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MODEST ALDERMEN.

Not One of Them Wanted to Preside in Mayor's Absence.

A HALF HOUR SPENT IN WRANGLING BEFORE A CHAIRMAN WAS FOUND.

The Committee Claim to Have Been Overridden by the Mayor.

PEDLAR NUISANCE STRONGLY DENOUNCED AND STRINGENT MEASURES MAY BE ADOPTED.

The city council convened in regular monthly meeting last evening. All of the aldermen were in their places, but the mayor's chair was vacant, and remained vacant for half an hour, despite the strenuous efforts put forth by the city clerk to find an occupant for it. Ald. McNally was first named as chairman but would not bear of such a thing. He thought the fact that none of the older aldermen were anxious for the honor was a trifle suspicious, and it looked to him as if there might be a "nigger in the woodpile." Ald. Farrell and Merrithew were next named in turn, but each declined with thanks. After some wrangling it was agreed to have the board select a chairman by vote, but here another difficulty ensued, as the council decided evenly on every name proposed. Alds. Farrell, Clark, Ryan, Vanwart and Merrithew seemed to think that the other five aldermen were trying to put up a job on them, and Alds. McNally, Slipp, Rossborough, Moore and Everett seemed to have a like opinion regarding the others. Ald. Clarke, with a view of straightening things out suggested that the city clerk be empowered to give the casting vote, but it was pointed out that such a course would be irregular. Ald. McNally then moved that Ald. Ryan take the chair, and upon the question being put it was carried by a vote of six to four, Ald. Clark having bolted to the other side. Ald. Ryan, however, proved as modest as the others and promptly declined the honor.

After some further cross firing, it was suggested by Ald. Farrell, that as there seemed to be no hope of getting a chairman, the council should adjourn and await the return of the mayor.

Ald. Moore, however, did not approve of the suggestion, and to give the aldermen another chance to save themselves from being made ridiculous in the eyes of the public, he moved that Ald. Clark take the chair. The motion was promptly seconded and carried without division, and thus the farce came to an end.

Ald. Clark, in taking the chair, said he could not return thanks for the honor. His only reason for taking the chair was that the course taken by the council was absurd, and if persisted it would prevent the city business from being carried on.

DOWN TO BUSINESS.

After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been read the auditor's report was taken up and adopted. The expenditure for the month was as follows:

Roads and streets.....	\$243 48
Public Works.....	234 76
Wharves Department.....	222 29
City Hall.....	24 21
Contingencies.....	37 46
Old Burying ground.....	8 00
Fire Department.....	50 39
Sewerage and Water.....	76 06

Ald. Farrell said he noticed that the names of Alds. Ryan and Vanwart appeared in the accounts read over by the chairman, and he was surprised that Ald. Everett, who had shown great vigilance in reference to a similar case in the past, had taken no notice of the matter. If the mayor was in the chair, he (Farrell) would certainly ask for some explanation.

After a few remarks by Alds. Everett and Rossborough the matter was allowed to drop.

The monthly salaries of the civic officials was ordered to be paid.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The report of the alms house commissioner was read and adopted, and a check for \$200 was ordered to issue in favor of the commissioner.

The special tax committee through Ald

McNally reported that a large amount of back taxes remained unpaid, and that an effort to collect \$783.83, under an execution had been checked by order of the mayor, without consulting members of the committee.

Ald. Slipp after a few remarks in which he referred to the absence of the mayor, moved that the report lie on the table until the mayor's return.

Ald. Vanwart thought that the matter was of too much importance to lie over for a month.

Ald. Slipp agreed with Ald. Vanwart that there was really no reason for delay. The committee had been simply overridden by the mayor and that was the whole situation.

Ald. Farrell said that the question was a delicate one too touch upon, but he thought that it should be dealt with as promptly as possible in justice to all concerned. If it was true that the mayor had acted without consulting the committee he had certainly taken a course at variance with the usual custom.

Ald. McNally thought that all delinquent taxpayers should be treated alike, and if proceedings were taken against one they should proceed against all. The big tax payer should have no more consideration than the small one.

