

ON THE SIDE.

ther aldermanic vacancy.

Bennett simply cannot keep his rotation connections" from getting tangled up with his politics.

an time, Attorney-General McManis succeeds Hon. Wm. Pugh in the New Brunswick Government. He was returned by acclamation in John.

William Van Horne says we have a financial straits, and the only way to do is to "lie low and wait" until an attitude of nervous prostration is reached.

Hugh Graham, of the Montreal has offered Longboat \$2,000 if he keeps sober for five years. Per a similar stipulation will accompany Mr. Graham's future contribution to the Opposition campaign.

The Galt Reporter censures the government because the Hespeler mills closed down seven years and three 500 men out of employment, and is constrained to add four new industries have taken place of the woolen mills, and the population of the town is now more than ever before. Even those come to scoff remain to pray.

Beatrice Nesbitt has resigned the finding it quite impossible to re-himself to silence.

It is reported that Mr. McCarthy, M.P. alary will retire from politics, is d. It may be significant, however, that Mr. McCarthy is leaving denying to his friends.

The Lusitania brought across 10,000 in gold on her last trip. of Drake and Kid! Where are the dogs of the old brigade?

BOARDING HOUSE AXIOMS.

(Sydney Record.)

All boarding houses are the same. The landlady of a boarding house is a landlady. The landlady of a boarding house is a landlady. The landlady of a boarding house is a landlady.

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(Toronto News.) Percy De Winton was a very careful boy. He was a very careful boy. He was a very careful boy. He was a very careful boy.

business suit was always pressed, his shoes were always clean, evening clothes were elegant, he had a noble mien. The company must furnish gas at all applicants.

They took a maiden out, they never went alone. bowed to Mrs. Grundy and engaged a chaperone. thought it simply sweet patronize a midnight grill and get a bite to eat.

MEN AND WOMEN WANTED

Wanted—To learn the Barber Trade. eight weeks required to learn.

Tools Free.

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THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Natural Gas Franchise Agreement Applied For By the American Canadian Oil Co. Is Considered—Agreement Provides for Franchise in Perpetuity, Forfeited by Failure to Supply Gas Within Three Years—Maximum Price Fixed in Comparison With Coal at \$2 Per Ton—Considerable Other Business.

The agreement granting a non-exclusive natural gas franchise to the American-Canadian Oil Co., was before the city council at its sixty-third session Tuesday night, and was considered by the council in committee of the whole. The agreement was approved by the city solicitor and the special committee composed of Aldermen Smith, Manuel and Manson, was discussed at length, the meeting adjourning at midnight to meet again Thursday night to resume the discussion on the agreement preparatory to submitting it to the people for endorsement early next year.

Summarized, the franchise, which is non-exclusive, provides that the company shall within three years supply natural gas to the city at a price per thousand cubic feet to be determined by the value of that quantity of gas relative to that of a ton of coal delivered at the municipal lighting and waterworks stations at \$2.

The aldermen were disposed to consider the agreement favorably. During the discussion, Alderman Manson remarked that the city had been too exacting in making agreements, with the result that in the effort to secure advantageous conditions nothing of any value had been obtained.

Mowat Biggar, solicitor for the company, was present at the meeting, as well as H. H. Williams, the president.

Has Company Got the Gas? Alderman Daly at the outset demanded that the company prove to the council's satisfaction it had natural gas at Morinville sufficient to supply the city's requirements. There was no guarantee that the company had the gas, nor that it did not intend to sell the franchise after securing it.

"We have only the statement," said Alderman Smith, "of the company that they have the gas." Mr. Williams stated that there was gas at the well in Morinville sufficient to supply the cities of Edmonton and Strathcona. The pressure of gas was tested and found to register 400 pounds rock pressure. From a three inch pipe the flame from the gas when lighted attained a height of 20 feet.

An effort to test the pressure on this pipe had failed by reason of the inability of the gauge used to withstand the pressure. The operations at the well had reached a depth of 900 feet. At 400 feet gas was struck. Mr. Williams stated that geologically, the location of the gas at Morinville was the same as at Pelican river in the north country, where the gas had been flowing since 1897. He assured the council his company had the gas to supply, if not from one well from a dozen.

The Terms of Franchise. A synopsis of the important clauses of the agreement follows:

The municipality grants the company the right to convey by the most improved methods natural gas along the streets of the city, subject to the city engineer's sanction and permit connections to be made with any building or place within the municipality.

The franchise is null and void if the company fails to supply within three years from the date of the agreement. If after commencing the supply, it fails to continue it for a period of six months, the mains and plant within the city shall vest in the municipality.

Plans and profiles of mains must be furnished the city engineer, who will have supervision and control over the pipe laying. If the plans are not carried out, or are so carried out as to injure streets, the engineer may stop the work.

The company must replace the streets after laying the mains, in as good condition as that in which they are found.

Mains shall be constructed on lanes so far as feasible. Gas shall be supplied at a price not to exceed that charged in any other municipality, and at a maximum price per thousand cubic feet equal to coal at \$2 per ton.

The company must furnish gas at all applicants. The company shall indemnify the corporation from all damages arising out of the operation of the franchise. Gas meters shall be tested at the expense of the company once every year.

For default in making connections applied for by a prospective consumer within two months, the company shall pay \$20 per day until connection is made. The other clauses are of a similar nature.

In discussing the price clause, Mr. Biggar stated that it was the intention of the company to fix a maximum price, under that provided for, only for heating purposes. The inference was that the price for lighting would be the limit allowed by a comparison with coal at \$2.00.

