UNITED CITY TO INCLUDE ONLY EXISTING AREAS

Amalgamation Act So Amended by the Municipal Law Committee—Outside Areas to Come in Later—To Consider Bill in Committee of the Whole Today.

The Amalgamation act was so amended by the municipal law committee of the legislature on Monday morning that the united city will include only the area comprised in the present cities of Edmonton and Strathcona respectively. The act was finally approved by the committee with a few minor amendments and will be considered by the House in committee of the whole this afternoon.

The decision to include in the united city only the territory within the existing boundaries was made at the suggestion of the mayors of the two cities, after it became evident that the progress of the bill must otherwise be delayed indefinitely owing to the demands of the outside districts which were to have been included within the new boundaries.

Would Impose Conditions.

A. F. Ewing, on behalf of the village of West Edmonton, stated that this section would be prepared to enter only on condition of receiving a guarantee that water, light and street railway extensions would be made within a specified period. A similar condition was made by Frank Ford, K.C., on behalf of the village of North Edmonton. The representatives of both places made the claim that they had not been consulted by the city of Edmonton before it was decided to include them within the city.

Many Objections Heard.

Among other representatives of new districts, S. B. Woods, K.C., appearing on behalf of the Highlands sub-division, was heard.

Mr. Woods' request was for provision in the act under which the city of Edmonton would take into general revenue only 9 per cent. of the taxes collected in this district, a guarantee being given that the remainder of the amount collected be spent in improvements in the sub-division.

N. D. Mills appeared on behalf of Mr. Atkins and 63 others, resident east of Strathcona. His clients, he declared, did not wish their property taken into the city at the present time as they would receive no adequate return.

John R. Boyle, member for Sturgeon, took up the cudgels on behalf of North Edmonton and West Edmonton, stating that he was informed that they had not been consulted before it was decided to include them within the proposed boundaries and declaring that if it was not the intention of the city to give them the privileges for which they asked in return for the taxes paid by them, it would be better to allow them, for the present, to remain outside the city.

Should Settle Differences First.

Malcolm McKenzie declared that it was not the business of the committee to waste its time listening to a discussion of differences between the city of Edmonton and the outlying districts. These differences, he contended, should have been settled before the legislature was approached.

It was at this point that Mayor Armstrong, after consulting with Mayor Davies, declared that the two cities would be content if union was obtained within the present boundaries, and the incorporation of these outlying districts left to some later date. When, therefore, it was made clear that the charter gives the city the right to apply to the lieutenant governor in council at any time for the inclusion of outlying areas, this amendment was made on the motion of John R. Boyle, member for Sturgeon.

School Boards Heard.

W. H. Clark, on behalf of the Edmonton school board, R. Ritchie, on behalf of the Strathcona school board, and T. J. Collison, on behalf of the separate school board, requested that the proposed membership of the new boards be reduced from 10 to 7, a minimum of two members to be elected in each case from the south side of the river. The representatives of the respective school boards were of the opinion that the board as proposed, would be too large. Their request was granted and the amendment made.

A further amendment will be made to the act providing that the mayor and council of the united city will take office on March 1st.

The remaining provisions of the act were approved without amendment and the act will be considered by the House this afternoon in committee of the whole. In all probability it will be finally passed by the legislature tomorrow.

Other bills passed upon by the committee were, "An act respecting the town of Camrose," and "An act confirming a bylaw of the town of Wainwright."

The committee will meet again tomorrow morning at 10.30 for the consideration of the Towns bill.

Mayor Milne, of Medicine Hat, and Ald. Spencer and Pringle, of the same city, were at the legislature this morning for the purpose of watching the progress of the bill amending the Medicine Hat charter.

A bill to incorporate the Moose Mountain railway will be brought down at an early date. This railway will run from a point 26 miles west of Calgary in a westerly and southwesterly direction to the base of Moose mountain.

The greater part of this afternoon will probably be taken up by the house in consideration of the Amalgamation act in committee of the whole. The probabilities are that adjournment for the Christmas holidays will be made on Wednesday.

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HOLD UP WOMEN AT REVOLVER'S POINT

Youthful Desperadoes Commit Three Robberies In Western End of the City on Friday and Saturday Night —Confess to Charges When Arrested.

