

All the City's Money Bylaws Pass by Substantial Majority

ELECTION OF MONDAY RESULTS IN APPROVAL OF THE MONEY BYLAWS AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE BIG RETURNS IN FAVOR OF THEIR PASSAGE—CITY WILL OFFER THE DEBENTURES.

The various money bylaws presented to the ratepayers of the city on Monday last were passed in every case by a large majority. Only 72 votes were polled, but of this number the dissenters were strikingly in the minority.

The result of the poll for the bylaws, as taken from the declaration of Mr. Stanley L. George, returning officer, was as follows:

Seventy-two votes were polled in all the bylaws.

The Street Improvement Authorization Bylaw, No. 102, passed by a majority of 57 votes, with one spoiled ballot.

The Hospital Extension Authorization Bylaw, No. 104, passed by a majority of 57, with one spoiled ballot.

The Waterworks Extension Authorization Bylaw, No. 106, passed by a majority of 57, with one spoiled ballot.

The Electric Light Extension Authorization Bylaw, No. 108, passed by a majority of 42, with four spoiled ballots.

The School Building Authorization Bylaw, No. 110, passed by a majority of 38.

All the debenture bylaws passed by almost similar majorities.

The sum involved in the passage of these bylaws, to be raised for these necessary improvements to the city, is \$110,000. The present bonded indebtedness of the city is \$233,000, and the present assessed value of property, \$2,130,124.00. When these debentures are issued the city will have approached the limit of its borrowing power, based upon the present assessment, but as the development of Prince George may confidently be anticipated to increase very largely in the future, and in view of the rapidly increasing population and of the railway activity which centres in this city, the public views with no concern the present limited field of the municipal finances, as is evidenced by the result of the poll.

PREMIER OLIVER REFERS TO PULP AREAS HERE

"Best" In Speech to Canadian Manufacturers' Association Refers to Pulp Possibilities.

led by President T. P. Howard and other prominent visiting manufacturers, a spontaneous and prolonged outburst of applause followed the conclusion of the address of welcome by Hon. John Oliver at the Board of Trade's luncheon to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association convention at the Hotel Vancouver at noon on Tuesday last. The demonstration was such as is seldom tendered to a public speaker and bore eloquent testimony to the appreciation of the eastern manufacturers for the warmth of the reception given them by representatives of the province and city.

In opening his speech the Premier stated that the tremendous possibilities of this province's resources could not be dwelt upon in a few moments. He spoke at some length upon the need of manufacturing industries to develop raw material now being shipped away from the province, and he touched upon the iron resources and the sugar beet industry.

For Paper Mills.

"You in the East, and all over the continent are suffering from a shortage of paper," he said. In British Columbia we have millions of acres producing pulp wood. Then the speaker took the audience on a "trip" through the Interior. In picturesque language that stirred his auditors he told of the opportunities for the establishment of paper mills at Quesnel and Prince George. Hundreds of miles of water transportation brought the wood to the mill, while deposits of soda were easily worked, and talc and sulphur could be obtained from the resources of the province. There existed ample water power for the operation of the mills, and in fact all that was required was the machinery.

POSTOFFICE AT WOODPECKER.

After striving for four years, the settlers in the vicinity of Woodpecker Island, 35 miles south of the city, on the Fraser, have secured a postoffice which will be opened immediately. Mr. E. J. Down, who served with the 1st Canadian Battalion, has been appointed postmaster.

NO COLOR LINE IN FEDERATION OF LABOR

Convention in Montreal, After a Stormy Session, Decided on Equal Membership Rights.

MONTREAL, June 10.—The American Federation of Labor, in its annual convention here today, wiped out the color line and warned its affiliated international unions that negro workers must be given full membership privileges. The Federation's action came at the end of a stormy session which nearly resulted in a race war between the delegates from the southern States and negroes and their sympathizers. The indignation of negro delegates was aroused several times during the debate when a speaker referred to them as "nigger freight handlers," and their objection to such remarks was sustained by the acting chairman, James Duncan. They charged that the use of the word "nigger" was a slander to their race.

MAY BET ON RACES.

OTTAWA, June 10.—Premier Borden told a delegation representing the Presbyterian General Assembly, which waited on him on Wednesday regarding the suppression of race-track gambling, that as the government had passed through Parliament everything in this direction which the country would stand, he could not undertake to make further recommendations in this direction.

Such was the report of Rev. Dr. Reid to the concluding session of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

Progress has been rapid on the re-grading of Princess Avenue around the northern end of Connaught Park Hill. This work is nearing completion and the yardage moved from the hill has almost entirely filled the low ground facing the City Hall.

GOVERNMENT CANNOT CONTROL PAPER EXPORTS

Ottawa Fails to Make Provision For Papers Threatened With Suspension by Shortage.

