

THE MAYORALTY ELECTION ENQUIRY

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THE SESSION.

When the meeting opened Ald. Walker, raised the point that the full board should be present.

On the motion of Ald. Lemont, seconded, by Ald. Everett, the Council proceeded to business.

Mayor Mitchell said that some aldermen had raised the point that he should not act as chairman. He had no wish in the matter. The order of the court, however, did not exclude the mayor. He referred to Mr. Gregory, counsel for ex-Ald. Farrell.

Mr. Gregory said that there was no objection to Mayor Mitchell acting but he did not think he should vote, should it become necessary to take a ballot of the Council.

MAYOR IN CHAIR.

There being no objection on the part of any of the aldermen, Mayor Mitchell acted as chairman.

Acting City Clerk Perkins then read the order of the Supreme Court that an investigation be held by the City Council.

Mayor Mitchell then asked for suggestions as to procedure.

Ald. Reid moved that the Council examine all ballots cast irrespective of their being counted or rejected by the returning officers. Ald. Osborne seconded the motion, which was carried.

COLOR OF PENCIL.

Ald. McKnight asked for information concerning the ruling of the section of the law with regard to the color of pencil to be used in marking a ballot.

At the suggestion of Mayor Mitchell Mr. Gregory was heard on the subject.

Mr. Gregory stated that up to 1892 a mark of any color was accepted. By legislation passed in 1912 it was manifestly intended that ballots should be marked with black lead pencil. His interpretation was that ballots marked with black lead pencil were legal and those marked with any other color or with ink were

illegal.

To His Worship Mr. Gregory said that a ballot marked outside a booth was legal if there were no marks of identification upon it.

After some further questions by His Worship, Mr. Gregory said he was not there to be catechized.

KNOTTY POINTS.

Ald. Walker pointed out to Mr. Gregory that in the booth in which he had acted as scrutineer, not one voter received a ballot from the returning officer, although a section of the act distinctly stated that ballots should be. He also said that in the same poll the third voter who cast his ballot carried off the pencil supplied by the returning officer.

FOR BLACK LEAD PENCIL.

Ald. Reid said that the last election act was very confusing. It permitted candidates to secure any number of ballots from the returning officer and could mark them themselves. He moved that only those ballots marked with black lead-pencil be recognized as legal. Ald. Wilkinson seconded the motion.

Ald. Everett objected that the passing of the motion would debar certain electors from exercising the franchise. He thought any ballot marked plainly should be recognized. The opinion of the city clerk and Recorder Baxter of St. John, was to that effect. He must oppose the motion.

Ald. Lemont said the first consideration should be to regard the rights of every voter. He agreed with Ald. Everett.

ALD. OSBORNE'S AMENDMENT.

Ald. Osborne said he thought along the same lines. The intention of the voter should be regarded. If a man, by force of habit, marked a ballot with a blue pencil or a fountain-pen, his ballot should be recognized. In amendment he moved that all ballots be counted, no matter whether they were marked with black pencil, colored pencil or ink.

Ald. Walker seconded the amendment.

Ald. Reid stated he had made the motion to be within the law. Ignorance was no excuse for violating the election law by using colored pencil or ink. The matter was very confused at the present time but the law should be observed as near as possible.

MR. GREGORY'S SUGGESTION.

Mr. Gregory said he foresaw the Council getting into difficulty. He had sympathy with Ald. Osborne, Ald. Lemont and others in their point of view. Recorder Baxter was an able lawyer but he would change his opinion after considering the election acts of Fredericton. The Council was to hold an investigation according to existing law, not interpret laws itself and that was what the motion amounted to. If the Council could not make up its mind, he would strongly advise that it take legal opinion. If no decision could be arrived at a return to the court could be made, stating the condition in which the ballots were found.

Ald. Ebbett said that it looked as if the aldermen knew what was in the boxes. They were afraid of a blue mark or a red mark.

Ald. Everett took exception to the remark.

Ald. Lemont said the city clerk had stated that the section with regard to marking the ballots was merely directory.

Mr. Gregory stated that he did not think so.

CITY CLERK'S OPINION.

An opinion from City Clerk McCreedy was read, which stated that a ballot could be marked in any way outside a booth, but must be with a black pencil inside a booth.

His Worship said that if lawyers differed it was hard for laymen to decide. He held that ballots marked by scoring out names in any way should be accepted. Recorder Baxter had concurred with City Clerk McCreedy in the matter.

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MORE ASSISTANCE TO HOME RULE

New York, May 6.—Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., in a cablegram, says: Every recent development seems to help and advance home rule and especially the actions of its bitterest enemies. The Orangemen returned to the House of Commons bursting with pride over the success of their gun-running raid, to find the situation not only not favorable but very hostile, especially in their own ranks, to their performance.

Captain Craig, one of the chief organizers of this coup, walked ostentatiously upon the floor of the House, in evident expectation of some big outburst of enthusiastic applause but he was allowed to take his seat without notice and in a silence at once sepulchral and condemnatory.

As a matter of fact, this outrageous violation of all law, including the overpowering of the police and customs house officers and the interruption of the telephone and the blockading of public high roads brought the spectre of utter lawlessness so directly home to everybody that the whole situation passed from speculative anticipation to grim and affrighting reality.

The Liberals were so enraged that they urged the ministry to take stern action against those aristocratic law-breakers, while the sober Tories shrank back from such a devastating example of defiance of the sanctities of civilized life.

The situation, while entirely transformed in temper, remains still mixed and difficult. Sir Edward Carson demands and Mr. Churchill seemed to concede, an extension of Ulster exclusion until a complete scheme of federalism for the United Kingdom is passed into law. This might be done in five years or fifty and, therefore, Sir Edward Carson's proposal means, if not perpetual, at least indefinite postponement of the inclusion of Ulster and the unification of Ireland. This is a proposal to which Irish Nationalists could not, of course, listen and negotiations on that basis would be futile.

While it is right to say that home rule is now secure, it would be wrong to say that all the difficulties are removed and that settlement is within sight. My own opinion remains that settlement will not come until a later date and that, though conversations in a friendlier spirit may now take place, agreement will come slowly, and may not come at all until both English parties feel themselves on the brink of such a national catastrophe, as will shake the empire to its foundations.

That calamity will not be permitted ever to come and settlement will thus be forced by public opinion. Indeed, the demand for settlement in the House of Commons is as strong on the Tory side as on the Liberal, for a large minority of the Tory members openly avow their determination to force a settlement.

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Do not let it boil hard and do not stir, else it will grain. As soon as it begins to bubble when dropped into cold water turn into buttered pans and set away until cool enough to handle.

The pulling requires two people, one to hold the hands in position of a hook for the puller to throw the stretched candy upon while the other holds the lengths together.

The more delicate it is handled the lighter in color and texture will the candy be. When it is of a light cream color stretch into a long wide thin strip and lay on a marble or moulding board.

With the left hand lift the end of the candy from the board and with the back of the knife, held in the right hand break into pieces any size desired. Cutting the lengths presses the ends together making the candy less porous.

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"Which of your teeth are you going to have pulled?"

"Not any, sir," replied the lad, etc.

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"Not any, sir," replied the lad, etc.

"Which of your sisters is getting married?"

"Not any sir," etc.

"The fact is," continued the youth, "I would like to go to the ball game, and, my dear being genuine, I would not hazard any chances by trying to pull a rotten old excuse on a foxy business man. Thank you sir."—N.Y. Press.

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