

RAILWAY FRANCHISE

Bylaw Introduced at the Council Meeting

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About the only thing of consequence that transpired at the city council meeting last night was the introduction of the bylaw granting to the Klondike Mines Railway Company a franchise over First avenue from Princess street to Albert. There were no communications save one from Chief Lester which was as follows:

To the honorable mayor and city council of Dawson: Gentlemen—For the information of "Taxpayer" and the general public I wish to state that the letter published in a Saturday evening paper was quite unwarranted. Coal for the department is supplied on requisition from the chief of the department in quantities called for by him. A sufficient quantity of coal to supply an engine at full working capacity for from two to eight hours is kept at each engine house. In the event of the supply becoming exhausted, as happened Saturday, the custom is to have the supply replenished from the engines not in service, and more coal is immediately ordered. Hoping this explanation will be found satisfactory by "Taxpayer," I am respectfully yours,

J. A. LESTER, Chief of the Fire Department. The only new bills presented included the following: Standard Oil Company, \$1.00; B. A. Shindler, 1.00; N. C. Co., 4.00; Klondike Mill Co., \$2.30. The finance committee was the only one of the standing committees to make a report and it dealt only with the bill of Dr. Catto which for the third time was turned down with a dissenting third. The doctor was present when the report was made, but made no comment until after the session had adjourned. Then quite an amount of good natured badinage was indulged in, largely at the expense of the members. The doctor was characterized as the most persistent fighter who ever came over the pike and he retaliated by freely expressing his opinion of the council. He gave his worship and the gentlemen of the council notice that he intended to sue for the amount he alleges to be due him.

Admiral moved the introduction of the franchise bylaw and later its first reading. The title of the bylaw is: "A bylaw of the city of Dawson to grant to the Klondike Mines Railway Company the right to construct and operate a railway upon a portion of First avenue in said city." The bill was given only its first reading and will have to pass two more stages before it becomes a law. The proposed franchise grants only the right of way from Princess to Albert streets. From the lower end of town to Princess, should it be constructed, that route, the road will pass over the bar which is Dominion land and over which the city has no jurisdiction. A gist of the bill will be found elsewhere in this issue. Various moved that the city clerk be instructed to submit a report at the end of the month showing in detail the business transacted by the council throughout the year, the same to be given to the newspapers for publication if they so desired. Mayor offered a resolution to the effect that the remuneration of P. G. Catto for auditing the city's books for the year and submitting a complete report be fixed at \$300 which was agreed to. After adjournment the mayor signed the last bunch of checks in payment of the salaries of the fire department that will be presented to the present council which will have its more regular session, that of Monday evening. More jewelry than all others combined, unequalled in quality, lowest price, at J. L. Sale & Co.'s. White Squadron—At Auditorium. Games and Christmas Tree Decorations at Landahl's. First avenue. MISS SMYTHE'S DANCING ACADEMY. Palace and Ballroom. Dancing lessons Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8 to 10. Private lessons arranged for. Lessons a month. Lessons \$1.00. Eagle hall, opposite Nugget office.

AWARDING OF PRIZES

Major and Mrs. Wood at Public Schools

Handsome Books Sent by Hon. James H. Ross for the Best Scholars.

Acting Commissioner and Mrs. Wood, Mayor and Mayoress Macaulay and others, spent nearly the whole of the morning at the public schools today. The occasion was the break-up for the holidays, which last until January 5th. There were also a number of others there—R. P. McLennan, Alderman Vachon, Alderman Wilson, Ex-Councillor Prudhomme, Dr. Alfred Thompson, Elgin Shoff, R. P. Ritchie and Col. McGregor. Also Major and Mrs. Cuthbert, Police Surgeon Thompson, Rev. Dr. Grant, Rev. Baracough, Turner Townsend, Detective Walsh, E. E. Miller and a large number of ladies—in fact a large gathering of parents and those interested in education.

There were no vacation exercises, the idea of Superintendent Ross being to show the method of school work just as it goes on from day to day. First the visitors were shown into the kindergarten, where all the little tots were decked out in their best hats and tuckers.

