

BAR ASSOCIATION OBJECTS

To the Passing of an Ordinance and Its Voice is Heard.

The Council Tired of Being Taken by the Throat by Hospitals—Government Memorialized.

There was a general air of expectancy in the courtroom Saturday afternoon when the council took its place, as it was pretty well known by means of busy rumor that the ordinance (as yet unpassed), consummating the desire of the government that Mr. Aimee Dugas be created a member of the bar for the purpose of legally filling the registrar's office, had created a feeling of dissent and unrest in the heart of the Bar Association, which had been bottled up as long as possible, and was then about to be heard from.

Therefore other matters were rather lost track of by those who waited to hear the protest, which came, at the proper time, in the form of a letter from the secretary of the association, and was backed up by a number of attorneys, who Secretary Brown said, would like to address a committee of the council on the subject in hand, which opportunity was given them by the council resolving itself into a committee of the whole for their reception.

The legal light from the back of the room was great enough to make it almost necessary to light a match to see if the electric lights were burning, when Attorney McCall, like Horatius who held the bridge in the brave days of old, separated himself from the constellation and addressed the council.

He said that it was a long way from the desire of the Bar Association to wish to be constituted as opposing the proposed passage of the ordinance on any grounds of personal feeling towards the present incumbent, as the body in question had the greatest respect and regard for Mr. Dugas, but it regarded such an act as a violation of the land titles act, which said that none but an attorney might fill the office of registrar, and, as his acts were in a great measure judicial, this was right and proper.

The registrar was supposed to pass on the legality of the instruments passing through his office, and from his decision in such matter there is no appeal, and, whereas, Mr. Dugas was not an attorney, the bar felt that he should not be declared to be one by the council.

Mr. McCall closed his remarks by reiterating the statement that the Bar Association held Mr. Dugas in the highest esteem and were not opposing his appointment on personal grounds, and thanking the honorable body for its attention, withdrew to the little knot of attorneys, composed of Messrs. Wade, Davey, Stacpool and others, who silently fled away to the region above, after agreeing to have in readiness a memorandum concerning the matter, and listening to the thanks of the commissioner for the explanation of their position.

The objectionable bill is held in abeyance till next Thursday evening at least, when its future will probably be decided. In the meantime the council is in something the same position, with respect to the Ottawa government and the local Bar Association, as that occupied by the party in tradition who found himself in the unpleasant situation of having the devil on one side and the deep, deep sea on the other.

A telegram on one side commands the enactment of the ordinance, and the Bar Association on the other cries nay, nay.

Major Wood is sufficiently recovered to be out, and Saturday evening filled his accustomed place at the council board, by which means a quorum was had without the presence of Justice Dugas, who was there for a short time pending the arrival of Councilman Wilson, who came in a trifle late. Upon his arrival, however, Justice Dugas took his departure as he was suffering with an injured foot, and only came to the meeting believing that his presence was essential to the formation of a quorum.

An ordinance was introduced and passed concerning the practice indulged in, heretofore by some teamsters, of driving deliberately across the lines of fire hose. Heretofore there has been no means of preventing this pernicious practice owing to the fact, as previously stated in the Nugget that there was no law providing for its punishment. Now, however, it will be stopped.

Out of an indigent case of sickness on Dog Island, which the hospitals re-

fused to admit, grew the question of how far the hospitals are warranted in refusing to take in cases of this nature. In this case the Good Samaritan hospital was willing to take the case if the council would guarantee the payment of \$15 per day during the service, and St. Mary's refused unconditionally to receive the patient.

It was decided to ask Acting Legal Adviser Pattullo to examine the law bearing on the subject and ascertain if the hospitals could not be compelled to receive such cases, and if not to draw an ordinance which would in future prevent, as it was expressed, the taking of the council by the throat, by the hospital hand, and compelling it to stand and deliver.

In the present instance, the case being one of extreme urgency, it having been so reported by Police Surgeon Hurdman, it was decided that the council must submit with the best grace possible to the demands of the hospital and guarantee the \$15 per day.

The matter of taxation was not directly referred to, but as the matter was held in abeyance for one month at a meeting held on the 20th of last month, it is altogether likely that the question will be disposed of next Thursday evening. The reason for laying the matter on the table before was in order to ascertain what the wishes of rate payers was with regard to incorporation, and as this matter seems to have been disposed of to the satisfaction of the council and rate payer, taxes will probably be collected in the near future.

The memorial to be sent to the government concerning the needs of the Yukon territory, the drafting of which was moved by Mr. Wilson some time since, was adopted and will appear in full in tomorrow's Nugget.

There was considerable argument concerning the sending of a minority report presented by Messrs. Wilson and Prudhomme. The minority report provides many things not contained in the memorial adopted among which appears the proposition to abolish the Yukon council in its present form and reorganize the legislative body by electing each member of it by the people, stating as a reason that the situation of Dawson is too remote from Ottawa to admit of a government carried on by one department of the government.

Complete representation in the house of commons is asked for, and the statement is made that it is the right of British subjects to be governed by laws made by representatives of their own choosing. The suggestion is also made that the manufacture of beer should be permitted.

MONTREAL PAPER.

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been elected speaker of the house, with Editor Ed Cowen chief clerk.

Mushed to Skagway.

Skagway, Jan. 21.—The fact that heavy storms through the States have tied up many railroads enables the White Pass road people to console themselves with the thought "there are others."

Eight men reached here last night having mushed from Whitehorse, which required 12 days, where only 11 days were required from Dawson to Whitehorse.

