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EXTEND THE FRANCHISE

Subject of Incorporation Was Discussed in the Rooms of the Board of Trade Last Night—Unanimously Favor Extending Privilege to Aliens—Harmonious Gathering.

From Friday's Daily. A political meeting held last night in the rooms of the Board of Trade was what would be called a "small and early" in the city. It was small in number, but it was informal and after a few minutes of preliminary remarks, the subject of extending the franchise to aliens was discussed.

Another question of importance concerning which discussion was desired was that of to whom the voting franchise should be extended, whether to British subjects alone or under certain conditions to aliens as well. The chair announced that Mr. McGowan had been invited to be present at the meeting as representative of the Americans and an expression of opinion was asked from him. In reply, Mr. McGowan stated that if incorporation was effected under the Northwest Territories Act, aliens already possessed the franchise, but if such act were amended or repealed the privileges granted to aliens would depend entirely upon the Yukon council making such alterations.

It was explained by the chair that less than 30 per cent. of those qualified to vote under the Northwest Territories Act were British subjects, and the suggestion was made that if the franchise were extended to aliens the qualification could be placed high enough so all would not be included. Mr. Adair is in favor of the franchise being extended to all property holders. As to the qualification of aliens, it was decided to suggest the raising of that as it now stands in the Northwest Territories Act from \$200 to \$5,000—from which, however, there is an exemption of \$2,000 in the income tax. In other words, it was resolved that all aliens who pay taxes on \$1000 whether real, personal or income, should be entitled to vote. The resolution was put in the form of a motion, as follows, and was unanimously carried: "Resolved: That it is the sense of this meeting that the committee appointed to wait upon the Hon. J. H. Ross, commissioner of the Yukon territory, relative to the extension of the franchise to aliens recommend that aliens resident in the proposed municipality of Dawson whose names appear on the assessment roll just completed as taxed upon the ownership of property to the extent of \$1,000 be permitted to vote and that there be no property qualifications as to British subjects resident in the city."

Mr. Matheson suggested the chair appoint the committee to wait upon the governor and submit the resolution, who named Dr. Alfred Thompson, Thos. Adair and Thos. McGowan. The name of M. H. Boulias was also added. Mr. McGowan was somewhat unwilling to serve upon the committee, but it was pointed out by several the perfect propriety of one American being among the number. One of the committee will wait upon the governor today and ascertain when it will be convenient for him to receive them as a body. The question as to the number of aldermen that should be allowed the city was taken up and discussed at considerable length. Mr. Butler suggested that if the governor and council were made aware of the personnel of the proposed list of officers their stability, integrity, their standing in the business world and their unimpeachable character, greater consideration might be given the city and the privileges extended than otherwise would be received. The suggestion was made that the board should not consist of less than four members exclusive of the mayor and in reply to a question as to the number usually allowed cities the size of Dawson upon the outside it was stated that in both Regina and Calgary there are six aldermen, and in the case of the chief executive. It was pointed out that the occasion might arise whereby one or more of the aldermen might find it necessary to be absent from the city for several months at a time and it would be necessary for the number to be sufficient so that there would be no interruption in the transaction of the city's affairs. Shortly prior to adjourning it was decided that in the event of another meeting being held to invite the presence of Mr. McLennan and the gentlemen whose names have been proposed as aldermen, and also Councilmen Prudhomme and Wilson.

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INCIDENT IS NOW CLOSED

Skagway, Nov. 29.—Steamer Dirigo arrived this morning bringing newspapers of the 17th inst which contain full accounts of the alleged Yukon conspiracy. Your correspondent interviewed Capt. Hovey in regard to the matter. He stated that the story of Inspector Horrigan's trip to Skagway in connection with the conspiracy was correct and that Horrigan had talked the matter over with Judge Brown. They had concluded that no action was necessary as nothing definite had been attempted. The incident may be said to have entirely closed. Marshall Shoup's trip to Seattle was in connection with an entirely different matter. Citizens of Skagway claim they heard of the conspiracy last summer.

