

STANDS OVER FOR A YEAR

POSTPONES ACTION ON BOARD OF CONTROL

Amendments to Act Needed
Before By-Law Can Be
Submitted.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

No immediate action is to be taken by the City Council in respect to the creation of a board of control in accordance with the act passed at the last session of the Legislature. This decision was reached at a special meeting of the council held last evening, when it was decided to lay certain suggested amendments to the act before the Union of Municipalities.

What these amendments are to be will be made known at Monday evening's regular meeting of the council. The by-law which was prepared and presented last night was not considered.

Ald. Stewart, chairman of the legislative committee, as soon as copies of the by-law had been presented, submitted the following report:

"Your committee on legislation have considered the draft of the by-law to appoint a board of control prepared by the city barrister, and desire to point out that they experience the following difficulties:

"(a) It is not clear whether two members of the board can act in the absence of the third;

"(b) The salary to be paid to the members of the board and the additional salary to the mayor (if any) is not fixed;

"(c) Mayor and aldermen have to make, under section 85 of the Municipal Elections Act, a statutory declaration proving that they are British subjects possessing the qualifications required by law; that they will not have, whilst holding any office, any interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract or services connected with the corporation; that they have not employed any bribery, corruption or intimidation, to gain election, and that they will faithfully perform the duties of office, and will not allow any private interests to influence their conduct in public matters;

"(d) No indemnity bond is prescribed.

The duties, although defined by the act, may be increased by by-law of the council, but no provision is made as to the time they are to devote to municipal affairs, or that they will give the whole of their time to municipal affairs during office hours.

"No provision is made for a recall of any member on the petition of a number of taxpayers."

The property-owners' list for 1909 will have to be completed by date. It does not appear possible to use the mayor's list which will be settled by the court of revision this month.

All of which is respectfully submitted."

Ald. Stewart, the chairman of the legislative committee, said the matter had been gone into very carefully, and it was felt that the question ought not to be dealt with now, as insufficient information was available. Reports ought to have been had from all the cities in Canada where the system was in vogue respecting salaries and duties. If the by-law was submitted at once the public would suppose that the council knew all the details. It was not fair to the council nor to the ratepayers to proceed so hastily. He moved that the report be received and forwarded to the Union of Municipalities, to be presented at the next session of the legislature.

Ald. Mable seconded the resolution. The public would not accept the proposition at the present time. The act was defective and would require to be amended.

Ald. McKeown said a great defect was the absence of provision for recall, and another that there was no necessity for a controller to be a British subject. The report should be sent to the Union of Municipalities.

The city barrister forwarded the following letter to the city solicitors, which was read as follows:

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter this morning enclosing draft by-law and recommendation of the committee on legislation. Dealing with the matters serially the committee suggests:

"(a) It is not clear whether two members of the board can act in the absence of the third. A. The act makes no provision therefor. Where it makes a municipal act declares that three shall charge certain duties and makes no other provision, the council may not by by-law enable two to discharge such duties.

"(b) The salary to be paid to the members of the board and additional salary to the mayor, if any, is not fixed. A. Sub-section 4 of sec. 322B enacts that the council may fix by by-law the salary to be paid to the members of the board of control. There is no objection to having this salary fixed in the by-law constituting the board. The council could, however, fix the salaries after the passage of the

by-law, unless the by-law otherwise provided.

"(c) Relative to statutory declarations of mayor and aldermen under sec. 85 of the Municipal Elections Act. A. It would be as well, I think, to omit this inasmuch as subsection 2, section 322B declares the practice relating to election of members of the board of control and we should not attempt to enlarge or limit the effect of such declaration. You will note that by this subsection the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act providing for nomination and election for mayor shall, except as otherwise provided therein, mutatis mutandis, apply to the nomination and election of controllers.

"(d) No indemnity bond is prescribed. A. The act does not make provision therefor.

"(e) Increase of duties of board and time of its members. A. There should not be any objection to the insertion of a clause covering this point as in the draft enclosed.

"(f) No provision is made for the recall of any member upon the petition of taxpayers. A. The act does not enable the council so to do by by-law.

"(g) Property owners. A. The list used for the election of mayor in the next election being the list in force at the time should be the one used."

Ald. Raymond also supported Ald. Stewart's motion. It should be looked into very carefully.

Ald. Bishop said the interests of the city would be safeguarded by deferring it for a time.

Ald. Fullerton did not think it would be possible to bring on the vote on the by-law at an early date; indeed he was informed that in order to get the recall power it would be necessary to get an amendment to the B. N. A. Act. Personally he was favorable to having the vote taken at the next elections.

