

LIQUOR BY-LAW IS RATIFIED

SPIRITED DISCUSSION AT TUESDAY'S MEETING

City Council by a Vote of 6 to 5 Declares Measure One in Interests of Victoria

The motion to strike out that clause in the Liquor Bylaw which places hotels and restaurants on the same basis as saloons in respect to the sale of liquor in restricted hours was defeated at Tuesday's meeting of the City Council by a vote of six to five, as follows: For—Aldermen Sargison, Langley, Ross, Mable and Bishop; against—Mayor Morley, Aldermen Humber, Bannerman and Wilson.

The motion was reached after a spirited debate between the members of a delegation of citizens opposing the bylaw and other citizens representing temperance reform. On the one hand it was contended that a grievous injury would be worked to the city if any measure were enacted which would restrict the liberty of the stranger within the gates, and on the other, that every opportunity should be seized by the City Council to restrict the sale of liquor in Victoria.

On Ald. Sargison's motion that the bylaw be reconsidered being taken up, that alderman endeavored to make a statement, but was reminded by the mayor that no debate could be held on the bylaw until the vote to reconsider had been put.

Ald. Fullerton moved that the bylaw be referred back to the Health and Morals Committee.

Ald. Raymond seconded the motion, expressing the opinion that it was only courtesy that the body which framed the bylaw should be asked to reconsider it.

The mayor declared the motion out of order, appealing to the city solicitor, who advised that the proper procedure was for the Council to go into committee of the whole to reconsider the bylaw.

Mayor Morley expressed the opinion that there was no reason why the bylaw should be reconsidered. He disputed the statement of the city solicitor that the procedure had been faulty when the measure had been finally passed. The solicitor had been instructed to correct certain clerical errors on the second reading, but that was all.

Ald. Sargison contended that he had a distinct recollection that it had been agreed to postpone final action until the solicitor had been asked to approve of the wording of certain clauses.

Mayor Morley denied that this was the case, and in any event the Council could only be guided by the record on the minute book. He asked the city clerk to read the same, which the latter did, sustaining the position of his worship.

Ald. Langley complained of the bylaw having been rushed through at a special meeting when two of the aldermen had been absent. He condemned this course.

Mayor Morley denied that it had been rushed through at a special meeting. The session was one regularly called.

To this Ald. Langley retorted that it could not be denied that the meeting had been called for a special purpose of dealing with the question of locating the high school at Spring Ridge.

The motion to reconsider, made by Ald. Sargison, was then put and carried.

Ald. Langley went into the merits of the measure. In his opinion it was not a measure of reform but an attempt to put the whole city in a state of alarm. He could not give the framers of it his much credit for sincerity. But in any event there was no demand in Victoria for this legislation, nor any need for it. If its provisions were enforced it would do the city no good, but result in a great deal of harm. He moved that clause 2, that dealing with restaurants and hotels, be struck out.

This was seconded by Ald. Sargison, who, in explanation of his asking for reconsideration, said he had been amazed that the measure should have been rushed through at a special session. He had been informed by a number of the aldermen after that meeting that while they had voted for it they knew it was a piece of foolishness.

At this point there was a spirited discussion as to whether the Council had time to hear any statements from those present in opposition to the measure, and it was finally decided that if those in the hall opposed to the measure were allowed to speak, those in favor of it should be heard also.

Thereupon J. H. Lawson, Jr., of the firm of Bodwell & Lawson, was heard. He announced that he represented the C. P. R., who objected to the bylaw as it would work an injury to the interests of the Empress hotel. He was of the opinion that there was no need for such a measure, the criminal record of the city did not warrant it. It would be very harmful to the patronage of the Empress hotel. It was an absurd thing to spend a great deal of money to bring people here and then to say to them that they may not have liquors at their meals in the same manner as they had been accustomed to at home. The Empress liked to offer its guests the best of what the city had to offer.

A. P. Luxton, K. C., said the measure would work a great hardship to the travelling public. Why spend money to bring tourists here and then curtail their liberties while in the city? He cited the case of Seattle, where a similar law had been in force last year. The net effect was to induce people to enter into conspiracy with the proprietors to defeat the law as liquor was served in tea-cups. He believed that if a plebiscite were taken the measure would be overwhelmingly defeated.

Ex-mayor C. E. Redfern thought the measure a most unwise one, an infringement on the liberties of the people. He quoted from the Provincial act to show that the city was not com-

the measure were then given an opportunity to speak. J. Donald said it was a mistake to say that people of Victoria were opposed to the bylaw. The recent plebiscite had shown that Victoria, by a majority of 600, was in favor of local option. There was too much of a disposition to curry favor with the tourists. Victoria could get along without them, and the Council should give consideration to the interests of the working classes, many members of which were being injured by the drink traffic.