TURKLESS SKAG.

Skagway, Nov. 29.—There were practically no turkeys eaten in Skagway yesterday as none were to be had in the markets. Steamers Seattle and Dolphin are due and they will relieve the famine.

Johannesburg the Capital.

London, Oct. 24.—A Pretoria despatch says it has been formally notified at headquarters that the Postmaster-General has been transferred from Pretoria to Johannesburg. It is understood in well-informed quarters at Cape Town that Lord Milner has decided to make Johannesburg the official centre of the High Commission, as well as his place of residence.

Over the Ice.

A. S. Sargent, of Sargent & Pinsky, leaves next Tuesday for the outside. Quite a party will accompany him on the trip, which will be made with a horse and bobbed. J. W. Riley, S. Archibald, Daub the scowman, Messrs. Marshall and Dickie of the Forks will all start at the same time.

Injuries Not Serious.

Friends of George E. Wilcox, driver of the Ladue Company's ferry team, who was injured Wednesday in the runaway, are pleased to note his appearance on the street again today. The extent of Mr. Wilcox's injuries are not as serious as was first feared, and he is feeling much better, though still very sore from the frightful shaking up he received.

POLICEMEN VICTORIOUS

Defeat Bank of Commerce Hockey Team by Score of 2 to 1.

The first hockey match of the season was played yesterday on the police rink between the Bank of Commerce and Police teams, resulting in a victory for the latter by a score of 2 to 1. The play was more in the nature of a practice game and while the puck was kept on the move all the time and the score was small it could not have been called fast hockey. A schedule of games will be arranged in the near future.

DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED

Gold Commissioner's Office Now in New Quarters.

This morning at 10 o'clock found the entire gold commissioner's department located in the new Administration building, each individual member of the 32 comprising the staff congratulating the other upon their removal to quarters more commodious and more in keeping with the importance of the department. On account of yesterday being a holiday the rush of business at the various wickets was somewhat larger than usual and arrivals fresh from the creeks were considerably mystified as to exactly where they were. But little confusion attended the moving and everything is now in as perfect running order as could be desired.

Calve and Shop Girls.

Calve, the great singer, who is now traveling with the Grau company, is in excellent health and spirits. She announces her hope of giving New York three new parts this season—the title role in "De Lara's," "Messaline," "Valentine in Les Huguenots," and "Salome in Massenet's 'Herodiade.'" Her reappearance in "Carmen" will also be welcomed. Mme. Calve will open her season as Carmen, at Montreal.

MART TOMERLIN ON TRIAL

Charged With Holding Up and Robbing the Dominion Gambling House of \$1,401 on November 15—Three Witnesses Testify—No Convicting Evidence Yet Introduced.

From Friday's Daily. The preliminary hearing of Mart Tomerlin, charged with holding up and robbing the Dominion gambling house of \$1,401 on the morning of November 15th began in Magistrate Macaulay's court this forenoon at 11 o'clock.

The past week's confinement has made a marked change in the appearance of the prisoner and today he looked fully two years older than when arrested two weeks ago. Crown Prosecutor Congdon has charge of the case for the commonwealth, Attorney H. F. Hagel appearing for Tomerlin.

