

NO CITY SOLICITOR

Mayor Suspended MacNeill and Council Refused to Reinstated Him.

CITY HALL SITE SETTLED

Check Ordered Drawn to Pay for Second Avenue Lots—Plans for Sewerage System Adopted and Tenders Invited—Holiday July 16.

Rossland is minus a city solicitor. At last night's meeting of the council Mayor Scott suspended Mr. MacNeill, the attorney who has acted as the city's legal adviser since its incorporation and who was instrumental in securing the passage of the incorporation act. The reason given by his worship for his rather surprising action was that the salary being paid Mr. MacNeill, \$200 per month, was entirely too much, considering the size of the town. Mr. MacNeill was present when the mayor announced his action and throughout the very heated discussion which followed. He did not address the council, but looked on with a rather amused expression on his features. It was after all the business had been transacted and Alderman Fraser had made a motion to adjourn that the mayor brought up the matter of the city solicitor and his salary. He began by stating that in line with former opinions he had expressed to the council he thought it time to take action on reducing the salaries of certain city officials.

"We are paying our solicitor \$200 per month, which is equivalent to \$2,400 per year. I think \$600 per year would be a fair salary. I decided this evening to suspend the present solicitor and either pay an attorney \$600 a year or pay one only for the time he is consulted and not have a salaried solicitor. We can economize further by amalgamating certain city offices and thus combining the duties of various officials." The presence of a devil in the council chamber with horns and a tail eighteen feet long could scarcely have caused more astonishment than the mayor's decapitating speech. A crowd of spectators was standing outside the railing of the chamber and the murmur of whispered conversation among them could be heard after the momentary lull which followed the mayor's remarks. Alderman Johnson followed his worship's remarks. Alderman Fraser was the first of the councilmen to speak. It was evident that he was slightly agitated.

"Mr. Mayor and gentlemen," he began, "I can find no words to express my surprise at what I have just heard. One of the first acts of this council was to pass a resolution, naming Mr. MacNeill as city solicitor at a salary of \$200 per month. If I recollect aright the mayor was one of those who seemed highly pleased with the arrangement. 'Excuse me,' interrupted Mayor Scott, 'I—' 'I have the floor, Mr. Mayor, when I get through you can talk,' said the mayor with emphasis and there was a trace of anger in his tone. The mayor made no attempt to finish what he attempted to say. Alderman Fraser continued and spoke for a minute or two, touching on the service Mr. MacNeill had rendered the city, and declaring that he had proved a most competent official.

Mayor Stood Pat. When Alderman Fraser resumed his seat the mayor appeared to be slightly flushed. "In reply to what Alderman Fraser has said, I will simply state that he is at perfect liberty to speak for himself, but not for me," said the mayor, leaning back and looking at his hands down on the arms of his chair. Alderman Johnson rose to state that he agreed with Alderman Fraser concerning Solicitor MacNeill. "Vancouver paid \$4,000 for legal advice the first year the city was incorporated," said Alderman Johnson. "It was not as large a town as Rossland, and I don't think we have any cause to complain."

The mayor was quick to respond to the alderman's remarks. "It is not a question of what Vancouver paid," he said. "We are here to see that Rossland is protected and that no money is wasted. The sum of \$600 is ample for a solicitor."

Ald. Raymer asked permission of the mayor to speak again. It was granted him. "I wish to say that so far as I am concerned I'll stay with Mr. MacNeill until it is shown that his services can be dispensed with. He was put to a great deal of expense in going to Victoria, but I have never seen an expense bill from him."

The mayor answered Alderman Raymer by suggesting that if Mr. MacNeill had any claim against the city he ought to put it in, as the other person would. Alderman Wallace joined in the discussion here, stating that he had heard some complaints from citizens in regard to the amount the city was paying its solicitor, but he said that he felt sure Mr. MacNeill would be paid.

The Example of Galt. Again Mayor Scott spoke, stating that when he was mayor of Galt, Ont., a city equal in size to Rossland, the city solicitor received \$200 per year. "There is little difference between Galt and Rossland and I don't see why we should pay \$2,400 a year for what was obtained there for \$200."

