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THREE BY-LAWS ARE IMPORTANT

OUTLOOK FOR THE VOTE ON THURSDAY

School By-Law Likely to Be Only One to Carry.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The three by-laws which are to be voted on Thursday are among the most important which have ever been submitted to the judgment of the ratepayers of Victoria. There are three by-laws—one to enable the corporation to raise the sum of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of bringing water to the city from Sooke lake; one empowering the corporation to grant to the People's Opera House Company a free site for a theatre, and one to most all are in respect to public school purposes.

In respect to the Sooke lake by-law the conviction is general that it will be rejected by a very large majority. It is felt that it has been possible to forecast the fate of a by-law with such certainty as in this case. From the moment of its introduction in the city council, it has been doomed to defeat. If one may judge of the opinion expressed by citizens of all classes who have spoken about it. A few days ago the Times, in an attempt to ascertain public opinion on this measure, interviewed a number of leading citizens. They were chosen haphazardly, but in every instance they replied that they were opposed to having the by-law submitted at this juncture.

There is no difference of opinion, apparently, that Sooke lake must be chosen ultimately as the source of the water supply for the city of Victoria; but while this is so, no one would care to have the money spent on a project which is not the time to ask the ratepayers to vote such a huge sum. It is contended that so important a scheme should be gone into very carefully by the engineering staff, and all the necessary facts placed before the council in the first instance, and later before the public, so that the line may form an opinion as to how it is proposed to spend the money and what guarantee there is that the project is one within the financial resources of the city.

It is contended again that it is unfair to ask that this large sum of money should be voted at a time when no one knows the personnel of who are to compose the next council; that a by-law should be submitted at a later date, when the new board has assumed office.

Those supporting the by-law—and they are led by Aid. Henderson, who is a candidate for the majority—argue that there is no force in the contention that it is improper to ask for the money before the new council takes office. They say that the little money to be spent this year on the project, and that the expenditure will extend over several years. They say, again, that it is highly important to the interests of the city that steps should be taken at once to proclaim to all the world that Victoria has a definite policy for waterworks improvements, and that the passage of the by-law is the best way to refute the charge to the contrary—a charge, which, they say, is working to the detriment of the city.

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LAST ROUNDS IN CIVIC FIGHT

ALL CANDIDATES NOW IN FIELD

Campaign This Year a Unique One in Many Respects.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The municipal campaign has now entered upon its last and final stage, the various candidates having been duly nominated to-day at noon, and nothing further remains but for the electorate to register their judgment at the polls on Thursday next.

The campaign has been a remarkable one in a number of respects. Notwithstanding the fact that everyone is agreed that never in the history of the city has there been a greater need of securing the services of a number of men of undoubted strength and ability to administer the affairs of the corporation, there has been an astounding display upon the part of the general public in the election. There has been little or no excitement. The various meetings which have been held thus far in the outlying districts have been a marked degree in comparison with previous years. In some quarters this is taken as a healthy sign, implying not that the people are satisfied that the city should continue on in the old rut, but that they are so busy with their own affairs in consequence of the rapid progress of the city that they have no time to "talk politics."

The campaign for the mayoralty has developed a number of unusual features. There has thus far been no public meeting in the centre of the city to hear the four candidates for the office of chief magistrate outline their views, nor has there been the usual street-crowd "caucuses" which have been a feature of previous elections where there was some show of interest and excitement. Then in respect to the aldermanic candidates—while tickets are fairly full in the various wards, the applicants for seats at the council board were unusually slow in coming out, and this has the effect of contributing to a lack of general interest.

The issues of the campaign, if there are any questions engaging public attention outside of the personnel of the candidates which can be so described, are the water question and the need of a more efficient administrative force at the city hall—but even these two questions have aroused but little public discussion.

Ald. Turner will close his campaign for the mayoralty with a great mass meeting at the Victoria theatre on Wednesday evening. To-morrow evening W. E. Oliver will hold his final meeting of the campaign, when he will speak at the A.O.U.W. hall. A full meeting of the general committee working in the interests of Mr. Oliver will be held this evening at the committee rooms.

SAYS PULPIT IS OBSOLETE.

Dr. Adler Declares Age is Practical and Men Want Visible Results.

New York, Jan. 10.—"Is the pulpit obsolete?" asked Dr. Adler, the lecturer and author, last night, and answered "Yes" to his own question.

