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PRINCE RUPERT'S PROUD RECORD

Truly Mayor Newton can say "My name will live after me"—not as did George Washington's, first in the heart of countrymen, carved not on the tablets of the memory but in cold, hard marble. Who passing Acropolis reservoir when the sun is shining and the rays are reflected from the chisled name of "S. M. Newton, Mayor," set in gold, can deny this? In years to come when the little children of today look upon that stone, as old men and women, they will be able to recollect the proud record that Prince Rupert achieved on the day the reservoir was opened, of being the only city in Canada where the school children did not take part in the celebration in honor of Canada's royal governor; and they will also remember that it was due to "S. M. Newton, Mayor."

A "PIG IN A POKE"

The ratepayers of Prince Rupert are to vote on the sewer by-law next week. The ratepayers as a whole know nothing of the proposed by-law on which they are going to vote, and the councillors have but the authority of one man as to the value of the system. We would not for one instant depreciate the value of Mr. Mason's work. He may be the most capable man who could

be employed, but as the cost of the system, before completed, will run into the million mark, it is not good business to put that by-law before the people before having the plans and proposed work carefully looked in to by experts in that line of work. Now is the time to have that done—before the property owners have signified their wish to have the work carried out or abandoned.

The perfect by-law and plans should be prepared first and every detail should be carefully checked up before the vote is taken on the question. It is too big a responsibility to place on the shoulders of one man, no matter how good he may be. His system may be allright and theories correct, but then again he may be wrong and experts called in after the ratepayers have set their seal of approval on the plans submitted.

If the same length of time had been given in the council meetings to the discussion of these plans which may mean the expenditure, rightly or wrongly, of millions, as was given to the discussion to the hiring of telephone girls or other important (?) questions, it would be clearer to the majority of the citizens. Voting on this by-law now before it has been thoroughly overhauled is exactly like "buying a pig in a poke"—you don't know what you have.

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FARMER MUST BE MEMBER OF THE TORY MACHINE BEFORE HE CAN GET GOVERNMENT RATE ON POWDER ASSETS FARMER IN VANCOUVER SUN.

Because the Provincial government did not supply him with stumping powder for blowing up the stumps on his ranch at Stillwater, in accordance with a recent despatch from the capital to the effect that explosives would be supplied free to bona fide settlers for land clearing operations, Mr. Fred Goldsmith is now ready to blow up the Hon. Price Ellison, minister of agriculture. He has received from the department information that blasting powder would be supplied to him at a rate of \$5 per box (the factory price) providing he joined Conservative Association.

"It's a holdup," declared Mr. Goldsmith to the Sun at the Beaver Rooms, Carrall street, where he is stopping. "I have always been a Conservative, but I do not propose to favor such tactics of enforcing politics upon the farmer. The report of the government's generosity appeared in a Vancouver Tory paper which comes to my address at Stillwater, and as the agriculturists in that vicinity were vastly interested in getting cheap explosive for land clearing, I wrote the Department of Agriculture,

enclosing an application. The reply, which was subscribed to by official signature of the Hon. Mr. Ellison himself, contained the information that the report was incorrect but that holders of pre-emptions would be able to procure powder at \$5 per box instead of \$6.50, the retail rate, if they became members of the Conservative Association."

In referring to overdraw accounts of government road building in the interior, Mr. Goldsmith called attention to the instance of the road at Stillwater which crosses the Eagle River. The road, he declared, had been improved to some extent during the summer, but the bridge across the river, which had in the first place been built by the settlers, was in a condition absolutely unsafe, even for pedestrians. This rendered the road practically useless as a transportation highway and although several strong petitions had been sent to the Board of Works department, nothing more than a promise that the Provincial road superintendent would visit the district had resulted.—Vancouver Sun.

ASBESTOS ROOFING WILL STAND A TERRIBLE HEAT

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The following late arrivals are registered at the G. T. P. Inn: E. H. Parkinson, F. L. Wilson, A. G. Wynkoop, J. W. Upper, Vancouver; W. H. McMorry and wife, California; Chief Justice Gordon Hunter, Victoria; R. L. Hornsby, Alford Bay; E. Ferguson, Fort George; J. A. Pitt, Montreal.

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