"I think there is considerable difference," remarked Alderman Raymer. "You can buy apples down there for \$1 a barrel and here they cost \$8 a barrel. That is merely a difference of freight, I believe," responded his worship, "and freight doesn't cut any figure in this matter." A laugh all round followed this little joke. Then Ald. Johnson got up.

"I would suggest that we let the mayor collect the taxes, economize," said he. "Well, if he collects the taxes he'll have to put up a bond the same as any other citizen would," observed Alderman Raymer. "There wouldn't be any taxes to collect on real estate this year," was the mayor's only remark.

City Has No Solicitor. Alderman Fraser here made a motion, seconded by Ald. Raymer, that Mr. MacNeill be appointed city solicitor at a salary of \$200 per month. This motion indicated a direct defiance of the mayor,

as it simply meant that Mr. MacNeill, after being removed by his worship, would be reappointed, if the resolution carried. Alderman Johnson moved an amendment, seconded by Alderman Wallace, that the salary be \$150 a month instead of \$200. The vote on the amendment resulted in a tie, Alderman Fraser, Raymer and McPherson voting against it. The original motion was then put, and as the mayor and Aldermen Johnson and Wallace voted against it, the result was a tie and the motion lost, leaving the city without a solicitor.

City Hall Site Discussed. Other important matters were considered by the council last night, in addition to the controversy over the city solicitor. The mayor brought up the question of city hall site and urged the council to act at once in the selection of a location. He mentioned the proposition to locate the buildings on Lincoln street, south of Columbia avenue and said he thought it a good plan. Alderman Fraser remarked that it was his understanding that a resolution had been passed to buy the ground on Second avenue and Washington street. The mayor said that there was doubt as to the title of that property. Mr. MacNeill in response to an inquiry from Alderman Fraser stated that he had written to the land office at Victoria and had been informed that the title to the land was clear, but he added that he understood there was some uncertainty about the property's title, because it was owned originally by the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, and the right of that company had been questioned. He had heard that the matter would be tested in the courts and thought it best that the city refrain from investing in the land until the litigation was settled. Alderman Wallace thought the advice of the city solicitor ought to be taken. Alderman Fraser replied by asserting that any piece of land is liable to become involved in litigation. He asked Mr. MacNeill if the city was bound to take the property on Second avenue and Washington street, and received a negative reply.

The Question of Cost. Alderman Johnson considered it foolish to expend \$5,500 for the ground when the Lincoln street site would cost nothing. Alderman Fraser said the city was morally bound to its agreement to buy the land. He stated that it was unbusinesslike on the part of the city to enter into a contract and then back out of it.

Alderman Johnson mentioned that John R. Cook had offered the city two lots on Lee Road for \$1 apiece. He said that the location would not be good for a fire hall, but that the city offices could be erected there and the fire hall put in a more convenient place.

Alderman Raymer here broke into the discussion by saying that it was out of order as no motion had been put. The mayor sustained him. The alderman then put a motion asking that the board of works be allowed \$1500 to finish the improvements now under way. The motion carried.

Bargain Holds Good. A motion was then put by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Wallace, to rescind the resolution passed by the council to purchase lots 25, 26 and 27, in block 16, for the sum of \$5,500. The motion was lost, thus practically deciding that the city should stand by its bargain to purchase the Washington street and Second avenue site. In answer to a question from Alderman Fraser, Alderman Raymer stated that several architects had been asked to submit designs for the city buildings, and were now at work on them with the expectation of completing them in 10 days. Alderman Johnson suggested that designs be advertised so that all architects could have an equal chance in the competition.

Cash Down for the Lots. Alderman Fraser resumed the discussion over the site by moving that a check be drawn in favor of the owner of the lots on Second avenue and Washington street for \$5,500 to pay for the lots. Alderman Johnson thought it unwise to pay for the ground; he considered it wiser to wait for a week. The mayor suggested that only a partial payment be made on the property; enough to bind the sale. Alderman Fraser replied that such a proceeding would not be business. The motion was put and carried, the mayor and Alderman Johnson voting against it.

