

TRADERS' LICENSES

Most Lines Taxed the Maximum But a Few Are Exempt.

LOAN BY LAW ADOPTED

It Provides For Borrowing \$20,000 June 1-Inquiry Started as to Sufficiency of Water Supply-Fire Apparatus Ordered-Minor Matters.

Considerable business of an important nature was transacted by the council at a meeting Tuesday night. The trades license bylaw, fixing the amount of license to be paid by merchants, owners of vehicles, and tradesmen generally, was introduced and passed its second reading. The chief features of the by-law are that the section which is supposed to cover the brokerage business provides for the exceedingly small license of \$25 per year, and that hardware, grocery, drug, stationery, and boot and shoe dealers are exempted from any license whatever.

Board of Works Report

A report from the board of works was the first matter considered at the meeting. The report contained a recommendation to have the city clerk write to Manager Kent of the Vernon and Nelson Telephone company concerning the location of telephone poles in Rossland. Also a recommendation that the appointment of an assistant city engineer be deferred for the present, as there is not sufficient work at present to keep such an official busy. The purchase of scrapers and horses to work on the street improvements was recommended, and it was suggested that Mr. Olmstead be communicated with in order that he might confer with the board of works in regard to keeping a pound. The application of Mr. Allan to build a wall under the sidewalk to support her hotel building was not granted, pending the examination of the plans for the wall, which must be submitted to the board of works. It was recommended that a letter be written thanking Mr. Corbould for building the steps from the Shaw hotel to Earl street, and that the city take charge of the steps. The report was adopted with all its recommendations.

The Water Supply

Alderman Fraser moved that the Rossland Water and Light company be asked immediately to confer with the Fire, Water and Light committee of the council, to ascertain if the supply of water in the reservoir is adequate at night to supply the need for power, and the possibility of need for fire at any time. It was stated by Mayor Scott that he had heard that the reservoir did not contain enough water on the occasion of one fire to furnish half the amount wanted, and that this state of affairs was due to the large consumption of water for power. The motion was carried.

Trades License Bylaw

The trades license bylaw was next introduced by Alderman Johnson. The amount of license to be paid for different privileges for the term of six months was fixed as follows: Vehicles, \$2.50 each; (a person taking out four vehicle licenses shall not be liable for a license for the same vehicle); pack horses, six or over, for transporting goods only, further from the city than ten miles, \$5; pack horses for transporting goods and passengers within ten miles of the city, \$2.50; hawkers, peddlers, transient merchants, \$50; solicitors for outside concerns, \$50; auctioneers, \$50; billiard tables, \$5 each; bowling alley, \$5; circuses, per day, \$200; side shows, \$10; opera house, concert hall or music hall, \$5 per exhibition, excepting hardware, grocery, stationery, drug and boot and shoe stores, \$5; wash house, \$5; electric light or street car companies, loan or investment societies, \$25; fortune tellers, \$50; street or public medicine fakir, \$25; first week, \$5 each following week, \$2.50; tradesmen, excepting hardware, grocery, stationery, drug and boot and shoe stores, \$5; second hand dealer, \$50; conveyancer (broker), \$12.50.

The Favored Trades

All, or nearly all of the above rates represent the maximum figures as prescribed in the provincial law. The council evinced a desire to impose the maximum in every branch of business, but when that was met the police commissioner, Alderman Wallace, who is in the stationery business, raised an objection to charging stationers a license. He contended that he was paying taxes enough without paying a license. After some discussion it was decided to exempt druggists, stationers, shoe dealers, hardware dealers and grocers from the payment of a tradesmen's license.

No Police Commissioner Yet

Alderman Raymer, when the license bylaw had been disposed of, introduced a resolution to write to the government at Victoria asking that the police commissioner for Rossland be immediately appointed. Mayor Scott at once announced that he would oppose the resolution. He said that the government had been urged by wire to make the appointment and he did not think further urging would avail anything. Alderman Raymer explained that the police court fines are now all flowing into the government coffers because Rossland has no police commissioner. Alderman Johnson spoke in favor of the motion. On the vote it was lost by a tie vote.

Government Refunds Nothing

The question was also discussed as to whether the government had the right to collect any licenses after the city was incorporated. It was stated that considerable money had been thus collected and the suggestion that a refund be asked for was made. City Councilor MacNeill stated that the government had already refused to refund any of the money thus collected, and that tradesmen holding licenses issued by the government were not liable to the city for license until the expiration of the government license.

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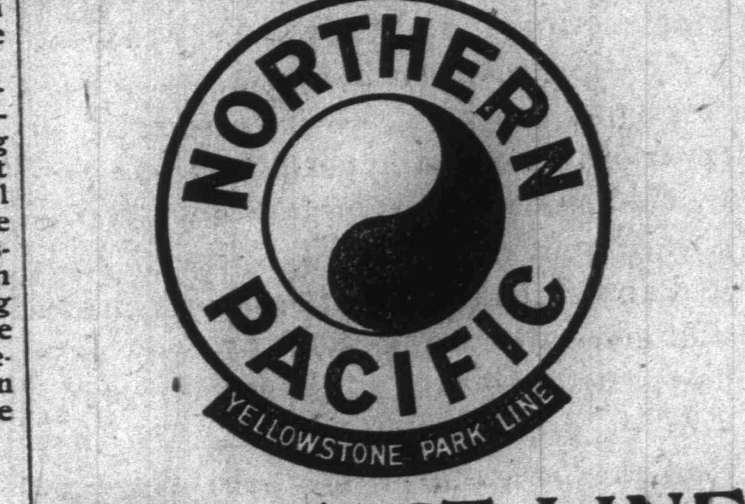
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LODGE MEETINGS. CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 27 A. F. & A. M. Meets in Rossland Masonic Hall on the first Thursday of each month. Visiting brethren invited. H. P. McCRAW, Secretary.

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