Three daring hold-up robberies were perpetrated last week almost in the heart of the city. Two of the hold-ups occurred on Saturday night and one on Friday night. As a result Melvin Hart, age 20, and John Reid, aged 18, are occupying cells at the police station, charged with robbery. Both have admitted their guilt. They will appear before Magistrate Cowan at 10.30 this morning for sentence.

These young men, according to their own admission, have been terrorizing women, holding them up at the point of a revolver and relieving them of whatever they might possess.

On Friday evening shortly after six o'clock a lady residing on Twenty-first street was held up at the point of a revolver between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets and relieved of a satchel containing three dollars. She was so excited over the affair that she was unable to give the police an accurate description and it was not until Saturday night that the city detectives received information which led to the arrest of Hart and Reid.

On Saturday evening about 6.30 Mrs. Edward F. Carpenter, wife of the well known druggist, while proceeding to her home along Jasper avenue, was held up in a manner similar to that of the previous evening. Fortunately her hand-bag contained only fifteen cents and her two assailants were but ill-recompensed for their work.

Not content with their evening's work the two young men engaged in still another hold-up. This time Miss Higgs, a government employe, was the victim. She was proceeding along Eighth street, south of Jasper avenue, when she was accosted by two young men who flourished a revolver and demanded "her money or her life." As Miss Higgs had no money with her the booty amounted to only a dozen eggs which she was carrying in a hand bag.

Miss Higgs kept her head and was able to furnish the police with an accurate description. It was on the information furnished by Miss Higgs that the first arrest was effected. Last night Chief of Police Lancey and City Detectives Coleman and Seymour arrested Melvin Hart on suspicion. Finding himself in the toils, Hart readily confessed, and John Reid, aged 18, was arrested as an accomplice. He also admitted his guilt.

When searched a dime novel of the "Diamond Dick' and "Nick Carter" stamp was found in the pockets of one of the boys. The reading of such literature is thought to have been the cause of the robberies. The revolver which was used to terrorize their victims was also found.

The two boys confined themselves to holding up women apparently, not having sufficient courage to hold up a man. As far as the police are aware of, the two young men commenced their depredations only last Friday night, no other hold-up robberies of a similar nature having been reported.

MAKE INSPECTION OF NEW HOSPITAL

Handsome New Structure Visited by Members of Hospital Board, Mayor Armstrong and Others—All Pleased With Appearance of the Building.

A visit of inspection was made to the new Alexandra Hospital yesterday afternoon by the members of the hospital board and others who joined the party by invitation, among whom were Mayor Armstrong, Commissioner Candy, A. G. Harrison and several members of the city council. The party was conducted through the building by Roland W. Lines, the architect in charge of the work.

The handsome new structure, which will be one of the best equipped hospitals in the West, is rapidly nearing completion, and by the 1st of March it is expected that the greater part of the building will be in use. While the appearance of the building from the outside has not been disregarded, the interior arrangement and equipment has received first consideration. One of the more noticeable features of the structure is the care which has been taken to render it as nearly as possible fireproof. The use of combustible material has been avoided wherever possible. There are no wooden floor joists in the building, the stairways are all of reinforced concrete and even the floors of the building are of the same material. The portion of the building which will be used for administration purposes is in the centre. This portion is one storey higher than the remainder of the building, the upper floor being intended for operation rooms.

There are no large wards in the building. This arrangement gives wards that are semi-private in character, and also lends itself readily to adjustment according to the demands made upon the institution from time to time.

The completed structure, the foundation stone of which was laid last spring, will represent an expenditure of approximately $250,000.

Kenora Would Get in Manitoba.

Kenora, Ont., Dec. 18—At a largely attended meeting of the board of trade held here tonight to consider the possibility of affiliation with the province of Manitoba, a resolution was unanimously adopted in effect that the welfare of the district would be best advanced by its being included within the boundaries of Manitoba. Copies of the resolution will be sent to the Dominion premier, the premier of Manitoba and Ontario and the board of trade of Port Arthur, Fort William, Dryden and Fort Frances.

THE CHURCH AND THE BIBLE IS HIS SUBJECT

Rev. Father Donnely, London, England, Opens Week's Mission to Non-Catholics in St. Joachim's Church, in Calm Statement of Catholic Belief.

"Go, therefore, teach ye all nations; baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world."—Matt. 28, 19.

