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CITIZENS COMMITTEE HITS FIRST SING IN THE CHARTER

Question of Candidats Agents at Polls in Commission Election Proves a Peer - Would take Rink to Hold em all if Many Candides Offered - Merit System Suggested for Employees.

The citizens committee last evening and adopted the part of the proposed civic charter with some slight amendments and additions. It was decided to adopt the Dominion system of secret voting in lieu of the old civic system.

S. W. MacMackin introduced a resolution which prohibited candidates spending more than \$25 or running as a representative of labor or other party, and it was referred to the charter committee for consideration.

The question of what would be done in the event of 50 or 60 candidates, entering the field, and all wanting representatives at the polls, was brought up, and according to J. A. Belyea, put the committee to a vote.

Ex-Mayor Bullock was elected chairman, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

To Abolish Deputy Mayor.

J. A. Belyea, then proposed that the charter committee had considered section 6, which had been referred back, and wished to recommend that there be no deputy mayors.

Section 14, defining the departments over which each commissioner should have control, was taken up.

The chairman said it had been suggested that the electors should determine which departments the commissioners should control.

J. A. Belyea said the committee had carefully considered this question. There was the consideration that number of commissioner might run for one department, who no candidate offered for the other. It was said that the mayor might be unfitted for the control of finance, while another commissioner might be eminently qualified. These objections had all been carefully considered by the committee.

The chairman—"Who will have charge of the appeals? I have felt that the chamberlain should deal with all appeals from taxes, reporting of course to his superiors."

J. A. Belyea—"The mayor having charge of finance would arrange for dealing with appeals."

Mayor to Control Finance.

T. H. Estabrooks said the committee had previously recommended that the mayor be entrusted with the control of finance. It was the most important department, but would require the control line and labor. Control of public affairs meant the general supervision of all departments.

The section was passed as read.

Sections 15, 16 and 17 were adopted without discussion.

Section 18 provided that the appointment of the recorder and chief of police be vested in the common council.

J. A. Belyea said the appointment of the recorder was now vested in the council as the act regarding the appointment had been proclaimed.

The section was adopted unanimously.

Section 19 was amended to provide that commissioners before discharging non-elective heads of departments must secure the approval of the council.

Control of Civic Employees.

Section 20, giving non-elective heads of department sole power of appointments, suspensions and dismissals of the subordinate employees caused some discussion. T. H. Estabrooks said the whole principle of the section was to fix responsibility upon the heads.

Dr. D. Walker said that in some of the fire stations how there were men who did not know how to harness horses, and had to call in citizens if a fire occurred and the stable men were away.

The general opinion seemed to be that it was not advisable to give the commissioners, who would be a mark for political pressure, the power of appointing or dismissing the subordinates, and the section was adopted.

The section providing that the commissioners should take charge of the Alms House and the slaughter houses were adopted.

Changes in Board of Health.

Section 26, regarding the Board of Health, was amended by the charter committee to provide that the Board would be composed of commissioners and two men appointed by the municipal council—one representing the parishes of St. Martins and St. John, and the other representing the parishes of St. James and St. Louis.

The amendment provided that the commissioner in control of water and sewerage, should be chairman of the Board of Health, with a vote and a casting vote.

L. P. D. Tilley said they were putting a good deal of work on the commissioners. He would like to know what the doctors thought of the proposed change in regard to the Board of Public Health.

Dr. T. D. Walker said the Board of Health was in a transition stage, and he did not feel like expressing an opinion. He did not think the work placed upon the commissioners in this connection would be very onerous.

T. H. Estabrooks said there was a good deal of satisfaction to find that the commissioners were going to have plenty of work. Some people thought they were going to get a large salary for doing very little.

The section was adopted.

The Assessment.

Section 27 empowered the common council to appoint a commission on the assessment law. Mr. Estabrooks said the idea was to provide for a commission to look into the question of amending the assessment law.

The section was adopted.

The chairman—"Well, gentlemen, this section does not appear to be very definite. You may be up against it on the floor of the house. It may be said that the section was adopted by a few members of the citizens' committee who did not know what they were voting for."

J. A. Belyea protested against the statement that the members did not know what they were talking about.

The chairman—"I meant you should be better prepared."

Mr. Belyea—"We will be. This is not the shape in which the charter will go before the legislature."

The section was adopted.

Merit System Advocated.

The charter committee added a section providing that the common council establish as soon as possible a merit system for the appointment of all civil service lines for all civic employees, other than day laborers and those temporarily employed.

