

FREE HAND IS GIVEN TO MAYOR MORLEY

His Worship Is Empowered to Have a General Stock Taking at City Hall—Council Starts in Amicable Mood.

At one stroke, Mayor Morley, at Monday's meeting of the City Council, succeeded in accomplishing what he failed to do during his previous two years' term as mayor—the passing of a resolution empowering him to hold a thorough and complete investigation into the method of conducting affairs at the city hall, with power to arrange for an independent audit, a municipal stock-taking and the reorganization of the departments wherever it may be found necessary. A resolution to this effect has been duly recorded on the minutes of last evening's meeting, the motion to do so having passed the council unanimously.

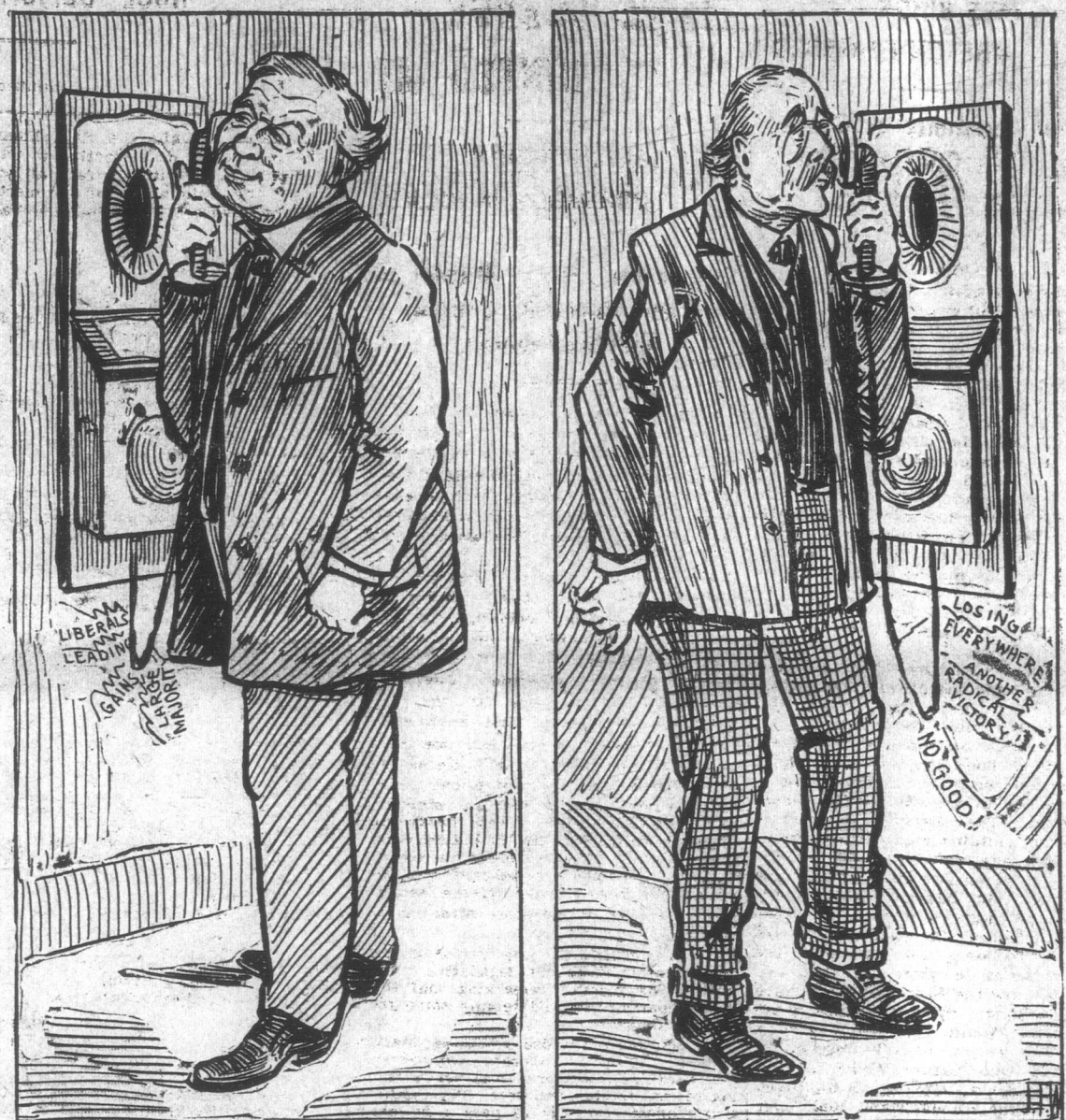
This matter was dealt with during the progress of a brief address to the board by the mayor at the conclusion of the regular business. Mayor Morley said he thought he could congratulate the board on a remarkably successful first session. Notwithstanding the fact that there were a great number of inexperienced men at the board, the business in hand had been transacted most expeditiously. The inaugural meetings of his two previous terms had not resulted so successfully, and he was much pleased at this happy augury. He was pleased also with the attitude of the press. Had he known that the public was in this generous mood toward him he would have entered into the late contest with even greater vim than he had. A most suspicious beginning had been made, and it would be the fault of the board if it did not live up to public expectation during their term of office. For his part he could say that he would be ready at all times to cooperate with the City Council in all matters tending to advance the city's interests. He felt that he had been

much misrepresented in the past in respect to his willingness to get along with the members of his council. He advised the new members of the board to study the Municipal Charter closely so as to familiarize themselves with the powers of the board.

