

PLENTY OF BUSINESS

Transacted by the City Council

Applications for Positions Are Still Pouring in—Three New By-Laws Introduced.

The city council waded through more business last night than at any previous meeting since they have assumed office, much of it being of a nature quite important. All the members were present excepting Alderman Wilson, who is still on the outside. Three different committees filed reports which were adopted and three new bylaws were given their first reading, those receiving their first reading at the last meeting being advanced to their second. Following the adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting the council got down to business at once. City Clerk Smith had the usual number of communications to read, many of which were in the shape of applications for positions. Chimney Inspector Bullock while performing his duties in the building occupied by Green's barber shop at the corner of Second avenue and Queen street had the misfortune to fall through a skylight. The landlord presented him with a bill for \$6 which the city is asked to liquidate.

E. Emmons filed a petition asking for the privilege of driving a well in front of his place of business.

Captain J. Hurdman wants any old kind of a position and is sure he can give satisfaction no matter where he is placed.

W. B. Harris, an electrician from Vancouver, presented letters of recommendation and asks to be appointed inspector of electrical wiring of all public and private buildings.

R. M. Brown who last week applied for the position of assistant health inspector now wants to be made inspector of the water front and calls attention to the fact that upon the opening of navigation unless some such officer is clothed with proper authority the city will lose a great deal in the way of licenses collectable from transient traders who arrive in scows.

T. D. Cameron applied for a position on the fire department as soon as a vacancy should occur.

Seymour Knight presented petition endorsed by a number of merchants and other business men asking for his appointment as chief of the fire department.

Another petition presented was from the Pacific Cold Storage Company calling the attention of the council to the unsanitary manner in which the various slaughter houses are being operated and asking permission to erect a public abattoir in which the killing of all animals intended for food shall be done. The petition sets forth that the company has been in business here since 1899, has a large sum invested, and operates two steamers on the river and one deep sea vessel. It is proposed, should the petition be granted, to erect an abattoir at a point to be designated by the council, the plans and construction of which to meet the approval of the health officer in every particular, there to be no drainage from the building, it to be provided with enormous steel tanks in which all offal and refuse shall be converted into fertilizers and phosphates.

The following bills were presented: Whitehorse Stables \$45.00 Dominion Telegraph Co. 27.27 McDonald Iron Works, books, 58.80 Klondike Mill Co., coal 638.00 McLennan & McFeely 8.00

Among other accounts presented was one which had been handed to Acting Comptroller Hinton and by him turned over to the city council, though why the expense that had been incurred at the instance of the Yukon council should be saddled on to the city was not apparent to several of the members. The bill referred to was for the modest sum of \$900 for nine days' services as revising barrister by Judge Macaulay. Sergeant Marshall also presented his little bill for \$90 as orderly while the court of revision was in session.

By motion all the bills and communications were referred to the various committees to which they belong.

Alderman Adair, chairman of the finance committee, signified his approval of and requested the following bills be paid:

N. C. Co. \$14.00 Dawson Hardware Co. 23.15 Corporal Cobb 35.00

N. A. T. & T. Co. 22.75 Alderman Macdonald, chairman of the committee on licenses, police and health, filed a report which was adopted.

Alderman Norquay, chairman of the fire, light and water committee presented his report containing certain recommendations and the rules and regulations drawn up for the government of the department.

Mayor Macaulay called the attention of the committee on streets to the excavation that was being made on Third avenue by the promoters of the cable ferry for the purpose of affording an anchorage for their cable. It was stated the tower had been constructed under permission given by the commissioner, but that no charter had been granted nor had any ordinance been passed bestowing such rights. It was also stated that the ferry company could not occupy any other portion of the streets than that where the tower now stands and an application in writing must be made to the council in order for them to prosecute the work upon which they are now engaged in.

Alderman Adair introduced a by-law relating to the regulation of streets and the preservation of order therein.

Alderman Macdonald introduced one regulating the police force, and Alderman Murphy presented one relating to the public health, all of which were given their first reading.

CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Consists of N. W. M. P. Town Detachment.

Sergeant Smith for Chief of Police—Sinecure Provided for "Pete" Smith.