Ald. Farrell thought that while the matter was an important one, it should not be dealt with too sharply. He thought the proper way would be to delay action until the mayor returned, and gave his reasons for taking the course he did. It was beginning to look as if he (Farrell) was not the only alderman who seemed to think that the mayor sometimes assumed too much authority.

Ald. Slipp's motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

ASSESSMENT APPEALS.

The assessment appeals committee in their report made the following recommendations:

That the petition of George Mills, asking for the relief of poll tax, be complied with for the years 1900 and 1901; that the petition of J. B. Davidson stand over for further consideration; that William McKinnon be relieved from payment of poll tax for 1901; that Andrew Crookshank's taxes for 1900 be reduced to \$10; that the assessment of Mary Jewett be reduced by \$500, and be fixed at \$2500, and that the assessment of Eliza Jewett in her own right on property on Regent street be not disturbed. The report was adopted.

A petition of George Clarke, asking for relief of payment of a poll tax, on the ground that he is a minor, was read to the council, and on motion of Ald. Rossborough the prayer of the same was granted.

A petition from W. H. Anderson, asking for a reduction in the amount of his assessment, was referred to the assessment appeals committee.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was read from Frank C. Creed asking for the removal of an unsightly mound near his residence, and also that a street lamp be set up in that locality in order that disreputable characters who now frequent the place, may be obliged to go elsewhere.

On motion of Ald. Everett the matter was referred to the water committee.

Ald. Farrell submitted a verbal report on public works. He stated that the contract for curbing on King street had been let to Michael Moore, by the committee at 73 cents per foot, and he would move that the committee's action be confirmed. Carried.

A communication from the secretary of the New Brunswick Telephone Company in reference to the repainting of telephone poles, was read to the council. It stated that owing to the action of the Electric Light Company, the telephone company had found it necessary to reconstruct their line, and would ask the forbearance of the council for the present.

Ald. McNally was rather surprised to learn that the Electric Light Company had paid no attention to the council's orders. It looked to him like a repetition of the old game bluff, and it was about time the council was taking the grip with them. As for the telephone company, their demand appeared to be a reasonable one, and he thought the council would treat them fairly.

Ald. Farrell did not think it would be wise to act hastily in this matter especially at this season of the year. The question was a somewhat complicated one, and it should be remembered that the poles were used for the city fire alarm wires.

On motion of Ald. Moore the communication was received and the request complied with.

A communication was read from the N. B. Telephone Company, complaining that the shade trees interfered with the efficiency of their service and asking for authority to trim said tree in places where they interfere with their wires, and promising not to mutilate them any more than is absolutely necessary.

Ald. Farrell thought that the request was not an unreasonable one, and should be complied with. The trees had grown considerably since the telephone wires were erected and no doubt interfered with the company's service. He would move that the company have the power to trim the trees where it was found necessary, the work to be done under the supervision of the roadmaster.

Ald. Everett spoke at some length on the subject, warning the council not to act hastily in granting privileges likely to destroy the beauty of our shade trees. He was not quite certain that the roadmaster was competent to superintend work of that kind.

Ald. Moore did not know of any more competent person to appoint than the roadmaster.

Ald. Slipp thought that in cases where trees interfered with the wires to any extent, the company might move its wires to the other side of the street. He pointed out that the provincial charter limited the company's powers in regard to cutting trees, even in the country districts.

Ald. McNally suggested that the trees should be trimmed under supervision of the roadmaster and the two aldermen for the ward, and that Ald. Farrell incorporate this in his motion.

Ald. Farrell said he had no object to his motion being amended in that way.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

THE PEDDLAR NUISANCE.

The question of having a more regular enforcement of the law against peddlars was introduced by Ald. Farrell. He claimed that every class of trade in the city was interfered with by peddlars, and thought it was about time some action was taken by the council to suppress the nuisance. The city had been too lenient with these people in the past, and it was about time a change was inaugurated. He would go in for placing a prohibitory tax upon peddlars, and thought that nothing short of that would satisfy the business men of the city. He did not know who held the position of collector of miscellaneous licenses, but whoever he was he was not doing his duty.