Brief speeches in defence of the measure were also made by Rev. Dr. Campbell and Alex. Wilson. The latter cited the number of drunks in the police court on a Monday morning as evidence that it was necessary to restrict the privileges of hotels and restaurants.

The city solicitor, being appealed to as to whether the bylaw could be enforced if passed, said he had some doubts about it, as the prior procedure had not, in his opinion, been followed.

J. E. Wilson made a few remarks in opposition to the measure and thereupon the vote was taken, with the result recorded above.

COUNTY OFFICERS BLOCK TRAFFIC

CARS STOPPED IN STREETS OF SEATTLE

Number of Lines Idle for Hours Owing to Dispute Regarding Payment of Taxes

Seattle, Wash., May 11.—County Treasurer Gormley and a corps of deputies seized the Cedar street car barn this forenoon as part security on the disputed \$167,000 personal taxes owed the county by the Seattle Electric Company.

A few minutes later deputies stopped a north Queen Anne car, climbing the Queen Anne hill, routed the motorman and conductor and blocked traffic on that line. The treasurer then headed for downtown Seattle.

The street car company was given until 8 o'clock this morning to pay the taxes, but completely ignored the treasurer's ultimatum.

After trying the street car service for one-fourth of the city, including the Queen Anne lines, Fort Lawton line, Ballard lines and feeders, the warring county officials and the Seattle Electric Company declared a truce at two o'clock this afternoon, and the cars began running again on the blocked streets.

Within an hour after the start this morning six lines had been stopped and the cars were lined up for blocks. Passengers were routed from the cars and walked the rest of the way down town.

Two hours later James B. Howe, attorney for the Seattle Electric Company, hurried up to the centre of operations in a motor car and offered to pay the taxes and cost of seizure.

County Treasurer Gormley demanded the interest on the taxes as well. Howe refused and Gormley ordered his deputies to continue.

Through the efforts of Prosecuting Attorney Vandever, Gormley and Howe later adjourned to Vandever's office, where conference was held. The prosecuting attorney has inclined to side with the company that the law did not require the company to pay interest.

At 1 o'clock they decided to put the question up to Attorney-General Bell at Olympia and declare a truce for two hours. Attorney Howe deposited a certified cheque for the \$167,000 in taxes and the cost of seizure, and Attorney-General Bell was called over the long distance telephone.

If he decides in favor of the company, Treasurer Gormley will accept the Seattle Electric Company's cheque, and the question will have been settled for good. If Bell decides in favor of the county, Gormley will tie up the entire system and keep the tracks blocked until the company makes a complete surrender.

CITY'S OFFER TO SCHOOL BOARD

COUNCIL PROPOSITION RE HIGH SCHOOL SITE

Willing to Give Corporation Lots and Sum of \$7,500 Towards the Cost

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

By a majority vote the City Council at last evening's meeting decided to make an offer to the School Board to co-operate in the matter of securing a site for the new high school at Spring Ridge, and the same will be considered at a meeting of the City School Board to be held this evening. This offer sets out that not only will the city give the corporation property in that section of the city but will also provide the sum of \$7,500 additional to complete the purchase of the site, over and above the \$25,000 which the School Board has set aside for the purpose.

The special committee of the Council, which has had the matter in hand for some time, submitted the following report:

"Your committee are of opinion that the site in Spring Ridge which was discussed at a meeting called to consider same on the 4th inst., is a very suitable location for the proposed high school, and that the location of the high school would effectively remove the complaint and grievance that has existed among the property owners and residents in that locality for so many years on account of the removal of sand and gravel and filling in large quantities, thereby causing deep pits, to the depreciation of the value of surrounding property, and of property in that vicinity generally.

"Your committee therefore recommend that the Board of School Trustees be informed that in order to have the high school proposed located at Spring Ridge, the Council is willing to submit a bylaw to the electors for their consent to the utilization of the property owned by the city in that district as a site for the said school, and the city is willing to provide the sum of \$7,500 additional to complete the purchase of the site over and above the \$25,000 which, your committee are informed, the Board has set aside for the purchase."

Mayor Morley was plainly indisposed to let the report go through, and he asked Ald. Bannerman, chairman of the committee, if he had thought about how to raise the additional \$7,500.

Ald. Bannerman said the committee thought this amount could come out of general revenue.

Mayor Morley—Yes, that's all right; but have you got it to spare?

Ald. Bannerman—Oh, I think we can find it all right.

