

Latest Sale News Hot from the Arena

CASH ACTUALLY INVESTED RUNS UP TO OVER HALF MILLION MARK IN FORTY MINUTES

TODAY SEES START OF LONG DESIRED SALE OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT LOTS

Intense Interest Excited Amongst Real Estate Men, Visitors and Citizens in All Circles---High Prices Predicted for Fine Inside Property Long Held by the Government

Today marks an epoch in the real estate history of Prince Rupert. It is a day long deferred, long looked forward to by citizens of every rank and profession, especially looked forward to by the real estate men. Into the ears of the Premier of this province and into those of his emissaries and the members of the Legislature concerned in Prince Rupert the demand for the sale of the last remaining government lots in the sold sections has been ringing for days, weeks, months, even years. Now at last the demand is being acceded to. The government's holdings in Sections 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are under the hammer as you read this.

Intensity of Interest.
There are throngs within the Westholme Theatre, where the sale is being conducted by Frank Ellis, still reflecting the remembered success of the Section 2 sale. Probably never in the history of Prince Rupert has there been such an assemblage of solidly assured investors in local realty. There is money represented in no meagre amount by that company of investors. It was said in the city amongst business circles yesterday that no lot would go cheaper than \$600, some realty men had their doubts

of that, but all agreed that the downtown lots will cost their purchasers thousands of dollars. They will be worth thousands as a plain straight-out investment, for the day of the golden spike is now so very near, in spite of labor troubles, and the city and its surrounding rich resources are developing so fast that the purchase of property here becomes the simplest of good financial business. This is no speculation for purchasers. Prince Rupert is already able to deliver the goods.

Section 2 No Comparison.
It does not do to compare the Section 2 sale with the present sale. There is, as Mr. D. H. Hays said yesterday, no comparison between the two events. Section 2 sale was phenomenal as a sale of absolutely unimproved realty, at which remarkably high prices were achieved simply because of the unbounded faith local and outside investors had and have in Prince Rupert. Today's sale is a sale on unimproved property as far as the mere lots are concerned, but property very highly improved indeed by the proximity to it in many cases of modern business buildings, modern business streets and the general advances of the city since the first sale of lots. There is no comparison between today's sale

of this class of property and the sale of the natural simply cleared land on Section 2.

Million Will Be Realized.
A rough contrast may be drawn, however, in view of the points of similarity between the two sales. Section 2 sale covered some 583 lots and the price realized by these lots in the aggregate was no less than \$600,000, a splendid return for unimproved land. The present sale embraces some 282 lots, all in sections well settled and for the most part well improved. What will they fetch in the aggregate? Well, that remains, at the time of writing, still on the lap of the gods. But one prominent real estate man here has without batting an eyelash placed the figure at not less than one million dollars and probably over that sum.

LONG STRIKE DEVELOPS VIOLENCE

Sacramento, Aug. 27.—The Southern Pacific shopmen and strikers engaged in conflict near one of the entrances to the shops at the closing hour last evening and four arrests were made by the police. The strike has been in progress for nearly a year and this is the most serious disturbance that has yet occurred.

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Prof. Douglas' class opens on Thursday, August 29th.

SENSATIONAL DYNAMITE SUSPICIONS ARE AROUSED OVER LAWRENCE STRIKE

Special to Daily News

Boston, Aug. 28.—An alleged conspiracy on the part of a number of the officers of mills in Lawrence to secret dynamite during the general strike in the latter city last winter is the subject of investigation by a Suffolk County grand jury.

The district attorney directed assistants to go to Lawrence and ascertain if dynamite found there

during the strike was purchased in Boston. At the time of the prosecutions in Lawrence John Brown, a politician of that city, was convicted of storing explosives and fined \$500.

Among those summoned to give evidence before the grand jury was Ernest P. Pittman of Andover, a millionaire contractor, who shot and killed himself this

morning. When the dynamite was found secreted in several places in Lawrence the leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World, who are conducting the strike, declared that they were not responsible. They charged that the dynamite was "planted" for the purpose of leading the public to believe that unions were plotting to blow up the mills.

Messrs. Barnum and Gierzen, two well known old timers in the service of the G. T. P. and pioneers of Prince Rupert, the latter being one of the divisional engineers, are down from up the line on a short visit and are guests at the G. T. P. Inn.

Panorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

One mile roller race at the Skating Rink tonight.

Lot 19, of the same set, was speedily run up to \$17,000 and William Watson bid \$18,900 to become its owner.

William Watson also purchased lots 13 and 14, bloc 24, Second avenue and Seventh street, which from \$35,000 by thousands reached \$48,000.

Lot 12, in this block, started at \$8,000 and was secured by Max Freed for \$16,500. The buyer took lot 11 at the same figure.

Lots 15 and 16, block 24, reached \$35,000 in two or three high-jackets and then rose steadily to \$36,000. H. O. Richter being the buyer. The property is on Third avenue and Seventh street.

Lots 1 and 2, bloc 17, corner McBride street and First avenue, obtained a preliminary bid of \$10,000. The second one was \$250,000. This corner reached \$29,000. It was bought by H. W. Haskamp.

A rapid summation of the prices after forty-five minutes showed that the money invested had already passed the half million point, the total being \$525,800.

Lot 3, block 17, went to H. W. Haskamp for \$11,100.

The remaining lots offered in this block went as follows: Lot 4, \$9,500; J. J. Mackay. Lot 5, \$8,300; Fred Button. Lot 6, \$8,050; Westenhaver Bros.

Lot 7, \$8,050; Westenhaver Bros.

Lot 8, \$8,550; Westenhaver Bros.

Lot 9, \$8,500; S. E. Parker.

Lot 10, \$7,500; S. E. Parker.

Lots 11 and 12, \$7,100 each; Jules Trucfelt.

Lots 13 to 16 inclusive, \$7,050 each; bought by T. D. Pattullo.

Lots 17 and 18, \$7,800 each; Westenhaver Bros.

At this stage the sum already invested totalled \$655,500.

S. S. Taylor, the well known Vancouver lawyer, was an arrival on the Prince George this morning and is registered at the G. T. P. Inn.

Dr. W. S. Hall, lately engaged in his profession of dentistry in this city, and now located in Vancouver, was an arrival on the Prince George this morning.

KAISER WILHELM ON SICK LIST

Berlin, Aug. 28.—There are grave fears on the part of the public that Kaiser Wilhelm may be suffering from something considerably graver than that of a cold and muscular rheumatism, following an attack of influenza. The fear is not allayed by the publication of an official account of the origin and present state of His Majesty's illness in a bulletin issued by Count Enlengberg, the chief marshal of the Imperial court.



EMPEROR OF GERMANY

No medical bulletin has so far been published. It is admitted that His Majesty's condition is such that he must have a complete rest for an indefinite period.

Latest Bulletin.

Cassel, Hesse-Nassau, Germany, Aug. 28.—Emperor William spent some hours out of bed and working today, but suffered a slight rise of temperature at bed time. Physicians ascribe the change to over exertion. The swelling of the neck and jaw muscles and glands are not worse tonight. The general physical condition of the royal patient is, however, considerably disturbed.

CANON HERE WHO DIRECTED CORONATION

Rev. Canon Jocelyn Perkins of Westminster Abbey, who is here today as the guest of Bishop Duernet, besides being one of the principal organizers of the B. C. Church Aid Society, and indeed the man who has placed this society on its present firm footing of great utility to the Anglican church in the province, is also an interesting visitor apart from his local connection. He is sacrist of the famous English abbey, and as such held the high office in charge of all ecclesiastical details connected with the coronation of His Majesty King George. This is an onerous and sacred post, and its correct and worthy performance distinguishes Canon Perkins as a man of exceptional ability and knowledge of church ordinances of the highest order.

Choicest liquors and cigars—savoy.

CHARMING "AT HOME" YESTERDAY

Mrs. Frank W. Dowling entertained at a most enjoyable "at home" yesterday afternoon in honor of her house guest, Miss Ola Phelan, of Vancouver. It was one of the largest affairs of the kind ever given in Prince Rupert. Mrs. Dowling received in a handsome gown of black lace over yellow satin. Miss Phelan was daintily attired in an up-to-date gown of cream satin veiled in ninon and trimmed with real lace and satin ball fringe. The decorations, which were most elaborate, were carried out in color schemes of yellow and white. The rooms were beautifully decorated with white astors and yellow poppies with yellow and white ribbon streamers. Mrs. Alder and Miss McTavish poured tea and coffee and Miss Gibbons cut the ices. The refreshments were served by four little girls in white frocks.