"The falling off in church attendance," continued the speaker, "testifies to the failure of the pulpit. Formerly views on important subjects were headed by the clergy. Now we read that the best men are no longer going into the pulpit. The age is practical, and men want visible results. In turn, the influx of inferior men diminishes regard for the pulpit. Ordinary men are in the pulpit days men listened to preaching for nine hours at a stretch, now they will not stand for more than 25 minutes."



PERPLEXED!

CITY FINANCES FOR THE YEAR

STATEMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED THIS EVENING

Mayor Hall Says Practically No Deficit For Year 1909.

(From Monday's Daily.)

At this evening's meeting of the City Council, which, by the way, is the last meeting of the board as constituted for the year just closed, Mayor Hall will submit a statement showing the receipts and expenditures for the year. To the Times this morning the mayor said this statement would, he thought, prove very satisfactory. While incomplete to some extent in respect to detailed receipts and expenditures, the statement would prove a comprehensive summary of the city's transactions for the year 1909.

Mayor Hall said there would be a small deficit shown on the year's transactions—something in the neighborhood of \$4,000. But while this amount was shown on the wrong side of the ledger, it would also be shown that there is a sum of \$5,000 coming from the Dominion government for taxes on the old postoffice building, which amount was as good as in the city treasury, as the vouchers for the same had been put through by Hon. Wm. Templeman and Hon. Wm. Pugsley, with whom the matter had been taken up by the mayor some months ago.

When the sum of \$4,000 is due the city from the Oak Bay municipality. With these two amounts the deficit will be more than wiped out. In regard to the fall deficit, the mayor said this was not taken into calculation in the statement, which would be submitted this evening. This was a matter for the Agricultural Society to consider, and while, of course, the city would be called upon to make good the deficit, it would be more than protected in the possession of buildings which had been erected last year.

Mayor Hall also pointed out that the city was this year called upon to pay for school purposes the sum of \$10,000 out of general revenue this year, which is an abnormal and unusual liability. The city falls when making the assessment to ask for sufficient to meet the expenditure of the year. And, again, the rate of two mills has proved insufficient, and it would appear from the experience of last year and the manner in which the expenditure is growing that it may be necessary to increase the rate.

BOOTH SAYS END OF WORLD IS AT HAND

Founder of Salvation Army Declares Wicked Will Be Destroyed by Fire.

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Jan. 10.—Followers of Commander-in-Chief General Booth, of the Salvation Army, are considerably exercised to-day by his prediction that the end of the world by fire is close at hand.

In an address here yesterday the aged Salvationist declared that the nations of the earth are one in their prevailing wickedness, and that they are rushing forward, heedless of warnings of a Sodomitic nature.

The end of the world, he stated, is coming to the wicked, and that period of its history is fast approaching. Fire, not water, he prophesied, would work the end.

BRIGHT FUTURE FOR CANADA

HON. SYDNEY FISHER SPEAKS AT BOSTON

Time Coming When Dominion Will Furnish Food Consumed in States.

(Special to the Times.)

Boston, Jan. 10.—Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture for Canada, sees for the Dominion a rosate future, in which her great resources will have been developed, and she will chiefly furnish food consumed in the United States.

For the benefit of members of the Beacon Society here, he drew a verbal picture of the Dominion's future. Like the United States, he said, Canada has been wasting her natural resources, but has seen the folly of it and proposes to conserve them from now on. He professed to see ahead the time when the United States will have ceased, by reason of the congestion of people, to be the food-producing nation that she now is, but he assured his hearers, there need be no fear, as Canada will then be more than able to feed us all.

In illustrating the manner in which the great country to the north is developing her resources and moving towards her ideal, Mr. Fisher said that in ten years her products of agriculture have increased from \$100,000,000 to \$363,000,000, and she has as yet but touched the fringe of her possibilities. To keep up the standard of Minneapolis flour, he said, the American millers have to take the millions of bushels of No. 1 Northern wheat from Canada. The three provinces in the Northwest, he declared, can produce a billion bushels of wheat, or one and one-half times more than the whole United States produced last year. Last year, Mr. Fisher said, 30,000 Americans went across the border carrying with them \$5,000,000 to add to the wealth of Canada. He rather started his hearers when he said statistics showed that during the past five years 300,000 Americans have gone to Canada, taking with them \$200,000,000.

