INFORMATION IS SOUGHT FOR

By "Canadian" Relative to the Amount of Taxes Paid

By the Leading Partisipants in Last Nights Meeting - He Asks Plain Questions.

Editor Nugget:

While reading the report of the meeting at Pioneer hall last evening the personnel of those prominent at the meeting struck me, and I thought I would ask you—knowing how good natured you are—could you ascertain for the information of the interested public how much taxes the movers and seconders of the various resolutions pay. Take A. J. McFarlane, M. H. Boulais, D. C. McKenzie, Barney Sugrue and his running mate of the Forks, Jas. McKinnon, G. Soule, Dr. A. Thompson, Col. MacGregor and Mr. Gillis; I candidly confess that I believe any one of the First avenue or Second avenue merchants pay as much as all these gentlemen combined, and not unnaturally the question arises in my mind, Is it not for the loaves and fishes to be obtained from the incorporation that these men are so anxious to have the town incorporated?

That it is going to be easy to get desirable men to accept office, give a great deal of time and perform a lot of work gratuitously merely to find jobs for a lot of people who do not like hard work is a foregone conclusion.

From what I can learn Dan Matheson's slate for mayor and council is pretty well smashed—hardly the frame left.

Last night's meeting shows that the men with large investments have neither time nor inclination to attend to civic matters and rather than trust our fortunes to a lot of men who if the taxes were doubled would only pay what they are paying now—nothing—the taxpayers had better leave it in the hands of an appointed commission.

If Gov. Ross has the appointing of the commission we know that they will be responsible men. If we try the commission and it does not satisfy the city, we can then try incorporation, but once incorporated we will have to "stay put."

CANADIAN.

RABIES PREVAIL

"Englishman" Says Another Epidemic Imminent.

Editor Nugget:

I am informed on good authority that several cases of rabies have developed in dogs on the creeks, particularly on Dominion. I know personally that one dog has died from the malady at the Palace hotel on that creek and that unmistakable evidence of the disease have developed amongst the canines along the full length of the creek. I understand that the N. W. M. P are taking vigorous measures in that district for the repression of the epidemic, but if I may make a suggestion it seems to me impossible to confine the disease to one district for the reason that infected dogs travel back and forth between Dawson and the creeks. I observed one dog in particular—a husky or malamute belonging, I understand, to Wade Blaker. The animal went mad on the creek and there is no doubt but that in its itinerary it bit and innoculated with hydrophobic virus many other animals which in turn will spread the disease indefinitely. There seems to be a good deal of doubt among the general public as to whether the peculiar affliction noticed among the dogs last winter was true rabies or some other disease. However, a man was reported to have died of rabies last winter and meuical certificates to that effect are on record. It was reported that the body of a dog infected with the disease was forwarded to the Pasteur institute last winter to ascertain if possible by certain microscopic examinataion if that animal had true rabies or not. Such, however, is not the case unfortunately and the public are today in the same state of uncertainty as it was during the epidemic of last year. In the present state of affairs I think the public should be cautioned to take the most vigorous measures to stamp out the disease in its incipiency whether it is rabies or not. We know absolutely that the disease is fatal to dogs and it seems that only through pure luck has the disease not proven more fatal to man.

ENGLISHMAN.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

EMPIRE.

Milton Brochort, city; Miss Jessie Zimmerman, Portland.

REGINA.

John J. Donovan, Dominion; Chas. M. Logan, Hunker.

FLANNERY.

A. Christie, Sulphur; D. A. McCaskill, Hunker; Chas. McLinde, Montana; Messrs. McRae and Foley, Dawson.

HocKey Rink Completed.

The civil service hockey rink is completed and is receiving its last flooding today, and it is thought the ice will be in condition for play by Saturday. The management of the club estimates that it will cost $2600 to maintain the rink during the rest of the season and that sum will be raised by popular subscription. Hugh McDiarmid is in charge of the subscription list and will be happy to see any friends of the club who may desire to unload a few ounces for the good of the cause.

Talking the Thing Over.

He is a young man whose unbounded assurance has ever been his chief characteristic. When he proceeded to talk to the practical old gentleman about marrying his daughter he was evidently prepared for the usual question:

"Do you think you can support my daughter in the style to which she has been accustomed?"

The parent spoke this phrase with the air of a man who thinks he has uttered a poser.

The suitor looked him in the eye.

"Let's talk this thing over," he said. "Do you think your daughter is qualified to make a man a good wife?"

"Yes, sir. Her mother and I are both practical people, and we have given her a practical education. She can not only read Greek and play the piano—she practices three hours a day—but she can cook a good dinner, and do the marketing as intelligently as an experienced steward. Moreover, her abilities with the needle are not confined to fancy work. She's a treasure, and we don't propose to have any doubt about her future."

