

THE CITY COUNCIL.

For all that has been said upon the subject of civic government the past year, there does not seem to be a very keen interest taken in the matter of securing gold material for the new council. One might have supposed that anxiety to keep the municipal machinery in proper condition would reach its acutest stage on the eve of the election, but signs in that direction are not at all numerous as yet.

NO PREJUDICE. In discussing the B. C. Southern land grant the News-Advertiser has assumed that there was no scheme to unfairly prejudice the Hon Mr. Blair against the company.

GOVERNMENT WAIVES. An incident has occurred at Rossland which illustrates anew the provincial government's ways of conducting the public business.

pay a few thousand dollars than are the sawmill owners. We think that until the question was settled by the courts the royalty claimed to be due by the government should have been paid, but it should have been paid by the railway company.

THE LATE MR. LAWSON. The announcement of the death of Mr. Henry Dawson, editor of the Colonist, will be received with regret by the many who knew him as an honorable and useful citizen.

A REMARKABLE DISCOVERY. All Paris just now, according to the Journal, is flocking to 28 Rue Ravigan, Montmartre, where, a few days ago, a most remarkable discovery was made.

ANTARCTIC ICEBERGS. The snowfall of each year adds a new stratum to this ice cap, which is as distinctable to the eye as is the annual accretion of a forest tree.

FIRST SHOTS FIRED

Municipal Campaign Opened by a Public Meeting in Victoria West. Major Beaven reminded the electors that many things were discussed and promised during the last municipal election. Some of those matters were not accomplished but were carried out.

Candidates for Mayor, Aldermen and School Trustees Express Their Views. Mr. Redfern's Policy. Ald. Macmillan Criticizes Mayor's Autocratic Conduct.

Candidates for municipal honors exchanged a few shots in what must necessarily be a short campaign, at Sample's Hall, Victoria West, on Saturday evening. There was a large attendance of ratepayers who remained until nearly midnight in order to hear the different candidates for mayor, aldermen in North ward and school trustees, who desired to address them.

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