OTTAWA, June 10.—The Government has been unsuccessful in its efforts to secure an assurance of continued supplies for the Canadian newspapers now facing suspension owing to their inability to get newsprint, although quite prepared to pay the current contract prices of export to foreign countries. Legislation conserving the Canadian domestic requirements of newsprint seems to be the only possible solution of the present crisis.

Two points are being emphasized by the Canadian publishers: That the total Canadian requirements are less than 15 per cent of the Canadian production; and that no favor is being asked as regards the price.

Canadian publishers threatened with suspension are citing the fact that certain individual publishers in the United States are each receiving from Canada almost as much newsprint as is required by all the daily newspapers of Canada put together.

STRIKE IS THREATENED.

A strike of the lumber and camp workers in the mills along the G.T.P. is threatened by the O. B. U., according to information given to The Citizen by the district organizer. It is claimed that a series of demands submitted a month ago by the men have been ignored by all employers except one mill man at Dunster. These demands include an 8-hour day with a minimum wage of \$4 per day, and board; semi-monthly payment of wages in cash, and the enforcement of sanitary regulations as laid down by the Provincial Government.

Four Aeroplanes on New York to Nome Flight to Land Here in July

PRINCE GEORGE A LANDING PLACE IN GREATEST CROSS-COUNTRY FLIGHT EVER ATTEMPTED—FOUR DE HAVILLAND MACHINES EQUIPPED WITH 400 H.P. LIBERTY ENGINES TO MAKE FLIGHT—9000 MILE ROUTE—CAPTAIN HOWARD DOUGLAS ARRANGING FOR LANDING GROUND.

About July 9th there will arrive here—their first landing in British Columbia—barring the hazards which beset long-distance flights, four of the United States Government's military aeroplanes, piloted by military aviators in the great cross-country flight from New York to Nome, Alaska.

This week Captain Howard Douglas arrived here from the headquarters of the director of the American air service to make arrangements for a landing ground here. Captain Douglas was the officer who made similar arrangements for the trans-continental flight from New York to San Francisco and back last October. He has completed all arrangements for landings along the route from New York to Prince George, and left on the train Wednesday night for Hazelton, where the next landing place will be arranged for the machines.

A 4500-Mile Route.

The air route from New York to Nome will cover a distance of about 4500 miles on the course projected by the American fliers. The machines will probably follow a direct route from New York through Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota, entering Canada at North Portal, south of Regina. The return journey will, therefore, include a distance of 9000 miles. From North Portal the course will veer northward to Edmonton. From Edmonton through the mountains the route will follow the line of the G.T.P. in a rough direction. The flight from Edmonton to Prince George will be broken by a landing place at Jasper, in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, where a landing place has been arranged by Captain Le Royer, of the Canadian Air Board, who has been detailed by Ottawa to accompany Captain Douglas and assist him in every possible way in making his arrangements. Captain Le Royer remained at Jasper to arrange for a landing ground there, and Captain Douglas rejoined him on Wednesday night's train. They will proceed together as far as Dawson, and probably on to Nome.

Local Landing Ground.

Arrangements for a local landing ground were completed by the selection of a site on Central Avenue, of the old Fort George townsite. Captain Douglas, accompanied by Mayor Perry and Captain J. B. Daniell, of the Royal Air Force, visited this ground and arrangements were made to clear a two-way landing ground for the machines on this spot. The ground will be cleared for a distance

Proclamation Will Be Issued Today for the Validating Act

ATTORNEY-GENERAL J. W. DE B. FARRIS WIRES MAYOR PERRY STATING THAT DATE OF PROCLAMATION IS SET FOR TODAY. UNLESS UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES ARISE AUCTION SALE TRANSACTIONS WILL BE EFFECTIVE.

REX VS. FISHER CASE STILL PROCEEDING

Volume of Testimony on City Hall Methods—Motion to Quash Indictment Is Set Aside.

The case of Rex vs. Fisher which opened before Chief Justice Hunter yesterday morning was proceeding at the time of going to press and will not be completed until tomorrow.

In this case Mr. G. R. Fisher, former city clerk, is indicted for not accounting for certain city funds. The case centres about a sum of \$639.18 paid to Fisher for the city by Mr. Thomas Rush. The prosecution which is conducted, together with all the other cases at the assizes, by Mr. Alex. Young, contends that these funds were misappropriated by the accused.

Mayor on Stand.

The defence, which is in the hands of Mr. Stuart Henderson and Mr. W. P. Ogilvie, claims that the charge is not sustained, and that loose book-keeping and incompetence are responsible for the alleged deficit.

The first witness on the stand was Mayor Perry, who testified to the duties of the city clerk. Under cross examination by Mr. Henderson, Mr. Perry admitted that Fisher was a political opponent of his. The deficit was first noticed by Mr. Hutt, for the auditing firm of Kendall, Barr & Co. after the dismissal of Fisher. No proper receipt was given for the money paid by Rush, but an entry made in a counter check book, which never appeared in the cash book, is the subject of conflicting contentions on the part of the attorneys.

