

BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR PRINCE RUPERT BUSINESS

DOMINION ELECTION ACT TO BE REFORMED--BOTH HOUSES APPROVE ALASKA RAILWAY BILL

CONSERVING WATER RIGHTS

When the morning organ asks if it is to be supposed that the government is to reserve all rights which it holds in water for its own use, the answer unequivocally is that all water required by, or even remotely likely to be required by the state for its purposes, should certainly be reserved for the state.

At the time of the incorporation of the city one of the excuses given by the premier, Sir Richard McBride, as to why his government could not make certain reservations asked for by the city was that the government was trustee for all the people of the province. As trustee for all the people he could not allocate (we use his words) for the use of the city what belonged to all the people of the province. In spite of the fact that he was not willing to give the city the rights which could only be of benefit to that portion of the state which these rights could serve (in this case the city), the McBride government gave away these same rights to private individuals. The city's water supply was given away, not to a Liberal, as the morning paper suggested might have been the case, but to the president of the Conservative association in Vancouver.

Perhaps the morning apologizer of the Bowser-McBride machine should get busy and tell us in what particular that combination of which we are ashamed to have to designate as a government connected to the city the rights which properly belonged to it.

PRINCE RUPERT BUSINESS BRIGHT GROWING COMMERCIAL CENTRE

OPINION OF PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN IT IS THE BEST COMMERCIAL PROPOSITION IN THE COUNTRY—COMMENTS THAT JUSTIFY OPTIMISM

Two prominent Prince Rupert merchants voluntarily mentioned in the Daily News this morning that business in the city is exceptionally good. The statements were entirely independent of each other, and each was unqualified. It was also a coincidence that both men are in the shipping business, and as this is one of the mercantile occupations which is in close touch with the wage-earning public, it has a significance which cannot be overlooked.

This has been the best February for business I have experienced since opening in Prince Rupert," was the statement of Martin O'Reilly. "All these things you see on the street seem to have money and are putting it in circulation. You know men don't usually dress up with the money they have in their pockets. There is a good pay-off on regular occupation here."

I find this is becoming more and more a shopping centre every day.

We have customers coming in now from all over the coast and interior districts."

Over on Second avenue The News representative met Mr. N. Scheinman, who has just returned from a business trip to the east. Mr. Scheinman said: "After looking over a great many towns and cities of the coast, I am satisfied Prince Rupert is the best proposition of them all. Business continues to make a good showing here in spite of the off season. There is every indication of a splendid year for Rupert. In fact I am satisfied the next two years will be the best in the city's commercial existence."

Voluntary comments like these have a musical ring to the ears of Prince Rupert people and those who retain the optimistic spirit in spite of all the hard time rumors from outside seem to be justified in their opinion.

This is the dawn of Prince Rupert's big growing time.

The New York American Banker says: "Bankers at this centre predict that we are to have a period of easy money rates, and the prospect of this condition has induced a large increase in investment trading, both of bonds and stocks. The stock market after reporting on Monday that the January trading record had greatly exceeded the record for preceding months, started in to establish new records for the current period. We are now facing the condition of favorable money markets, broad investment demand and a widening of the activities of general trade."

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association will be held in St. Andrew's Hall, Thursday, Feb. 19, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may come before it. P. W. Anderson, Secretary.

**ORPHEUS GLEE CLUB
MADE A GREAT HIT**

Grand Concert in Westholme Last Evening Pleased Many Music-lovers

A full house greeted the Orpheus Glee club in the Westholme last evening. It was a critical audience, too, but the unanimous verdict before the program was half over was that Prince Rupert has a musical organization and artistic talent which the city may well feel proud of.

The Glee club with nineteen members was particularly fine in the five numbers in which they appeared. Their work showed individual merit and excellent training and musical judgment on the part of the conductor, Mr. J. E. Davey. The members of the club are:

First tenors—W. Barker, J. L. Evans, H. G. Fletcher, M. Henderson, S. Massey and J. G. Steen.

Second tenors—F. Derry, R. S. Dowther, H. Shruball and G. Waddell.

First bass—M. Davis, C. W. W. Gault, E. V. Ling and W. H. Melliar.

Second bass—A. Clapperton, J. Clapperton, M. Gorkill, J. Roberts and W. G. Walford.

Accompanist—G. W. Chalmers.

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The Westholme orchestra, another of the city's excellent musical organizations, gave two numbers. Their Rossini overture won particular praise.

Mr. C. A. G. Armstrong, who gave two solos, is a tenor whose talent is well known in the city. A few heard him for the first time last evening and they were enthusiastic in their praise of his voice.

Mrs. Wm. Millar has a rare soprano voice which is a real pleasure to hear.