Major Wood had a pleasant word for nearly every one of them, and most of them had the precocity to reply. The old-time hesitancy was absent, and neither did the little girls drop a modest curtsy, or the boys make a sweeping right arm bow. Each little one took the gift and gleefully hurried to the proud parent if they were present. Then the prizes sent for the pupils by Hon. James H. Ross were distributed by the Major, Mrs. Wood standing at his elbow. Both seemed to enjoy it very much. Always the Major had some little compliment to make, for which the children seemed as grateful as for the prize itself. For instance, when James O'Neil came up for the prize he had won for punctuality and deportment the Major said to him: "Why, Jimmy, this gives me great pleasure. You must be thinking of being a soldier, and I think you would make a good one, for punctuality and deportment are the two things most greatly prized in the army." The little girls who won prizes were also called by their first names as if he knew them all, and little Madeline Shuman blushed at his compliment upon her composition.

The public school has no room large enough to assemble all the pupils, so Superintendent Ross had to show them from one class room to another. Neither is there any distinctive name given to the rooms. They go by the name of the teacher. In one of the senior rooms Major Wood made a little speech, saying how sorry Mr. Ross, their member of parliament, must feel that he could not be present to distribute these prizes which he had so thoughtfully provided, with his own hands, as Mr. Ross took such a deep interest in all of them. However, it was a pleasure to him to present these prizes, as it gave him an opportunity of making their acquaintance and seeing for himself the good work they were doing. He wished them all "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," and scarcely were the words out of his mouth when like a hastily-thrown handful of pebbles came the response: "Same to you."

The prize winners were as follows: Principal McKenzie's room—Literature and mathematics, Florence LeS. Phillips. Best essay on the Yukon, Bessie Rosman, Gussie Arnold, Lou river, Louis Mitchell. Regular attendance and best progress, Lloyd Hawley. Best drawing, Edrie Macfarlane, a case of drawing instruments. Mr. Jekell's room—Seniors—Composition, Madeline Shuman and Ethel Levine. Literature and Mathematics, Bessie Knorr and Lucile McKay. Punctuality and deportment, Cecil O'Neil. Juniors—Composition, Cecil Barry; Literature and mathematics, Clara Mayhood first, Sam Crawford second; punctuality and deportment, Samuel Waitt. Miss Keyes' room—Seniors—James S. Arnaud, Roy Fysh, Morton Townsend, Gertrude Larsen, May Schoelling, Edith Waite. Juniors—Helen Henry, Harry McLennan, Arthur Luto, Basil Stoenager. Miss Bennett's room—Viola Kelson, George Parker, Frank Thompson, Dave Waxtock, Finlay White, Chas. Grant, Oge Davis, Alfrida Luto, Elsie Fisher, Irving Levine.



LABOR PUTS ITS FOOT DOWN UPON THE UNWORTHY INSTRUMENT.

OPPOSITION PARTY IS BUSTED

Unworthy Instrument Calls a Meeting Without Consulting Such Leaders as Woodworth and Others—They Roundly Denounce Him and His Meeting—Racy Contradictions—The Unworthy's Attempt to Bulldoze Union Men Who Last Night Enthusiastically Ratified George K. Gilbert's Nomination.

The meeting held at Pioneer hall last night for the public ratification of George K. Gilbert as the labor candidate for the Yukon council, was one full of surprises. That the ratification of Mr. Gilbert would be so prompt and unanimous was among the things expected, and was therefore no surprise to anybody. The surprises were incidental. Joe Clarke was there. He expressed the belief of all present when he said that the opposition party was supposed to be dead. He endeavored in his vigorous way to show that it had still breath enough left to yelp. But before the meeting ended the said opposition party was split up into splinters. One of its leaders after another got up and repudiated the "unworthy instrument." First Mr. Beddoe, who had believed himself to be THE leader of that party, repudiated him. Then Mr. Woodworth, who thought he had been one of its leaders for two years, repudiated him, and the great mass of honest working men of the meeting repudiated him and indignantly resented his attempted interference with their political action.

The meeting opened with the election of Charles Fisher as chairman and George B. Wyatt as secretary. The chairman briefly told the object of the meeting and George B. Patterson made a brief address. He said they had adopted a lien law as their platform and now they should take the next step and elect a representative to the Yukon council to see it carried into effect. They had nominated a candidate worthy of the support of labor, and they should stick together and elect him. Mr. Gilbert, the candidate, was then enthusiastically called for. He was sitting in the body of the hall by the side of his wife, the only lady present. He came forward timidly and when he got on the platform seemed overcome with the warmth of his reception. He thanked the union members for the honor they had done him in tendering him the nomination, and said the success of his campaign rested with them.