Mayor Hall said he had not hoped to have the final vote taken before 1911, but the vote at an earlier date was necessary to give the people time to digest the proposal thoroughly. He had not supposed it possible to deal with the matter finally at the next elections.

To Ald. Fullerton he said a vote could be taken on a referendum in 1910, and then the act could be amended later.

Ald. Fullerton said it would be better to get the legislation passed first.

Ald. Stewart said that people should know the act in its final form before putting a by-law before them, but he had no objection to a referendum vote.

Ald. Ross said he was opposed to a board of control. The present system was all right if the "machinery" was good.

The resolution was then carried unanimously.

Ald. Fullerton asked was it advisable to press the referendum now.

Ald. Mable said there would be ample time after the legislature had granted the amendments.

Mayor Hall thought it would be better to wait.

Ald. Henderson said it ought to be definitely stated what the amendments sought were to be. He saw few objections to the by-law, and defended the board of control system.

Mayor Hall promised a list of the proposed amendments on Monday evening.

After Ald. Stewart's motion to refer the matter to the Union of Municipalities had been carried and the debate had practically closed, there was some further discussion as to the wisdom of putting the referendum at the approaching elections, but it was finally decided not to do so.

TORONTO RIFLES TO VISIT ENGLAND

Arrangements Completed for
Trip of Queen's Own to
Aldershot.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The fiftieth anniversary of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada is to be celebrated next year by the visit to England of 600 officers and men of the crack Canadian regiment as guests of the commanding officer, Sir Henry M. Pellatt. Sir Henry is bearing all the expenses of the trip of his officers and men.

All arrangements have been made by Sir Henry Pellatt through Earl Grey, the governor-general, and the officers of the militia department with the war office in London. Eng., and now nothing remains but to arrange a few minor details. The number of officers and men will be limited to 600, although the total strength of the regiment is 800. The British and bugle bands will be taken along. If the present arrangements are carried out the regiment will leave Toronto on August 15th and proceed direct to Quebec, where ten days will be spent in preliminary training, after which the soldiers will proceed by an ocean liner to England, to remain until September 30th. The headquarters of the regiment in England will be the famous training grounds at Aldershot, and there a full course of instruction will be given to the Toronto soldiers.

LIKE CHEERFUL COLORS.

The commissioners in lunacy, reporting on the Surrey county asylum, express the hope that the wardrooms may be painted in light and cheerful colors.

LUMBERMEN ARE OPTIMISTIC

OUTLOOK FOR THE INDUSTRY BRIGHT

No Material Advance in
Prices—Convention to Be
Held Annually.

Vancouver, Dec. 13.—The Western Canadian Lumbermen's Convention closed on Saturday and so successful was the gathering that it was practically decided to make the affair an annual one.

The discussion on market conditions continued Saturday morning and during the early part of the afternoon. The situation was agreed to be of the most optimistic nature, and all the delegates were unanimous in the opinion that the outlook for the industry next year was of the best. A number of amendments to the price lists, of a minor nature, were recommended, but on the whole these were practically left unchanged, and it was decided to recommend that no material advances be made. A resolution was adopted to have informal delegates attend the meetings of the two British Columbia conventions in order to discuss general trade conditions from time to time.

"Keeping after the officials from the top to the bottom," was the watchword which Mr. Tucker urged upon the convention during the car supply discussion. Messrs. Letch and Lund took much the same view, the former suggesting that each man keep tab on what he was short. A. D. McRae suggested that the associations adopt some systematic arrangements for notifying the railway company when cars were needed. He thought it would be a good idea for each member to notify the secretary 30 days in advance what would be his needs in the matter of cars. Mr. Letch proposed that officials be appointed as in the wheat and cattle sections, to watch the tariff. Along this line, Mr. McRae moved that a committee be appointed to draft such a suggestion and forward it to Vice-President Whyte, of the C.P.R., and also that the 30-day report on needed cars be made. Messrs. McRae and R. H. H. Alexander were appointed to assume the task.

A committee was appointed to look into the insurance situation, and recommended some course of action to the lumber associations.

Owing to the similarity between the standard of finished sizes in the Coast and Mountain Associations, there was little difficulty in arriving at a definite basis upon which to work on one common standard. The two associations will work out the difference during the winter so as to have a complete scale within a few months.

"Uniform terms of scale" was taken up with the result that it was decided to allow 2 per cent. off for cash in 15 days, and 1 per cent. off in 30 days with a net price for 60 days. The general feeling of the meeting was that no business should be done with those retailers who refused to accept drafts.

