

SPENCE SPEAKS OF A LOBBY WHICH THE ALDERMEN DENY

Forman Confirmed in His Appointment—“More Information” Demanded in Case of Mr. Jones

Mayor Urquhart and Controller Spence found no support in council yesterday in their endeavor to prevent the confirmation of the appointment of James C. Forman as assessment commissioner. They fought the matter to the last resort, however, dividing the members on each portion of the report of the board of control, both in committee of the whole and in council. The only semblance of support obtained was on the question of dividing the departments of assessment and property against which Ald. Coatsworth, Jones and Hay voted with the minority. The argument went far ahead, Ald. Dunn making a bitter personal attack on Controller Spence. A number of aldermen resented the implication that they had been lobbied, but after two hours debate none of them was moved from his original decision. Ald. Stewart and Dr. Lynd were not present.

The board of control was forced to allow the proposition to amalgamate the street commissioner's department with that of the medical health officer to go back for further consideration. A dead set was made in the proposal from the outset, and as the demand for more information came from members who might be expected to support it, the vice-chairman decided it would be wiser to avoid a division.

Dr. Noble and Ald. McChie divided the aldermen on the proposal to extend the franchise to married women owning property, but the only members who joined them against it were Controller Shaw and Ald. McBride.

A deputation was on hand to speak on the \$100 tax exemption question, but Dr. Noble relieved the members greatly by allowing the matter to stand until next meeting on account of the hour being late.

Where the Trouble Begins. Amid cries of "corruption" the mayor rose to express his disapproval of the nomination of Mr. Forman by the board of control. He said a mistake had been made by the majority, but he had no word to say against his ability, but he was not the man to look after the city's leases, sales and valuations of lands. The city was now entering upon a new era and many citizens understood the new assessment act as well as Mr. Forman. The latter was in the department for a long time under the late Mr. Maughan, when the work was in a most unsatisfactory condition, although Mr. Forman was the virtual head of the department during Mr. Maughan's long illness. He moved that the recommendation be referred back.

Ald. Sheppard characterized the mayor's argument as unfair, as while Mr. Forman was a subordinate he had no right to make recommendations. The department still was not in a satisfactory condition, if the board had recommended a better man he would have supported him, but no name had been mentioned.

Controller Hubbard said he had heard much but seen little. No strong man had been brought out. He doubted if there was a man in the city who understood the assessment department better than Mr. Forman. He had been largely depended upon by the late government in the framing of the act.

Dunn Gets Personal. Ald. Dunn said he had never heard a more malicious attack than that made on Mr. Forman on Friday by Controller Spence. Mr. Forman had been spoken of in the highest terms by Hon. J. M. Gibson, who had stated that he had never met a man of equal ability in his line. Who were the two big men whom the mayor had in mind? He thought they were P. S. Spence, who asked \$5000 per year, and R. J. Fleming at \$10,000. He might vote for the lesser salary, as he believed it would be in the interest of the city to retire Controller Spence on a pension of \$8000 a year.

Ald. Vaughan ordered that such language was allowed in council. He, however, believed in promotion.

Controller Spence declined to reply to the personalities of Ald. Dunn, who, he said, was a man who did with his mouth what he feared to do with his hands.

Ald. Dunn: "Not in this case." The city wanted a man with the keenest mind to cope with real estate men and business speculators. He deprecated any personal attack, as he had said nothing that had not been stated to Mr. Forman privately in discussing the matter.

Mr. Forman, too, was a big enough man not to misunderstand what a representative of the people said, and an honest endeavor to do his duty. But if he was so good a man, why was he greater and more persistent lobby than had ever before been seen in the city put up on his behalf?

Controller Shaw read a list of expired licenses which had not been renewed. The mayor urged that the city should not in which the list of expired licenses had been used. In every instance there was a good reason for the delay.

Ald. Geary denied that any lobby had been carried on to his knowledge, with which a number of others agreed.

City and Railway Guards. Mayor Urquhart, in replying to Ald. Hubbard's enquiry, why the city was not represented before the railway committee at Ottawa in favor of Lancaster's bill to level crossings, stated that the board suggested an amendment to the bill, and the city solicitor requested the city members to support the bill both before the railway committee and in the house.

The Canada Foundry Company failed to pay a water bill of \$170.36, and the board recommended that it be allowed to settle for \$30.72 instead of about \$200, as the full penalty would amount to. Ald. Sheppard objected, but the report passed.

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30,000 tons of finished steel at \$1.65 per ton bounty.....	\$ 49,500
10,000 tons wire rods at \$6.00 per ton.....	60,000
10,000 tons rolled shapes, bridgebars, etc., over 35 lbs. per yard, \$3.00 per ton bounty.....	30,000
	\$139,500

In addition the application of the dumping clause by the Dominion Government will enable this material to be manufactured at a fair profit. The price at which this block of preferred stock is offered does not represent fifty per cent. of the amount originally invested in the plant.

Subscriptions to this issue at \$25 per share, par value \$100, will close on Tuesday, March 14th next, after that the price of shares will be advanced to \$30 per share.

