

# ROSSLAND WEEKLY MINER.

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## WANT \$15,000 MORE

City Council Desires Authority for Another Loan.

## CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION

Council Will Organize a New Fire Department—F. M. McLeod Made City Solicitor to Succeed A. H. MacNeill, Resigned—In Secret Session.

The city council met Tuesday night in regular session for the first time in five weeks. The meeting was memorable on account of the decision of the aldermen to call a special election to secure authority from the ratepayers to negotiate an additional loan of \$15,000. This move was decided on in a secret caucus held prior to the regular meeting, and went through without a vestige of opposition.

The fire department difficulties were touched lightly upon, when the council authorized the fire and light committee to organize a new department to be subject to the council. The resignation of City Attorney MacNeill was accepted, and F. M. McLeod was elected to succeed him. Neither was the reduction of salaries disposed of, nor was the city solicitor's communication relative to the bond issue discussed, while the award of prizes to prize to architects in the city hall competition was touched upon only in the most general way.

The full board and mayor were present when the hour came for convening the council, but instead of at once going into public session, the aldermen retired to the mayor's private office, where they went into executive session to consider the contemplated bond issue. From this meeting the reporters were carefully excluded, but after half an hour's deliberations the council returned to the public chamber and the public was admitted.

The reading of the minutes occupied considerable time, as the records included a long line of successive failures to meet in regular session, and the chronicles of several special meetings were disposed of. At last the city clerk completed the reading of his records, and they were signed by the mayor without discussion.

Licensed a Chimney Sweep.  
A communication was read from a firm of chimney sweepers, who wanted to be licensed to ply their trade in the city. They offered to pay a reasonable license, and proposed to employ chimney sweeps at 75c per day. The license was placed at \$10 per year, payable semi-annually.

The question of awarding prizes to the successful architects in the competition of plans for the city hall was revived by a communication from E. J. Weston and John J. Honeyman, the architects, in which they requested the council to award the prizes, or else recognize formally the claims of the successful competitors. Without discussion the matter was referred to the finance committee.

Mr. MacNeill's Resignation.  
In a terse communication A. H. MacNeill tendered his resignation as city solicitor. There was an impressive silence broken only by the comment of the mayor:

"That is a very peculiar resignation," said he.  
And the council returned to the consideration of the communications piled up in front of the city clerk, while Mr. MacNeill's resignation was placed over in the constantly growing pile of letters comprising unfinished business.

Later on the resignation of Mr. MacNeill was taken up by the council. "I presume that the resignation of Mr. MacNeill will be accepted," said the mayor.

In accepting it we might recognize the service he has rendered the city," observed Alderman Johnson.  
"I still hold to my opinion that Mr. MacNeill is the best man for the place," said Alderman Johnson.

There was some minor discussion, which was put to an end, when the mayor put the question and declared it carried. The mayor suggested that F. M. McLeod be elected city solicitor to succeed Mr. MacNeill, and the election was ratified by the city council. No salary is to accompany the office, as remuneration will be made by fees.

The Fire Question.  
Then the council proceeded to the consideration of the fire department situation. "I would suggest that the fire, water and light committee proceed at once to the formation of a new fire department, to be subject to the orders of the city council," said the mayor. A motion to that effect was formally put by Alderman Wallace, and was carried without dissent. There was some comment over the action of the superintendent of the waterworks company formally authorizing the volunteers to use the fire plugs, but nothing was done.

Robert E. Crawford wanted the city to remunerate him for a window broken by blasting ordered by the city in cleaning out the stumps along Thompson avenue. As Mr. Crawford in his letter failed to state the amount of damage he had sustained by the breaking of the glass, the council decided to delay action until the figures involved should be presented.

In formal letter from J. A. Macdonald the city was notified that suit was to be brought by Catherine Young-clause, mother of Jas. Young-clause, who was killed in the sewer, for \$10,000 damages sustained by the death of her son. Mayor Scott expressed the opinion that nothing was to be feared from the threatened suit, and the matter was passed over.