"You were asking me if I thought I could support her in the style to which she had been accustomed."

"I was."

"Well, I could. But I don't propose to. After she marries me she's not going to practice any three hours a day on any piano, nor cook dinners, nor bandy words with market people. She's going to have all the sewing done outside the house, read what she enjoys, whether it is Greek or Choctaw, and go to the theater twice a week. It's time that girl had some enjoyment out of life."—Ex.

Give the boy a fine knife for Xmas. See Shindler.

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WAS STELLA SLAPPED?

Conflicting Evidence in Assault Case This Morning.

The police court room this morning presented something of the appearance of a vaudeville only so far as the "cast" of the attendants were concerned, there being five female artists of the stage and dance hall present. The occasion of the presence of this delegation was the trial of C. Shaney on the charge of having assaulted one of the quintette of beauties, Miss Stella Sterling who home-ports at the New Savoy theatre as cook, housekeeper, and dispenser of "alaman lefts" at night, her labors being almost as arduous as Bill Nye's industrious boy who, in order that he might support his brothers-in-law, dug wells in daylight and took in washing at night.

Stella was the complaining witness, she alleging that Monday night Shaney had assaulted her at the Savoy by grabbing her by the shoulder and slapping her face. She denied having asked Shaney to dance or buy a drink.

Miss Bessie Pierce who never fails to receive applause from the bald-headed row while tying herself in a double-bow knot on the stage, saw the man slap the woman when the latter had said "Now don't get gay."

Miss Mahala Rose who has not yet made her debut on the stage but who shines when partners swing on the corner, saw Shaney push Stella by the shoulders; then the witness had looked away but had heard something that sounded like a swat on the face.

Miss Cecil Marion, she of the divine expression when she bursts into song, was present in court, but Corporal Piper who conducted the prosecution, thinking he had proven his case, did not call either she or the last member of the quintette.

In his own behalf Shaney said he had entered the Savoy and the woman asked him to dance and buy her a drink; that he declined both invitations; that the woman made as if she would strike him and he gently laid his hand on her shoulder and pushed her away. (Had he calmly said "Get thee behind me, Satan" there would have been no grounds for a charge of assault.)

Angus J. McMasters and Peter McArter were both present at the time and neither saw Shaney strike the woman; he had merely placed his hand on Stella's shoulder and pushed her away.

In summing up the case his honor said that the fact that the defendant laid hands on the woman constituted an assault whether he slapped her or not. He further stated that a man who did not want to be asked to dance and buy drinks should keep away from dance halls. A fine of $10 and costs or 20 days at the handle-end of a royal saw was imposed. The amount was paid, and the stars having played their engagement, filed out in the frosty morning air.

Peculiar Playhouses.

One of the most peculiar and at the same time one of the most picturesquely situated theatres in England is the "Devonshire Park Theatre" at Eastbourne. At first sight nobody would believe the building to be what it is, for in shape, construction, and color it resembles nothing more than a comfortable country mansion. Gorgeous gardens surround the playhouse, whilst a gravelled drive winds upwards towards the entrance. To associate the glare of the footlights with this idyllic place seems completely incongruous.

Peculiarly in an entirely different direction is the floating theatre to be seen on the River Missouri, U. S. A. It consists of a huge ferry-boat, provided with stage, auditorium, and footlights, and all the other appurtenances of an ordinary stationary theatre. Driven by steam, it journeys from one riverine town to another, giving representations at each stopping-place. The audiences pass into the aquatic playhouse along ordinary gangways. The owner of this floating show has made a fortune out of his quaint idea, for, of course, he has nothing to pay in the way of rent, whilst public curiosity gives him all the advertisement required for the carrying on of his enterprise.

In the majority of American cities "roof-garden theatres" are a special feature of the summer months. The performances take place on the roofs of restaurants and cafes, the audiences being conveyed skywards in huge elevators. Many of the buildings in question are ten or twelve storeys high, so that the spectators are enabled to watch the performance whilst seated some 200 feet above the street level.

In Poland there is situated a theatre which was formerly a section of a salt mine. The queer playhouse lies some 500 feet below the earth, and is lighted throughout by electricity. It holds nearly 3,000 people, and is one of the most comfortable theatres in the country.

Papa in Clover.

Wife—"How in the world can you afford to buy those expensive cigars?"

Husband—"I don't buy them."

"Dear me! You don't mean to say any friend of yours is rich enough to give you such cigars, do you?"

"Well, no, not exactly. That young man who has got so smitten with our daughter——"

"Huh! No more than she is with him."

