

MAY BE TWO CLAIMANTS FOR ALDERMANIC BERTH

Much Interest Shown in Tonight's City Government Meeting at New City Hall

Whether there will be two claimants to the aldermanic chair of Ward one at tonight's meeting of the city council, the first to be held in the new Davenport Memorial, is a topic of much interest among citizens in general. Although Chester H. McCabe was ordered to vacate the seat last week by decree of Associate Justice William R. Pattangall who has upheld the contention of Sam Povich that he, and not McCabe to whom election officials issued a certificate of election, was legally elected alderman in Ward one at the annual municipal election on March 4, McCabe has indicated that he proposes to continue the case. In a communication to the aldermen filed Saturday with City Clerk Gilmore he urges them not to qualify Povich. City Clerk Gilmore has issued notices of the meeting to both McCabe and Povich.

McCabe left Saturday with several other Bath men for Camp Porcupine, Sugar Island, Lake Moosehead but before departure said he planned to return in time for tonight's meeting if possible. His communication to the aldermen in which he pleads with them not to recognize Povich was evidently filed in case he finds it impossible to return. His attorney, Judge John J. Keegan, is also away.

Edward W. Bridgham, attorney for Povich, will attend the meeting. He will have a copy of Justice Pattangall's decree and should there be any hesitation among the board members about seating Povich he will cite them the law as he interprets it. Should McCabe interfere Mr. Bridgham intimates that he will institute contempt proceedings.

Other than this there does not appear to be any unusual business to disturb the tranquility of members in their first meeting in the new city hall.