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MUNICIPAL POLITICS

The prospects as to who will be in the field in the mayoralty and aldermanic campaign next week are so far rather indefinite. Mayor Henderson is not extremely enthusiastic about seeking re-election and has made the declaration if any competent candidates offer themselves for this office he will gladly step down. He, however, has likewise stated he does not propose to step down and make room for anyone who aspires for the honors but lacks sufficient knowledge to properly conduct municipal matters. As far as can be ascertained the only name mentioned as candidate for mayor is that of Ald. Rutledge, but at the civic meeting last evening Mr. Rutledge made no announcement to this effect, and the trend of his remarks would rather lead to the impression that he was not coming out in any capacity. In this event it would be a pretty safe bet that Mayor Henderson will retain the office by acclamation, and even if opposed by Mr. Rutledge, there apparently is but little doubt as to the result.

Of the old council, Aldermen Tully, Harrison, McEwan and Robichaud will run again, with possibly Ald. Bean again entering the field. Three new names mentioned are those of H. E. Douglas, A. Corrie and Wm. Currie. These three gentlemen are well known as successful business men and of irreproachable character. In the past the city has been somewhat unfortunate in not having men of this calibre offering themselves for civic office and now that the opportunity offers itself to give them the chance to display their ability in this line, the ratepayers would make no mistake in supporting them.

There will also be three vacancies on the school board. The retiring members are Messrs. Herchmer, Cummings and Phillips, all of whom are expected to offer themselves for re-election. The other members who have another term in office are A. Corrie and J. S. Irvine. The record of the Fernie School Board for years past has been exceptionally good, and whether there are any new aspirants or not, it would appear that the administration of our local educational affairs will be quite safe if allowed to remain in the hands of those who have so unselfishly undertaken the work.

One police commissioner is to be elected, Major Moffatt's term expiring at this time. It is understood that Major Moffatt has been urged to stand for re-election and he may do so. No other names have been mentioned.

THE DISTRICT BONSPIEL

Prospects are looking bright every day for the big spiel which will commence here on the 17th inst., and if all the rinks arrive here that are reported to be arranged for there will be at least thirty from the outside. Cranbrook will send 6, Lethbridge 8, Coleman 2, Blairmore 1, Staveley 2, Taber 1, Macleod 2, Carmingay 2, Vulcan 1 and Kalispell 1, and several other places yet to hear from.

Fernie will enter ten rinks at least. Play commenced last night in the International, Kastner defeating Wallace 13 to 11, and Harvey Brown winning a default from A. Cummings. Several other games in this competition will be played tonight.

Following is a list of the Fernie rinks so far as they are already compiled:

The following are the rinks so far entered from the Fernie Club in the District Bonspiel:

Brown—Douglas, Kinnear, Warwick.
Cummings—Longdon, Sawyer.
Herchmer—Beck, Corrie, Wilson.
Kastner—Baldrey, Corbett, Walde.
Liphardt—Burns, Harvie.
McDonald—McLaren, Garbutt, Mitchell.
Prentice—Guy Johnston, Pickering.
Stewart—
Wallace—Winters, Austin, Harrington.
Young—Watson, Suddaby, Dunwoody.

THE EIGHT HOUR DAY

Kitchener Telegraph: This year the Labor leaders repeat their request for eight-hour legislation. There was an insistent demand last session from members of the Labor group

for such a law, but the request was sidetracked, and it was intimated at that time that a commission would be appointed to investigate. This has not been done, but it is likely that an eight hour law will be brought in by the government at the approaching session. The Labor conference of the League of Nations, held in Washington last year, agreed that the eight hour day should be made the law in the signatory countries. Canada was one of them, but it has been held since by the Dominion government that such a measure can only be enacted by the provincial governments.

INVERNESS MINES WORK ONLY THREE DAYS WEEK

Glace Bay, Dec. 30.—Silby Barrett, International Board Member of the United Mine Workers, returned home from Inverness last evening and reports the mines there only working three days a week. The operators find it impossible to sell coal at present, he said.

Before the coal embargo was put on, the Inverness Company had a contract with overseas firms to supply annually 150,000 tons. When the Dominion authorities placed the embargo on Nova Scotia exports, the Inverness contract with the overseas people was abandoned and taken over by an American concern.

Collieries numbers 5, 10, 14, 15 and 16 of the Dominion Coal Co. here are idle today owing to shortage of shipping.

