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THE URGENT NEED OF A PUBLIC SPIRIT

The most noticeable feature of the public meeting for the discussion of municipal affairs, which was held last evening in the Empress Theatre, was the failure of the mayor's critics to present any adequate solution of the problem now confronting the city. Not liking the mayor's plan, they had none of their own to offer save to raise, one after the other, the cry of "low taxes and retrenchment of expenditure."

Have the residents of Prince Rupert suddenly lost faith in the future of the city? It will surely be a poor advertisement for Prince Rupert if those very citizens who have talked so proudly of its destinies now shrink from taking the proffered hand that will help the city on its way.

Do they talk of the day of greater things and yet show themselves loath to prepare for that coming day? Let them be sure of this, that it will be as slow to come as they are slow in greeting it. The resources of the great hinterland will do something for Prince Rupert, but the full benefit of the neighborhood of that vast wealth will never be realized here save by the resourcefulness of the citizens. The development of Prince Rupert, like that of Victoria, might be delayed for years by civic dissensions. To attend to the public welfare we must have a public spirit.

If the mayor's proposal were to raise money for beautifying the city, or for any other purpose than to furnish what are not only utilities but the very necessities of healthy life, there might well be ground for objection. But as it is, he should be able to count on the support of every citizen who has at heart the welfare of the municipality. If this is not given, it will not bode well for the future prosperity of Prince Rupert. Prospective residents and investors will hardly look with a friendly eye on a city which gives no proof indeed of that faith in its future which

it so ardently professes in word.

Political and personal considerations should be put aside entirely at the present moment and the first thought given to the welfare of the community.

Whatever attitude The News, for its part, may take in general to the administration of Sir Richard McBride, it is pleased to see that on this occasion the Provincial government is about to fulfill its obligations to the city of Prince Rupert. And it is to be hoped that the citizens of all political creeds will unite in the endeavor to show the Hon. Mr. Ross how great and how urgent are the needs of the municipality.

THE CONSERVATIVE POINT OF VIEW.

The following in regard to the public meeting last night is from an editorial which appeared in the Conservative organ this morning:

"The meeting that was held last night showed that there was interest centring in the affairs of the corporation. A good feature of the proceedings, with the exception of a very few of the speakers, was the evident desire on the part of those who took part to discuss the matters affecting the city's interests without passion and to proceed along sane lines. There was evident on the part of those who spoke a very strong desire to assist in every way possible the city as a whole and to avoid petty affairs. This is as it should be. It is useless to expect it from some quarters, but with a general disposition on the part of the citizens to look into the affairs of the city the benefits that will come to it will be very marked."

"It would be well for the citizens to get into the way of working in unison, as only in that way will the city accomplish the great things that are planned for it. This does not mean that every man must think as his neighbor, but there is no reason why citizens should regard their neighbors as highwaymen."



HON. MACKENZIE KING, HIS MOTHER AND FATHER—MRS. KING IS DAUGHTER OF THE LATE WM. LYON MACKENZIE.

FROM FAMILY COMPACT TO GOVERNMENT OPPOSITION.

An interesting picture of William Lyon Mackenzie King, formerly of the Laurier government, with his mother and father, taken at a Liberal picnic recently. Mrs. King was a daughter of the late William Lyon Mackenzie, who fathered the "rebellion" against the "Family Compact," or the then government in 1837, when there was some bloodshed in Upper Canada, as Ontario was known at that time.

STROLLER WHITE'S VIEWS ON STAMPEDES AND STAMPEDERS

APPROPOS OF THE SHUSHANNA STAMPEDE THE VETERAN HISTORIAN OF YUKON HAS INTERESTING TALK OF OTHER YUKON STAMPEDES

Some people are born stampeders, some people become stampeders and other people stay at home and direct stampeders by standing around and working their jaws about how stampeders should be conducted. The Stroller is not a stamper but has had many stampeders thrust upon him. Some of them wanted a farewell just before starting and all of them wanted a reviver just after getting back.

Skookum Jim and the Stroller are both in bad favor among stampeders and both have been unjustly accused. The former was largely responsible for several hundred people going into the Teslin country last spring. They have been coming out ever since, using their breath for both "mushing" and cursing. And yet Skookum Jim was not really to blame. He is an Indian and, when it comes to saying nothing has the most astute politician backed off the map. It was because Jim said nothing and assumed a look which was misnamed "wise" that many people thought he had discovered a second Klondike. Had the Teslin country turned out rich Skookum Jim would have taken rank with Solomon and any I. W. W. leader in the country in the matter of possessing wisdom.

The Stroller once started a stampede on Ole Creek, a tributary to Swede, near Dawson. A man prospecting there one summer came to town and confided to a number of friends that he had found a trace of nicotine and hoped, by following it up, to locate a vein of tobacco. Outfits were hurriedly gotten together, the usual preliminary of asking Government aid in the matter of road building having, of course, been complied with. Forty men left Dawson in the light-grey of one September morning and five days later they returned, but not until they had dug a trench for over a mile in tracing that nicotine and which finally led them to a cob pipe which the Stroller had lost while hunting grouse the previous October.

The present stampede to Shushanna country (the name sounds like it might mean either a mining camp or a new-fangled

tooth wash) looks as though it might result in something more than disappointment. The Stroller hopes that every man who goes will be required to send back for a farm wagon in which to bring out his gold. At the same time he remembers the warning sounded by the late Bill Nye: "If you are in a farming community, don't be a farmer." This advice might apply equally to a mining community.

Gambling and dancing are two mining camp adjuncts from which the entire northern country has been divorced and that means there will be no demand in the new camp for either gamblers or dancers. The latter might go as suffragettes, but it is doubtful if that role would prove remunerative. On the whole, the Stroller has concluded that all who do not wish to engage in mining in the new camp will do well to remain away until there are better transportation facilities. By that time there may be opportunities in the new town to saw wood at the Salvation Army headquarters for bed and board.

TWO BOLD ROBBERS SWOOP FROM SKIES

Citizens of Rupert Suffer from Attacks of Aerial Enemy.

The other day a resident on Eighth avenue, on going out to her chickens early in the morning, was astonished to see an eagle swoop down and carry off one of her best laying fowls. She called her husband in anxious tones, but he arrived on the scene too late to do anything more than say a few naughty words. He says he would have risked a fine for illegal shooting if he could have found his pants quicker.

It is only a short time back that a crow was seen to make a swift descent on an unguarded bread van and carry off about a yard of French loaf, and it is therefore quite evident that residents of Prince Rupert should keep an eye on the things above, as well as the real estate values below.

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Mr. Thomas Shirley and family of Vancouver were among the arrivals by the Prince George this morning. They are paying a short visit here to Mr. Shirley's cousin, the sheriff. They are making the round trip to Granby Bay and back.

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