

ALL "FOREIGNERS" COME UNDER BAN

Council Votes to Dismiss Them From Employ of the City

HOLDS PATRIOTIC SESSION

Will Raise Over Half Million Dollars for Purchase of Parks

The much discussed question of employing "foreign" labor in civic contracts was again raised in Council, yesterday, by Alderman Robbins, in connection with the transfer of certain paving contracts, from the Works Department to private contractors. The Alderman moved that in making these transfers, the contractors be required to observe the same rule as govern city work, and employ 90 per cent, British labor.

"I am told that where British workmen are taken on by contractors, and are knocked about by the foreigners with their wheel-barrows, and other such tricks are played on them until they are forced to quit," declared Alderman Gibbons.

Naturalized Citizens.

Alderman McBride: "I will support the motion, if the Alderman will make it read 'employ only British born or naturalized citizens.'"

Alderman Ball: "Why should we hand the contracts over at all? We should keep the work under our own commissioner."

"Hear, hear," from different parts of the chamber.

Alderman Gibbons "did not want to do any flag-waving," but he wanted to remind Council that it is the British-born who are fighting for British liberty. Foreigners come here and become naturalized and then go back, after making a lot of money here.

Alderman McBride championed the cause of the "foreigners," or naturalized citizens, and a sharp clash occurred between him and Alderman Gibbons, who accused him of looking after the contractors' interests.

Alderman McBride: "You and Alderman Robbins are paid by the unions to come here and look after their interests."

Sharp Clash.

Alderman Gibbons: "No we're not. But you have been trying to run this Council long enough. It is time you were shown that you can't do it."

Alderman McBride declared that Works Commissioner Harris had admitted that he could not get satisfactory work under the day-labor system.

Alderman Ramsden: "Mr. Harris referred only to the laying of private water services. If he admitted he could not get good work out of his men as a general thing, he should be let go."

Council voted almost unanimously to instruct the Commissioner to do the work, and not transfer it.

Dismiss Employees.

Following this patriotic motion, Alderman McBride moved, and it was carried unanimously, that the city dismiss from its service "all persons of Germans or Austrian birth, or who are not, by birth or naturalization, subjects of his Majesty the King."

A number of by-laws were given a first reading, including one to raise \$565,132 by debentures for Park purposes.