J. A. Belyea said this meant the establishment of a board of examiners who would examine all candidates for all positions in the city.

L. P. D. Tilley wanted to know whether the merit system would interfere with the powers of appointment of non-elective heads of departments.

It was said a dozen candidates might pass the examination for firemen, and the chief would choose from among the dozen.

The section was adopted.

Initiative and Recall.

The sections regarding the initiative, referendum and recall, it being provided that the mayor being elected by acclamation, the 25 per cent. of votes required to set the agenda in motion should mean 25 per cent. of the votes cast for general election at which there was a contest for mayor.

Restrictions on Candidates.

S. W. MacMackin suggested the adoption of a section of the charter of Spokane, providing that the candidates should not spend more than \$250 on an election, should furnish an itemized account of his expenditures, have no paid workers, and should take no part in any political or official interests, party or clique.

W. W. Allingham said he favored the limitation of the candidate's expenditures.

One member said he would prohibit a candidate spending a cent.

Timothy Donovan said he did not approve of limiting a candidate's personal liberty. If a candidate spent money, somebody would get the benefit of it. There wasn't a precedent on the books.

Mr. Estabrooks—"Oh yes there are. Anyway St. John is big enough to create precedents."

The suggestion of Mr. MacMackin was referred to the charter committee, with instructions to embody it in the draft of the charter in such form as they thought advisable.

G. S. Fisher said the method of marking ballots should be changed to correspond with the Dominion system. If there were 30 or 40 candidates it would be very troublesome to scratch out the names. He moved that voters be required to mark a cross against the names of the candidates they wanted to elect.

Mayor Frink and J. B. M. Baxter defended the civic system of marking the ballots.

The Mayor said the agents at the polls now elected aldermen. Many voters only had a choice of one or two candidates, and allowed the agents to choose the rest for them.

Mr. MacMackin said, in Lowell there were 50 candidates for the commission. To score out all but four names would be a big job.

The motion to mark the ballot with an X, was adopted.

Secret Ballot Provided.

Mr. Tilley said they should have the Dominion secret ballot. This was very important. They wanted to bring the power of the agents at the polls.

A motion to adopt the secret form of voting was passed.

The recorder suggested that canvassing be prohibited within a certain distance of the polls with the object of securing an expression of the people's minds.

Mr. Tilley thought this would be impracticable.

W. A. Steiger—"If there are 50 or 60 candidates the polls will be rather crowded, if all have representatives. We will have to use the rinks."

Mr. Tilley said he would like to have the power of the agents at the polls.

A motion to adopt the secret form of voting was passed.

There followed some desultory discussion.

J. A. Belyea—"We're in a hole here. This question is an important one, and ought to be settled at once."

However, the citizens decided to let the charter committee try to settle it.

A motion adopting the whole of the draft as amended, and instructing the committee to prepare the technical draft of the charter was adopted.

The charter committee was given a vote of thanks, and the meeting adjourned.

To Hold Scottish Night.

There will be grand tins on January 25th when Clan MacKenzie will celebrate the Burns anniversary. It has been decided to make the occasion one long to be remembered, and the Keith's Assembly Rooms have been engaged. The entertainment will take the form of a Scottish night. There will be a ball and also a musical and literary programme.

Ministers' Meetings.

At the weekly meeting of the Baptist ministers yesterday morning a motion was passed to secure the cooperation of the United Baptist churches of the city in the missionary propaganda was passed.

Rev. P. H. Wentworth read a carefully prepared paper on "The Minister in Politics." At the meeting of the Methodist ministers the question of pulp supply was discussed. By a vote of five to four it was decided to exchange forthrightly in future instead of monthly, with the exception of the first Sunday in the month as at present. This proposal caused considerable discussion.

Teamsters' Union.

The teamsters' union will meet in their rooms Opera House block, on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

KINDLY WORDS FOR REV. DAVID LANG

City Clergymen Gathered at Dinner to Pay Tribute to Worth of Colleague Soon to Leave City.

The general feeling of regret at the departure of Rev. David Lang from the city, was voiced in the speeches of the clergymen assembled in Bond's restaurant last evening to tender him a farewell. Those present were Rev. H. K. Reid, chairman; Ven. Archdeacon Raymond, representing the Anglican clergy; Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, of the Baptist ministers; Rev. Frank Baird, of Woodstock; Rev. E. Smith, of Chipman; Rev. H. J. McPherson, of Harvey Station; Rev. Geo. Farquhar, of Hampton; Rev. Revs. Gordon Dible, Mr. Townsend, J. A. McLean, J. H. A. Anderson, and J. J. McCaskill, and Judge Forbes, Alderman and D. R. Jack. Rev. H. D. Marr, who was to have represented the Methodist ministers was unavoidably absent.