Ald. Slipp endorsed the remarks made by Ald. Farrell in regard to the peddlar nuisance, and hoped that stringent measures would be adopted by the council. He characterized peddlars, book agents and such like as public nuisances who ought not to be tolerated in the community. He added in conclusion that he was not at all satisfied with the service being rendered by the tax collector.

Ald. McNally was glad that the matter had been brought to the notice of the council and hoped action would be taken. He thought that the policemen should be appointed to collect the licenses on a per centage.

Ald. Moore thought that the policemen already had their duties to perform and they should not be added to.

On motion of Ald. McNally the matter was referred to the special tax committee.

Ald. Slipp said that the tax collector was not satisfactory to the committee but they did not exactly know their powers in regard to him. It was quite certain however that the collection of taxes was all he could attend to.

On motion of Ald. Vanwart the council adjourned sine die.

Whisky Medicines.

The temperance press is emphasizing the danger to the home in the use of "medicines" which are loaded with whisky or alcohol. In this respect, as well as in the remarkable character of their cures, Dr. Pierce's medicines differ from other preparations. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and "Favorite Prescription" contain no alcohol, whisky or other intoxicant, and are equally free from opium, cocaine and other narcotics. Every family should have a copy of the People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, sent absolutely free, on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing and customs. Send 31 one-cent stamps for the book in paper covers, or 50 stamps for cloth binding. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

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SCENE ON PRAIRIES.

Royalty Saw a Billowy Tract of Snow.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER AND MELTON PRIOR

Were Given Hearty Receptions.

(From the Staff Correspondent of the Star with the Royal Party.)

On Board the Royal Train at Regina, Sept. 27.—The Royal train on its way to the coast today ran into a vast billowy tract of snow, which extended north and south, east and west, as far as the eye could reach. It had fallen in the night and when the travellers westward opened their eyes on Friday morning, there was a beautiful fleecy garment spread out all about them, with countless millions of grain stocks peering through as if in expostulation at the remarkable experience. The air had a keen biting flavour in the early morning, and the travellers, when the train had stopped for breakfast, at Sinaluta, descended to the prairie, and stamped about in the brisk morning air.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier descended with the rest and enjoyed the bracing air. He was presently surrounded by a motley group of farmers, traders, Indians, half-breeds, mounted police, women and children. They pressed about him and gave him a cheer. It was a picturesque sight, in the early morning, at the little way station. Sir Wilfrid, in his long iron gray overcoat, and black Derby hat, stood in the midst of the throng and smiled good-humouredly at the busy photographers, who were snapping the pretty scene from every possible vantage point. The Premier shook hands with those about him and patted the little half-breed babies held up to him by smiling mothers. Small Indian boys, their tiny dusky faces lit up with curiosity, and their black hair straggling from beneath their ragged caps, stood about the Premier's knees and looked up into his face.

"Would you like to see me again, my little man?" said the Premier, as the train started, but the young Westerner merely opened his mouth and gazed with all his might at the figure retreating into the car. The crowd cheered heartily as the Royal train rolled out of the station.

The scenery today is very different from the enormous boulders, sudden sweeps and vast stretches of water in the Lake Superior region. Here there is nothing but a great vastness, wheat stalks by the million, and here and there big stacks showing up in black rows against the horizon. Portage la Prairie came in sight late last evening. Nearly everyone was in bed, but Mr. Melton Prior, the famous war artist, kept guard in the smoke room. The night was black and there was a drizzling rain falling. Mr. Prior put his head out of the window, and the rain trickled in little rivulets from his bald pate.

"You know," began Mr. Prior to the admiring crowd, "I am not the Duke," (loud cheers) "nor the Duchess either." (Perfect ovation.)

"You must reserve your cheers for the next section."

By this time all the other portions of the train were deserted and a thousand people or more stood in the rain before Mr. Prior's smoker, and watched the genial old gentleman placidly wipe the water from his head preparatory to continuing his remarks. Before he could make a sound, however, a stentorian voice in the crowd shouted, "Three cheers for Mr. Melton Prior." These were given with a vim and Mr. Prior, who blushed at being thus speedily identified, began again.

"Really, you know," said he, "I am delighted with this kind reception, I wish I knew what to do for you, you know."