The code of trade ethics as drawn up by the American Lumber Trades Congress was adopted in the main, to be slightly amended by the secretaries of the associations.

SAANICH MEN
MAKE MERRY

WORKERS FOR BRYDON GIVEN DINNER

Liberal Committeemen and
Friends Entertained by
Candidate.

About fifty friends and workers in support of Thomas Brydon, the Liberal candidate in Saanich in the last election, assembled Friday night at the Dominion hotel as the guests of that gentleman to talk the matter over, count the losses and drink mead out of the skulls of their political enemies. The spacious dining hall of the Dominion hotel was decorated for the occasion, and the tables were tastefully adorned with flowers and other accessories. The menu was most inviting one, and so satisfactory did it prove and so congenial were the members of the company that it was past midnight before "Auld Lang Syne" was reached.

Mr. Brydon himself, although defeated in the past fight, was the happiest member of the whole company, and indicated in both voice and manner that the battle for the redemption of Saanich is not finished—it has just begun—and that with four years instead of as many weeks to perfect organization, the Saanich Liberal Association will have a scalp at its belt when it next encounters its opponents.

The "whole Liberal party in the Legislature" was present, in the persons of Messrs. Brewster and Jardine, while Mr. Drury spoke for those who went down to defeat in this city. The speeches were full of a quiet confidence that a snap verdict taken under peculiarly advantageous circumstances for the ministry did not accurately reflect the sober second judgment of the people, and various plans were suggested to obtain, when another election comes round, a proper expression of opposition sentiment.

Speeches, songs and stories were given by the chairman and Messrs. Yates, Brewster, Jardine, Stevens, McNeill, Drummond, Chandler, McKay, Nelson, Watson, Grant, Colbert, Williams and Stewart. The toasts honored were "The King," "The

Legislature," "The Press," "The Ladies," "The Saanich Liberal Association," and "The Host."

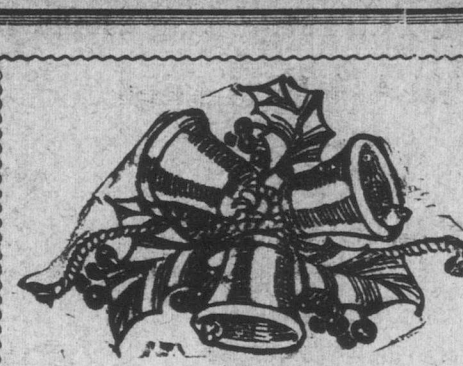
Those invited were: J. P. Hancock, C. A. Goodwin, R. Brydon, F. Sere, W. Noble, J. G. Elliot, N. J. Williamson, A. Strachan, J. Somers, Geo. Watson, J. A. Cunningham, W. E. Heal, C. Heal, O. Lehman, Wm. McMillan, D. McCaskill, J. G. McKay, H. Tanner, G. Stewart, Jos. A. E. Chandler, J. A. Grant, A. B. McNeill, Mayor Hall, John Nelson, C. Pointer, Alfred Few, John A. Colbert, R. S. Drury, J. S. Yates, James Drummond, John Jardine, M.P.P., W. C. Brewster, M.P.P., D. Stevens, A. J. Morely.

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Campbell's
"THE FASHION CENTER"



A Few Appropriate Suggestions

From "The Fashion Center"

Oftentimes it is difficult to think of just what to buy and where to buy it, and we feel that the following items will be of interest to you. Our every department is replete—nothing has been forgotten, either for the Baby, the Miss or the Mother. Everything is moderately priced and some are at greatly reduced prices. Read our advertisements. They speak the truth and keep you posted with the best values at all seasons.

COATS

Those who study economy will find values here without an equal. For instance, we are offering a splendid line of coats, values up to \$20, for **\$12.75**
All our coats and suits have that regal air of exclusiveness.

SUITS

Our reputation for exclusiveness in suits is evidenced by the number of ladies that have bought their suits at Campbell's this season and by those who have dealt with us since we first started in business.

The lady who is desirous of being well and fashionably dressed at a moderate cost comes here where she inspects the latest productions from the world's leading fashion centres.