This is the charter of the church of Christ, said Rev. P. B. Donnely in his initial conference to non-Catholics in St. Joachim's church on Monday night. The church of Christ is Catholic; that is, universal, teaching all nations at all times.

The reverend father contended that it is an impossibility that the church be founded on the Bible as numerous denominations state, because the scriptures were not written until about one hundred years after Christ, and just as the foundation of any structure is its first stone, so Christ, who authorized the scriptures, is the foundation of the church. A great many of Christ's teachings are handed down by tradition and are not mentioned in the Bible, according to John, last chapter, verse 25: "But there are many other things which Jesus did; which if they were written every one, the world itself, I think, would not be able to contain the books that should be written."

Christ's instructions were to the apostles to teach as He taught them and what He taught them; hence His church is teaching today. Christ did not allow any one to arrogate to himself the method of teaching, therefore it was the duty of the apostles to deliver the teachings they had received from Christ Himself. The reverend father explained the fallacy of each one interpreting the Bible to suit himself, because "God is the God of truth," said he, "and cannot sanction error.' Taking the case of two Anglicans, one a high churchman, the other a low churchman, the former would prove that there were seven sacraments according to scripture, the latter that there were two, also according to the Bible.

A Unitarian would prove that Christ was not God. Whittaker's almanac would show seven hundred and sixty three different sects, all founded on scripture. It was quite impossible that all these contradictory doctrines could be correct.

Catholics were taught to love the Bible and read it, but they must believe what was taught them by those in whom Christ vested the power of teaching, because all Catholics had the same belief.

The average person, well meaning, pious, intelligent, but lacking instruction, would find it impossible to distinguish between the doctrinal and historical parts of the Bible. Printing was not invented until centuries after the foundation of the church and previous to that time Bibles were all written in manuscript, hence they were comparatively few and not available by the people. If Christ had ordained that all should believe according to their view of the Bible, such a state of affairs never would have existed; further proof that Christ authorized His followers to believe as they were taught by His church. Only about six of Christs disciples wrote scriptures, the rest taught by word of mouth.

The scriptures were translated from Hebrew and Greek by different people, who, if they wished, could leave verses or texts out, so that inaccuracies might very easily appear in the translations which, owing to their different authors could not be word for word the same.

The world owed the Bible to the Catholic church. In the fourth century Pope Damasus sent St. Jerome all over Africa and Asia Minor in search of all the manuscript available and he compiled the Bible.

Martin Luther had been credited with the discovery of the first Bible—a fiction, because at the Caxton exposition which took place in London in 1877, there yere nine Bibles dated before 1483, the year of Martin Luther's birth.

One Anglican Bishop of Oxford, basing his belief entirely on scriptures, denied the divinity of Christ, and could prove it according to the Bible. Dr. Temple, formerly Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking of Christ's words concerning the real presence, stated that this could be taken two ways. Christ was most emphatic in His words, never stating that what He said had two meanings. He told His followers what they had to believe and if they did not believe it, they could not be saved.

Christ said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, follow Me."

A question box is placed at the door of the church where any inquiries may be placed any time until six o'clock, and they will be answered at the subsequent conference.

Egypt Will Hold the Sollum.

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 18.—The Egyptian government is taking possession of the Sollum district at Barca, which forms the eastern division of Tripoli. The Sollum district borders on Egypt and was ceded by Turkey to the Egyptian government, which will retain possession pending the end of the war, when the definite status of the territory will be determined.

Birth in Royal Family.

Berlin, Dec. 18—Crown Princess Cecelia, the wife of Crown Prince Frederick William, gave birth to a son at one o'clock this morning. The crown princess was Duchess Cecelia of Mecklenburgh-Schwerin. Her marriage with Crown Prince Frederick William took place June 6 1905. The family of the royal couple now consists of four sons.

Rumored in Winnipeg That Extensive C. N. R. Car Shops Are to be Established Here.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18—It is rumored here that the Canadian Northern anticipates the erection of extensive car shops and yards at Edmonton. The company has acquired a quarter section of land northeast of the city, and it is thought that this may be the possible sit.

M. H. McLeod, general manager of the C. N. R., stated that the company had already established some repair shops in the Edmonton district, and were making improvements from time to time to meet conditions. More would be made this year, but just what, he was unable to say, as the matter had not yet come to a decision.

