

NEARLY A QUARTER OF A MILLION FOR RUPERT

DOMINION ESTIMATES INCLUDE THAT AMOUNT FOR PUBLIC WORKS FOR THIS DISTRICT

SUNDAY POOL ROOMS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE DECIDED LAST NIGHT AGAINST SUNDAY POOL ROOMS—ALD. KERR, MAITLAND AND BULLOCK-WEBSTER FAVORED THE OPEN POOL ROOMS.

It was evident by the large number of citizens who attended the regular weekly meeting of the City Council last evening that there was something expected to be doing. They were not disappointed. Every alderman was in his appointed seat upon the stroke of 8 when the Mayor called the meeting to order and asked the city clerk to proceed with the reading of the minutes. There were no communications. In the latter of petitions, there was one only, signed by about six hundred citizens, praying the council to leave the matter of the closing of the pool rooms on Sunday in abeyance for the time being, at any rate. Alderman Dybbavn moved that the petition be received and filed. This was carried. Aldermen Bullock-Webster, Maitland and Kerr dissented. When the matter of the by-law came up the Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole. Alderman Sutherland took the chair. Alderman Maitland made a long plea in support of the petition. He mentioned the oft repeated arguments as to the deleterious effects of the pool rooms on the health of the people, as well as the number who were continuously arriving from the interior, possessing nothing but a pack of cards and some blankets in the way of personal effects needing a place in the nature of a club or public resort where they could meet their fellows and obtain a little harmless recreation. The larger cities to the south were reading rooms and other institutions to meet these demands more or less. He most emphatically denied that he was any sense a bigot or a hypocrite and was in no way prompted to his action through the instigation of any secret meeting of any of people. Alderman Dybbavn, though in hearty sympathy with the working man, felt that the fact that the pool rooms were open Sunday was a contravention of the Dominion Sunday Act and he left them no choice but to follow the course asked for by the general body of the people, which was that they should be closed. Ald. Kerr, upon remarking that he thought a council election for business purposes were the mark in taking this step up at all, was asked by Ald. Dybbavn to speak to the question. He thought that the petition should receive further consideration. The mayor speaking to the council stated in a few words his position in the matter. He did not wish to see the workingmen who were denied proper recreation amusement. He thought the city with its numerous churches and workingmen as well as the fact that the pool rooms could go and were well attended, would be absolutely wrong in allowing the pool rooms to remain open upon Sunday. It was contrary to the law of the Dominion and subversive to the best interests of the city as a whole. Ald. Bullock-Webster was out footed for the present state of things to remain as they were. The workingmen did not bring in motions to legislate against the pool rooms. The pool rooms were run in a most orderly and undoubtedly provided a great blessing to a number of the workingmen resident in the city and in from the surrounding districts who had absolutely no place to go and spend Sunday in comfort and recreation. He was heartily in favor of the free library proposition, but did not believe in doing away with one thing until such time as they had another ready to put in its place. The bylaw passed the third reading in committee and will come up for its final consideration next Monday when if passed it will go immediately into effect. A motion by Ald. Bullock-Webster that the by-law be suspended for twelve months, and which was seconded by Ald. Kerr was lost.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR LATE CITY ASSESSOR

At the meeting of the City Council last night Alderman Sutherland moved that a letter expressing the high appreciation of the efficient and capable manner in which the late city assessor had performed his duties be drawn up and forwarded to Mr. McLennan. This was seconded by Alderman George Leek and carried unanimously. Before adjourning the Mayor drew the attention of the Council to the importance of the general meeting to be held tonight to consider the proposition of at once starting a public library and reading room and hoped they would be able to attend.

Birth.
Tremayne—On February 3rd, to Dr. and Mrs. Tremayne, a daughter.

PROMISED COMMISSION WILL BE APPOINTED

To Take Up Question of Better Terms with British Columbia—Personnel Not Announced.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, Feb. 3.—An order in council was passed today providing for the appointment of the promised commission to take up the question of better terms with British Columbia. The personnel of the commission has not yet been announced.

TRIAL BALANCES EVERY MONTH

Each City Department to Be Conducted in a Businesslike Manner.