In respect to the police department it was to be regretted that the council had not larger jurisdiction over that department, but he hoped that an arrangement could be arrived at an early date whereby this disability could be overcome. The matter of passing a resolution on the lines as stated at the commencement of this report was then taken up.

Continuing, Mayor Morley said he thought it highly desirable that there should be some reorganization of the various departments. An attempt should be made to so regulate them as to fix the responsibility and thus induce a greater state of efficiency. Then, again, there was the matter of the attitude of the permanent officials of the city towards the public. There had been complaints that some officials were discourteous. Perhaps there had been faults on both sides, but they must insist that all their officials show full courtesy to all with whom they came in contact. On the other hand, the officials would be protected against ineffectual conduct on the part of the public.

Concluding, his worship said a fine beginning had been made, and he was very hopeful for a successful year. A large number of knotty problems would present themselves for solution. Foremost among these was that of the Songhees Indian reserve. He was hopeful that something might be accomplished towards a settlement of this vexed question before the close of the year.



ONE WIRE, BUT VARIOUS AIRS

HUGE DEFICIT AT FALL FAIR

AMOUNTS TO NEARLY TWENTY THOUSAND

Financial Statement Presented at Monday Night's Council Meeting.

The deficit for the fall fair of 1909 amounts to nearly twenty thousand dollars—to be exact, \$19,373.44—according to the report of the auditor, J. L. Grimmonson, which was submitted to the City Council Monday by Mayor Morley. The finance committee will consider the statement, and the association will be asked to furnish the committee with all vouchers and invoices.

When the report was presented Monday it was accompanied by a letter from J. E. Smart, the secretary of the Agricultural Association. Mr. Smart points out that at a meeting of the Agricultural Association held Monday he was instructed to request the council to consider assuming the liabilities shown in the statement. In view of the fact that within the last two years nearly \$50,000 worth of buildings have been erected on the exhibition grounds and are now the property of the city. Of this amount the city has contributed \$10,000 only and \$40,000 which was secured from insurance on the old building which was burned. In this year's expenditure the whole cost of the women's building, amounting to nearly \$5,000, is to be regarded as merely a loan, as the ladies of the city have undertaken to raise sufficient money to meet this liability provided it is financed for them in the meantime.

The mayor remarked that he was afraid that the deficit would cripple the council in its street work. There was some peculiar items in the statement. One item provided for \$2,000 for salary of the secretary. This was more than received by any permanent official in the employ of the city, notwithstanding that there was only about the office secretary.

Ald. Langley moved that the report be referred to the finance committee, the association to be asked to furnish all vouchers and minutes.

The mayor in reply to a query said the auditor did not touch for the validity of the accounts, though he reported that the accounts agreed with the books of the association.

Ald. McKeevyn hoped that an arrangement would be made to pay all outstanding accounts at once. It was too bad to keep tradesmen and others waiting for their money. The manager of the Royal Bank had said he would be glad to pay the bills if the city would instruct him to do so.

Ald. Raymond raised a very interesting point. He urged that the question of the relationship of the city and the association be gone into carefully. He doubted whether the city was liable for any deficit which might be reported. If the city is liable for nearly \$20,000 last year it might be liable for \$100,000 next year unless the association's power to incur expenditure were curbed.

STORM DELAYS STEAMER.
Halifax, Jan. 18.—Three days overdue, the mail steamer Tunisian arrived in port yesterday from Liverpool after a voyage unprecedented for rough weather. The Tunisian was over ten days on the trip. During nearly the entire voyage the passengers were forced to abandon the decks. Several passengers and members of the crew were injured.

HUNGARIAN CABINET.
Budapest, Jan. 18.—The new cabinet formed by Count Khuen Von Hederovary is composed as follows: Premier and minister of the interior, Khuen Von Hederovary; minister of finance, M. George Lukacs; minister of justice, worship and education ad interim, Dr. Szekely; minister of agriculture, Count Serenyi.

SPAIN AGAIN IN STATE OF UNREST

TROUBLE DUE TO MOROCCAN SITUATION

Orders Have Been Issued By Government to Regarrison Posts.

Madrid, via Hendaye, Jan. 18.—Following the renewal of hostilities in Morocco between the Rif tribesmen and the Spanish under General Martinez, much popular dissatisfaction is finding expression to-day in Spain, and another outbreak of domestic strife, similar to that which recently threw Barcelona into a condition bordering upon civil warfare, is feared.

The immediate cause of the apparent dissatisfaction is the order which has stopped the transporting of Spanish troops from Morocco to their homes. Although the withdrawal was well under way, instructions to re-garrison Moroccan posts has gone out.