The first witness called was Corporal John S. Piper of the N. W. M. P., not to give his main evidence as an officer and detective, but to explain the topography of the Dominion building and surroundings, the Webb building where Tomerlin lived and where he was arrested and the relative positions of the two buildings with each other, the witness having made measurements and sketches of the property and territory in question. The back door of the Dominion was shown to be 32 feet from the entrance to the back stairs leading to the floor on which Tomerlin had a suite. Between the two houses, and near the back door of the Webb building is an open space from which it is possible to look through a window directly into the gambling room. John Turner, known as "Jack" Turner, was the next witness. He chewed gum and related in substance the following: Witness was in charge of the house at the time of the hold-up and robbery, having relieved his brother and partner, Thomas Turner, between 12 and 1 o'clock the same night. His brother had made up a cash slip and left it in the money drawer. The slip called for \$1,401. Witness saw money in the drawer, bills, gold and silver coin, gold dust and nuggets when he relieved his brother, but did not count up the money. When the robbery took place witness was sitting in the only game running in the room at that time. He was dealing; others at the table were the bartender, Phil Wren, Geo. McLeod, George Thompson, S. Owen Dozier and a man from the creeks whose name is unknown to witness. Others were in the room at the time, one chap being asleep at the "far table" and three others were seated talking at another table. Witness did not see the two intruders until they were in the middle of the room, they having entered by the back door. The first thing he heard was a command from the larger man: "Hands up!" Witness did not readily comply and again came the order: "Hands up!" Witness then complied. The smaller man took a position near the stove and aiming a rifle that looked like a Winchester at the crowd, said not a word. The larger man with a revolver in each hand, one looking to be of 45 calibre, the other of 41, advanced to the smoking room between the gambling room and bar and called to the porter who was in the bar to come out. He did so and was ordered by the robber to lie up against the wall and hold up his hands. The larger robber then said: "Jack, give me the key to the money drawer." Witness replied that the key was in the drawer. The robber went to look and returned saying: "Jack, give me that key or I will make a slaughter house of this place." Witness then took the key from his pants pocket and threw it on the table. The robber then ordered McLeod and Dozier to stand up while he took the key from the table. He then opened the money drawer, dumped the contents into the pockets of his overcoat. Then he backed toward the rear door, the smaller man preceding him. When near the door he said "Good-night, gentlemen." Witness had then risen to his feet and the larger robber said: "Anyone leaving this room before 20 minutes will be a dead man." The large robber wore a soft black hat, the smaller one a cloth cap with a peak; both wore overcoats and both had a black cloth or handkerchief tied over his face concealing the portion from the nose down. While in the room the larger man had slightly pushed up his hat revealing his forehead, but witness could not identify the forehead of the prisoner as the same one. He had seen the prisoner in his place several times in the week or ten days previous to the robbery, but never saw him play at any game or drink at bar. Was with the officers when the prisoner was arrested in his room and heard him say he had no money and his room rent was ten days in arrears. Thought that the tone of the prisoner's voice at that time was similar to that of the robber, forcible, clear and of a tenor tone. Tomerlin also stated in his room that he had no rifle. The witness thought the prisoner resembled in build, form and size the larger of the two robbers.

On cross examination Turner said he did not pretend to positively identify the prisoner as one of the robbers. Having given his evidence in a careful and straightforward manner on which he was complimented even by the opposing counsel, the witness was excused.

Thos. Turner was the next witness, but further than verifying what his brother had said as to the amounts and denominations of money left by him when he went off watch, little relative to the robbery was adduced. The witness was very accurate in his statements, and was certain he could identify a certain gold nugget that was in the gold dust sack. He had seen the prisoner around town but was not personally acquainted with him.

As the hour was then 1 o'clock, a recess was taken until 2:30. It is said the crown will put in some evidence against the accused at this afternoon's session.

The Appeal to Cape Rebels.

London, Oct. 24.—A despatch from Middleburg, Cape Colony, reports that an interesting letter has lately been discovered by the Intelligence Department. It was written by the Transvaal Commandant, F. A. Grobler, to a Dutch member of the Legislative Council immediately after the raid. The following is an extract: "We are now marching in force against Charterhoad. Our plan, with God's help, is to take all that is English in South Africa, so, if you true Afrikaners in Cape Colony wish to be released from the English yoke, now is the time to hoist the Vierkleur at Cape Town. You can rely on us. We will push through from sea to sea and wave our flag over the whole of South Africa under an Afrikaner Government if we can reckon on our Afrikaner brethren. Read this letter to your true Afrikaner friends and keep awake."

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