CHIEF OF POLICE MAKES REPORT

To the Chairman and Board of Police Commissioners, Fernie, B.C.:

Sirs—I have the honor to submit this my report upon the Police Department for the past eight months, from the 1st day of May to the 31st day of December.

The writer took over the department from Chief Joseph Beardman on the 12th day of May, 1920.

The strength of the force consists of one chief and two constables. The following contains a list of all the offences with which persons were charged during the period in question and shows how the cases were disposed of.

A total of 240 cases came before the court resulting in convictions 205, dismissed 7, withdrawn 2, bail estreated 26.

Arrests made 209; summoned 31. Total 240.

Charge	Cases	Convic.
Vagrancy	172	146
Assault	12	8
Concealed Weapons	1	1
False Pretences	1	0
Disorderly House	1	1
Inmates	4	4
Pointing Firearms	1	1
Theft	6	5
Burglary	2	2
Bribery	1	0
Opium and Drug Act	1	0
Prohibition Act	23	23
Motor Traffic Act	2	2
Lord's Day Act	3	3
Beverage By-law	5	5
Pound By-law	1	1
Streets By-law	1	1
Dog By-law	1	0
Trade Licenses	1	1
Health	1	1
	240	205

Fines collected from May 1st to Dec. 31—\$7599.10.

The following is a list of licenses issued, together with amounts collected during the eight months in question:

Stores	\$ 380.00
Hotels and Bartenders	2615.00
Barber and Pool Rooms	145.00
Theatres	235.00
Garages and Liveries	210.00
Pedlars, etc.	380.00
Real Estate and Insurance	20.00
Restaurants and Laundries	45.00
Bankers and Wholesalers	675.00
Doctors, Lawyers, Dentists	35.00
Carpenters, Contractors, etc.	175.00
Milk Vendors	85.00
May 1 to Dec. 31	\$5000.00

The following fees have been collected during the eight months in question:

Fines	\$ 7599.10
Licenses	5000.00
Poll Tax	2735.00
Road Tax	746.00
Dog and Pound	589.00
Total	\$16669.10

Total Revenue, 1920	\$19547.60
Total Expenditure 1920	\$ 7501.63
Nett Profit 1920	\$12045.60

THE ANNUAL CIVIC MEETING

The annual civic meeting was held in the Grand theatre last night. W. W. Brown acted as chairman, while all members of the retiring council occupied seats upon the stage. The amazing feature of this occasion was the very small number present, not more than one hundred, while in former years the theatre was usually packed to overflowing. It would appear from questions by some of the spectators and remarks of one or two of the aldermen that the calling of the meeting had been in a sudden manner and without any publicity. Be this as it may the facts are that at the last council meeting the date for the meeting was fixed and notice advertised and this week hand bills were distributed about the city further announcing the meeting.

His Worship Mayor Henderson explained that the civic meeting was called prior to nomination day to give the ratepayers an opportunity to hear the report of the past council, as well as those seeking office again and if dissatisfied they could cast about for new municipal administrative timber and nominate them. If after nomination day the ratepayers were obliged to take whatever might be offered.

The Mayor's address was as follows:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen—A year ago when I appeared before you as a candidate for the office of Mayor, I expressed the opinion that the affairs of the city had been conducted in an indifferent manner for the past few years. I also expressed the opinion that the business of the city could be conducted more economically. After hearing the figures which I have to place before you, I am sure you will agree that I was right at that time.

I will first deal with the Waterworks Department. In 1919 the operating expenses amounted to \$3941, with a gross revenue of \$19,145. In 1920, the operating expenses amounted to \$3630, a saving of \$311. To this saving of \$311 should be added another \$372 paid for a power pump, which was purchased for this department, making a total saving of \$683. The waterworks in the fall of 1919 was in a deplorable condition, the water pressure on the main street being only about 30 pounds. The dam at the intake on Fairy Creek had not been cleaned but for five years, so that about six feet of vile muck had accumulated in the dam. This necessitated an expenditure of between two and three hundred dollars.

A great many leaks in the mains were allowed to go unfixed in 1919 and a great many more developed during the year. The City Engineer claims that the power pump purchased for this purpose saved the city 2 not less than \$1000. The Waterworks revenue for last year amounted to \$22,029, as compared with \$19,145 in 1919, leaving a net surplus of \$8850 as compared with \$5633 in 1919, a difference of \$3200 in favor of 1920. This was accomplished largely by careful administration in the operating department and partly by increasing the rates of large consumers who had previous to 1920 not been paying their proper share as compared with the small consumer.