Mayor Morley—I think you should go carefully in touching the revenue.

Ald. Bannerman—If needs be we can take it from the amount we have saved on the repairs which we thought would be required on the Smith's Hill reservoir. (Laughter.)

Mayor Morley—Now I think you

C. P. R. DIRECTORS

Sir T. Shaughnessy Succeeds Sir W. Van Horne as Chairman

Montreal, May 11.—At the meeting of the Canadian Pacific Railway directors yesterday R. Greedman, general counsel of the company, was elected to the board, replacing the late Sir George Drummond. The resignation of Sir William Van Horne as chairman of the board was also accepted, and Sir Thos. Shaughnessy was appointed to the position.

TWO BALLOONISTS SUSTAIN INJURIES

Big Airship Falls Several Hundred Feet—One of Victims May Not Recover

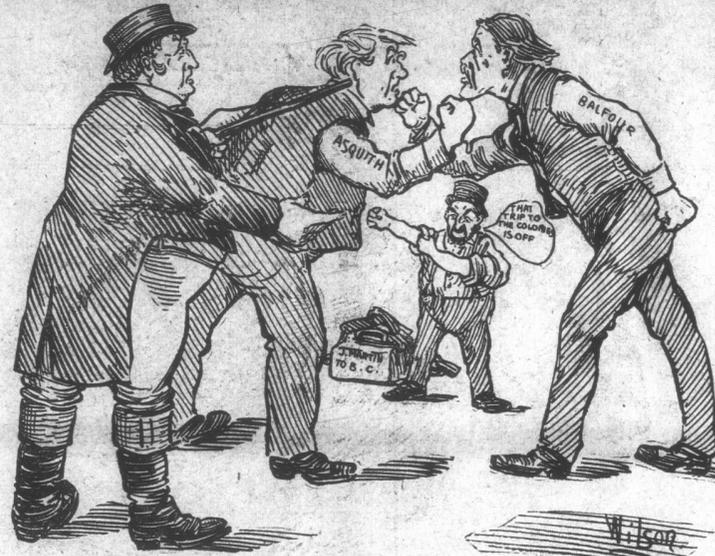
Glasgow, Ky., May 11.—J. C. Yates and A. Holland Forbes were both injured when the balloon Viking fell to the ground from a distance of several hundred feet. Yates is not expected to recover. Forbes is so badly injured that he cannot be moved from the farm house near Centre, 20 miles from where the accident occurred. It is not yet known how severe his injuries are.

Farmers who saw the balloon fall declare another smaller balloon fell in the same vicinity shortly before. The country to-day is being searched for the smaller gas bag. The balloon had a capacity of 81,000 cubic feet.

Yates is an astronomer. Forbes is the holder of the Lahm cup for long distance balloon flights.

PARKS BY-LAW REJECTED

Calgary, May 11.—The parks by-law calling for \$125,000 expenditure was yesterday turned down by the ratepayers, while the by-law for the ex-



JOHN BULL—"Peace! Peace! A truce to strife until our dead is buried."

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QUEEN MOTHER IS INDISPOSED

PHYSICIANS' STATEMENT DO NOT ALLAY ANXIETY

King George is Personally Arranging Details of Late Ruler's Funeral

London, May 11.—The eagerness of the royal physicians in denying that the queen mother is in poor health leads to the belief here to-day that she is seriously ill.

Fears are expressed that King George also is overtaking his strength. The King has averaged four hours sleep a night since the death of King Edward. The new King is occupied in attempting to straighten the work left unfinished by his father, and is, also, personally arranging most of the details of the late King's funeral.

Roosevelt Will Attend Funeral.

Washington, D. C., May 11.—President Taft to-day appointed former President Roosevelt special representative of the United States to attend the funeral of King Edward. Roosevelt has accepted.

Services at Calgary.

(Special to the Times.)

Calgary, May 11.—The Calgary school children will be given a holiday to attend the funeral services of the dead monarch.

COLD WAVE IS SWEEPING OVER FRANCE

'WHITE SLAVE' TRADE

United States Congress Will Take Steps to Suppress Traffic

Washington, D. C., May 10.—Exposure by the government officers in New York of a flourishing "white slave" trade throughout the country assures the passage of a new anti-slavery law, according to politicians here. The legislation will probably make the "trade" across state lines extremely hazardous for the slavers.

Already congress has passed an excellent law respecting the importation of alien women. This has been supplemented by the introduction of a measure by Mann, of Illinois, providing imprisonment upon conviction for interstate trafficking in women. Should the bill be under 18, the measure provides a fine of \$10,000 and ten years' imprisonment.

