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Editorial Notes and Clippings

**"HEADS, I WIN
TAILS, YOU LOSE"**

Since the attention of the public was drawn, through the editorial columns of The News on Wednesday last, to the manner in which the chief magistrate of this city was, at that time, living up to the first plank in his platform for 1913, there has been some show of activity in closing a few of the gambling joints that were run most openly. Even in this move an attempt is being made to win support for Mayor Newton in the approaching campaign. It is being made to appear that Mr. Pattullo and his supporters are responsible for the enforcement of the law in this particular, and in this manner it is hoped to create feeling against him amongst those who derive a profit from the operation of various gambling devices. For the information of the public The News states positively that neither Mr. Pattullo nor any of his friends had anything whatever to do in inspiring the reference that was made editorially to this matter. Mr. Pattullo

has not up to the present made himself appear ridiculous by making rash promises as to his line of action for 1913. The News assumes the full responsibility for the article that has caused Mayor Newton to issue a challenge to The News to furnish information that is well known to every wide-awake citizen. The News further states that the article was written not so much with the object of reform as to emphasize the insincerity or inefficiency of the Mayor in the carrying out of his published platform.

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A Plea from Afar

To the Ever Ready and Incompetent S. M. Newton, Present Mayor of Prince Rupert.

Dear Sir:

Whereas, it is now evident to everyone, and should be to you, after the past year's experience that you are not qualified to represent the people as mayor in a city such as Prince Rupert should be, it seems to me that it is up to you to step aside and assist the people in electing some one who has at least a little training in business affairs, as well as having some practical experience.

I would like to point out to you and your colleagues that you have gone just as far as you can with your policy and if you wish to continue the affairs of the city in the manner in which you have been conducting them, you will have to do so alone. This direct taxation will not go next year and 20 mills on the dollar is a poor advertisement for Prince Rupert at the present stage of the game, as there has been so little done in comparison to what must be done. I think it is about time for you to drop your insurgency and independence and assist the ratepayers in laying the foundation for the building of the great city of the future.

I also think it is time for the local government to do something for Prince Rupert outside of enacting legislation that tends in every way to the encouragement of anarchy. The Canadian people have always boasted of having a free and independent country, but it does not seem to me to be the case in Rupert where the ratepayers cannot have their work done by contract and by whom they please. In short, if this kind of business is allowed to continue people might as well invest their money in Mexico, where there is neither law nor order. The only difference seems to be that the Mexican government is trying to protect the interests of investors regardless of nationality or even citizenship, while the local government is not.

Well, Mr. Mayor, I hope that you will not be the means of having some one elected as mayor with his hands tied by promises which are neither feasible nor possible, for the sake of gaining power.

I am a Socialist, and I believe in good wages and further that the working men who are permanently located in the city should have the preference in doing all the work that is to be done, but I also believe that when the property holders are willing to bond themselves to raise money to make employment for them that it is up to them to do the work at a reasonable figure and assist the property holders in making conditions such as will enable the ratepayers to raise the money to carry on such work.

Any man who is advocating 45 cents per hour in Prince Rupert at the present time is not the friend of the working man. The time to make such demands is when industries have been established and a permanent payroll has been provided, but to insist on that scale now is a little too early in the game for the benefit of the working classes, the tinhorn business class or any of the class that wishes to make a living in Prince Rupert.

I would ask the people of Prince Rupert: Do you want the city to go ahead or do you want it to stand still? If you want it to go ahead you have to make conditions equally as good as they are in Vancouver. Vancouver sees in Prince Rupert a strong competitor and the citizens of that place are doing their level best to prevent capital from going up there. But I firmly believe that Prince Rupert will outdistance Vancouver, as Edmonton will outdo Calgary, if the citizens of Prince Rupert will work for the advancement of their city as the people of Edmonton are doing.

Hoping, Mr. Mayor, that you will take this letter in the spirit in which it is written—that of benefiting the city, I am respectfully yours,

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"It is not to be taken for granted that this is the only legitimate aspect of the case. At the same time there is even among Radicals a belief that Canada's action will strengthen Sir Edward Grey's hands at such an important juncture.

"The Nationalists are delighted there should be this object lesson; their loyalty is the product of colonial home rule."

Sir Newton Moore, Agent-General for Western Australia, speaking here, said the tendency of a contributory naval policy might easily be to relieve the British taxpayer without strengthening the Empire. Australia's loyal naval scheme enlisted the sympathy and actual co-operation in the Imperial cause which a mere money contribution would never do.

After Premier Asquith's statement in the House of Commons yesterday, Keir Hardie asked the Premier if he would ascertain how far Canadian labor organizations agreed with Premier Borden's offer. The question was received with cries of dis-

sent, and Premier Asquith replying said: "That's entirely a matter for the Canadian parliament."

To Succeed Col. White.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The retirement of Colonel Fred White, comptroller of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, which is to take effect at the end of the year, will likely be followed by the promotion of Laurence Fortesue, I. S. O., assistant comptroller and accountant of the department. Mr. Fortesue has been connected with the Mounted Police since the early days of the force, having been appointed in 1875. He came to Ottawa from the west to assist in the administration of the force and has been in his present office since September, 1908.

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Sec. 8.

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