with them (Alderman Bullock-Webster and himself) and would support them in their actions.

Aldermen Clayton, Douglas and Dybhavn fought against the passage of the bylaw, saying that it was poor policy at the eleventh hour to break their own bylaws.

Having the majority of the Councillors with him, Mayor Newton forced the bylaw amendment through, tacking on to it, by way of explanation to the following council, a stipulation that the pool rooms should remain open until such time as a workman's club was established.

NO EXPERT OPINION IS WANTED ON SEWERAGE

Mayor Newton Opposes Idea of Expert Advice on Sewerage System.

That several million dollars are too much to spend on the authority of one man was the contention of Alderman Clayton last night in discussing the sewerage bylaw which will go to a vote next Saturday. In this he was backed by City Engineer Mason, who said that he would welcome the criticism of a man competent to judge.

Mayor Newton was adverse to such a course. Plans had been made and the people could vote on them first and get advice afterward. It would cost possibly \$2,500 to get expert advice on the plans. A public meeting would be held and indeed he advocated two of them, when the voters would have an opportunity of hearing the matter discussed. Personally he did not care whether it passed or not.

Alderman Clayton pointed out that the only man who could give any information authoritatively was City Engineer Mason. Some of the aldermen did not fully understand the plans and specifications and how could the majority of the voters cast an intelligent ballot? Personally he thought it a good thing, but he was of the opinion that it would be defeated because the rate payers had no guarantee that the proposed system was the best in the interests of the city. The cost of advice would be small

ALD. MORRISSEY OBJECTS

Would Not Acknowledge Bill Unless Itemized Statement Is Submitted.

Alderman Morrissey strenuously objected to acknowledging the indebtedness of the city to the government of a sum totaling \$124,439.50 without a detailed account of what the government spent the money for.

Considerable discussion arose in trying to point out to Alderman Morrissey that the auditors had gone over the account and had checked it up.

Finally the clerk was sent for a detailed statement, which was in the form of many typed pages.

It looked as if Alderman Morrissey was satisfied, but discovering the name of F. George as being the recipient of certain sums of money he demanded to know whether or not it had reference to Fort George and pointed out that mistakes had occurred before.

A communication was read from the Attorney General to the

effect that when the government was given assurance that it would get the money owed by the city it would allow the sale of the treasury certificates.

RAILWAY LOST APPEAL

Cameron Bay Appeal Dismissed by Council at Ottawa—Board Sustained

Yesterday word was received in the city from A. Cars, of the law firm of Cars & Bennet, who is in Ottawa in connection with the Cameron Bay law suit, to the effect that the appeal, taken by the G.T.P. to Governor-General in Council, had been dismissed. The appeal was against the order of the railway commission, ordering the opening of the bay.

Basket Ball

Royals vs. Callies, Tigers vs. Men's Own at Auditorium, Nov. 26th. Game called at 8 o'clock sharp. Admission 25c. . . . 278

CITY CLERK'S PAY

Debate on Overtime Lasts Long Time—Expert Advice on Typewriter.

Half an hour was spent last night by the city fathers in fierce debate as to whether or not the city clerk should be given extra pay for overtime spent in compiling the voters' list.

Mr. Woods, the clerk, was called upon to explain why and wherefor he should receive compensation for his time spent after hours.

After much time had been consumed it was finally agreed to reimburse him for his overtime.

Superintendent Duncan, of the light plant, asked for a typewriter, and recommended a second hand machine. He explained in answer to a question that he had an expert's opinion on the value of the machine.

The Finance committee were given power to act in the matter.

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POWERS TRY TO MAKE LIGHT OF POSSIBILITY OF BIG WAR

GRAVE SITUATION IS MADE WORSE BY POSSIBILITY TURKEY HOLDING BACK TO WAIT ACTION OF QUARELLING NATIONS

(Special to Daily News.) London, Nov. 26.—The extreme anxiety of all the European governments to deny that there are any warlike preparations being made with a view to hostilities between Serbia and Austria, is in itself regarded here to be an indication of how slender is the thread that holds the peace of the world. The fever-

ed energies of the powers to maintain the supposition of peace is taken as an evidence that war is not far off.

Another grave cause for alarm is the possibility that Turkey following a traditional policy, will adopt an irreconcilable attitude in negotiating peace with the Balkan states in view of the probable hostilities.

IS CONFIDENT THAT OIL EXISTS ON GRAHAM ISLE

Expert Says That Oil in Abundance Will Be Found on Coast.

Masset, Nov. 21.—Work has been suspended on the oil plant at Tiahn Point. The superintendent and driller have gone to Vancouver to make arrangements to continue the work.

A. Panvini visited the west coast recently and is very optimistic over the indications there. He is interested in several claims and is known as one of the best mining experts in the country.

Mr. Panvini is confident there is oil in vast quantities along the coast and is endeavoring to interest capitalists in the placing of drills on the ground.

St. Andrew's Ball

On Friday evening the Scotsmen held their grand annual ball in the McIntyre Hall. That the event will be one of the steller attractions of the social season there is not the possibility of a doubt for the St. Andrew's Society have the reputation of "doing things well."

Denied the Story

W. A. Ferguson, a bartender whom the lad Walter Ryan says supplied him with two bottles of rum and a bottle of rye whiskey on Saturday evening last, appear before the Magistrate this morning. He denied having ever seen the witness before, to his knowledge. The boy stated this morning that he also purchased two flasks of whiskey from the other bartender working there that evening. The case was adjourned until tomorrow morning to allow of this man being brought before the court.