Grand Sewerage Scheme. The report of the board of works accompanied by City Engineer Long's design for a sewerage system for Rossland, which includes a flume five miles and a half long to carry the sewerage to the Columbia river, was submitted. The plan was closely studied by the mayor and council and seemed to give very general satisfaction. It provided for 12-inch pipes and a 14 x 16 inch flume. The report of the board of works recommended advertising for bids for the construction of the system. The mayor thought it would be best to delay action until the assessment roll is in. Alderman Johnson wanted to allow the matter to rest until the city had the money to pay for the work. Alderman Raymer said it would do no harm to call for bids, but the city could reject any or all bids, and that the estimates obtained from the bidders would be valuable as information to the council. The mayor agreed with him, but Alderman Johnson opposed it on the ground that contractors would be under a great deal of expense, coming here to figure on the work.

The Report Was Adopted. The report of the board of works was adopted, however, with various other recommendations, including the construction of a sidewalk from Spokane to Earl streets, subject to the subscriptions of the petitioners; the purchase of material for a walk on Washington street, south of Le Roi avenue; the granting of permission to grade the bluff at the west end of Columbia avenue and finally to give the board of works power, with the city engineer, to investigate the water supply problem and report to the council the result of their inquiries.

Shipments Tell the Tale. Nelson Tribune: It is said that Rossland is not booming as it once was. Notwithstanding the fact that people are not tumbling over each other in their efforts to buy corner lots or blocks of mining stock, Rossland is not at the adjacent mines are steadily increasing, and that is the only basis on which to judge the future of a mining town. Rossland is growing, and will continue to grow just as long as the output of its mines continue to increase.

HAS A FINE SHOWING

Abe Lincoln on Deer Park Mountain Is Developing Grandly.

3 FEET OF COPPER ORE

Shaft Was Started on Two Inch Stringer and at a Depth of 10 Feet the Whole Bottom Is Quartz and Copper.

There are three feet of good looking ore, which assays well in both gold and copper, in the bottom of the new shaft on the Abe Lincoln No. 1, on Deer Park mountain. THE MINER had a notice several days ago of the beginning of work on this claim. The new work consists of a shaft 10 feet deep and several open cuts. The showing in the 10-foot shaft is the one above referred to.

On the surface there was a seam of decomposed quartz carrying copper about two inches wide. This seam cut through a porphyry dyke and it was upon this that the shaft was started. A foot under the surface the seam suddenly widened to two feet and a half. This has grown wider until the bottom of the shaft is in solid ore, shot all through with fine grained chalcopyrite, and showing rich patches of the same mineral. There is also some iron mixed through the quartz.

Another opening has been made on the vein 100 feet west, and here the same good looking copper ore has been found. At this place there is plainly a contact between the diorite and porphyry, the latter being on the hanging wall side. It will be very strange if there is not found here a large body of fine ore. Another opening made on the ground is on the south end, but the showing here is not so strong as the one first described.

It is the purpose of the company owning the property to concentrate everything upon the sinking of the 100-foot shaft, and a contract for that work will be let at once. Among those interested in the Abe Lincoln company are: Jules Hannaford, general traffic manager of the Northern Pacific, and Mr. Kendrick, general manager of the same system.

FROM THE RECORDS.

Transfers.

JUNE 24. White Pine, William Clark to T. J. Coffey. Vanderbilt 1/2, Hand Fraction 1/2, J. J. Hand and Geo. Chambers to Lee Davenport. Crazy Horse, Chris McDonald to T. W. Stock. Pick Up, Pick Up Mining & Smelting Co. to Frank J. Walker. Iron Colt, fraction, A. E. Torette to Minerva Stewart. Iron Colt fraction, Minerva Stewart to T. B. Garrison. New Orleans 1/2, J. J. Hand to John C. Gallagher. New Orleans 1/2, J. J. Hand to R. W. Northey.

JUNE 25.