The city assessor was instructed by the Council last night to set to work immediately upon the preparation of the 1913 assessment roll, it to be completed by the 7th of April next. Trial balances are to be furnished by each city department at the end of every month.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PRINCE RUPERT CLUB

J. H. McMullin Elected President for the Ensuing Year—Committees Named.

The annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Club, an event that is looked forward to with much interest by the members of that organization, was held last night. One of the chief features of this meeting was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, J. H. McMullin; vice president, H. P. Wilson; secretary, A. E. McMaster. The various committees named were as follows: House—G. R. Naden, G. D. Tite and J. H. Thompson. Finance—J. M. Christie, F. H. Mobley and F. G. Dawson. Games—S. P. McMordie, G. R. Naden and F. H. Mobley.

LIBERAL MEMBERS RESIGN FROM CLUB

Political Sensation in London—Lloyd-George and Winston Churchill Resign from Reform Club.

London, Feb. 3.—The Express today features a political sensation in the resignation from the Reform Club of Lloyd-George and Winston Churchill.



HON. WINSTON CHURCHILL

Reform Club of Lloyd-George and Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, who have been members for several years. The club is a stronghold of Liberalism and the members include all the prominent men in the party. The reason for the resignations is not disclosed.

Vital Statistics.
During the month of January there were born in this city ten. During the same period the deaths were only two.

NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO WARRANT CHARGE

In Judge Young's court yesterday afternoon S. Stickney, committed for trial upon a charge of theft of a sum of money from the person of a guest at the Premier Hotel, was discharged by His Honor upon Crown Prosecutor Fisher completing his case without calling upon the counsel for the defence. His Honor remarked that there was not a tittle of reliable evidence to connect the man in question with the charge and he was surprised that the case had ever been sent up for hearing.

Shrove Tuesday Dance

The last of the series of five dances given by the Daughters of the Empire will be held in the McIntyre Hall, on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 4th. Dancing will begin at nine o'clock. 23 & 29

TAMMANY RULE NOT PERMITTED BY PRINCE RUPERT'S MAYOR

GAVE CONCISE AND SATISFACTORY ANSWER LAST NIGHT RE THE DISMISSAL OF A CITY FOREMAN

The subject that probably was of greatest interest to the many spectators at last night's meeting of the city council was the answer that Mayor Pattullo would vouchsafe to the questions submitted by Ald. Bullock-Webster as to the dismissal of J. O'Brien from a foremanship in the service of the city. The former's two questions were: 1. For what reason was Foreman J. O'Brien discharged from the work on Hays Cove Circle bridge? 2. Is it the policy of the council to engage and discharge city

employees for party merit rather than ability to do practical work? Mayor Pattullo replied as follows:

1. Foreman was discharged from the work on Hays Cove Circle bridge because it was deemed in the public interest that he should be so discharged. 2. The policy of the council in this connection is not a matter of record in the city hall. Alderman Bullock-Webster remarked that he considered the answers evasive and not sufficiently explanatory to himself at any rate. He had made a careful investigation into the matter and believed the man in question perfectly efficient and capable, not that he in the least criticized the present holder of the position. He had come to the conclusion that the former had been discharged because he had taken such an active part in seeking the election of the former mayor. He was not satisfied with the answer to the second question.

Alderman Maitland asked who it was who dismissed O'Brien. The Mayor answered that it was the city engineer under instructions from himself and the chairman of the Board of Works. Alderman Maitland thought the hiring and dismissing of men should be left to the foremen, who were in turn responsible to the city engineer.

The Mayor very tersely and clearly upheld his action in the matter. He thought it most decidedly subversive to the best interests of the city to have men in its employ who spent a major portion of their time in boosting for the administration then in office with a view to their job continuing for another year. That was Tammany rule with a vengeance. What criterion had they that a man would not pursue the same policy year in and year out and cause others to do the same? He would not be responsible for the work of the Council being carried out if time was taken up with discussion of matters that were questions of policy inaugurated by the Council and left with the Mayor to see carried out. J. O'Brien, the foreman in question, who was in the hall, essayed to speak, but was promptly called to order by the Mayor.

Alderman Bullock-Webster, continuing the discussion, said that to his mind it was not a question of policy. With the present ruling all city employees who were opposed to the present mayor might expect to be relieved of their jobs before the end of the year.