Advocated the Lash

In sentencing Solomon Bright this morning to pay \$150 damages to the woman he wounded and binding him to observe certain other conditions during his suspended sentence, Chief Justice Hunter remarked that he would urge upon the government the necessity of making the offence of selling liquor to Indians an indictable offence with the lash for the second offence.

St. Andrew's Ball

St. Andrew's Ball on Friday, November 29th, in the McIntyre Hall. Tickets \$2.50, may be obtained from members of the St. Andrew's Society. 278

NOTICE

Owing to the price of leather having advanced twenty per cent during the last few months, we the shoemakers of Prince Rupert feel compelled to raise the price of all work accordingly, said rise in prices to commence December 1st. 277-3

BETTER BOAT SERVICE NEEDED ON THE COAST

Bella Coola and Other Valuable Districts Retarded for Lack of Service

Last week the Courier endeavored to show that Bella Coola as a farming community was unable to take advantage of the market offered by Prince Rupert owing to lack of steamboat service.

The present system of one steamer taking farm produce from Bella Coola and dumping it down on some wharf or other, to lay there for a week or more, until picked up by another of same company's boats is hard to tolerate, and to be told that this is the best the steamship company can do with the number of boats available, while no doubt very true, does not help matters one iota.

Prince Rupert is destined to be wholesale distributing point for Northern part of the province, and it is absolutely essential that all points north of Queen Charlotte Sound must be brought into close touch, and this can only be accomplished by good service of coasting steamers.

The development of Northern British Columbia will naturally fall to the lot of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway in the same way that the Canadian Pacific Railway has been responsible for the upbuilding of the southern portion. The time is not far distant when the G.T.P. will, if necessary, in order to make all points tributary to Prince Rupert, have to inaugurate a more complete service of coasting steamers. Of course providing that this need has not already fully met by some other company or companies.

This is a matter which should interest the wholesale merchants of Prince Rupert quite as much as us, as it will soon be up to them to see that the present order of things, the north dependent on the south, be altered, and the trade of the north be kept in the north, where it rightfully belongs. Prince Rupert must use her influence to secure a good coasting service for the north or she can never be the wholesale distributing centre as she should be.—Bella Coola Courier.

LAURIER DECLARES HE WILL JUDGE NAVAL SCHEME AS BRITISH SUBJECT

Grand Old Man of the Opposition Criticizes the Government—All That has Been Done for the Farmer is to Risk His Loyalty—Will Discuss Navy as Canadian Should

(Special to Daily News.)

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—Preliminary proceedings in the House of Commons were confined to the introduction of a couple of bills by Bradbury, member for Selkirk, viz., pollution of streams and the prohibiting of the use of the British flag for advertising purposes. The latter bill provides severe penalties for any indignity to the flag.

The debate on the address from the throne was commenced by Bainville, the member for Vercheres, who took occasion to refer to the naval policy of the government, saying that it was the most important question ever placed before the people.

Nielck, Conservative representative for Kingston, in seconding the reply to the speech, confined himself to the prosperity of the Dominion. He referred briefly to statements made in the recent

Hochelaga contest by Nationalists.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier on rising to speak was loudly applauded from the opposition benches. He spoke for sixty-five minutes criticising the government. All that the administration had done for the farmer, said he, was to apply to the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington for preferential rates on grain shipped south, with possible damage to their loyalty and danger of annexation.

Sir Wilfrid said that if the proposed trade agreement with the West Indies was right the opposition would support it.

Referring to the naval policy, Sir Wilfrid said that he would wait until it had been announced before he would discuss it. When the bill was laid on the table he would go into it on its merits, and would be guided by

what Canada owed Great Britain as British subjects and what Canadians owed Canada as Canadian subjects.

Hon. R. L. Borden, the premier, followed Sir Wilfrid Laurier and spoke for thirty-five minutes. He declared that Laurier's arguments were the result of party grievances, and assured the house that during the year in office the pledges made had been carried out.

The premier gave notice that important government measures in an act to authorize measures for increasing the effective naval forces of the Empire would be introduced. He also intimated that provision would be made for increased senatorial representation for the western provinces, and also that the Act governing the Royal Northwest Mounted Police would be amended.

PLANNED TO WIPE OUT CITY OF LOS ANGELES

McNamara Planned Complete Destruction of City, According to McManigal.

Indianapolis, Nov. 25.—The complete destruction of Los Angeles was planned by John McNamara was the sworn testimony of Ortie McManigal given at the trial of the alleged conspirators this morning. McNamara, according to the witness, said: "I will burn the city of Los Angeles off the map and will make it like San Francisco was after the big earthquake."

Christmas Trips.

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Boat Stolen

Last evening about 11 p.m. an Indian complained to the Rupert Marine Iron Works that a small boat lying on top of his gasoline launch attached to the wharf, had been stolen. He was told to go at once and inform the city police, who together with Dominion Constable Pat Philipson, have been on the look out for it ever since, although so far unavailingly.

BURNING OF THE LAUNCH POLARIS AT OLD MASSET

Advices from Graham Island tell of Sinking of Well Known Boat

An authentic account of the wreck of the Polaris on the rocky coast around Old Masset, on Graham Island, has been received in town.

The boat, which was one of the smartest and best equipped little gasoline launches that was ever in these waters, was the property of Messrs. Brownlee and Nash, civil engineers and land surveyors, who have been occupied with government work this season on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Mr. Nash and his survey party who resided on the boat, were caught in one of the recent storms off the Island, near the mouth of the Ain River, the boat being dashed about and caught on the rocks, in eminent danger of going to pieces. The occupants had to scramble ashore and remained all night huddled up until morning when a row boat was despatched to Sewall City to bring the assistance. Fortunately the Polaris was

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