First Lot Fetches \$24,000—The One Beside It Goes for \$22,800

With the introductory announcement from C. D. Rand that the Premier had instructed him to announce at the outset of this sale that the Provincial government buildings for Prince Rupert were now in process of planning and will be erected on block 15, Market Place, the great sale began this afternoon.

There was an immense concourse of people in the Westholme Theatre and standing room only was the rule. All the best known citizens of Prince Rupert thronged the front rows, and the ladies were principally accommodated in private boxes. The Daughters of the Empire had reserved two boxes, which were filled. One wee baby, probably the record holder in infantile interest in real estate, occupied a corner of another box along with its mamma, and in the hush that preceded the actual sale the baby voice might be heard lusty in delight at the crowd, symbolic of baby Prince Rupert.

Warning Them Up to It.

With few preliminaries Auctioneer Frank Ellis, immaculate as ever, opened the ball. There was a moment of inertia over the first lot put up. Then away went the bidding, hammer and tongs. A thousand, two, three, four, ten, fifteen, twenty thousand, the bids rose volleying at first against each other. The baby in the box crowded with joy. Then came a wrestling match financially between two stalwarts seated not far from each other, both pretty far back. One man bid with nod, the other by holding up a swift hand. Rapidly the bids pattered against each other, jumping the price by the hundred at a time. The sale was really beginning to hum. A moment or two of sharp

bid and counter bid, a pause, a silence, and then with a rap of the auctioneer's hammer the first lot was sold.

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Twenty-four thousand dollars was the bid at which H. J. Haskamp secured lot 7, block 20, section 4. He had the option of taking lot 8 also, and a wag awoke a titter all around by exclaiming "that figure."

Lot 8, block 20, started at \$13,000, and was knocked down at \$22,800 to Herman J. Haskamp.

Lot 5, block 18 was jumped up to \$15,000 from a first of \$10,000. It leaped by five hundreds to \$20,500, and then went warily to \$20,700, where it was knocked down, the purchaser being J. S. Freeze.

Lot 6, in the same block, fetched \$20,100. It was bought by A. J. Edelbrock.

Bidding began tardily for lot 17, block 14. The price of \$18,400 was reached before long, William Watson securing the property.

Lot 16, in the same block, also went to Mr. Watson at the same price.

Lot 15, same block, fetched

AND THEY SAID "THERE'S NO MONEY IN PRINCE RUPERT!"

Constable Adams was detailed off this afternoon to stand guard over the office of C. D. Rand on Second avenue, where immense sums were held on deposit against the operations of substantial investors at the lot sale.

\$19,000, H. W. Haskamp being the lucky bidder.

Lots 23 and 24, block 19, made a small sensation with their first bid of \$30,000, and were quickly spun up to \$50,000. The audience then waited, breathless. Not for a minute or so did a bid of another hundred echo out. At this stage the lot hung tight for a time until timidly another hundred for the corner darted out, only to encourage another and another slowly until \$55,100 was at last reached. There the hammer fell upon the substantial bid of E. A. Moore.

Lots 9 and 10, block 23, started at \$1,000 and there was quite a titter at the sudden falling of bids. But the bidding picked up and went quick and spirited up to \$17,000. Here it whirled up to \$20,000 and then by rapid hundred dollar bids the price ran up to \$23,900, the lot being bought by H. N. Shineman.

Lots 23 and 24, block 11, a corner, started at \$20,000. Quickly the price was doubled. Slower bids of a thousand each got the price up to \$51,000, when it snailed its way by five hundreds to \$55,000, then by hundreds to \$58,000. At this price Peter Black corralled it.

Lots 21 and 22, block 11, started at \$15,000. Bids did not seem to come too quickly for this property, the old school site on Second avenue.

After some tardy bidding the lot was knocked down for the sum of \$18,300, H. W. Haskamp being the buyer.

Lot 21, close to this one, was bought for \$19,000 by George E. Gibson, the well known old timer.

Lot 20, next door to it, began at \$15,000 and also fetched \$19,000, J. W. Peppett being the purchaser.

PRINCE RUPERT TODAY



Second Avenue where some of the best Provincial Government lots are, and the Westholme Theatre, where Sale is being held.