FREE TRADE ALONE CAN TAX FOREIGNERS

Chancellor of Exchequer Says It Lays World Under General Tribute—Liberals and Proposed Taxation of Food Stuffs

London, Jan. 10.—The peers concluded their campaign on Saturday night, having delivered 250 speeches. The Duke of Norfolk had a lively reception in Bristol. In his speech he inquired if it was tariff reform, a strong navy, or the House of Lords the meeting objected to, and received in reply "The Lords." He then answered that great improvements might be introduced into that chamber.

The Duke of Devonshire, speaking at Skipton, defended the hereditary principle.

Lords Stanhope and Mayo had noisy meetings at Southend and Hammsmith respectively.

Chancellor Speaks.

The fiery Chancellor of the Exchequer visited Plymouth and claimed to be a taxer of foreigners who, he declared, paid taxes in Great Britain. We sold \$251,000,000 worth of goods to foreigners, and not without making a profit. Our shipping yielded \$100,000,000 yearly, mostly paid by foreigners. He got his taxes from this profit, so who paid? Cries of "the foreigners."

Respecting export of capital, Lloyd George said: "We get from the foreigners in four ways. First, he paid a good commission in advance; second, the value for this went in goods, it was exchanged, and we got something for carrying the goods; fourth, we charged interest on the things we got ourselves. Thus we laid the world under general tribute."

There was no way of taxing the foreigner like free trade, he concluded.

Chamberlain's Message.

Austen Chamberlain addressed a great meeting in Birmingham and read a message from his father, who said: "Where Birmingham leads all England will follow."

Mr. Churchill, speaking at Loughborough, said that the Conservative party was a strong anti-Lords speech, maintaining that they were played out and obsolete.

Sir Edward Grey at Northam declared for a second chamber, unhereditary, representative and non-partisan. The seats polling next Saturday number 43 Liberals, 8 Labor and 17 Unionists.

Manchester, Eng., Jan. 10.—"It will probably make for mutual good if the people of Canada are told that the Liberals of England have never thought so meaningfully of you as to believe that the loyalty of the overseas Dominion would be sapped by the refusal on our part to tax foreign food supplies for your benefit. By some of the tariff reformers that has been represented as your attitude, but now that they themselves have been forced by revenue necessities to propose the taxation of colonial foodstuffs and manufacturers that now come to do these loyalty producing taxes."

The speaker was one of the leaders of Liberalism in the North of England, a publicist who has had many to do with the framing of progressive proposals.

grammes of the party in recent years. He is absolutely convinced that tariff reform, in its present form at any rate, is a losing cause, and that when it is beaten again the Free Trade wing of the Unionist party will reassert itself.

Greenwood's Fight in York.

York, Jan. 10.—One of the keenest fights in England is now being waged in this city, and both sides are making extraordinary efforts for victory.

Hamar Greenwood, the well known Canadian barrister, who has resided in England for some years, is senior member of the constituency, which is a double-barrelled one. Greenwood is a Liberal. The junior is J. C. Butcher, a Conservative.

Greenwood's running mate in this election is Arnold Rowntree, of the great chocolate manufacturing firm, employing 3,300 people in York. The second Conservative candidate, H. H. Rensley Smith, is a brewer, and the licensed trade has entered into the fight with its coat off.

Both Lloyd George and Balfour will speak here during the week.

On Saturday night while Greenwood was delivering a speech on the subject he was interrupted by one or two shouts of "Foreigner." Greenwood, amid ringing cheers, said he was proud to be a Canadian. The people of Canada were as good Britishers as if they had been born within the sight of Westminster Abbey.

After the meeting Greenwood said that the "Foreigner" cry was being regularly used against him by the Conservative canvassers, who in the next breath want to bind the Empire more closely.

The Liberals anticipated a particularly stiff fight in York this election, but are hopeful of the outcome. "This city is a great centre of church influence, and I believe the fact that its wardens voted in the Lords for the budget" is a strong Conservative. Yorkshire seems to be more susceptible to protectionist arguments than Lancashire, but will undoubtedly give a Liberal majority.

Meeting Favors Conservatives.

London, Jan. 10.—Odds of five to four that the Conservatives will be successful in the coming elections were offered in the Stock Exchange to-day. This is the first time since the beginning of the campaign the Conservatives have ruled favorites in the betting.