HOLLANDERS FILE ON LAND WEST OF CITY

Party of Sixteen Make Entry for Homesteads at Land Office—Present Month Will Establish Record for the Number of Entries.

The present month promises to break all previous records for this time of year in the number of homestead entries filed at the Dominion land office, in Edmonton. Notwithstanding the almost certainty of colder weather in January and February and the consequent inability of the average settler to do anything on the land during this period, the influx of prospective Canadian citizens continues unabated. Up to last night 270 had made application for homesteads since December 1. For the entire month of December last year the total number of homesteads filed on was 296. At the present rate, and with the month less than two-thirds gone, the filings should be fully fifty per cent. greater than for the corresponding period in 1910.

That the Edmonton district is known the world over and is rapidly gaining in prominence everywhere, is evident from the big stack of letters received each day by K. W. Mackenzie, Dominion lands agent. Every mail brings all kinds of communications from people in every walk of life inquiring about the country here, its resources, climate, and especially regarding the agricultural possibilities. Many thousands of these letters arrive each month and Agent Mackenzie answers them all.

Hollanders File on Homesteads.

Yesterday a party of sixteen Hollanders appeared at the land office and filed on homesteads. They had spent considerable time in looking over the country adjacent to Edmonton, and returned to the city satisfied that it was a good enough place for them to live and make their permanent homes. The Hollanders located on land that will bring their homesteads all together, making them close neighbors.

Notice has been received from the department of the interior at Ottawa that the minister of the interior proposes to extend the time in which South African scrip land may be located, from December 31, 1911, to December 31, 1912. The time limit was to have expired on the former date. There are probably not more than two of three hundred of this scrip left.

SYMPATHETIC STRIKE OPPOSED.

St. Louis, Dec. 18—No sympathy strike of shopmen on all western railroads is contemplated at this time, said James W. Kline, international president of the Blacksmiths', before leaving St. Louis tonight for Chicago after conferring with officials of the allied shopcrafts involved in the strike of system federations on the Harriman and Illinois Central railroads. Kline declared his remarks at Chicago yesterday had been misunderstood. He declared that 300,000 shopmen were ready to strike in sympathy with the striking Harriman and Illinois Central employees if necessary, but that the allied unions would not concede they had been beaten in their present struggle.

30,000 MEN ARE INVOLVED.

In Prospective Strike of Shop Employees of Harriman System.

Chicago, Dec. 17—After a meeting of representatives of the striking machinists of the Harriman system, it was said that a general strike of shop employees on all railroads between Chicago and the Pacific coast might result from a conference of the international union officers to be opened tomorrow. Sympathy for the striking shopmen of the Harriman system is said to have caused the agitation. About 30,000 men would be involved.

Politics as Excuse for Dismissal.

Montreal, Dec. 18—For some days there have been rumors of the dismissal of a prominent official of the harbor commissioners of Montreal. President George W. Stephens was today asked for a statement and he replied:—

"Joseph P. Garnon, who, I understand, has been active in politics for some time and who was appointed in 1908 as the superintendent of wharves, has been dismissed for cause."

TO MARK CENTURY OF ANGLO-AMERICAN PEACE.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—The Star's London correspondent says: Influential support is being given among Englishmen of all parties to the celebration of a century of Anglo-American peace. The Morning Post makes the piquent suggestion that the best celebration would be to convert the Rush-Bagot agreement into a treaty securing the removal of all armed forces now upon the Great Lakes, thus ensuring the future peaceful character of these lakes. It is proposed, a special day be devoted to prayer, the Post says, "Let's all pray that the Senate of the United States be moved to consent to such a treaty."

STORMY MEETING OF THE LABOR COUNCIL

Motion Was Introduced and Voted Down Calling for Censure of Secretary Clark and Legislative Committee—Press Will Not Be Excluded From Meetings.

The Edmonton Trades and Labor Council again found it necessary to suspend the half-past ten o'clock rule last night in order that the business before the house might be transacted. When the meeting did finally break up about 11.30 it was with a number of members endeavoring to speak across the floor at the same time and the remainder of the delegates including the chairman making a rush to the ante-room for their hats and overcoats. No motion of adjournment was made, the members merely making a rush for the exits apparently in an endeavor to escape an all night session.