The preservation of the peace and the enforcement of the city ordinances in Dawson will be vested in the Northwest Mounted Police in the future as it has been in the past. So much was definitely decided upon by the city council last night and a bylaw to that effect was introduced and given its first reading. There can be no question but what the act of the council will meet with the heartiest approval of everyone with the possible exception of a few ward-healers who were looking for good positions with a fat salary in the police force some thought would be formed independent of the N. W. M. P. A more efficient body of men could not be found than those now comprising the town station and had it been determined to organize a seccarate force there would inevitably be more or less clashing of authority between the two. Another fact that should be born in mind, too, is the very great saving effected under the present arrangements. The total cost to the city of the maintenance of the police department under the system agreed upon will aggregate for 14 men but \$375 a month, whereas had other arrangements been consummated the cost for the same service would amount to no less than \$2875 a month, allowing salaries from \$200 to \$250 a month, a saving of \$30,000 a year being effected.

Prior to introducing the bylaw relating to the police, Alderman Macdonald, chairman of the committee on police, fire and water, filed a report in which it was stated a conference had been held with the commanding officer of the N. W. M. P. in reference to the town detachment doing city police duty and that arrangements had been made accordingly to the satisfaction of all concerned. The sergeant in command of the town station, who at present is Sergeant Smith, will officiate as chief of police and in addition to his pay as an officer of the N. W. M. P. will receive from the city the sum of \$40 a month, corporals will be paid \$35 and constables \$25.

The bylaw introduced provided for the appointment of a city detective, an entirely superfluous and useless appendage as such work of that nature as may arise falls directly under the charge of the Dominion secret service agents. The sinecure it is proposed to bestow upon "Pete" Smith, but as the bill has only had its first reading there may be some changes in the provisions before it comes up for final passage. The salary it is proposed the city detective shall receive is left to the committee to decide subject to the approval of the city council.

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EVERYTHING WAS IRISH

At Grand Forks Last Friday Night

When the Debating and Literary Club's Meeting Was to Honor St. Patrick.

The Grand Forks Literary and Debating Society gave an Irish program last Friday evening at the church in honor of St. Patrick. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens, flags, and bunting; garlands of red, white and blue criss-crossing the room, making a very pretty effect.

Long before the hour of beginning the seats were taken and many had to stand up. As each guest entered the church they were presented with a leaf of shamrock in honor of the occasion.

Mr. Foster kindly volunteered his services as organist. The program was opened by an address by the Rev. Mr. Pringle, who spoke on the life of St. Patrick, pointing out that St. Patrick devoted his life to the uplifting of humanity and the downing of all evil, and that the memory of a good man will live forever.

Like all true Scotchmen, the Rev. Mr. Pringle being Scotch himself, maintained that St. Patrick was born in Scotland, causing considerable good-natured merriment among his Irish friends. He apologized in this, however, stating that Mr. Kearney would have made a better Irish speaker for the occasion, but nevertheless considered it an honor that a Scotchman had been asked to do so. Then followed a medley of Irish airs by Prof. Foster on the organ and Prof. Davis on his violin. All the popular Irish airs were played. Mr. Gleason recited "The Stowaway" with great feeling and effect, and was heartily applauded.

Mrs. Hostler's recitation of "Pat a Courting" kept the audience in continual laughter over Pat's difficulties in popping the question.

The popular Billy Fitzpatrick in his strong baritone voice sang the "Mac's and O's," naming almost every Irishman present. For an encore he sang "My Pipe and I."

Mrs. McLeod and Mrs. Patterson then sang a very pretty duet entitled "Greeting." Their voices blend well together and it is hoped the society shall have the pleasure of hearing them again in the near future.

Mr. O'Malley recited the "Birth of St. Patrick."

Mrs. Keith sang "Nora, Pride of Kildare." Mrs. Patterson then recited in her own inimitable manner "Biddy's Trials Among the Yankees," which was enthusiastically encored.

Mrs. McLeod sang in her pleasing voice "Killarney," followed by Mrs. Gear, who sang "T'W Hang My Harp on a Weeping Willow Tree," playing her own guitar accompaniment.

Mr. Gleason, in his deep, bass voice, rendered "My Irish Lass from County Mayo," and responded to a hearty encore. Mr. Mahoney sang "The Heart Bowed Down."

