



**THE NEW BY-LAWS BEFORE COUNCIL**

**CITY FATHERS IN AN ADJOURNED SESSION**

Discussed Mr. Oliver's Amendments to Municipal Clauses Act—City Clerk Writes on Subject.

Certain amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act, introduced in the legislature by John Oliver, M.P.P. for Delta, were considered by the city council at an adjourned meeting last night. In this connection a communication from the city clerk, W. J. Dowler, threw much light on the matter. It read as follows:

To His Worship Mayor Hayward:  
Sir—I beg to call your attention to the provisions of Sec. 3 of Bill No. 57, entitled an Act to amend the Municipal Elections Act, which reads as follows:

"Section 9 of said chapter 68 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: 9. In city municipalities the list of voters shall be closed on or before the 31st day of January of the year in which amendments are made, and within three days after the closing thereof, the clerk of the municipality shall cause to be printed a certified copy of such voters' list, ten or more copies of which shall be posted in conspicuous public places in the municipality."

It may be possible that these provisions are capable of being followed out in country municipalities where the number of voters is limited, but in a city municipality like Victoria it is different in order that it may be easy to form an idea of the time involved in the proper printing of the annual voters' list of this city, I would state that the total number of voters, as given in the last list prepared, being for 1902, is as follows: North Ward, 2,244; Central Ward, 1,074; South Ward, 1,848; Mayor's Ward, 5,000. When it is remembered that each one of these names has to be checked with the printed proofs, at least twice before they can be said to be correct, and in addition to be certified to, and when the time actually taken up in the printing of the list is added to this work, some conception can be had of the time which is absolutely necessary to a proper printing of so large a list.

The enclosed specification, which has been in use for a number of years in connection with the printing of the annual voters' list, clearly shows that the period of not less than six weeks has been considered necessary for this work, and that this was not too long but that more than one year when the Mayor was kept up until 12 o'clock at night in order that the list might be certified to as correct on the day appointed for the closing of the list for no other reason than that the printer and his staff of one of the largest printing establishments in the city, were unable to print the list before the time fixed, although there had been no delay in the correction and transmission of copy.

In the printing of the lists, the printer prints the names first in galley and then when these forms have been corrected and the list or lists are ready to be set up, they are arranged in columns and afterwards struck off and of the time which is operation being of course after they are certified as correct.

With reference to the above section, I have no hesitation in saying that the carrying out of its provisions with reference to the preparation of the voters' lists of this city for the annual municipal election is an absolute impossibility of Sec. 2 of the bill, the mode of operating of the voters' list will be different from that followed hitherto, still, it is doubtful if the actual number of names that have to be printed and checked is less than at present. The way that matters will work out under the new method, so far as I can see, will be as follows:

Voters are given to the 31st day of December inclusive, wherein to make a statutory declaration in writing that they are usual in such cases; in fact, it has almost invariably been the rule, persons leave the matter till the last day or two before the closing of the list, and the office where the applicants call to make statutory declarations, is besieged in such numbers as to make it difficult to accommodate all those who wish to register. Householders will be accommodated, what would be the condition of affairs when such an arrangement involves the closing of the list on or before the 31st day of January, the clerk of the office will be unable to write up the indexes for the following day, so that the indexes may be kept posted up with the applications. These indexes of course will be indexes of the wards and of the Mayor's list.

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Apart from these questions, the one fact remains that it is proposed under this section to have done in three days what is now done in six weeks, and to do this it is suggested that the list has not contained omissions which the most careful checking and correcting have failed to prevent. The fact is that if on the 31st day of January

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