"Give me a dollar" shouted a small sized man in the front of the crowd, mimicking Mr. Prior's pronounced English accent. There was general laughter.

"What would you do with it my good fellow," replied Mr. Prior, nothing abashed.

"I would drink it, you know-ab!" readily replied the wag.

"No, you would not, either, my man," responded Mr. Prior, "for you know you could not drink pape-ab."

Mr. Prior pulled his head in, wiped it carefully, and the train moved on.

You Are Tired.

Your color is not good. Restless one moment, fretful and blue the next. The world's out of joint. You're out of joint with the world. Not temper, not feeling, but weakness. Neglect is unwise. You grow steadily worse. Get good rich blood, then feel new vigor, strength, buoyancy. You'll see a dozen things to do; you will do them too, if you use Ferrozone. It sharpens the appetite, and you enjoy your food; you get color, and and old time strength comes back. That's because Ferrozone aids digestion, makes red blood. Ferrozone is strength for the nerves and vigor for the brain. Be sure of the name Ferrozone. Sold by Chas. A. Borchill.

Plans are published for the construction of a mammoth apartment block for Winnipeg, to be erected by a Chicago syndicate. The estimated cost is \$200,000.

Something Worth Knowing.

(From the Arthur, Enterprise.)

Catarrh is more prevalent than it formerly was, and many people are afflicted with this dangerous disease long before they are aware of it. Then it has developed into the worst form, and the sufferer rushes for a doctor from whom he gets little or no relief. A special study of the disease was made by the Catarrh-zone Company and their labors have been awarded by the discovery of a true specific "Catarrh-zone" which they guarantee is a sure cure. The Enterprise can vouch for "Catarrh-zone" as a member of the editor's family used it with most satisfactory results; it is pleasant to use and gives instant relief.

During the hot summer season the blood gets over heated, the drain on the system is severe and the appetite is often lost. Burdock Blood Bitters purifies and invigorates the blood, tones up the system, and restores lost appetite.

If you take a Laxa-Liver Pill at night before retiring, it will work while you sleep without a gripe or pain, curing biliousness, constipation, dyspepsia and sick headache.

Robert Sloan, of Bell's Corners, Ont. was suffocated to death in a sand excavation at Sandy Hill, near Britannia, Saturday afternoon. He was digging out a cellar when a bank caved in. The victim was 56 years.

A PLEASANT DUTY.—"When I know anything worthy of recommendation, I consider it my duty to tell it," says Rev. James Murdoch, of Hamburg, Pa. "Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder has cured me of Catarrh of five years' standing. It is certainly magical in its effect. The first application benefited me in five minutes." —7. Sold by W. H. Carter.

As a result of a conference between Supt. Osborne, of the C. P. R., and the local government, Premier Tweedie will make inquiries into the market for young cattle between New Brunswick and the Northwest. Mr. Osborne stated there was a good market in the West and the C. P. R. would give facilities.

PASSED 15 WORMS. I gave Dr. Low's Worm Syrup to my little girl two and one-half years old; the result was that she passed fifteen round worms in five days. Mrs. B. Roy, Kilmanagh, Ont.

Mrs. E. W. Hyman, mother of Mr. C. S. Hyman, M. P., is dead at London, Ont.

The announcement is made of the amalgamation of the Atlas and Phoenix Insurance Companies.

When the Baby Cries at Night

there is a cause for it. Perhaps it is gas on the stomach, may be cramps or diarrhoea. Don't lose sleep, anticipate such contingencies by always keeping handy a bottle of Polson's Nerviline. Just a few drops in water given inwardly then rub the little one's stomach with a small quantity of Nerviline, and perfect rest is assured for the night for both mother and baby. You may not need Nerviline often, but when you do need it you need it badly. Get a 25c. bottle today.

C. Co. of the 9th Regiment United States Infantry were attacked by Filipinos while sitting at breakfast. Forty-eight were killed, eleven wounded and all their arms captured.

Putnam's Corn Extractor.

Doesn't lay a man up for a week but quietly and surely goes on doing its work, and nothing is known of the operation till the corn is shelled. Plenty of substitutes do this. Some are dangerous, no danger from Putnam's except to the corn. At all druggists.