School Site Granted.

The City Council last night decided to accede to the request of the School Board for a grant of land for the erection of a school on Borden street, where Eighth avenue would intersect it. This will allow the School Board to proceed with the necessary steps toward the securing of funds to build the school.

Public Meeting Tonight.

There should be a large and representative gathering of citizens at the city hall tonight to discuss the question of establishing a public library or reading room. A large attendance will be an indication that the people want such an institution and it may be the means of bringing out some good ideas on the subject. It is the duty of everyone who wants a library or reading room to be in attendance.

AID ASKED FOR RAILWAY BELLA COOLA TO PEACE RIVER

BRITISH COLUMBIA REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORT REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT AID FOR THIS RAILWAY—\$40,000 PER MILE IS ASKED.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Promoters asked the Dominion government for aid to the extent of \$40,000 per mile for the construction of a railway eastward from Bella Coola to the Peace River. They

claimed that it would not be a competition of either the G. T. P. or the P. G. E. The project was supported by H. S. Clements, Comox-Atlin; H. H. Stevens, Vancouver, and Hon. Martin Burrell, Yale-Cariboo.

MOTHERS' PENSION BILL IS FAVORED

House Judiciary Committee Recommends Law to Pay Wives of Convicts.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Olympia, Wash., Feb. 3.—Women interested in the passage of the mothers' pension bill saw success of their endeavors today when the house judiciary committee reported favorably on a bill providing for the payment by the state or county of \$1.50 a day to destitute wives of inmates of penal institutions, for their services in such institutions or on road gangs.

The real mothers' pension bill, drafted by Corkery and Rowland, providing for the payment of \$15 a month for the support of the first child and \$5 a month for each additional child of destitute mothers has been acted on favorably by the committee, although the report has not been presented to the house as yet.

Several other bills bearing on the pension bill have been introduced, one presented by Ralph Metcalf, senator from Pierce County, giving the power to courts to direct county commissioners to aid parents of delinquent or neglected children, instead of sending them to state institutions.

BYLAW PASSED FIRST READING

Ald. Naden Introduced Bylaw for Abolition of the Ward System.

At the Council meeting last night Alderman Naden introduced a bylaw for the abolition of the ward system, which was read a first time and then held over for further consideration until next Monday's meeting of the Council. The fact that the abolition of the ward system, when a plebiscite of the people was taken at the last municipal election, carried by a large majority, makes the passage of this bylaw a mere matter of form.

LABOR COMMISSION MEETINGS ARRANGED

Will Visit a Number of Mining Centres on Vancouver Island During Next Four Weeks.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Victoria, Feb. 3.—The Provincial Labor Commission, which closed its first series of meetings at Revelstoke a few days ago, has decided that the points of importance on the island shall be included in its next itinerary. Nanaimo will be visited on Monday, February 17th. It is expected sittings there will occupy Monday evening and all of Tuesday. Cumberland will be reached in time for the holding of a meeting there on the evening of Wednesday, February 19th, and the remainder of that week will be spent in Cumberland, if necessary. The sitting at Alberni will be on the evening of Monday, February 24th, and it is expected that the hearing of evidence at that city will be completed in time to permit the commission to reach Ladysmith for the afternoon on Tuesday. Steveston will be visited on the Monday of the following week, Chilliwack on the Tuesday, and New Westminster (return) on the Thursday. The next sittings in Vancouver will open on the morning of Friday, March 7th, and will be continued for several days, probably throughout the whole of the following week.

CATHOLIC YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY SOCIAL EVENING

Another of the successful social evenings was held at the Catholic Hall last evening, when a large number of both children and adults were present. Progressive whist was the main feature of the entertainment, the prize winners being Misses Le-tourneau and McClenchy. Refreshments were served and toward the close of the evening dancing was enjoyed by the younger members of the gathering to the strains of Professor Kauffman's well known orchestra.

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City Engineer of Calgary.
Calgary, Feb. 3.—George Craig, until recently city engineer of Omaha, Neb., has been appointed city engineer of Calgary at a salary of \$5,000 a year. Mr. Craig was selected from ninety applicants for the place. A. Fox, a resident of Minneapolis, but formerly of London, England, was made waterworks engineer.

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