Other Witnesses.

Miss Mae Gross, assistant to the city clerk, gave evidence with regard to city hall methods. Her testimony was not shaken in cross-examination, and she appeared to know more than the city clerk about these methods.

The city auditor, Mr. Kendall, testified that the books at the city hall were just a jumble of figures, and that they had been very badly kept, and Mr. Hutt, of this firm, who conducted the audit, followed Mr. Kendall. His testimony was severely cross-examined by Mr. Henderson, and it appeared that he had conducted the audit as though the books were correctly kept, and that he had not investigated the irregularities very closely.

Motion Quashed.

At the conclusion of Mr. Hutt's testimony the defence made a motion to quash the indictment on the grounds that the charge had not been sustained. His Lordship ruled that the figures making up the deficiency shown by the prosecution had not been explained and that the case must proceed.

Mr. H. A. Carney then took the stand and was under examination at the time the court adjourned.

FURTHER WAGE DEMANDS BY BRITISH MINERS

Robert Smilie, of British Miners' Federation, Confers Upon Proposed Wage Increase.

LONDON, June 10.—Under the presidency of Robert Smilie, the Miners' Federation held a conference in Memorial Hall today and decided to formulate a demand for an increase in wages as a share in the increase in the price of coal. The federation also adopted a resolution protesting against military domination in Ireland, and instructed its Parliamentary committee to summon a special conference of trades unions to deal with the production and handling of munitions for Ireland and Poland.

FISHER NOT GUILTY.

While this issue is being printed the verdict in the Fisher case was handed down. Chief Justice Hunter's charge indicated the stupidity and incompetence of the accused, which did not indicate dishonesty. After retiring for a few moments the jury brought in a verdict of "Not Guilty."

The Chief Justice stated that Fisher had only himself to blame for the position in which he had been placed, and indicated that his release from this position was largely attributable to the investigation work on the books which had been carried out by Mr. Carney, who was mayor of the city during his tenure of office.

Telegraphic advices were received at the City Hall on Saturday last from the Attorney-General which read as follows:

"Have decided to recommend bringing Validating Act into force at once. Will wire later confirming when proclamation becomes effective. J. W. DeB. Farris, Attorney-General."

This telegram was followed by a further wire which reached the City Hall on Wednesday, which contained the following message to Mayor Perry:

"Date of proclamation bringing into force Prince George by-law No. 99, Validation Act, June 11th, 1920. J. W. DeB. Farris."

Will Issue Titles.

This brings to an end the extraordinary municipal contretemps which occurred last October when the city offered for sale the lots which had fallen to the municipality at the preceding tax sale. This sale, after opinions for and against its legality by eminent legal opinion, was made the subject of a special bill brought down in the Legislature towards the end of the past session as Bill No. 60, to give effect to the sale, with certain limitations. This bill was withheld from effect until the proclamation that is to be issued today, according to the advices received from the Attorney-General.

Further Objections.

Information has reached The Citizen that certain further objections from a new quarter have been forwarded to the Government this week which may defer the proclamation, but it seems unreasonable to consider that further isolated objections from individual property holders will affect the situation now that a decision has been reached at Victoria.

There will be a very general satisfaction at the passage of the final stage of this Validating Act, as the rejection of this measure would undoubtedly result in chaotic conditions and would further complicate the already involved mass of business in connection with these matters at the City Hall.

WELL KNOWN WRITER IS IN THE CITY

Captain J. Gordon Smith, Publicity Man of Lands Department, Is Here on Publicity Mission.

One of the province's well known writers visited this city this week in the person of Mr. J. Gordon Smith, who has charge of the publicity in connection with the provincial Department of Lands, and who is now preparing a booklet on Northern and Central British Columbia for the government. He has been at Prince Rupert for some time, and has spent periods in the farming country between this point and Hazelton on his way here.

For years connected with the Victoria Colonist, Mr. Gordon Smith is well known to British Columbians. He acted as special correspondent for the London Morning Post during the Russian-Japanese war, and contributed many articles under his own name upon that war and life in Japan. He was for many years Victoria correspondent of the Associated Press.

When the war broke out Captain Gordon Smith left similar work to that which he is now performing and joined the 72nd Battalion, assisting in recruiting this unit on the coast. He commanded a company of the 143rd, but on reaching England he converted to the rank of Lieutenant in order to reach the front quickly.

This is Captain Gordon Smith's first visit to Prince George since 1914. He remarked upon the substantial growth and development of this city since his last visit. While here he spent some time securing data for the purpose of bringing up to date the government bulletins on this country.

NO APPOINTMENT YET.

No appointment has yet been made for the position of city clerk here. The municipality has received applications from a large number of qualified men, some of whom have had a long municipal experience.

At a rather stormy meeting of the city council held last night, criticisms were passed over the council table relative to the latest developments in the Validating Act matter.