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Editorial Notes and Clippings

THE SEWER BY-LAW

Tonight is the last opportunity the council have for arranging for an expert to give his opinion on the sewerage system before the by-law is voted upon.

Next Saturday the ratepayers will cast their ballots for or against the expenditure of a million, or more, of money. Sewerage is absolutely essential and must be installed, and we would not for a single moment depreciate the value or necessity of proper drainage, but we do not approve of the

business methods of the council who would have the by-law accepted first and corrected afterwards. This is too much like the methods of olden times when a man was executed before his trial.

The expenditure of the amount of money involved is too great not to take every precaution, and while the plans may be excellent and the proposed system without flaw, the word of one man is not sufficient to have the by-law set before the voters, no matter how expert and proficient that man is.

MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS IS CHARGED WITH BRIBING VOTERS

MACDONALD ELECTION IS PROTESTED AND HON. R. ROGERS AND ROBLIN WITH OTHERS ARE CHARGED WITH BRIBERY, CORRUPTION AND INTIMIDATION.

Below will be found the charges in full as set forth in the petition for the disqualification of Alexander Morrison, the recently elected candidate in Macdonald, Manitoba. Hon. Robert Rogers, whose political record is credited with much that is unsavory, is largely connected with the alleged bribery and corruption. Feeling runs high over the arrest during the campaign of several of the Liberal workers and the subsequent mock trials and maladministration of justice. The following is from the Winnipeg Free Press of November 16th.

A petition against the return of Alex. Morrison of Homewood as member for Macdonald was filed this morning at the court house. The petitioners against the return are Dr. Andrew W. Myles of Treherne and John E. Woods of Somerset, electors of the division.

The petition charges that Mr. Morrison was, by himself and

agents, before, during and after the said election, guilty of bribery, treating, personation and undue influence, whereby the said Morrison is incapacitated from serving in Parliament. The statutory charges of bribery and corruption are set forth in the petition. It is charged that voters were paid money to refrain from voting. Further charges are those of providing liquor, hiring and promising to pay for carriages to convey voters to the polls, and illegally supplying transportation to voters. Undue influence and intimidation are also charged. The personal disqualification of Mr. Morrison is asked for, but the seat is not claimed for the opposition candidate.

Misuse of Police Power.

The most interesting charge is the one in which the misuse of the police powers of the province is charged. It is alleged that Hon. Robert Rogers, Sir Rodmond

P. Roblin, Hon. Colin H. Campbell and W. H. Sharpe, M. P., acting as agents for Mr. Morrison, "employed and set to work and gave instructions to certain justices of the peace, police constables, police officials, detectives, agents and other persons, to arrest and put in jail and keep confined therein persons whom they should discover in the said electoral district to be engaged in soliciting votes for or in advocating the candidature of R. L. Richardson."

Either Government or Ministers.

It is charged that said justices of the peace, constables, etc., were paid for carrying out said instructions, either by the provincial government or by the said Hon. Robert Rogers, Sir R. P. Roblin, Hon. Colin H. Campbell, W. H. Sharpe, M. P., as agents for the said Alexander Morrison.

It is charged that, in accordance with these instructions, these officials "at said election falsely and maliciously and without reasonable or probable cause, arrested or caused to be arrested on warrants issued in blank to them, and on other warrants corruptly and wickedly issued, contrary to law, a number of persons in said electoral district who were found soliciting votes for and advocating the candidature of R. L. Richardson, on false, factitious, pretended and malicious charges, preferred by them against said persons; and caused said persons to be deprived of their liberty and confined to jail."

It is further charged that "by the arrest of said persons the right of freedom of free discussion and free speech, and the right to solicit votes at said election for and to advocate the candidature of Robert L. Richardson were taken away and destroyed." This is given as a reason why Mr. Morrison is, under the law, incapacitated from serving in Parliament, and his election made wholly null and void.

Intimidation.

It is further charged that the police constables, police officials, detectives and agents, under instructions from the parties mentioned, made it known in several places and districts among large numbers of electors who intended to legitimately solicit votes for the opposition candidate, that they had power to, and would, arrest all persons found soliciting votes for, or advocating the candidature of, Mr. Richardson; and further made it known to such electors that soliciting votes for R. L. Richardson or advocating his election constituted a criminal offense which would render the person found guilty of committing it liable to immediate imprisonment. By these means, it is charged, persons were frightened or intimidated from soliciting votes or advocating the candidature of R. L. Richardson; and it is stated that they refrained from doing so, and also refrained from casting their votes at said election.

The petitioners ask the courts to declare that the respondent was not duly elected; that Alexander Morrison was guilty under the law of corrupt and illegal acts and practices; that he may accordingly be adjudged disqualified and incapable of sitting in the House of Commons, or of voting.

CLAIMS DOCTOR LEFT FORCEPS IN ABDOMEN

North Yakima, Wash., Nov. 23.—Charging that he left half of a pair of forceps in her abdomen while operating on her, Mrs. Emma Hickey of Sunnyside is again suing Dr. Wilbur Fordyce for \$25,000 damages here. The first trial resulted in a disagreement.

OPPOSES CHANGE IN THE PHILIPPINE GOVT.

Presbyterian Missionary Declares Filipinos Consider U. S. Rule Satisfactory.

Pasadena, Cal., Nov. 23.—Rev. K. P. MacDonald, in charge of the Presbyterian mission province of Camarines, in the Philippines, for three years, declared here that the islands are unfit for independence, such as is proposed to be given them by the next Congress, July 4, 1913.

"Do not confuse independence with self-government," said Dr. MacDonald. "They have self-government now in a great degree in municipal and insular affairs of a local nature. But the Filipinos of the better class themselves realize that they are being better governed by the United States than they were before, and there are few of them who would welcome independence. Most of the leading Filipinos are afraid to admit this, however, as it would make them unpopular with the ignorant natives."

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Owner of Philadelphia Nationals Asks For Postponement Pending Sale of His Club.

New York, Nov. 23.—It was learned tonight that Horace Fogel, president of the Philadelphia National League Baseball Club, has sent a letter to all of the club presidents in the league requesting that his trial, set for November 26th, on a charge of conduct unbecoming a National League president, be put over to a later date. He said that he desired this postponement because he was negotiating the sale of his club and desired to conclude it before the case came up.

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