Green Crown, Green Crown Mining & Milling company to W. L. Rapp. Pasco, Lucky Jack, 1/2 each, J. D. McKinnon to Thos. Wilson. Maggie, Violet, Royal Victoria Gold Mining Co. to John Glynn. British Lion, Surprise No. 5, Silver Chord, Wonder, Golden Bar and Lily of the Mountain, Kohinoor Gold Mining Co. to J. W. Fear and F. W. Bauer. Open Sesame, Magician, Consolidated 7 Mines Co. to James Wellington Lane. Renaissance, Consolidated 7 Mines Co. to James S. Riley and James Wellington Lane. Copper Bar, Magna Charta, Grace Darling, Consolidated 7 Mines Co. to Smith Curtis and A. J. McMillan. Hidden Treasure, White Swan and R. Lee, Crown Point Gold Mining Co. to W. H. Brouse. Hidden Treasure, White Swan and R. Lee, W. H. Brouse to War Eagle Consolidated Gold Mining & Development Co.

JUNE 26.

Byron and Ontario, 1/2 each, J. R. Simpson to D. R. Bremner.

JUNE 28.

Tin Heel 1/2, A. R. Hoerle to H. C. Teschner.

JUNE 29.

Idle Boy, Dan Carter to D. E. Johnson.

Como 1/2, Crescent Dry Goods company to E. M. Kinnear.

JUNE 30.

Sarah Lee 1/2, W. A. Campbell to Rich. Seaman.

Certificates of Work.

June 24—Volunteer, Matchless, Payroll, John Thomas, Edwards, Dundas, Three Brothers, Washington, Whoopton, Iron Colt Fraction, Mount, Consolidated 7 Mines Co. to Smith Curtis and A. J. McMillan. June 25—Mogul No. 1, Olympia, Tim Finnigan, Trafalgar, Lake Vista, Jo Jo, Big Elephant, Teddy, Dominion, Acme, Swan, Canada, Maggie, Prospector, New Orleans, Copper Bell, Copper, Copper Glance.

June 26—King of the Hills No. 1, Uncle, Wood-

Yase, Rob Roy, Benuegard, Merrimac, Kangaroo, Germania, Ollie E.

June 28—Kustler, Golden Welcome, Amazon, Rambling Boy, Cariboo, Yellow Copper, Pittsburg No. 1.

June 28—Kokanee, Benbow, Little Hammer, McLeod, Saratoga, Gold Plate, Mabel, Hand Fraction, Vanderbilt, Eagle Rock, First, Quartermaster, Great Eastern, Gladstone, Aurora.

June 29—No. 1 Fraction, Kerch, Bessie Q. Lady, Lady Babe No. 2, Silver Blade, Portland, Multnomah, Oregonian, Eschequer, Gilded Age.

June 30—Lost Boy, Dominion, Ophir No. 1, Black Diamond, Derby Fraction, Gold Bug, Glenewen, Mariposa.

Big Block of Treasury Stock.

M. J. Mulhern, of the Model bakery, Tuesday purchased 25,000 shares of the treasury stock of the Ida Queen Gold Mining company, for 6 cents a share. The company owns the Ida and Ida Fraction in the south belt, between the San Juan and Spotted Tail groups and two other prospects. The company will resume work on the claims at once. It has already driven a 70-foot tunnel on the Ida, which show an ore body in the face, the full width of the workings which averaged 18.65 in all values.

24,000-Ounce Ore in the Mollie Gibson.

ASPEN, Colo., June 29.—At a depth of 1,000 feet a body of solid ore that runs 24,000 ounces of silver to the ton has been struck in the Mollie Gibson mine. This discovery is what caused the stock to advance 20 cents yesterday.

MINING NOTES.

The owners of the Reliance, Success and Sunday, a group adjoining the Campbell on the Red Mountain railway, about five miles from town, completed the assessment work on these claims yesterday. On the Reliance two shafts were sunk, of 10 and 18 feet in depth, and an open cut was also made on the vein. These workings show a vein of ore seven feet in width. Assays from this ore showed \$4.30 in gold.

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