

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 matter in the hands of the people. 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 curtail 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 effectually 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."

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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

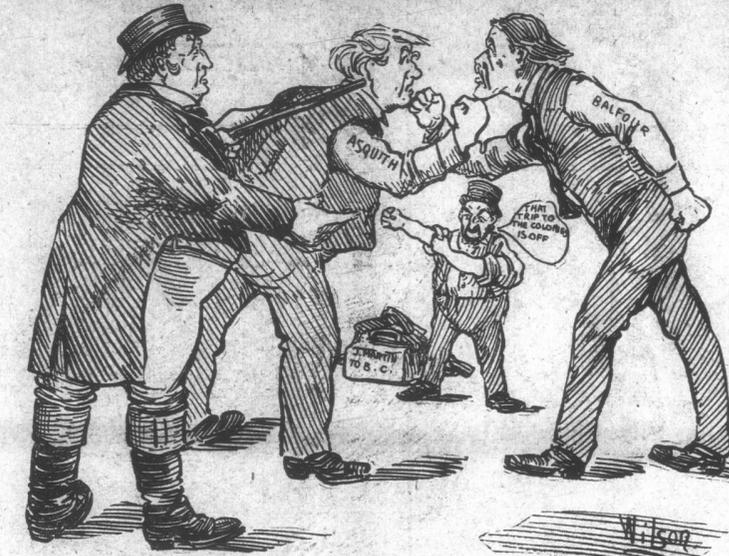
Glasgow, Ky., May 11.—J. C. Yates and A. Holland Forbes were both injured when the balloon Viking fell to the ground from a distance of several hundred feet. Yates is not expected to recover. Forbes is so badly injured that he cannot be moved from the farm house near Centre, 20 miles from where the accident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

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(Times Leased Wire.)

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.)

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Paris, France, May 11.—A severe cold spell is sweeping over France. Heavy snowstorms are reported throughout the country, accompanied by thunderstorms. Great property damage has been done and many cattle have died. Spring crops are seriously menaced.

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.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

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 for trial.

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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 raising, 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.

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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.

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