"Well, he's an agent or something for a big firm of cigar importers, and generally has his pockets full of their best samples. Well, after we go to bed, and the lights are turned down, he takes them out of his pockets and puts 'em on the mantlepiece—to keep 'em from getting crushed, I suppose. Then when it comes to leaving, between the desire to skip out without making any noise at such a late hour and the pain of saying good-night to our daughter, he forgets all about them. I tell you, Maria, our daughter has been a pretty heavy expense, but she's sort o' payin' for herself now."—Tit-Bits.

Kissed the Duke.

An amusing incident occurred during the stay of the Duke and Duchess of York at Poplar Point which evidently escaped the notice of the correspondents accompanying the party. When the Duke returned to the railway station from the lake he was met by the Duchess, who embraced her Royal spouse affectionately. The greeting was scarcely over when a buxom woman, who was among the country folk assembled to see the party depart, bounced up to the Duke, caught him in her arms and planked a smacking kiss on his cheek. The Duchess laughed heartily and the Duke likewise seemed to enjoy the experience immensely after he recovered from his amazement. The good lady explained that she just wished to have the distinction of having kissed the future King of England.—Toronto Star.

EXPECTS TO RECUPERATE

Outdoor Exercises and Plenty of Fresh Air a Positive Panacea.

Mr. Justice Dugas, who has been somewhat indisposed for several days, will adopt a heroic method in endeavoring to regain his usual good health. He started this morning on an extended tour of the creeks and hopes that plenty of fresh air and outdoor exercise will prove the needful panacea. The trip will extend as far as lower Dominion and if the trail is broken to Clear creek it may be continued on to that point. His lordship does not expect to return until a day or two before Christmas.

A Warning to Sharpers.

A countryman, being up in London got into conversation with a seedy-looking customer in a tap-room, and during the conversation he let drop the remark that he would not mind giving half a crown to see a real London sharper.

"Well, keep it dark," said the other; "but I don't mind telling you that I am one."

"If that's so," returned the countryman, "then I suppose I'll ha' ta gie thee 'alf-crown?" This he did with the remark, "But let's ha' some o' thee tales."

Accordingly, the supposed sharper related several good yarns, and the countryman, being much pleased, said:—

"Wall, thee must be a real London sharper. Just thee gie me that 'alf-crown back, I'l, gie thee five shillings."

Without hesitation the bogus sharper returned the half-crown, holding out his hand for the promised five shillings. Whereupon, to his utter astonishment, the countryman rose, pocketed his half-crown, and made off, with the remark:—

"Thee must be a fule, or thee'd a kept that 'alf-crown when thee 'ad it."—Gazette.

Why He Smiles.

If L. W. Horkan of the Standard Library was a family man the broad smile he wears these days might induce people to ask "Is it a boy?" But Horkan's smile is due to the fact that the recent mail brought him a large consignment of the latest magazines, periodicals, papers and books which are now on tap at his reading emporium.

Job Printing at Nugget office.

CITIZENS' MEETING.

(Continued from page 1.)

city police the secretary stated the city council will have the power conferred upon it to appoint and regulate its own police force.

The method of balloting upon incorporation was brought up by D. C. MacKenzie, who pointed out after the section in the bill pertaining to such had been read that as arranged the question of voting "yes" or "no" might be confusing to some of the voters and he moved that in the preparation of the ballots the two propositions be stated separately and that a vote for one or the other be designated by placing a cross (X) opposite. Carried.

Attention was also called to the fact that many might consider that the election was one which would decide whether the city should remain as it is or be incorporated. There was no such thing as "staying as it is;" it was question of an elective city government or an appointive commission. It was suggested that the words "appointive" and "elective" be printed on the ballots in heavy black letters.

Then came a voice from the rear which later resulted in such a tempest in the teapot that Barney Sugrue felt called upon to arise in defense of the people who might not perceive the wolf in sheep's clothing who was endeavoring by subtlety to divide the strength of the meeting. Wise Barney; poor Ashbaugh who had the temerity to acknowledge himself a tory.

Roderick Leander Ashbaugh was the owner of the voice referred to and he timidly made the shocking statement that perhaps many of the people did not consider an elective commission the best. He stated that 10 per cent. of the voters paid the taxes and 90 per cent. of them spent the money so raised. He believed that a commission appointed by the commissioner would be abundantly qualified to fill the position and would devote their whole time to the administration of the city's affairs. Glasgow is managed in a similar manner and is acknowledged to be the best governed city in the world. Many people prefer an appointed commission and he would have the ordinance so amended that voters could say whether they desired incorporation, an appointed commission or an elective commission. Surely the Yukon council is willing to allow the people to express their own opinion on the matter. The work of Governor Ross was commended and the speaker ventured the opinion that the council would give the voters the privilege of expressing their preference if such desire were only made known. All the council wished to do was to unload the city upon someone else's hands.