The bill passed the House in January and is now in the hands of the committee of the senate committee on immigration.

Members of the committee said to-day that the bill will be reported to the senate favorably, and was almost certain to pass.

SMITH'S FALLS, ONT. MAY 11.—Weedmark, a confessed wife murderer, was arraigned before Police Magistrate Sparling in the town hall on the charge of murder. The evidence of Mrs. Summers and Hogan was positive as to the cause of the woman's death. They both swore that it was the result of strangulation caused by throttling. Weedmark was committed to jail.

ALBERTA EXHIBITION

Calgary, May 11.—Manager Richardson of the Calgary Exhibition Company, announced that all the space in the industrial building for the coming exhibition has been disposed of and that he has enough applications in to fill another building of equal size. The Caladonia football club discussed a letter received from Parker ordering them to play the Celtics of Vancouver, at Vancouver, for the Shield and championship for 1909. The members decided that they would not replay for the 1909 championship under any conditions, but will defend it for 1910 if necessary.

DIES AT AGE OF 103

St. Thomas, Ont., May 11.—Perhaps the oldest resident of Western Ontario, died at Tilsonburg in the person of Mrs. Margaret Mahoney, at the age of 103 years. The old lady could boast the unusual distinction of having lived during the reign of six successive sovereigns.

WATER WORKS AND ENGINEER

COUNCIL WANTS LATTER TO HAVE FULL CHARGE

Incident of Tuesday Night's Meeting of Council Indicates That Friction Has Developed

Though the City Council, at recent sessions went to some pains to re-define the respective duties of the city engineer and the water commissioner some difficulty has arisen in getting the new system in working operation. This was made clear at Tuesday's meeting of the Council, when a report was received from the water commissioner, which several members thought ought to have been sent in by the city engineer. As a result of the discussion which ensued the water service was referred to the city engineer for report.

The matter arose in this way. James L. Raymur, in his capacity as water commissioner, forwarded a letter in which he made certain recommendations as to the laying of water services on Hamilton and Rosebery streets and on Prior street.

Ald. Bannerman wanted to know who the letter was signed by.

The mayor informed him that it was signed by Mr. Raymur, whereupon Ald. Bannerman expressed the opinion that this was strange, in view of the fact that the City Council, by order had expressly stated that all works of an engineering character must be reported on by the city engineer.

Fullerton agreed with Ald. Bannerman on this point and, continuing, said that Prior street was being treated in a most unfair manner by somebody. On the street mentioned, which has not yet had the water service, vines have been lying for a long time, and yet other streets of the city, which have already a service, are getting additional pipes.

Mayor Morley also believed that there was a discrepancy in procedure in the letter having been sent in by Mr. Raymur. He advised that the Council send it to the city engineer for report.

Ald. Bannerman made a motion to this effect, which was carried.

Mayor Morley announced that the Ottawa government had asked him to have a plan prepared for the proposed sub-divisions on the Songhees reserve, in the event of that piece of land being thrown open. The city engineer was instructed to have the plan ready for presentation at the next meeting of the Streets Committee.

The city engineer reported that the petition for improvements on Dallas road was in order, and that the necessary bylaw might be prepared.

The mayor's resolution re horse racing, as follows, was passed unanimously: "That on account of the race meeting held in this city being distinctly adverse to the interests of the city, the City Council hereby refuse to sanction the holding of a race meet or meetings in 1910, except and until due application has been made to the City Council and consent obtained as required by the Public Morals bylaw and amendments thereto, and that due notice be given and any further steps be taken that may be necessary to enforce the intention of the resolution."

Dealing with a communication from the Country Club, another resolution was passed to the effect that the city acknowledge no liability for the maintenance of the improvements made to the track at the grounds of the Country Club.

IS VICTORIA'S GROWING TIME

UNPRECEDENTED ACTIVITY SEEN ON EVERY HAND

Present Season One of Busiest in History of City and Future Rosy With Promise

That this is Victoria's Growing Time, all who have eyes to see and ears to hear need not be told these days—for with a roar like that of artillery, rocks are being blasted for building sites in all directions; a great dredger is deepening the harbor for wharf extensions, and the sound of the carpenter's hammer and the mason's trowel is heard on every hand. It is unquestionably correct to say that never before in the history of Victoria has there been such marked activity towards the upbuilding of a larger and greater city—and the future is rosy with promise. The sawmills—some of which are running night and day—have more orders than they can conveniently handle; the architects are preparing plans for new structures; the contractors have work planned for months to come, and the whole city is "on the move."