It is believed generally that the favorable reports returned by General Marina of the Moroccan situation, were made public only to allay the public mistrust. It is thought that the Rifis never have been subdued, except possibly in the territory contiguous to Melilla. In official circles it is conceded that the repressive measures rendered necessary by the revolt at Barcelona could not be tried again without endangering the peace of the entire kingdom.

GLACE BAY STRIKE.
Company Will Not Receive Representative of United Mine Workers.

Halifax, Jan. 18.—President J. H. Gwynne and General Manager Butler, of the Dominion Steel & Iron Company, spent yesterday visiting the coal company's mines at Glace Bay. It is understood that Mr. Plummer has stated that he does not consider it necessary to meet any of the representatives of the United Mine Workers of America. The position of the company has already been stated in effect that they could not recognize the union, and discuss terms of employment for the men would be construed into "recognition," which is against the policy of the company.

MINE WORKERS MEET AT INDIANAPOLIS.
Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 18.—Fifteen hundred miners representing great coal districts throughout the United States met here to-day in the annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America. Although several important questions face the convention, a greater part of the day was spent in organizing committees. Little important business was transacted. The delegates were welcomed to the state and city by Governor Marshall and the Mayor of Indianapolis. Appropriate responses were made by leading delegates.

BANK CLOSING DOORS.
Evansville, Ind., Jan. 18.—The Citizens' National bank, one of the oldest financial institutions in this city, closed its doors yesterday pending an examination by State Examiner Johnson.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT.
Sherbrooke, Jan. 18.—Joseph Fortin, L.C.R. agent at Levis, has been appointed to succeed the late Andrew Steele as general superintendent.

VESSELS REPORT TERRIFIC GALES

Barquentine Kamlin Arrives at San Francisco With Several Men Injured.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 18.—Every vessel reaching this port within the last few days has encountered terrific gales off the Pacific coast, and bring tales of suffering and distress.

The latest to arrive is the American barkentine Kamlin from Honolulu, which came into the harbor to-day minus part of her rigging and with several injured men in her crew.

The Kamlin, owned by the B. Hackfeld Company, of this city, and skippered by Capt. Colly, lost 12 sails in 18 days between Hawaii and the mainland. Almost continuous storms struck the vessel during her voyage, and the outfit her small boats were carried away. The Kamlin carried a cargo of sugar, which was not damaged by the elements.

MINER MURDERED.
Spokane, Wash., Jan. 18.—Word has been received here from Elk City, Idaho, to the effect that W. P. Boyle, a well-known miner, had been shot and killed in a gambling saloon in Dixie, a mining camp eighty miles southeast of here.

NEW TREASURER.
P. MacKenzie Succeeds Hon. W. A. Weir in Quebec Cabinet.

Quebec, Jan. 18.—At a meeting of the cabinet yesterday Peter MacKenzie, M. P. for Richmond, was appointed provincial treasurer in place of Hon. W. A. Weir, appointed to the Superior court bench.

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ADMIRAL CHARLES BERESFORD, Who Has Been Elected For Portsmouth

C. P. R. EARNINGS.
Montreal, Jan. 18.—C. P. R. earnings for the second week in January increased \$352,000 over the same week last year.

DR. COOK REPORTED TO BE IN GERMANY

Frankfort Newspaper Declares Explorer is Now in a Sanitarium.

Frankfort, Germany, Jan. 18.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the discredited Arctic explorer, has critically ill in a sanitarium near Heidelberg, according to a statement published in the Zeitung to-day.

Cook's nerves are said to be shattered, and his mind in danger of derangement from melancholia. He has suffered a serious physical collapse, the Zeitung's correspondent declares. It was also reported that Dr. Cook's wife is with him at the sanitarium, but this could not be confirmed. The Zeitung stated that it is pledged not to make public Cook's retreat.

Report Not Confirmed.

Heidelberg, Germany, Jan. 18.—A search of the sanitariums and hospitals in and around this place, following the publication in the Zeitung of Frankfort to-day of an article stating that Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the American explorer, is in hiding near here, was unproductive of results. Many places denied that Cook was among their patients. Others refused to deny or confirm the report, some of them evidently not being averse to the publicity that might result.

MILLIONAIRE'S DEATH.
Relatives of Late Colonel Swope, of Kansas City, Continue Investigation.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 18.—Physicians who examined the stomach of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, the Kansas City millionaire, who died October 3rd under mysterious circumstances, decided to-day that they found evidence of strychnine. Swope's nephew, Christian Swope, died December 2nd. It was established beyond all doubt that there was poison in his stomach. It is suspected that both men were poisoned by some one who hoped to receive a portion of the Swope fortune after their removal.

The examination of Colonel Swope's stomach was ordered by his relatives. It was made under the direction of Dr. Haines, a Chicago specialist.

Dr. Haines stated to-day that the final report, making known his analysis of the contents of Swope's stomach after his death, will not be ready for several days. His statement to this effect was made to John H. Atwood, special counsel for the Swope estate.

DIES SUDDENLY.
Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 18.—Thos. Costin, aged 47, a prominent resident of Medicine Hat, Alta., who arrived here a short time ago, was taken ill and was stricken with paralysis and died in the general hospital without regaining consciousness.

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