Mrs. G. A. Bryant has much skill and showed finished work in her guitar solo.

Mrs. E. H. Paterson, elocutionist, has dramatic ability much above the average and her readings were thoroughly enjoyed.

Several other members also deserve mention, but the whole program was made up of good talent and pleasing selections.

Mr. T. D. Pattullo, president of the association, was chairman.

**HYDRO EXPERT HERE
TENDER ON MACHINERY**

Visited Site of Power House Yesterday and Claims Scheme is Economical Proposition

Mr. M. Wright, travelling hydro expert of the Canadian General Electric company, arrived in the city yesterday. In the afternoon he visited the site of the power house for the city hydro-electric scheme. He was accompanied by the city electrical superintendent.

The visitor expressed the opinion that the proposition was one of the most economical schemes he has seen. He gave every encouragement to believe that it would be possible to get the machinery in and the power operating by September 1. He took a copy of the city's plans and will submit them to the company's chief electrical engineer for suggestions as to the means of getting the greatest efficiency from the power available.

The Canadian General Electric intends putting in a bid for the machinery required and their representative was sent to make a personal survey of the situation.

The visitor said it would take three months from the time the machinery is ordered to get delivery.

"Rameses, King of Egypt," a superb photoplay, at the Empress tonight.

BANISH BULLY BOWSER.

On January 9, 1914, the provincial government cancelled the reserve on all the water rights on Kaien Island and Tsimpsean Peninsula. From that date to January 13 anybody could have staked the streams in this district. On January 13, 1914, a reserve was placed on "all unrecorded waters" of McNicholl Creek, Denise Creek and Cloyas River.

Is it possible that another officer of the Conservative association has slipped in in the meantime and secured those streams. At any rate, what about the Wark's Channel power? This, apparently, is not reserved. William Manson promised to keep this for the city. He has not succeeded in doing so. Why not?

**ASKED FOR FOUR BITS
GOT BLOODY NOSE**

Little Son of Italy Butted in on Irish Dinner Party and Was Butted Out Again

Pete Nicolette is a young Italian boy with more nerve than politeness. He entered the noodle shop on Third avenue the other day and accosted an acquaintance who was having lunch with some friends. He wanted a drink or four bits in lieu thereof. One of them told the kid to beat it, and the little son of Italy, not understanding Irish characteristics, responded with some cuss words.

Presently the boy picked himself up outside. He had a bloody nose and badly ruffled feelings. He reported at the police station and laid a complaint.

The case was heard in police court this morning. The Chinese waiter, who was called by the prosecution, was very discreet in his evidence. He thought they were only playing.

The magistrate dismissed the case.

Building New Wharf

The Westholme Lumber company has taken over the waterfront lease of the Swanson Bay company which adjoins the Westholme dock. The local company intend extending their wharf and Mark Hyatt has his pile driver on the site ready to start operations. Creosote piles will be used in the wharf.

Want Bridge Over Nechaco

Mr. T. Collart has received a newsy letter from his partner, who is wintering in Ft. George. Mr. Reynolds among other things says there is an agitation on between the townsites owners and citizens now for a bridge over the Nechaco at a point where the two townsites join. This bridge would give access to a large country north of the city.

Announcement

Mrs. D. H. Morrison will not receive tomorrow (Friday).

Capt. Babington started out last evening to rescue the Zelta May, a fishing boat which the Spokane reported to be in distress. The captain's craft hit a rock and broke her propeller and had to come back for repairs.

He anticipated the good which would come from such an organization in the city. Recently he had heard McCormick sing in Victoria, brought there by such an organization. The Orpheus club would within a few months be able to bring great artists to Prince Rupert. Besides there might even prove to be a Caruso or Tetravini among our own talent.

WILL REFORM ELECTION ACT QUESTION AGITATED IN HOUSE

McLEAN OF HALIFAX MOVED APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE—MINISTER OF JUSTICE SUPPORTS IT—FAVORS PRINCIPLE OF BRITISH ACT

(Special to The Daily News)

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The parliament of Canada has formally committed itself to the task of dealing with the question of electoral reform. This momentous step was decided upon as the result of a resolution moved by Mr. McLean of Halifax.

Mr. McLean moved for the appointment of a committee of the house to investigate corrupt practices and to provide for greater purity at elections by making it necessary that amendments which controvert the elections act be reviewed in principle. This is a feature of the act in force in Great Britain, in-

cluding the provision of a public prosecutor. While not advocating their adoption, he said the advisability of incorporating all or some in a Canadian act will engage the attention of the house committee.