The trouble arose over a verbal report presented by Secretary T. H. Clark, with reference to legislation presented by delegates from the Trades and Labor Congress of Alberta to the provincial cabinet. The secretary also informed the meeting that one of the pieces of legislation recommended was an early closing bill which is at present under consideration by the legislative assembly.

This led up to enquiries on the part of several of the delegates present as to whether the bill had ever passed through the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council and received that body's endorsation. J. R. Knight read a copy of a letter which the secretary had sent out to the Trades and Labor Councils of Calgary, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat.

By Barber's Union.

The purport of this letter was to the effect that the early closing bill had been introduced into the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council by the barber's union. The legislative committee was empowered by the council to deal with the matter. The secretary's letter went on to say that the principles of the bill had been generally endorsed by the Edmonton council but pointed out that it was still under consideration. It was also stated that it would be introduced by the senior member for Edmonton, Hon. C. W. Cross. Acting on this letter the councils of these three cities passed motions endorsing the bill which was subsequently taken by the Alberta Trades and Labor Congress and presented at a meeting of delegates of this congress with the provincial cabinet several weeks ago. Secretary Clark was instructed to write this letter by the legislative committee.

The whole thing resolved itself into the question of whether the legislative committee had exceeded its powers in instructing the secretary to communicate with the other labor councils of Alberta before it had passed through the Edmonton council, and whether the secretary had exceeded his powers in writing such a letter.

Contended Should Report.

R. J. Knight and a number of other delegates claimed that the committee and the secretary had wrongfully arrogated authority to themselves in the matter. They contended that the committee should have reported to the council and embodied in their report the recommendations which they believed necessary.

While admitting that such was the constitutional mode of procedure the secretary and members of the committee present stated that owing to lack of time and the absolute necessity of hurrying the matter through so that the bill could be presented at the opening of the legislature it had been found necessary to deal with it in this manner.

The majority of the members present appeared to be heartily in accord with the action of the committee and secretary, believing that they had acted in good faith in the matter. However the house was fairly evenly divided and when R. J. Knight introduced a motion to censure the secretary and members of the legislative committee and calling for their resignations, some nasty personalities were indulged in. This motion was finally withdrawn by its mover and one substituted, calling merely for a vote of censure. This was voted down in the stormy moments preceding the breaking up of the meeting.

The exact text of Mr. Knight's motion was as follows: "That this council pass a vote of censure upon secretary T. H. Clark and the members of the legislative committee for using their offices in such a manner as to allow certain politicians to make political capital of this council."

Provision For Wage Earners

It was the mover's contention, together with others who supported him, that the bill was entirely inadequate in its provisions for the wage-earners. The bill was not read over and consequently the majority of the members of the council were in the dark as to its text. It was pointed out, however, that it had been heartily endorsed by the barber's union in whose interests it had been framed. The bill as presented to the Alberta legislative assembly was taken from the act in force in Great Britain.

The matter was brought up early in the evening but was laid over until later in the evening to be brought up under new business. When the chairman reached this order of business the council was moved into committee of the whole and Harry Clark voted to the chair. It was at this stage in the proceedings that the real excitement of the evening was reached. Motions, amendments and amendments to the amendment were flying across the floor. Members continually rose to points of order and points of information until the chairman finally vacated the chair and refused to return. He was finally persuaded to return after the meeting had been continuing for some time without a chairman.

When the meeting finally broke up

Hamilton, Dec. 18—Alex Poilington, 388 Jackson street, west, met an awful death at noon today, when his head was almost severed from the body as the result of being run over by the wheels of a dray from which he was jolted. The estimated weight of the load at the time was four tons.

St. Thomas, Dec. 18—There is an outbreak of diptheria of a very serious type at Springfield near here. All the Sunday schools, public schools and high schools are closed and all Christmas entertainments are called off.

the question was in somewhat of a chaotic condition and nobody appeared to know just exactly where things stood. It is probable that the matter will again be brought up at the council's next regular meeting.

The question outlined above monopolized practically the whole evening and the council had very little opportunity to discuss other questions as a result.

F. Blake's amendment to the constitution calling for the exclusion of the press from all meetings of the council came up for its final reading last night. At the meeting held two weeks ago the resolution received its first reading and was carried by a majority of the members. At last night's meeting it failed to carry. This disposes of the question unless it is again introduced at some future meeting and consequently the press of Edmonton will be admitted to all meetings of the Trades and Labor council.

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