All applications for shares must be accompanied by marked cheque, express or money order, for the full amount of shares applied for. The sooner applications are sent in the better the chances of securing the number of shares applied for. Applications have already been received for a number of shares, and we would suggest that intending investors communicate with us at once.

In offering this stock to the public we deem it one of the best investments placed on the market for some time. We consider the time opportune for starting the plant, as the iron and steel trade has shown marked improvement for some months, and the future for some years to come in this country is assured and very promising. We believe that this stock will be changing hands at an advance of one hundred per cent. inside of twelve months.

Application will be made to list the stock on the exchange in due time.

IN THE GOLDEN BOOK

Should Be Entered Names of Parties to Dogger Bank Arbitration. Paris, Feb. 27.—Dr. Mandelstam, one of the Russian counsel during the North Sea enquiry, writes as follows: "Regarding from the viewpoint of humanity alone, the commission's work has immense importance. The admirals' report is the result of common efforts and mutual concession to save mankind from the horrors of a general conflagration. The names of the rulers and the ministers who brought it about and of the commissioners who weighed the evidence deserve entry in the golden book."

Fifteen Dead in Mine. Welch, W. Va., Feb. 27.—Fifteen men are known to be dead as the result of the explosion in shaft No. 1 of the United States Coal and Coke Company. The number of dead may be even greater, but it is impossible now to explore the mine, because of the fire which is still burning.

Trainmen Will Confer. New York, Feb. 27.—A conference between representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, looking to a settlement of the trouble with the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, will be held at New Haven next Wednesday.

Irregular Voters' Lists. The petition of Port Arthur Conservatives against the election of H. W. Kennedy has been received at Osgoode Hall. The usual charges of bribery, intimidation, etc., are alleged in the petition, and in addition specific charges of irregularities at polling booths. It is largely upon these alleged irregularities that the petitioners depend to have the seat vacated. It is charged that in two polling sub-divisions names were left off the poll book that appeared in the printed list, that thereby Mr. Preston was deprived of a number of votes that would have been in his favor. It is also alleged that men were appointed to the position of deputy returning officer who were disqualified by law from acting, that a number of persons who are disqualified by law polled their votes, some even signing their names.

Prominent Planter Killed. Yanco City, Miss., Feb. 27.—A quarrel between Edward Stevens, a prominent planter, and four negroes has led to the killing of Stevens and his brother, W. H. Stevens, and the wounding of a negro named Wilder, one of the slaves of the Stevens brothers.

Two Chinese Admitted to West. Washington, Feb. 27.—The house today passed a resolution, admitting two Chinese subjects to the West Point Military Academy.

REFORMS IN MACEDONIA.

Britain Not Satisfied, But Will Not Press Unduly. London, Feb. 27.—In the house of commons to-day, during the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, Mr. Stevenson (Advanced Liberal) introduced an amendment declaring that the time had arrived for the government to take steps to ensure the execution of reforms in Macedonia and for the appointment of Christian governors, responsible to the powers.

Earl Percy, under secretary for foreign affairs, replying, said the government was not satisfied with the progress made, but was not prepared to press the matter unduly.

The under secretary added that the villagers often exaggerated their grievances and the acts of the Turkish government. Ever since the reform scheme had been inaugurated, there had been sickening tales of the atrocities committed by the Turkish government. The under secretary did not believe the tales in the interior of Macedonia, but he was bound to consider the reports of the British government did not propose to allow its hands to be forced. The powers should distinguish the minds of the revolutionary leaders of the idea that the powers would lend themselves to any encouragement if the revolutionists precipitated matters. Great Britain had not accepted any responsibility apart from the other powers in this matter.

AT OSGOODE HALL. The registrar of the court of appeal yesterday received notice of the protest against the election of Hugh Kennedy (Lib.) in Port Arthur and Rainy River. The Kingston protest against E. J. B. Fense has also been filed. There are two weeks yet for further protest.

Not wishing to go on with the city's omnibus suit, the Toronto Railway Company will appeal to-day from the master's recent decision, in which he signifies his willingness to hear evidence in the case.

Lindon Brooks will ask the courts to enforce an alleged agreement made by John Pratt of Ottawa, proprietor of the Arlington Hotel, to sell him the license and furnishings. The Counties of Northumberland and Durham have paid \$800 damages to Mrs. Jessie McAtee, whose husband was killed by falling thru the railings of an improperly guarded bridge at Campbellford.

Bolony Kiralfy has filed a statement with the city solicitor that the Industrial Exhibition Association insured for \$10,000, instead of \$20,000, his properties, which were damaged by fire three years ago, and he sought \$20,000 more for material to continue the show.

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Ministers Getting in Line. A committee was appointed by the Presbyterian Ministerial Association at its regular meeting yesterday, to confer with the general Ministerial Association, looking to an expression of views regarding the separate school clause of the autonomy bill.

A Promise. "I intend to have the Yonge-street bridge and the Lansdowne-avenue street matter brought before the railway commission at once," said Mayor Urquhart yesterday. "I would like to have the Yonge-street bridge application dealt with while the case is in the courts."

Canada Orders Pipe. London, Feb. 27.—Glasgow reports that Canada has been ordering pipe in the iron from both America and Canada.

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