Superintendent Rogers who is at Glacier, 16 miles out, wired Saturday for dog teams to take castings to him. Men started, but were turned back by a heavy chinook which is thawing fast. Trains may get through today. Fifty Dawsonites are waiting at Whitehorse.

Dominion Census.

Ottawa, Jan. 14, via Skagway, Jan. 21.—The taking of the Dominion census will begin on March 31st, the same day it begins in England.

Pop corn popped at Meeker's.

Mr. Clear's automobiles reached town yesterday, but their proprietor was too busy to see press representatives this morning, being locked in the back end of Bartlett Bros.' warehouse with his machines. Consequently no account of the vehicles or what is planned for them appears.

Curling Tonight.

For the first time since the night of the 9th the curling club will meet at the rink tonight, when the play will be between picked teams. A schedule of games for the future will be arranged tonight and should the weather remain mild there will be plays each night. Caretaker Jones has the rink in first-class condition for the game tonight.

Fresh carrots and turnips at Meeker's.

Films of all kinds at Goetzman's.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

Magistrate Scarth presided in the police court this morning, the session being a brief one.

May Howard, wearing a December look, was up on the general charge of vagrancy, prostitution and being a general nuisance. She denied the consolidated allegation and a number of witnesses were called to give testimony. It came out in evidence that the winsome May is imbued with borrowing proclivities in that she visits her neighbors frequently for that purpose, and when her errands are successful she invests in bald-faced whisky and a skate. She had followed her usual habit yesterday morning and borrowed \$10 on the allegation that she was sick and wanted medicine. By 3 o'clock in the afternoon she was drunk. One witness testified that she was sick and he, with his own money, had provided her with some eggs and "a cup of toast." A fine of \$50 and costs or one month in jail was imposed. May had no money, but her friends rallied to her support and stood between her and the skookum house.

A number of wage cases were set for hearing this afternoon.

Card Playing in Church.

Frequent cases of card playing occurred in churches in olden days in the high or curtained family pews that were to be found in several parts of this country. A case of card playing was mentioned by the poet Crabbe as having occurred in one of those pews in Trowbridge parish church. Mr. Beresford Hope stated that card playing was not uncommon in churches having curtained pews, where those occupying them were screened from the observation of the rest of the congregation, and that one of the Georges is credited with taking part at a game of whist in the church he attended. The church at Little Stanmore, in Middlesex, has a luxurious room pew which is approached by a special door and staircase. The old St. Paul's cathedral before the great fire of London was used by business men as a sort of exchange. The portico was let out to hooksters, and in those days gambling and cards are both said to have been indulged in without let or hindrance within the cathedral.—London Standard.

Relished the Punishment.

An old Scotsman, Andrew Leslie by name, always rode on a donkey to his work and tethered him while he labored on the road or wherever he might be. It was suggested to him by a neighboring landowner that he was suspected of putting the animal to feed in the fields at other people's expense.

"Eh, laird, I could never be tempted to do that, for my cuddy winna eat anything but nettles and thistles."

On a subsequent occasion, however, the laird, while riding along the road, saw Andrew at work, his faithful beast up to the knees in one of the laird's clover fields feeding luxuriously.

"Hello, Andrew!" exclaimed the laird. "I thought your cuddy would eat nothing but nettles and thistles."

"Aye, aye," was the response, "but the brute misbehaved the day. He nearly kicked me over his head; so I put him in there just to punish him."

Making the Plants Go Round.

The new reporter, in his story of the wedding, wrote, "The floral display stretched from the chancel rail to the doors of the church."

The city editor, in a mild manner, as is the custom of city editors with new reporters, suggested:

"Couldn't you have used a better word than 'stretched'? Say the floral display 'nodded' or 'twined' or something like that—some word more suggestive of flowers."

"'Stretched is all right,'" replied the new reporter, with the stubborn courage of a realist. "The decorations consisted of six rubber plants, and they had to stretch to go the distance."—Baltimore American.

Absentmindedness.

When lapses of memory become habitual, the person is properly called absentminded. The Chicago Tribune relates the following absurdities into which some victims of this disease have fallen:

A bridegroom of 24 hours left his wife, strolled around to his mother-in-law's house and asked her if her daughter was at home. This came from force of habit. He had been calling there daily for some time, and it probably occurred to him that he had not paid his usual visit.

A Chicago bank president is unable to account for three-quarters of an hour of his life. He went into a restaurant as usual and ordered his lunch. Nearly an hour later he found himself in his office chair and suddenly remembered the order.

He went back across the street and asked if the luncheon was ready. The clerk informed him that he had eaten, paid the bill and gone away some 15 minutes before, that he had put his hat on as he went out and that he (the clerk) had not noticed anything peculiar in his actions.

The bank president congratulates himself that he can be trusted to behave like an ordinary mortal even when he doesn't happen to have his mind with him.

An editor of a daily paper has laid himself open to unkind remarks in his

office. Happening to want a small coin, he turned to his fellow worker and asked for a quarter.

"Haven't got it, but here's a dollar," the man replied as he tossed it over. The editor put the dollar in his pocket and immediately turned to a special writer at the next desk and said:

"Miss—, could you lend me a quarter?" Then seeing the man from whom he had got the dollar grin, he added hastily: "Oh, never mind, I just got a dollar from Brown."

In analyzing his conduct he said that Brown's reply that he did not have a quarter was apparently the only part of the transaction that made any impression upon him. But he is under suspicion in that office and will probably never be able to live it down.

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