That Provincial Refund.  
The hopes of the council were cruelly

smashed by a communication from the deputy provincial treasurer. The letter was in regard to a refund due the city on taxes collected for the year 1897 by the province, and the council wanted a refund proportionate to the time during the year since the city was incorporated. The councilmen had fondly imagined that there was about \$3,000 due them from the province on this account, and had been dreaming rosyate visions of the aid this additional sum would be to them in the city's present financial straits. Instead of the contemplated \$3,000, the communication from the deputy treasurer of the province showed that there was just \$355.57 net to the credit of the city, and a check for this amount was forwarded.

The Presbyterian congregation, through Alderman Johnson, requested that the council authorize to move the church building into the street until the new church edifice be erected. The proposition was opposed by the mayor and by Alderman Raymer, on the ground that the street in question had been cleared with great difficulty, and only after recourse to law, and they urged that it would be a very bad precedent if the present request was acceded to. The matter was dropped.

A \$15,000 Loan.  
The much-mooted question of endeavoring to secure another loan was introduced by the mayor, who requested that one of the aldermen give notice that at the next council meeting he would propose a bylaw to be submitted to the people, authorizing the council to negotiate an additional loan of \$15,000.

Alderman Johnson argued that the council should not borrow more than enough money to pay off the existing indebtedness, but Alderman Wallace pointed out that it would be inadvisable to include a clause authorizing the use of a portion of the loan for fire purposes. This arrangement seemed to be satisfactory, and Alderman Fraser gave notice of his intention to introduce such a bylaw. The whole move did not take two minutes; not a voice of opposition was raised against the issuance of another loan.

That Pile of Earth.  
"I want to direct the attention of the council to a big pile of earth piled up in front of the Record building on West Columbia avenue. Whenever it rains the muddy water flows down across the street and proves a disgrace to the city. I don't know whether or not the earth is there by the authority of the board of works."

"It is not," interjected Alderman Raymer, the chairman of the board.  
"But at any rate it most certainly should be removed," continued Mr. Johnson, and in this view the council agreed, and the board of works was instructed to see to the removal of the offending pile of earth.

Chinamen Want the Sewage.  
Alderman Raymer gave notice that the sewer would be completed in two or three days, and Alderman Fraser informed the council that he had been waited on by a committee of three Chinamen, who wanted authority to appropriate the sewage flowing out of the new system. They wanted it for fertilizer and will have no difficulty in getting it.

Alderman Johnson gave notice that he intended to propose a bylaw at the next meeting, closing up the alley in block 35 of the railway addition. On the motion of Alderman Raymer, the mine-owners and other employers of labor were authorized to collect municipal poll taxes and to reserve five per cent for this service. The motion was accompanied by the clause that the motion would be effective only when it seemed expedient.

Just before adjourning, the mayor inquired whether or not the council should meet on Tuesday evening next, the regular time. It was suggested that in many places the council met only once a month, but it seemed the consensus of opinion that at present, when the loan was to be put through, it would be desirable to meet with tolerable regularity. Then the council adjourned.

YOUNG MEN'S LIBERAL CLUB.  
It Adopted Bylaws at Its Meeting on Monday Evening.

The first regular meeting of the Young Men's Liberal Club was held in the Imperial block on Monday evening when the committee formed for the purpose of drafting bylaws presented its report. These bylaws are founded on those governing the Young Men's Liberal association of Toronto and were accepted by this club with a few slight alterations.

The election of officers held at the preliminary meeting was unanimously confirmed. A large number signed the membership roll and any other young Liberals who have not already signed the same may do so at the next regular meeting which will be held in the school room of the Imperial block on Monday, the first day of November at 8 p. m.

The club commences its life under the most favorable conditions and promises to become a very strong organization.

TRAIL-ROBSON RAILWAY.  
Considerable Freight is Being Handled on That Line.

Trail, Oct. 16.—[Special.]—A quantity of freight is being hauled daily over the new Trail-Robson railway. Much of the freight and other material for the smelter, which has been coming down the river, is now transferred at Robson, and placed on the cars, thus saving not only great delay in getting it to the works, but much expense in handling.

It is probable that in a few days a regular passenger service will be established so that there will be through travel from Rossland to Nelson. With this service, trains leaving Rossland for Nelson at 7 a. m. and 4:45 each day, arriving at Nelson at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. A new townsite is being surveyed about two miles below Robson on the west side of the river.