"I was given the nomination in good faith," he said, "and I have accepted it in good faith. Regarding the rumor that it was not a representative meeting which nominated me, I would say that if it was not then I am not very well informed. It was tendered to me voluntarily and be-

lieving it to be unanimous I accepted it. As to the endorsement of another candidate, there are rumors that we want to be the tail of some other kite. Let us settle this tonight, whether we will endorse another candidate or stand by our guns and fight it out alone." (Applause.) James A. McKinnon proposed: "That the union men and laboring men of Dawson, in mass meeting assembled, do hereby ratify the nomination of George K. Gilbert as the labor candidate for district No. 1 of the Yukon council." This was unanimously carried and the speaker then proposed that a committee of six be chosen from the meeting to manage the campaign, and that out of that number should be selected the finance, executive and other committees. The question was asked whether they would adopt a platform at this meeting, and if they would endorse another candidate. The chairman said he knew of no intention to endorse any other candidate, and as to platform the lien law had already been adopted as such, and he did not know whether that should be ratified.

John G. Campbell spoke in eulogy of the candidate and said it was a case of the office seeking the man and not the man seeking the office. Elgin Shoff appeared as "a friend of labor" and pledged the candidate his support. He thought they should have a platform that had more in it and which would commend itself and their cause to the great body of electors. He suggested the addition of a clause that women should be given the right to vote on an equality with men, and in support of this not only made a long speech but read a long extract from a magazine article written by a Chinaman there was a letter among the audience which declared that Mr. Shoff had not added much to his personal popularity by his eloquent address. The late "unworthy instrument" was the next speaker, and it seemed at one time as if he was going to talk until today so that no other speaker would have a chance to follow him. He did not see why when they had two votes they should be satisfied with one candidate. Why elect Mr. Gilbert and give up the

other seat to their enemies? At the last election they had nominated a French Canadian and an English-speaking candidate on the creeks and he thought it would be a good precedent to follow in Dawson. "You must remember that you are eighty per cent. of the voting population, and the government cannot beat you with counterfeit money. You must remember that at this election a man may vote in Dawson and also on the creeks." Mr. Woodworth—No, no. Mr. Clarke—There are better men than Mr. Woodworth will bear me out in this. We will have 200 men vote at the Forks or Ogilvie bridge and then come to Dawson to vote, and as many vote here and then go there to vote. That is how the wage earner can beat the grafters. Now I have not worked much for wages. Mr. Woodworth—That's true enough. The U. I.—Well, I have probably earned as much money as Mr. Woodworth ever did in this country (roars of laughter). Now as to your platform, the lien law should not be your only issue. The real issue is are you with the grafters or against them? You have in Mr. Gilbert a candidate who is not an unworthy instrument (cheers). The opposition party is to hold a meeting tomorrow night, and the course it will adopt depends much upon your course tonight. It is proposed to bring out a French Canadian wage earner, and my suggestion is that this meeting be instructed to vote for Mr. Gilbert and for the opposition candidate. Mr. Gilbert would lose possibly twenty-five government votes, but he would gain 150 by opposing the government. I propose that you have a committee appointed to wait upon the opposition meeting tomorrow night. Harry Casper was then loudly called for, but as he had just that moment entered the hall, and knew nothing of the previous proceedings he declined. Dr. Catto was also called for and declined. Mr. Beddoe was next demanded. Mr. Beddoe threw off his coat in a workmanlike manner and with a polite bow toward Mrs. Gilbert said: Lady and gentlemen, I disagree in toto with the remarks of the last speaker (cheers). I think that if the laboring men find that they have strength enough to support two can-

GRIMESBY SENTENCED

Will Serve a Year for Petty Theft

Found Guilty on Two Charges and Receives Six Months on Each of Them.

When Thomas Grimesby stood up in the dock at the police court this morning he looked like an anarchist. His eyes were keen, his hair disheveled and a bushy black beard completed a tout ensemble that for all the world reminded one of the rebellious subjects of Czar Nicholas. He was arrested last night by Constable McMillan and his looks were borne out by the conversation he is said to have indulged in. On his person when searched at the guard room was found a small arsenal minus the guns. There was a wicked looking bowie knife with an edge keen enough to shave with, a dozen or more .45-calibre cartridges and in his room was found a revolver to which the shells evidently belonged. When thrown in the bastille he is said to have threatened to get even no matter how long he was kept on the woodpile. "I'll get square with you and you can depend on it. I'll burn the whole country up when I get out. That's what I'll do."

DOWN THE RIVER

Horse and Dog Teams Start Out for Fortymile.

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