Prior to the Christmas holidays the Liberals were 11 to 4 favorites. This change in public opinion apparently is the result of activities in the Conservative campaign orators, who have argued incessantly the efficacy of protection to diminish the number of unemployed.

The King signed the formal decree dissolving parliament. Immediately afterward the writs for the election were issued.

In several boroughs, the elections that will decide the fate of the House of Lords, will be held next Saturday. The heaviest vote in the history of the country is anticipated.

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BRAKEMEN MUST WORK ON THE TOP OF CARS

Chairman of the Railway Commission Announces Decision.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—After hearing representations by Canadian and American railways, operating in Canada, against the going away with brakemen on the top of freight cars, Chairman Mabee, of the railway commission, this morning decided that the present conditions would not be changed and brakemen will continue to perform their duties on the top of freight cars.

The question of the provision of shelter at flag stations was also up for consideration.

BASEBALL COMMISSION.

Meeting in Cincinnati to Select Man to Direct Affairs.

Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—The national baseball commission convenes in this city to-day. The commission will vote on a man to direct its affairs during the coming year. It is thought in baseball circles that Grey Hermann will be re-elected.

John Kling, the Chicago National League player, who was suspended for a violation of his contract when he failed to appear for practice last spring, after he had been refused a higher salary, will apparently not re-enter organized ball, as his application has not yet been received.

Vancouver's Manager.

Vancouver, Jan. 5.—Victor Lord, part owner of the Vancouver team in the Northwestern League, announced this morning that Bob Brown, released yesterday by Spokane, had purchased a three-fifths interest in the club, and would manage next season's team. Brown is in Seattle and will come up here to-morrow.

Form No. 11 LAND ACT.

FORM OF NOTICE.

Range 1, Coast Land District.

Take notice that Murray C. Potts of Cranford Island, occupation, 7739, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the shore near the westerly end of Felix Bay, Call Creek, thence running easterly 30 chains along shoreline, thence to point of commencement.

Located Nov. 25th, 1909.

MURRAY CLARKE POTTS.

December 20th, 1909.

PLACE WANTED.—By a man willing to do ordinary janitor's work, look after animals, or make himself useful about kitchen, bachelor premises, preferred, town or country, at low wages for the winter. Box 996 Times.

IMPORTANT MILLMAN ON VISIT TO CITY

A. D. McRae Says Experiment With French-Canadian Settlers Proves Successful.

Among the visitors in the city at the present time is A. D. McRae, president and general manager of the Fraser River mills at Millside. These mills are among the largest in the world and with the deepening of the mouth of the river the trade at the mills will be very largely increased.

The Fraser River mills have the advantage of being in fresh water. This permits the holding of logs in water that is free from the ravages of the teredo, thus allowing logs to remain for a longer time in the water than is the case where the mills are on salt water.

Mr. McRae is in the city consulting with his partner, Col. A. D. Davidson, the land commissioner of the Canadian Northern railway. The latter is heavily interested in the mill, and has recently made a number of families from Quebec promise to supply work at the mills.

It was made that these men might settle upon property subdivided for the purpose close to the mills. Mr. McRae says that these French Canadians are giving good satisfaction and seem to be pleased with the new home. They are building a church and have a model priest who is taking a deep interest in their welfare and doing much to make the mill workers enjoy their new environment. He is in very well satisfied with the experiment and believes that these Canadians will be eminently satisfactory as workers and settlers.

GOES TO MICHIGAN.

Winnipeg, Jan. 10.—Premier Roblin, who has been suffering from muscular rheumatism for some time, left for Mount Cleghorn, Mich., to-day to take his baths.

NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH IN FLAMES

Several Persons Have Exciting Experiences During Fire at Portland.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 10.—A fire of unknown origin early to-day destroyed the Coos Bay building at the old Lewis & Clark fair grounds, causing a loss of about \$48,000. It started in the Coos Bay building, but soon spread to the next room to his workshop. He was awakened by the explosion in his films and found the room filled with smoke. He immediately turned in alarms.

In the same building were John Ferris, wife and two children. Ferris is proprietor of a restaurant in the building. Hastily awakening his family all made their way through the smoke to safety, but their clothing and all their effects were burned.