As the smelter the usual activity accompanying constant improvements is apparent. The club house for the clerical force is completed, and the general offices have been enlarged to double their present capacity.

## STOCKS ARE LIVELY

Brokers Report That Sales of Shares Are Large.

## THE HOLDERS ARE FIRM

Quite a Demand for Deer Park, Great Western, Josie and Poorman—A Falling off in the Demand for Iron Mask Owing to Litigation.

The development of the mines of Rossland and the fact that the shipments of ore for the year has already reached over 60,000 tons is having the effect of stiffening the price of stocks, and shareholders are not inclined to take less than the asked price for their holdings. The attention that the camp is attracting from such men as Hon. Charles Mackintosh, lieutenant-governor of the Northwest Territories, and others, has a distinctly bracing effect on mining shares. Great Western and Deer Park seem to be among the favorite buys at present. Josie is also a favorite. The demand for Iron Mask has fallen off somewhat since the litigation with the Centre Star was begun as to the ownership of a vein that is on the line of both mines. A demand for Great Western has arisen because work has been resumed on the property, and the report that has been current to the effect that it has been sold to the syndicate that is represented by Hon. Charles Mackintosh.

Manager Mulholland, of the Deer Park Mining company, is in the city, and he is here for the purpose of resuming work on the properties of the company with abundant capital behind him, it is said. This will doubtless have a further stimulating effect on the shares of that company as soon as actual operations have been commenced.

A noticeable feature of the stock market is that only the very best and most promising mines are receiving the attention of buyers.

Among the buyers this week were Portland, Or., and the orders from there were for Great Western and Deer Park, Toronto, Spokane, San Francisco, and several small towns in Ontario, and the city of Winnipeg were among the places that sent in orders for stock during the week. Poorman purchased Silver Bell.

A slight slump in the demand for Josie and Poorman stock has been noted for some time past. There seems to be no reason for this, as the reports from the mine, though not given out officially, are said to be of an encouraging character.

Brokers report that never in the history of Rossland has there been a better market for stocks, nor was there ever a time when the volume of sales was greater. The outlook, too, is bright for the future, and they feel that the market during the coming winter will be even greater than it is at present. Money is getting easier all over the country, and with this condition it is certain that there will be more and more speculation in stocks, and there are no better stocks to speculate in than those of the Trail Creek mines.

COLD WATER ADVOCATES.  
Dominion and World's Convention of W. C. T. U. in Toronto.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 20.—The Dominion W. C. T. U. convention opened this morning at the pavilion with several hundred delegates on hand. The leading feature of the morning was an address by Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, the Dominion president. The convention is to last three days and is to be followed by the world's W. C. T. U. convention.

Miss Willard is in the city and will be in charge of the delegates in the city. A banquet to welcome the world W. C. T. U. delegates will be held on Friday evening. Premier Hardy, Mayor Shaw and Hon. Geo. W. Ross are among those who will deliver addresses.

FIELDING'S SPEECH.  
Said Canada Would Show the Mother Country Due Appreciation.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—At the lord mayor's banquet to the Fruiterers company last night, Hon. W. S. Fielding, finance minister of Canada, in the course of his speech said that although there had been party differences on the tariff question in the Dominion yet, Canada was destined to show by her fiscal policy her appreciation of the motherland and the latter's treatment of her. Lord Strathcona, at a meeting at Wallall yesterday, spoke in a similar strain.

Hon. Mr. Fielding will, in a few days, receive a deputation representing the Exporters' association of Toronto.

MINING NOTES.  
The Cliff will ship four carloads of ore this week.

The Josie company will have a meeting on November 8th in its offices in this city to ratify the action taken in Spokane tending to the sale of the property.

A passenger train has been busy taking supplies to the Keystone group in the Burnt pass. Operations will be continued all winter.

The Rossland Good Friday company announces that it will resume work as soon as the new electric power company is ready to deliver to it electrical force.

The crosscut in the upper drift of the Evening Star is now in about 4 1/2 feet. The ore body continues to look well, though the breast of the crosscut is not in such high grade ore as was met in the main workings. The wagon road to the lower workings will be finished in three or four days more.

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One For Grand Forks and the Other For Midway.

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