An intermission of a few minutes now occurred during which Mr. Benjamin gave several choice selections on his phonograph, the church scene taken from "The Old Homestead"

being particularly well received. Mr. Gorham sang "Answer," and for an encore told "The Telephone" story, which kept the audience bubbling over with laughter. Mr. McLeod recited very realistically "Domestic Quarrels." Mr. Fitzpatrick was then called upon to favor the audience with another song, responding with "The Cordelene Strike." Nothing would do but that he should also sing "The Days of 49," after which he was allowed to depart amid great applause.

Mr. Kearney was called upon for a speech and took the opportunity of thanking on behalf of the committee those who had taken part in the program.

The committee on decorating, consisting of Mrs. Gear, Mrs. Kearney and Mrs. Cutting, are also deserving of great credit for the time spent and otherwise assisting in making the event such a grand success.

Everyone present enjoyed themselves thoroughly and all present voted it one of the best entertainments yet given.

Next Friday being Good Friday, the society adjourned to meet again April 4th.

The Jamieson Raid.

10 Eldorado, March 24. Editor Nugget: Will you kindly inform me through the columns of your valuable paper the date of the Jamieson raid in South Africa, and oblige.

A CONSTANT READER. The Jamieson raid occurred in the latter part of December, 1895, and the first of January, 1896. The troop left Mafeking on the 27th of December, 1895, and crossed the border of the Transvaal on the 29th. On the 2nd of January it was surrounded by the Boers and after a day's hard fighting was forced to surrender.

Choral Sacred Concert. A very successful rehearsal was held last night, upwards of 40 members attending. The next practice will take place in St. Paul's Episcopal church on Tuesday evening next, April 1st, at 8 p.m.

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FIRE CHIEF APPOINTED

Position Tendered to Ex-Chief Deasey

Was for Fifteen Years Head of the Fire Department at Victoria.

One thing that was accomplished last night at the meeting of the city council was the final disposition of the fire department muddle. At the previous meeting held a week ago the resignation of Chief Stewart was handed in and accepted, he being requested, however, to continue in office until his successor had been appointed. It was suggested then the advisability of consulting the principal underwriters interested in the city's insurance as to their choice of a chief and acting under such suggestion Mayor Macaulay wired R. P. Rithet & Co. and Robert Ward & Co., of Victoria, and H. T. Ceperleg, of Vancouver, asking them to recommend a man suitable for the position.

The Victoria firms suggested ex-Chief Deasey of that city, and Mr. Ceperleg recommended J. A. Lester, at present a captain in the Vancouver department. The matter came up last night on a motion by Alderman Murphy that the mayor be authorized to wire Mr. Deasey an offer of the position at a salary of \$250 a month with instructions to report for duty at his earliest convenience should he decide to accept. In voting upon the motion a variance of opinion was observed, Aldermen Murphy, Vachon and Norquay sup-

porting the motion while Aldermen Adair and Macdonald were against it. Mayor Macaulay today wired offer to Mr. Deasey and it is believed he will without a doubt accept it. Mr. Deasey was for 15 years chief of the Victoria fire department and is said to possess every qualification necessary for a successful head of the department.

Under the new rules and regulations submitted in his report by Alderman Norquay some radical changes in the way the department will be managed will take place. The new chief will have far greater authority than under the old system can inflict fines and penalties for infringement of the rules and will have the sole power to hire and discharge men. The new chief will also be required to furnish his own estimate as to cost of maintenance. Salaries have been reduced a trifle, the chief and first engineer formerly receiving \$300 a month, but after the new rules go into effect they will be but \$250. The second and third engineers and captains will receive a month and the stokers \$175, a reduction effecting a saving of something like \$2000 a year.

The new rules and regulations have been ordered printed on heavy card board and will be posted in both h.l.s.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Regina Hotel—Daniel Johnson, Eldorado; W. C. Leak, city; J. H. Henderson; C. Gilbert, Seattle; Empire—D. S. Cameron; Hotel E. Zimmerman, Hunker; Hotel McKinnon, All Gold; J. P. Smith, T. C. Jones.

Charges Preferred

Special to the Daily Nugget. Victoria, March 25.—Barrister W. Sawyers has preferred charges against government officials in relation to the sale of property to the government. The legislation investigating.

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