Alderman Gariepy was not satisfied with this clause. He wanted a maximum rate for lighting fixed. The committee finally rose and reported progress. The contentious clauses will be considered at the meeting Thursday night.

To Investigate Potter Charges. A. E. Potter kept his promise, and made specific charges against City Medical Health Officer Ternan, in connection with the latter's report dealing with the sanitary condition of his stables. These charges were to the effect that the statements made by Medical Health Officer Ternan were false. A committee, composed of Aldermen Manson, Manuel, Anderson and Commissioner Pace to investigate the charges, was appointed. The medical health officer will be asked to accompany the committee in order to protect himself in the event of an

editions having been changed in the interval between the inspection of the premises by the medical health officer and the investigation by the committee.

S. Nankin, Jasper avenue, jeweler, made application for permission to erect in the rear of his store a winter frame porch at a cost of \$60. The permission was granted.

John Owen made application for permission to erect a \$4,000 frame livery and feed stable at the corner of Second street and Athabasca avenues. The request was granted.

Alderman Gariepy strongly opposed the motion to grant the request, stating that the erection of a stable at this corner would be particularly objectionable to the Baptist church, which is on the corner immediately opposite the site of the proposed livery stable.

Edward Dean, a resident of Seventh street, desired to know the why and wherefore of the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Seventh street between Jasper and Athabasca avenues, for which a petition was presented for a walk on the same side of the same street between Peace and Athabasca.

The commissioners will have to explain why priority of petition was not followed out in the construction of these works.

Rev. A. M. McDonald, acting on the request of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform League, wrote asking the council to reconsider the application of the League for a grant from the city covering the cost of the prosecution of John Morton, recently sentenced to six years in the penitentiary. Alderman Anderson gave notice of motion to reconsider the request. It will be taken up at the next meeting.

The city solicitor advised the council that the city would be responsible for the refunding of fines made under the early closing by-laws, if the by-laws were rescinded. This opinion was given in connection with an application for refund made by a Navajo avenue butcher, who was fined under the by-law. The communication was filed.

The city solicitor also advised the council that to facilitate the consolidation of the city by-laws, he would require clerical assistance. The assistance will be provided.

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1. That their contention that the city will not be able to furnish them with gravel for foundations next season at 25c per yard is correct, as the property from which this gravel was taken has been ceded to the government.

2. That when a concrete foundation is properly laid down, it is there for all time, and when some time in the future the Bitulithic surface has to be renewed, the city may decide to put down wood, brick, asphalt, or some other kind of pavement, which can be put down at less than half what it would cost if the foundation were to be provided also.

3. Should breaks occur in the existing water mains or should new services be required, a concrete foundation can be taken out and replaced much easier and more cheaply than the Bitulithic foundation, and the danger of there being a defective foundation on account of the earth settling will be obviated.

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The finance committee presented accounts amounting to \$26,955.58, and amount which for the first time in many months was less than \$30,000. Itemized the accounts were approved as follows:

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"Hughes is growing in strength, and if he could secure the New York delegation, as he may, it would complicate matters, but I think Roosevelt is the man and that Bryan will be nominated by the Democrats, and the United States will see the liveliest campaign in history."

Congressman Hull returned last night from Washington, where he had a conference with the president, the same day that Governor Cummins was there, but he is unable to give any information in regard to Cummins' intentions in Washington.

Talks of Cannon's Chances. "If Roosevelt is not nominated Speaker Cannon stands as good a chance of the nomination as any one," continued Mr. Hull. "He will get a good many congressional delegations. He has one from Michigan now, and the first Iowa district is likely to go for him. Roosevelt has been honest in putting forward Taft as his successor, but the result of the Cleveland election has almost eliminated him from the running. The president has discovered that while the people admire him they decline to allow him to name his successor. That is a different matter."

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Wellman Sails For America.

Paris, Nov. 19.—Walter Wellman, who headed the Wellman-Chicago Record Herald arctic expedition, sailed for New York to-day from Cherbourg on the steamer Majestic. Ullmann, the arrival in America he will confer with his supporters and decide upon next year's programme. The arctic arship, which Ullmann arrived here from Norway in excellent condition.

ANSWER TO WHITE HAND.

Society Organized to Exterminate Black Hand Receives Body Blow.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—The Black Hand last night gave its answer to a declaration of war from Mano Bianco or White Hand formed by wealthy Italians to exterminate the black mailers who have been terrorizing their countrymen in Chicago, while a committee of influential Italians was preparing to raise funds to the extent of fifty thousand with which to fight and stamp out the blackmailers. Mariano Scardina, a young Italian, who left Buffalo a few days ago on account of trouble with the secret society there, was stabbed to death in his father's saloon at 69 Oak street. Shortly before his death Scardina, Max Friend, a wealthy wholesale liquor dealer, received a third warning from Black Hand unless he paid \$250 within twenty-four hours he would be killed and his home dynamited. It develops an epidemic of threatening is on. Nearly twenty cases were reported during the day to the promoters of the White Hand society.

Sensational Climax to Suit. Toronto, Nov. 20.—The trial of the Toronto Mining Journal's suit against Frank Law and Wm. Lockhart Russell, which has been going on for several days, had a sensational issue this afternoon when Frank Law was arrested for conspiracy with Russell and others to defraud the public and to affect the market price of the stock sold. The original suit was for issuing a defective prospectus. Bail was talked of and the Magistrate Kinsford said he would require ten thousand dollars security.

Buckingham Strikers Go To Jail.

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