Dr. Reid, in introducing the speaker, referred to Mr. Lang's splendid work while pastor of St. Andrew's church, and said that his record was characterized by an optimism which would bear fruit in the history of the church.

Ven. Archdeacon Raymond was the next speaker. He enumerated Mr. Lang's merits, and spoke of the influence he had exerted, not only upon his flock, but upon all denominations during his sojourn in the city. The fellowship and co-operation of the churches had derived a marked benefit from Mr. Lang's work in this respect. He closed with an expression of best wishes to the pastor in his new charge.

Rev. Dr. Hutchinson said that like the Methodists the Presbyterians seemed to have an itinerant pastorship. Mr. Lang while here had exhibited a rare devotion to the moral welfare of the city, which could hardly be overestimated. He had not been selfishly devoted to his own charge alone, but had devoted his energies to the interests of the entire community. He knew Louis street Presbyterian church, and its pastor, and could congratulate Mr. Lang upon the splendid character of the man with whom he would have to work.

Rev. Frank Baird said that he would shortly have a few words with Mr. Lang's representative, but could spare breath to first speak of that elder's pastor. He referred to his acquaintance with Mr. Lang in Montreal when the latter desired him to embark upon a trip around the globe. Mr. Lang had done so, but he (Mr. Baird) had got ahead of him when he came home and got married. Mr. Lang came to St. John as the baby member of the assembly, now he was the patriarch. Mr. Baird would like to say that patriarchy might be interpreted to mean father, but that it was used by him in a strictly ecclesiastical sense.

Judge Forbes said that he was anxious to save his voice for the debate in which he would shortly participate. He remarked, however, that St. Andrew's church had never been more prosperous nor happier than under Mr. Lang's pastorate.

D. R. Jack said that the church had for a time labored through debt. This was now fortunately considerably decreased. During Mr. Lang's incumbency of the pulp the membership of the congregation had increased 8 per cent.

Rev. J. J. McCaskill spoke of the ties which bound the members of the Presbytery together, and of his personal friendship for Mr. Lang.

Rev. David Lang thanked his fellow ministers for their expressions of friendship for him personally, and their appreciation of his efforts while in the city. After those present joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne," the gathering dispersed.

Mr. Lang will leave for Toronto to enter upon his new duties late this week, or early next week.

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ALL THE GOLDBURGS ARE IN JAIL NOW

Detective Killen Rounded Up Last of Trio in Glace Bay - Charged with Intent to Defraud.

Detective Patrick Killen, who left here on Friday night on the late express for Glace Bay, C. B., just no time for he arrived in the city on the Pacific express at 5.20 o'clock yesterday afternoon with Israel Goldberg, aged 63, and a native of Russia in custody. The prisoner is registered on the police book as arrested on a warrant for intent to defraud his creditors.

This makes the third arrest of members of the Goldberg firm of junk dealers by Detective Killen within the past few days, and the officer has certainly been a very busy man.

Morris was arrested in the city, Hyman was captured in St. Stephen, and Israel was taken at Glace Bay. The three are members of a firm which conducted a business on Prince William street, and were insolvent to the amount of \$10,000, with assets of only \$600. A case was brought against them by the Bank of British North America, and was taken before Judge Forbes. They could produce but one book of account, and this was not satisfactory to the prosecution. Then came the arrest of Morris Goldberg, and when this happened the others left the city only to be captured.

Yesterday afternoon Morris Goldberg was taken before the Police Magistrate and was again remanded to jail. The entire firm are now behind the bars in the county jail.

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DIED.

ROBERTSON—On Thursday Dec. 7th John Medley Robertson, son of the late Rev. Thomas W. Robertson, in the 66th year of his age. Funeral on Tuesday at 2.30 p. m. from his late residence 11 Crown street, to Trinity Church.

MCCARTHY—In this city on the 10th inst., William, second son of the late Denis and Ann McCarthy, leaving one sister and two brothers to mourn. Funeral on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence 78 Sydney street. Friends invited to attend.

ASKY-ANSWORTH—On the 10th inst., Alvah Alexander Asky-Answorth, aged 7 years and 9 months, twin son of Dr. Francis F. W. Asky-Answorth.

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