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A SPLENDID FINANCIAL SHOWING

Preliminary Report of Auditor Shows Big Increase
of Municipal Assets.

CANDIDATES TALK AT PUBLIC MEETING.

Mayor Herchmer called a public meeting in the Grand Theatre on Wednesday night in order to give candidates for municipal offices a chance to address the electors. Owing to the meteorological eruption there was a small attendance.

Mayor Herchmer presided. He made a brief statement of the work that had been accomplished by the council of 1910 and warned the electors that the council is no better than the electors and must depend upon the latter for their support, not only at election time but throughout the year.

City Clerk Barclay arrived before the meeting closed and presented to the Mayor a summary of the financial statement for the year. This report will be published complete in a short time. The auditor has not yet completed his report and recommendations.

According to this preliminary report the light and water plants have each made a profit for the year of approximately \$5,000. The assets of the city show an increase of \$30,000 for the year.

Mr. Barclay asked the Mayor if depreciation in the plants had been provided for. The Mayor replied that he differed from Mr. Barclay with regard to the necessity for writing off depreciation in the plants when they were paying the interest and sinking fund on the debentures and providing for current repairs out of current revenue. (With regard to this matter the Free Press columns are open for discussion.)

Mr. Gates wished to know from one of the candidates if he were in favor of operating the light plant at a profit. He thought it was an injustice to those rate-

payors who were using the electricity.

The first candidate to speak was Philip Carosella. Mr. Carosella did not seek the office, but if the ratepayers wanted his services he was at their disposal.

Walter Hunnab spoke in favor of a clean town, morally and physically. He hoped the ratepayers would place him at the head of the poll.

Wm. Robichaud made the speech of the evening. It was brief and to the point. He had made a success of his own business and had time to devote to municipal work. He did not want to be placed at the head of the poll just enough votes to put him in the winning class was all he wanted.

S. F. Wallace did not want votes. If the voters wanted Steve they knew how to get him.

G. L. Pedlar, candidate for school trustee, was opposed to the separation of West Fernie from this school district.

W. S. Stanley, chairman of the school board, asked for re-election on his record. Our schools ranked among the best in the province and some credit must be given the retiring board for this state of affairs.

G. G. Henderson stated that Mr. Pedlar had told him less than two months ago that he was altogether in favor of separating West Fernie from the school district and he had experienced a diametrical change of opinion.

Geo. Crossman was a candidate for school trustee. He was out for a business administration of school affairs.

"Dad" Bleasdel was the first mayoralty candidate to speak. He

"DAD" BLEASDELL IS CHIEF MAGISTRATE

A Piping Hot Municipal Election on a Bitter Cold Day brings out less than 300 Voters. J. L. McIntyre, Sam Graham, J. W. Robertson, S. F. Wallace, Wm. Robichaud and John Podbielancik are Aldermen for 1911.

R. Dudley, G. G. Henderson and G. L. Pedlar Head the Poll for School Trustees.

Nominations for Mayor, Aldermen and School Trustees were received by Returning Officer Barclay on Monday from one to two o'clock in the afternoon. Previous to the day of nomination little apparent interest was taken in the matter, but on Monday afternoon it was seen that the matter was not to be allowed to pass without a struggle. The following names were turned in for municipal honors and responsibilities:

Mayor
Thos. Beck
A. W. Bleasdel

Aldermen
Bert Black
P. Carosella
S. Graham
W. Hunnab
T. Letcher
J. L. McIntyre
John Podbielancik
J. W. Robertson
Wm. Robichaud
S. F. Wallace

School Trustees
Geo. Crossman
R. Dudley
G. C. Egg
G. G. Henderson
G. L. Pedlar
W. S. Stanley

Candidates Black and Letcher retired from the contest while there was yet time and left only eight men in the fight for cushioned chairs in the city hall.

It was a cold day for polling but there was lots of enthusiasm

had been requested by a large number of ratepayers to offer himself for the position and in deference to their request he was in the running. He reviewed his record in municipal affairs and touched lightly upon some painful features in past history. He trusted that the rapidly diminishing feeling that had been engendered in past times would soon be entirely defunct. In closing, he paid a handsome tribute to the sterling qualities of his opponent, Mr. Beck.

Mr. Beck had consented to offer himself as a candidate for the position some weeks ago. His municipal record was before the people and he had been of value to the city in the past year. His was not a radical platform, as some had reported. Some reforms he would advocate, but nothing detrimental to any vested interest in the city. He could give his time to public works and could save money for the city. He would not serve without remuneration.

Mr. Gates asked Mr. Beck what it cost to remove stumps from the Annex. He was informed that it cost about \$1 per.

Mr. Barclay: "35 cents according to the Mayor's statement." Mr. Beck: "The Mayor repeated a statement of mine which he had misunderstood. I told him that it cost 35 cents to PULL the stumps. It costs about a dollar to get rid of them."

In reply to a question, Mr. Bleasdel stated that he also would require financial recognition of his services.

After some desultory questioning on the part of various persons present the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, coupled with a wish for the speedy recovery of Mrs. Herchmer, who is at present in convalescence in a Baltimore hospital.

displayed and none of the workers reported frozen ears. It was difficult to work with teams on account of the deep snow, but in the afternoon a number of voters were driven to the polls. But a small fraction of the Annex vote was polled as many of the residents in that district were snow-bound. No outside voters could come in as the train service was demoralized.

But in spite of weather conditions a very substantial vote was polled, much larger than was anticipated by those who had been interested in previous elections. On account of carelessness on the part of a large body of citizens, very few householders were registered and the entire vote was practically a property holders' vote. Only 16 ladies voted. There were some 200 votes cast altogether.

City Clerk Barclay acted as returning officer. W. H. Whimster was poll clerk.