To mention a few of the larger enterprises now under way, there are the wharves, warehouses and office buildings for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, the new wing of the Empress hotel, the handsome new home for the Times, the big wing to the St. Ann's convent, the Sayward block, the E. M. C. A. building, the Chinese block on Lower Government street, the new block for the Royal Bank of Canada, and another for the Bank of Commerce—and the list is quite incomplete, for there are some dozens of smaller structures which might properly be included in this hasty survey of present activity.

An incident in the development, and progress of the city which may properly be mentioned here is the removal of the dozen or more buildings at the rear of the legislative buildings, which will thus give the government the use of the whole block as a site for the handsome pile which graces James Bay. When these buildings have been removed a scheme for the enlargement of the buildings and for the beautification of the grounds will be undertaken.

It must be remembered also that the corporation is carrying on civic works this year on a larger scale than in any previous season in the history of the city. Such large works of local improvement are planned that it is estimated that at the height of the season this year over one thousand men will be employed.

FAVOR CUSHING AS PREMIER OF ALBERTA

Calgary Liberal Association Urges That Former Minister Be Called Upon

(Special to the Times.)

Calgary, May 11.—At a meeting of the Calgary Liberal executive held here last night the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved by the Executive of the Calgary Liberal Association, that in the opinion of the committee Hon. W. H. Cushing should be called upon to form a government in this province."

NEW MODERATOR.

Toronto, May 11.—The Presbyterian synod of Toronto and Kingston last night elected Rev. J. A. Turnbull, of Toronto, as moderator.

RAILWAY EARNINGS.

Montreal, May 11.—C. P. R. earnings

FOREST FIRES THREATEN TOWNS

HEAVY PROPERTY LOSS IS REPORTED

Hundreds of Square Miles in Wisconsin and Minnesota Swept by Flames

(Times Leased Wire.)

St. Paul, May 11.—Forest fires and sweeping northwestern Minnesota and central Wisconsin threatened with destruction by the flaming winds. The known loss is heavy and reports indicate that efforts to quench the flames are not proving successful.

The reports indicate that an area of more than 500 square miles is either fire swept or threatened.

Heavy smoke hangs over the waters of Lake Superior, and heat in the fire zone is terrific.

The southern half of the town of Moline, has been destroyed by a forest fire according to dispatches received here to-day. The town has been abandoned and its inhabitants are fleeing for safety.

Trading Post in Danger.

Duluth, Minn., May 11.—Grand Marais, on the north shore of Lake Superior, is directly in the path of a raging forest fire, according to a wireless message received shortly after midnight. After sending an appeal for aid, the operator at Grand Marais left his station. It is feared he was driven away by the approaching flames.

Grand Marais is a trading post and one of the most important settlements in the area. Preparations are being made to send a relief boat there from this city.

Although every effort has been made to communicate with Grand Marais, no message has been received from it and it is feared here that the town may have been destroyed. Grand Marais has about 200 inhabitants.

Altona, Wis., May 11.—The town of Altona, which was threatened with destruction by forest fires, was saved from the flames to-day after a 48-hour battle.

Reports here indicate that the fire situation is improving everywhere except in the Pilgrim River district.

Fires Feared in Ontario.

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, May 11.—Unless there is rain soon, and heavy rain the woods of northern Ontario are in serious danger from forest fires. Such was the report of Donald Sutherland, provincial director of colonization, who returned from the north yesterday.

MAD DOG ATTACKS SHEEP AND CATTLE

Farmers in Neighborhood of Denfield, Ont., Suffer Loss Through Ravages of Animal

(Special to the Times.)

Strathroy, Ont., May 11.—By the ravages of a mad dog farmers in the neighborhood of Denfield are losing a large number of sheep and cattle. The dog was owned in the city of Stratford, Ontario, and was taken to the distance of 40 miles between the two places in little more than a day. A flock of nine sheep owned by John Pemberton developed symptoms of rabies and was killed. Later several other sheep belonging to the same man went mad and had to be killed.

(From Tuesday.)

At the spring assize to-day with Mr. Justice the bench, the grand jury returned a verdict in a case charged with Alexander Forfar by the coroner. In opening the case Morrison referred to Edward and said: "It is fitting that the existence of such a criminal, who is a British subject, and especially by the British royal family, should be brought to the attention of the public. The jury is charged with the duty of returning a verdict in this case, and it is the duty of the public to be informed of the facts of the case. In informing the public of the facts of the case, the jury is performing a duty which is of the highest importance. The public should be informed of the facts of the case, and the jury should return a verdict which is in accordance with the facts of the case. The jury is charged with the duty of returning a verdict in this case, and it is the duty of the public to be informed of the facts of the case. 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