SPECIAL PRICES ON SUITS THIS MONTH

NECKWEAR

Dutch Collars, white, lawn and linen with fine lace trimmings, \$1 to **50¢**
Dutch Collars, extra fine linen and real lace, \$2.50 to **\$1.25**
Wash Collars in lawn and linen, trimmed with lace bows and jabots, colored and white, \$1.50 to **25¢**
Ascots, white and colored, embroidered, 75¢ to **50¢**
Silk and Net Collars, 50¢ to **25¢**
Lace Ties, cream and white, \$1.25 to **50¢**

Fancy Chiffon and Net Stocks, with good quality silk and lace trimmings, \$2.50 to **75¢**
Spanish Lace Scarves, cream and black, all hand run, \$15 to **\$4.75**
Spangled Net Evening Scarfs, in colors, \$8.25 to **\$6.50**
Fancy Net and Chiffon Scarves, \$4.75 to **\$1.75**
Lace Boleros and Garnitures, \$6.75 and **\$4.75**

BAGS!

Both very desirable articles and certainly appropriate as a small gift to some friend.

Bags—Children's small bags, fancy pictures and colors, 50¢, 30¢ and **25¢**
Ladies' Fancy Bags—Sequin trimming, in all light shades. Special **\$1.25**
Fancy Opera Bags in gold and sequin and fancy silks, \$7.50 to **\$2.25**
Leather Bags, in all shades and sizes. All the new shapes are here. Wide range of prices, \$15 to **90¢**
The new Whistl Purse, very new, \$4.75 to **\$3.75**
Belts—Fancy Elastics in all colors, black, gold, silver and fancy colors, \$1.50 to **25¢**
New Metal Belts, some with kid ends, \$2.50 to **\$1.25**
Suede Belts, new shades, with jet trimmings, 90¢ and **75¢**

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APRONS

Ladies' Kitchen Aprons, in butcher linen, at 50¢, 40¢ and **25¢**
Nurses' Aprons, of heavy white linen, 90¢, 75¢ and **30¢**
Maid's Aprons, in white lawn, trimmed with embroidery, 90¢, 75¢, 50¢ and **35¢**
Afternoon Tea Aprons, of white lawn, trimmed with embroidery and lace, at 65¢, 50¢ and **35¢**
Children's white muslin pinafores, at 90¢, 75¢, 50¢, 35¢ and **25¢**

SALE OF UMBRELLAS

We have quite a nice selection of umbrellas, plain and fancy handles. Up from **\$1.25**
Many wished they had one last night—some did.

Up to \$12.75, for **\$7.50**
Up to \$6.75, for **\$4.75**
Up to \$4.75, for **\$3.75**
Up to \$3.75, for **\$2.90**
Up to \$2.75, for **\$2.25**

Coat Sale continues to-day.
Regular values up to \$20 for **\$12.75**

The Ladies' Store

Angus Campbell & Co.
LIMITED.

1040 Govt St.

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Regular values up to \$20 for **\$12.75**

CHRISTMAS

Will soon be with us. Make your choice while our stock is complete.

BONBONS, per box, \$1.50 to **25¢**
STOCKINGS, each, 75¢, 40¢, 25¢ and **10¢**

SPECIAL

JAPANESE ORANGES, per box **75¢**

The Family Cash Grocery
CORNER YATES AND DOUGLAS STREETS
PHONE 312.

"THE TORPEDO WITH A BRAIN"

Wonderful Weapon Which
Tracks Sound in Hands of
British Admiralty.

London, Dec. 13.—A wonderful torpedo, which picks up sound and tracks it down, is reported to be in the hands of the British admiralty, by whom it will be subjected very soon to exhaustive trials.
The "torpedo with a brain," as the new weapon has been dubbed, is fitted with a delicate mechanism, which is controlled by a microphone attached to the torpedo's rudder. When the microphone picks up a sound it deflects the rudder in such a way as to guide the torpedo straight to the scene of the sound waves.
Properly aimed, the inventors claim, the torpedo will pick up unfailingly the noise made by the propellers of an enemy's vessel. Further than this, it is claimed that the mechanism can be so adjusted that the torpedo will strike not at the immediate origin of the sound, but thirty or forty yards to the right or left of the propellers at the will of the manipulator.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 13.—Charging that it was a libelous publication, the city authorities seized every copy of the Industrial Worker, the organ of the Industrial Workers of the World, as it came off the press Saturday. The papers were taken to the city hall, and it is stated they will be burned. The leading article is by Elizabeth Flynn, the young woman convicted of conspiracy, in which she relates her alleged experience in the county jail.

MURDERER ENDS LIFE.

Columbus, O., Dec. 13.—John W. Beam, a negro attorney, of Lima, Ohio, who was serving a life sentence for the murder of Mrs. Maud Dill, white, committed suicide by hanging in his cell in the penitentiary here.

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Toronto, Dec. 13.—Rev. E. W. Halpenny, B.D., of Indiana, has accepted the appointment as general secretary of the Ontario Sunday School Association.