The ballots were counted in the city office. There were a large number of spoiled ballots. Following are the figures on the first count:

For Mayor.
Bleasdel 143
Beck 129

Majority for Bleasdel . . 14

For Aldermen.
McIntyre 206
Graham 200
Robertson 177
Wallace 135

Robichaud 130
Podbielancik 124
Carosella 117
Hunnab 106

For School Trustees.
Dudley 154
Henderson 131
Pedlar 129

Stanley 116
Crossman 88
Egg 85

RELIEF TO THE SNOWBOUND

Mayor Hechmer, accompanied by Chief Clerk, made a snowshoe trip through the Annex on Wednesday morning and found considerable distress due to the cold weather and the impassable condition of the streets. Some families were without coal and in two cases families were found without groceries and with illness among the members.

A hurry-up call was sent to the snowshoe club members and others who could amble on the raquettes, and the city team was employed to break a road as far into the Annex as possible. At 4 o'clock a band of some fifteen men gathered at the city hall and followed a loaded sleigh into the stormbound district. A toboggan was taken along to carry supplies on the trail.

Coal, groceries and meat were distributed to families in need. The walking was very difficult on account of the floury fineness of

the snow and the north wind got action on a few exposed noses.

On Thursday morning a road was broken down Cox Street, across Chipman avenue and up Thompson street past the G. N. depot to connect with the open city streets. The police and others made a thorough canvass of the entire Annex, and measures were taken to relieve all who were temporarily distressed by the storm.

TWICE IN THE SAME PLACE

On Sunday night, without warning, the electric lights of the city went out, and the city was plunged in darkness, to use a venerable expression. Inquiry at the power house developed the fact that the bolt which had replaced the one broken on Friday morning had broken again and put the engine temporarily out of business. It happened while many were eating their dinner and the Salvation Army band was playing on the streets. The diners adopted the touch system and the band struck up "Lead, Kindly Light."

Some church services were suspended, while others were observed by lamp light.

The engineers dissected the machine and removed the probable cause of the repeating breaks, a small broken bolt that had become displaced, throwing a stain on the part that had twice failed to stand up under it.

CHIEF SAMPSON TRANSFERRED

Will go where His Talents will be Appreciated at their True Worth.

Victoria, Jan. 7.—It is reported in government circles here that Chief Constable Sampson of the provincial police district of Fernie, has been transferred to Vancouver to take up the duties of chief constable of the Vancouver district, which has been vacant ever since the appointment of Chief Colin Campbell to the post of provincial liquor license inspector. Constable John Munro, who has been acting in the absence of a permanent appointee at Vancouver, has been transferred to Fernie to succeed Chief Sampson.

Provincial Constable John Munro, who has been in the provincial police office in this city for a number of years, will leave on Sunday to take up his new duties in the centre of the coal mining district. He is a reliable officer on the provincial force and has been entrusted with a number of important missions during his term of service.

Chief Sampson, who is coming from Fernie to take charge of the Vancouver district, will arrive in the course of the next two or three days.

Barney Caulfield had his foot caught by a "dinky" engine at Coal Creek on Wednesday and the member was badly crushed.

DeVere Hunt was elected mayor of Cranbrook yesterday. Four of his supporters, out of five on his ticket, were elected.

FERNIE WAS SNOWBOUND

The Wind She Blow from Nor-East-West, the South Wind She Don't Blow.

The worst storm in the memory of the oldest inhabitant on the Crow visited this Pass on Sunday last and made a prolonged stay. It was like mother-in-law's visit to the Newlyweds. It froze up everything freezable from water pipes to locomotives, from ears to hands and feet, and from the prairie to Elko. It piled the snow in huge drifts at all strategic points where man wanted to travel and tied him up tighter than a sprung bear trap. It was some storm.

A string of westbound trains was tied up from Burmis to McGillivray, the first one, the Flyer, getting through behind two locomotives, on Tuesday night. She was one mass of ice and snow. The eastbound local had previously gone to McGillivray and returned, carrying local westbound passengers and mail to Kootenay Landing. Travellers were hung up in the city and as no mail trains arrived stenographers had a cinch for a few days.

The bush camps were tied up and local teamsters refused to go out in the storm. Those who neglected to put in a supply of coal must have suffered. A four-horse team drew a sleigh loaded with coal sacks to the doors of those who were in desperate straits. Those who live in the suburbs came into the city on snowshoes, where necessity drove.

The waterman was kept busy

shutting off water from premises where the water pipes had frozen and burst. Those who had religiously shovelled snow from their sidewalks in the early part of the winter, gave it up as a hopeless task and paid more attention to their roofs and furnaces.

No one, except candidates for municipal honors, ventured out doors except when it was absolutely necessary. The post office staff had time to take breath and the milkman was all out of breath. Grocery deliveries Sleighs took the sidewalk on the main street to reach front doors, when they did venture out.

Men with moustaches and whiskers packed long icy stalactites on their hirsute decorations. Ears that heretofore waved proudly in the circumambient air were crowded under fur tabs. Hot water bottles were taken to bed and some risked pulmonary tuberculosis and pink pill symptoms by closing their bedroom windows tight at nights. Ink bottles froze and typewriter ribbons stiffened.

It was a great storm

TO PLAY RETURN MATCH

A team of Fernie hockeyists, composed of the following players, went down to Cranbrook today to meet the puck chasers of that city. Following are the players:

Goal, Dobereiner.
Point, Gates.
Cover Point, Dunlop.
Rover, Thrasher.
Right Wing, Bearisto.
Left Wing, DuBois.
Spares, Quinlan and Henderson.
Fred Armstrong goes down as manager and E. C. Olson and others as special boosters.