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That recent speech of William Manson's in the provincial house was unique. It was so much like himself that one would know it in the dark. It was packed right full of gush. Indeed it was so soft and mushy that it must have been disgusting even to such a prince of the art as Sir Richard himself.

He even went so far as to laud the government's land policy. That was surely going the limit. What do William Manson's supporters think of that? There are none except a few hidebound politicians in the whole north country who uphold that policy. How can any honest man uphold a government that sacrifices the public domain; a government that ties up the land to speculators and thus prevents the coming of the farmers and the opening up of the country?

The rest of the speech was taken up with reciting the many good things we have in the north. There was not a word about the many things we need here and which the government has refused. The McBride government has contributed nothing vital to our prosperity. They have taken hundreds of thousands annually out of the country and have given us nothing in return. Mr. Manson ought to be ashamed of uttering such piffle, but perhaps he feels it his duty to say something.

A few days ago The News made a statement that the attorney-general demanded a

payment from the city in an illegal way. The information that prompted the article was obtained from one very close to authority, although it now seems to be not quite correct. The News will always pursue the policy of being fair even to opponents, and in this case is glad to retract the statement that in that particular case Mr. Bowser was at fault.

What is true, nevertheless, is the fact that to last year's council he stated that the government must get their money out of the first issue of certificates or bonds that was sold. It was pointed out to him that such a course was illegal but that did not change his demand. He still insisted on his pound of flesh.

The mayor left this morning for Victoria to interview the government with a view to having the government extend time for payment of the amount owing by the city to the government and to the passing by the government of an act authorizing the use of the money instead to complete the hydro-electric undertaking at Woodworth lake. It is doubtful if even so autocratic and arbitrary a government as exists at Victoria will agree to anything of the kind. That the government would authorize any expenditures upon the hydro-electric undertaking other than the amount already authorized by vote of the ratepayers without such a proposal first having received the sanction of the ratepayers is unthinkable, yet it is under-

stood that that is the main object of the visit of the mayor at Victoria.

Having handed over the financing of the city to the Bank of Montreal by the sale of treasury notes costing the city ten per cent, it would seem that the mayor is now determined to foist an unauthorized expenditure upon the city whether the voters like it or not, and without giving the people who pay the money an opportunity to express their views upon the matter. If last year's council had undertaken anything of the kind the frantic protestations of the mayor and his paper, and of those who use him as a means to an end, would have reverberated through the hills adjacent to the city for many a day. As it is, both the seriousness and the humor of the situation are quite lost upon these obtuse individuals. It is evident that the operations of the council require careful watching.

UNGA URGED AS PORT FOR ALASKA RAILROAD

Capt. Zimra Moore Resigns Federal Post to Boost Island for Terminal Point

Seward, Alaska, Feb. 10.—Captain Zimra Moore, well known as captain in Alaskan waters for the last twenty years, and recently United States deputy marshal at Unga, Alaska, has resigned and is now enroute to Seattle. He arrived last night on the steamer Dora from the westward. He says he will go outside to further the claims of Unga as a starting point for the government railroad to be built in Alaska.

Captain Moore says the fact that Unga is located on an island is no greater handicap than Portage Bay or Port Wells has in glaciers and poor harbors. He says Prof. Martin was either misquoted or ignorant in reference to a recent interview, when he is alleged to have stated that Port Wells is the logical place for the railroad to start from and that Bear glacier is a menace to navigation near Seward.

Capt. Moore says it is a well-known fact among all navigators that Port Wells is an extremely dangerous harbor at all times of the year, especially in winter, on account of the high winds and ice floes from the glaciers, and that there is no anchorage there. He says in his opinion Resurrection bay is the best harbor in Alaska and the only place where the railroad should start, but that if Port Wells has a chance, he can show where Unga, even though an island, is more advantageous.

CAUSE OF FIRE AT SEA SOME COINCIDENCES

Commission Exonerates Captain Inch for Hurrifying Out Lifeboats

The finding of the British wreck commission, appointed to enquire into the causes and circumstances of the Volturno disaster, calls attention to the danger of fire which may exist in carrying certain kinds of cargo. It was suggested that the fire on the Volturno might have been started by the superoxide of barium in the cargo being exposed to friction and igniting inflammable goods near it. This theory gains support from the fact that in the case of the Rialto and the Cygnet, which were lost by fire in 1897 and 1903, superoxide of barium formed part of the cargo. It may be, of course, that this is a mere coincidence, but the occurrence of fire in three instances when this material was aboard is considered significant.

The commission exonerated Captain Inch from blame for too hastily ordering the lowering of the boats. It was admitted that the attempt to save the passengers in the lifeboats at the beginning of the fire was the cause of most of the loss of life, but the commission took the view that the orders given by the captain were those which any man in his position would have given, it being by no means certain that the vessel would not be entirely ablaze or foundering within a brief time. He had good reason, the finding declared, to think any moment all persons on board might perish with the ship, and the use of the boats was the only means of escaping that peril. The main cause of disaster to the Volturno's boats was the heavy rolling of the ship, which, with the breaking of the seas, also kept away the boats from the receiving steamers. As to the use of oil in stilling the waters, the commission concluded from the evidence that its principal effect was to create a smooth surface. It did not affect the actual size of the wave, and thus would not materially lessen the rolling of the vessel, though to some extent it might assist the boat work.

Smithers Experimental Plot

Smithers, Feb. 10.—In accordance with the promise made last summer, the provincial government has purchased land on Tye lake for the purpose of establishing an experimental farm and meteorological station. Mr. George Driver, who owns an extensive property known as the Fairview farm, has sold the government a small tract of his property. Five acres of this has been plowed and made ready for planting in the spring. The government will experiment with various grades of wheat, oats and other grains, and will pay some attention to the growth of vegetables. Mr. H. F. Walker, district agriculturist for the government, will be placed in charge of the experimental station.

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BEAT IT FOR THE REST OF DAY TO A TANGO TEA-MATINEE ETC.

PUBLISH THAT? WELL I SHOULD SAY NOT-MY WIFE WOULD THINK I WAS TIPPING OFF HER HAND!

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