The waterworks is in better shape today than it has been for some time. In 1919 the hydrant pressure on Victoria avenue was only 30 to 35 pounds. Today and for some months past the pressure has been 70 to 75 pounds. This was accomplished by stopping leaks and making other repairs to the pipe line. I am afraid that in the near future there will have to be a large expenditure in this department. It may surprise many of you to know that for two or three years there has not been a drop of Fairy Creek water in the City reservoir. In fact until last summer it had been entirely dry for more than a year. Through the courtesy of the General Manager of the C.N.P. Coal Co., it is now full of Coal Creek water, which is held in reserve for fire purposes. None of this water reaches the city, although Coal Creek water is perfectly good. During the past year the city's water supply was threatened with serious pollution. As soon as I learned of this I took immediate steps to prevent this, and with the assistance of the Medical Health Officer, Dr. Corgan, succeeded in having the whole watershed above the intake pipe on Fairy Creek gassetted in such a way as to do away with any future danger.

The cost of operating the Electric

Light and Power plant in 1919 was \$21,208, with a gross revenue of \$31,570. In 1920 the operating of this department amounted to \$25,850, an increase of \$4600, with a gross revenue of \$36,915, an increase over 1919 in revenue of \$5,345. The increased cost of operating this department was caused by large increases in wages, which amounted to \$176 per month, or over \$2100 per annum, and a large increase in the cost of coal, which amounted to over \$2500, and also increases in the cost of other supplies. The net profit in this department after paying all expenses amounted to \$4680, an increase of \$750 over the previous year. This large increase in wages and cost of coal necessitated increasing the cost of light and power to consumers one cent per kilowatt. Another item which increased the cost of operating this department was the government inspection of meters, which cost the city \$580.

It is fully expected that before the end of this year the city will be supplied with hydro-electric light and power from Bull River at a cost to the city of 2½ cents per kilowatt. At present this is costing the city over 9 cents per kilowatt.

In 1919 the Fire Department cost the city \$6352. In 1920, despite an increase of \$50 per month in wages, the cost to the city was \$6032, a saving of \$320. This was largely due to the saving in horse feed owing to the purchase of a truck for fire purposes. During the year there was an opportunity to make a larger saving in this department, but the Fire, Water and Light committee declined to take advantage of this opportunity. For the present year the cost of this department should be even less than in 1920.

In 1919 the Public Works department spent \$9461. In 1920 we spent \$5826 or \$3635 less than in 1919. In 1919 they spent \$1876 on street grading and such like. In 1920 we spent very little more than half this amount, \$977, and did more work and graded more street. In 1919 they spent \$1255 on sidewalks, laying down 370 lineal feet of new cinder walk and repaired old board walks. In 1920 there was spent on sidewalks \$1235, or \$20 less than in 1919. There was constructed 3600 lineal feet of cinder walk as compared with 370 the previous year. In addition to this gravel was furnished for 210 lineal feet of 12 foot cement walk and 72 feet of 6 foot walk. From this it will be seen that in 1920 there was spent something like \$1000 less on streets and sidewalks than in 1919 and a great deal more work done.

The Police and Justice Departments in 1919 cost the city \$8585. In 1920 these departments cost the city \$7500, over \$1000 less than the previous year, despite the fact that the increases in officers wages was \$110 per month. This saving was accomplished largely by reducing the force by one man and the economy practiced in conducting the city jail. Although the force was reduced, I do not hesitate to say that during

12 MONTHS FOR ASSAULT

The first session of the County Judge's Criminal Court in this city this year was held on Tuesday and Wednesday when three cases were disposed of. One J. Gordon pleaded guilty to breaking into the barroom of the Fernie Hotel and purloining \$57. His Honor investigated the character previously borne by accused and as this was in his favor, while sentenced to 12 months, the sentence was suspended. The accused was warned that at any future time should he get into trouble or be found guilty of having committed a crime, the 12 months' sentence would then have to be served and any additional punishment inflicted for any subsequent crimes.

Rex vs. Macdonald and Robbins, charged with assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm upon one Enoch Nieurt in the King's hotel on Dec. 27, were required to answer a further count of intent to rob the said Enoch Nieurt. F. C. Lawe represented the Crown, D. M. Mitchell appearing for the accused. They pleaded not guilty. Some six or seven witnesses testified for the prosecution, while the two accused took the stand in their own behalf. From the evidence the court found them guilty of the assault charge but not guilty on the other counts, and forthwith passed sentence of 12 months in Nelson jail on Robbins and six months for Macdonald.