Three women were sleeping in the Oregon building, Florence Chase Currier, who has a craftman studio in the building, Miss Denny and Miss Osborne, her cousins. They escaped with their clothing but the studio is a wreck.

HOSPITAL DESTROYED BY CAVING IN OF MINE

Building Has Entirely Disappeared—Seven Persons Lose Their Lives.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Vienna, Jan. 10.—Seven persons perished when a hospital building at Rabi, in Corinthia, was engulfed by the sudden caving-in of an abandoned mine, according to news received here to-day. Not a vestige of the hospital remains. The victims of the cave-in were inmates of the hospital and included Surgeon Westly and his family.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Man Shoots Wife in Presence of Children and Ends His Own Life.

Martinez, Cal., Jan. 10.—The bodies of Louis Lincoln, a plumber, and his wife lie dead side by side from the effects of a bullet he directed into his body after he had shot and killed his wife in the presence of their three children.

He recently served a term in the county jail here, following his conviction on a charge of battery brought by Mrs. Lincoln. While he was in prison Mrs. Lincoln secured a divorce, which is supposed to have been responsible for the tragedy.

VILLAGE DOOMED.

Is Being Slowly Moved by Landslide. Inhabitants Seek Safety in Flight.

Parma, Italy, Jan. 10.—On the hills between Parma and Piacenza an immense landslide is slowly moving. It is two miles in length, half a mile wide and its depth is estimated at 75 feet. On top of the slide is the village of Scopola, recently occupied by 1,000 people. The village is doomed to destruction and the inhabitants have abandoned it.

WILL ENLARGE FLOUR MILLS.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Jan. 10.—The Western Canada Flour Mills are planning extensive additions and improvements to their big flour mills at St. Boniface.

KILLS THREE.

Ballinger, Tex., Jan. 10.—B. Kimbler, living in the northern part of this city, killed his wife, six-year-old son and three-year-old daughter, seriously injured his niece, aged 20, and ended his own life by cutting his throat yesterday. Kimbler had been in bad health.

THREE KILLED IN RAILWAY WRECK

Switch Engine Dashes Into Pullman Attached to Passenger Train.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Shreveport, La., Jan. 10.—Three persons were killed and one badly injured as a result of a collision at midnight in the Texas & Pacific freight yards between a switch engine and train No. 83, westbound.

The dead are: John Cornwell, conductor; Percy Barrish, switchman; Miss Evans, a passenger. Boyce, La.

The fatally injured are: John Brandon, porter on the Pullman car.

The passenger train was backing through the yards when the switch engine, hurrying to get out of the way of another passenger train then due, crashed into the rear Pullman car. Conductor Cornwell and Miss Evans were standing in the rear platform of the Pullman when the switch engine struck it and were buried beneath the debris. Switchman Parrish was in the rear footboard of the engine and was knocked off by the crash, the rebound of the engine having caught and crushed him.

COAL DISCOVERED NEAR REGINA

Regina, Sask., Jan. 10.—Immense coal deposits have been discovered in township 12, range 24, thirty-two miles southwest of Regina. The land is filed on.

MARCONI STATION AT GLACE BAY

Wireless Wizard Will Supervise Installation of New Apparatus.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Jan. 10.—William Marconi has arranged to sail for Canada on January 12 to supervise the installation of his new trans-Atlantic apparatus at Glace Bay in place of that destroyed by fire. The station at Clifden, on the Irish coast, has been re-equipped and Marconi is confidently looking forward to the resumption of trans-Atlantic wireless services in the course of next month. The experience in the actual working of his system before the destruction of the Glace Bay apparatus has given occasion for valuable observation which will be utilized in the re-equipment of both the Irish and Canadian stations.

WINNIPEG DEATH RATE.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Jan. 10.—According to the registration of births and deaths in city clerk's office during 1909 there were 1,561 deaths in the year and 3,898 births. The death rate per one thousand of population and taking the population of Winnipeg as 122,353 the latest estimate submitted by the city assessor, is 12.7 for 1909, as against 12.01 for 1908. The birth rate per one thousand of population in 1909 is 31.8, as against 31.6.

JOINS SHAMROCKS.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Jan. 10.—Grady Forrester, one of Winnipeg's star hockey players, leaves for Montreal to-day and it is said will appear on the line-up of the Shamrocks of that city.