

Mr. Foy—No. 148, sec. 70, of the act provides that the Council shall consist of the Mayor and three Aldermen from each ward. Mr. Foy wants the Toronto system of a Mayor, four Controllers and three Aldermen to be applied to all cities of 100,000 or more of a population. It is very questionable if this is desirable. The experiment has not been a very great success, to say nothing worse about it, and will not last very long, but will probably give way to something more workable and simpler in details.

Section 76 of the act provides for the property qualification of the Mayor and Alderman. The amendment to this section is to allow the Council of any city by by-law to abolish the property qualification of all candidates for the position of Mayor and Alderman other than the qualification of being a person qualified to vote at municipal elections in such city. This is clearly a retrograde step; but presuming it is a move in the right direction, why should the right be conferred upon cities only? What about towns and villages?

To entitle a person to vote in cities at present he must be possessed of property to the value, or rated at the value, of \$400. It is proposed to cut this down to \$300.

It is proposed to amend section 95, which provides for the election of the Council on the first Monday in January, by enacting that in cities having a population of 100,000 or over, by by-law passed not later than the 15th of November in any year, the nominations can be held on the third Monday of December and the elections, where necessary, on the 1st of January, or, if a Sunday, on the second day of the month.

Section 276 is struck out, being the provisions made for a Board of Control, and new sections proposed, making the four Controllers elective by the ratepayers at large, the same as the Mayor, each ratepayer to have the right to give one vote for each of four persons for this position. The casting vote, or dual vote, of the Mayor is done away with. It is hard to say what effect such an elective Board of Control

would have. The Alderman would be more than ever local, while the Mayor and Controllers, as representing the whole city, and not a part, would hold a very strong position—probably too strong. It is asked that the power the police have of issuing licenses to the owners of horses, cab carriages, carts, trucks, sleighs, omnibuses and other vehicles regularly used for hire, should be amended by striking out the word regularly. Some explanation for this change will be in order.

To section 549 is to be added a section for the prevention of sparring exhibitions and boxing matches when an admission fee is charged, except on a permit from the Chief of Police.

Under section 557 the Councils may pass by-laws for preventing persons from throwing any dirt, filth, carcasses of animals or rubbish upon any street, road, lane or highway. It is proposed to add glass, handbills and paper. Under section 566 the municipality may pass a by-law for the manufacturing and supplying light and heat. Further power is to be given by adding the

words "after manufacturing, purchasing or developing." The provisions made where a by-law is to be passed for the construction of any gas, electric light or water company incorporated for the municipality are to be altered by striking out the word "municipality" and inserting "any municipality having a population of less than 100,000," thereby restricting the provisions at present applicable to any city, town or village to cities of the stated population, and further providing that the clause containing such provisions shall not apply to any gas or electric light company that has neglected or refused to supply gas or electric light to any part of the municipality.

The corporation has power to require security for the supply of gas or water, and it is proposed to give the same power to any company supplying same within the municipality. This had better be carefully gone into.

A very wise amendment is the clause to be added to section 586, providing that no dead horse, offal, etc., shall be drawn through the streets during the hours of daylight.

The final section all will agree with, emergency Councils to make grants to the soldiers serving in South Africa.

Danger of Smallpox.

Dr. P. H. Bryce, Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, was on Saturday morning notified by the Health Officer of Portland, Maine, of the discovery of a case of confluent smallpox on the steamship Vancouver after its arrival in port. The discovery was not made until most of the passengers had left for home. One of them is a Toronto man and others come from other parts of Canada. Having been exposed to infection it is desirable that these persons should be traced and made to undergo vaccination.

Provincial Appointments.

James Mitchell of the Village of Plevna has been appointed bailiff of the 6th Division Court of Frontenac vice John Critchley, resigned. William Henry Spencer of Bracebridge has been appointed Police Magistrate without salary for portions of the district of Muskoka and Parry Sound. Alfred Carss of Wabigoon and D. F. Coughlin of Mount Carmel have been created notaries public.

New Companies.

The Pic Copper & Gold Mining Co. of Lake Superior, with a capital of \$1,900,000; the Electrical Maintenance & Construction Co. of Toronto, with a capital of \$250,000; and the Woltz Manufacturing Company of Toronto, with a capital of \$40,000, have been incorporated by letters patent. A by-law of the Metal, Shingle & Siding Co. of Preston, increasing the capital stock from \$10,000 to \$50,000, has been confirmed by the Government.

Speaker's "At-home."

Speaker Ewanturel will be at-home on Wednesday evening, 4th April, from 9.30 to 12 o'clock.

It is understood that the Huron & Erie Loan & Savings Company of Lon-