Voice from rear—"If Glasgow is the best governed city in the world why don't other British cities follow her example?"

Another voice, presumably from a Glasgownian—"Because they are not so far advanced."

A. F. George spoke warmly in favor of the Ashbaugh resolution, characterizing it as a third alternative.

The motion read: "Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that the voters should have an opportunity to vote aye or no as to whether or not they desire to be governed by an elective commission."

Councilman Wilson took the floor and pointed out the possible evils which might result from having a choice out of three to vote upon. He said:

"I am pleased to see so many of you taking an interest in the matter of incorporation. It has occurred to me that while both the amendment of Mr. McKenzie and that of Mr. Ashbaugh have their merits, they may possibly run you into a situation you are not looking for. It is simply this: The feeling of the people of Dawson may be largely for incorporation, but there are quite a number who favor the idea of an appointive committee to govern the city. The governor asks you your choice of the two. Suppose you make it three to choose from? I take it those in favor of a commission will be divided between the elective and appointive one, and you will possibly defeat the object of your desire to obtain by causing a split, and the result will be that you will have an appointive commission."

Then came volumes of hot stuff straight from the shoulder. A. J. Gillis asked to have the distinction pointed out to him between an elective commission and an appointive commission. Mr. Ashbaugh replied; some favored the third alternative; others opposed it; points of order were raised; the question was clamored for; personalities were indulged in and the faithful Barney pointed out the pitfall into which they had narrowly escaped being precipitated. In the midst of it all one was tempted to ask, "where are we at?"

The chair finally decided the Ashbaugh motion out of order and declared the meeting must stand by his ruling or elect another chairman. By this time everyone had forgotten the original motion by Mr. MacKenzie and the secretary read it again and it was passed as follows:

"Shall Dawson be incorporated and be governed by an ELECTIVE mayor and council?

"Shall Dawson be governed by a Commission to be APPOINTED by the commissioner in council?

"The voter shall signify his intention by marking a cross opposite the method of government he desires."

The decision was made to have the words "elective" and "appointed" printed in large black type.

Again the Ashbaugh idea came up, the originator offering a resolution that it was the sense of the meeting that the voters be allowed to say whether they desired an elective or appointive commission. Ed. Port made a few remarks and Frank Slavin from the rear handed out a bunch of uppercuts aimed at a speaker who had cast a reflection on the Antipodes.

Council Prudhomme asked why Mr. Ashbaugh does not make an amendment providing for a choice by the voters of the elective or appointive commission. Joe Gibson in the chair of the hall inquired if there was anyone present who would get up and say the people of Dawson did not possess sufficient intelligence to govern themselves. Some one interjected a bit of pleasantry intended as a joke, though not labeled as such, and the speaker retorted, "One date fiend at a time." More interruptions and laughter followed and to a question from the chair as to what he had to offer, Joe simply said:

"What am I here for?"

Wm. Thornburn asked that the section pertaining to the punishment of the election and returning officers when convicted of bribery be read.

The secretary did as requested and was followed by Col. Macgregor, who does not suppose for a moment that there is any man in Dawson who would stoop to corruption or bribery in an election, but in order that all temptation should be removed he would move to amend section 21 by making the penalties greater. Fine of $20 as provided should be increased to not less than $200 or more than $500 and the imprisonment changed from 30 days to not less than three nor more than six months. Carried.

An amendment was also made requesting a change in the form of the ballot to be used.

A committee consisting of the chairman and secretary and H. M. Boulais, D. A. Matheson and Thos. Adair, was appointed to prepare the amendments desired and resolutions passed and present them to the commissioner in council today.

Boatswain and Bullock.

Speaking of the right man in the right place, a paymaster tells a yarn in which the boatswain was equal to the occasion. They were about to buy beef for the ships, so the officer whose duty it was to make the purchase took ashore with him the boatswain, as representing the crew, to look over the animals and either object or not. They approached the first animal.

"How will that do?" asked the officer.

The boatswain cautiously approached the beast, and gingerly ran his forefinger and thumb down one shank and then the other, until the whole four shanks had been examined. Straightening up he said: "It's all right, sir."

The officer, looking surprised, said: "Surely you can't tell by the points of a bullock by the shanks."

"Perhaps not, sir, but they're the only parts we get, sir."—Tit-Bits.

"I have called," began the man then, "to speak to you about my daughter. You must have noticed that there is something between us."

"No," replied Mr. Goldstone, "but I'm sure there will be pretty soon."

"Ah!"

"It will be the Atlantic Ocean. I'm going to send her abroad till she learns a little sense."

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