Mr. Doherty agreed to the proposal that a committee be named. He thought much could be done in the way of improving the elections act. In some respects it was too stringent, in others not severe enough. He thought a distinction should be made between candidates who were personally honest but whose agents were guilty of offences against the act and candidates who conducted corruption.

BRIBERY CASE IN BRITAIN SENT TO JAIL FIVE MONTHS

ITALIAN TRIED TO INFLUENCE RESULT OF GAME OF FOOTBALL—FAMOUS PLAYER LAYS A TRAP AND HAS HIM ARRESTED

(Special to The Daily News)

London, Feb. 9.—An Italian by the name of Bioletti has been sentenced to five months in the second division for unsuccessfully tempting one of England's most famous footballers, Jesse Pennington, in the interests of the football betting system run by his son in Geneva.

Bioletti offered Pennington £55 to make the result of the match between West Bromwich

Albion and Everton end in a win for Everton or a draw. Pennington pretended to fall in with the idea and communicated with the manager of the club. The match ended in a draw and Pennington demanded the money, which Bioletti handed over. Then the manager and the police came up and arrested him. A similar charge is pending against Bioletti with regard to the Birmingham club.

PRESIDENT IS INCONSISTENT SO DECLARE HIS OPPONENTS

ACTIVE DISCUSSION IN UNITED STATES HOUSE—PRESIDENT CHIDED FOR OPPOSING WOMAN SUFFRAGE—ATTACK ON REPEAL OF PANAMA FREE TOLLS

(Special to The Daily News)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—His opponents are accusing President Wilson of inconsistency in his views of the binding effect of the Democratic platform and charging that the greed of the railroads is audacious. They also claim that

Great Britain seems even more modern than the president in his appeal to the womanhood of the nation. Senator Bristow, a Republican from Kansas, turned the discussion of woman suffrage in the senate into a vigorous debate on the proposed repeal of the free tolls provision in the Panama canal act.

After Macfarlane's Property

The McLeod-Macfarlane case is not yet over. An order has been issued by the county judge for discovery on Mr. and Mrs. Macfarlane, to be held two weeks before the next sitting of the high court.

This is in a suit brought for the setting aside of a conveyance of Macfarlane's property to his wife. Macfarlane has never paid the bill of damages and his city property is in his wife's name. An effort is being made to recover this property.

MODERN APPOINTMENTS FOR NEW PREMIER

President George Morrow is Making Tour to Get the Latest Ideas

Mr. Geo. Morrow, president of the Premier Hotel company, is making a tour of the leading big hotels of the south to get ideas for the furnishing and appointments of the New Premier here. The company anticipates making the Premier right up to date in every detail, and Mr. Morrow is not likely to overlook anything that will add to the attractiveness of Prince Rupert's handsome new hotel.

Dewey Wants Big Navy

In a recent interview, Admiral George Dewey, the ranking officer of the United States navy and head of its general board, says that country must have an adequate navy and that if congress will not follow the recommendations of the board the responsibility must rest with the people and not with the naval experts. He disapproves of the present building policy, which he calls "haphazard."

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EMPRESS THEATRE ...TO-NIGHT...

—BIG PROGRAM IN SIX PARTS—

PART 1—PATHE'S WEEKLY REVIEW—Showing great happenings throughout the world, including scenes from Liverpool and other parts of England.

PART 2—"THE FARM HOUSE ROMANCE"—A Max Linder comedy. "DIONNES ON THE HORIZONTAL BAR"—A fine acrobatic.

PART 3—"RAMESES, KING OF EGYPT"—Part 1.

PART 4—"RAMESES, KING OF EGYPT"—Part 2—A magnificent historical picture of ancient Egypt; a thrilling romance enacted amidst the magnificent courts of the Pharaohs of Egypt. The marriage ceremony. The high priest invoking the good will of the deity. The story of a powerful monarch and a beautiful shepherdess. These are some of the great scenes shown in this superb set of pictures.

"PART 5—"THE PRICE OF JEALOUSY"—A western from Lubin Studios.

PART 6—"TWO GAY DOGS AT CONEY ISLAND"—A really COMICAL comedy from the Selig Studios.

Our tonight's program being a very long one, only two complete shows will be given. The first starting at 7:15, the second 9 o'clock.

ALASKA RAILWAY BILL PASSED BOTH HOUSES

Large Sum Set Aside for Development of Alaska—Will Open Up Large Coal Deposits

(Special to The Daily News)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—The administration Alaska railroad bill authorizing the president to construct a \$35,000,000 road from the Alaskan coast through the great coal fields passed the house by a vote of 230 to 87. A similar bill has passed the senate. The bills were taken up at a conference between the two houses with a view of sending the measure to the president who signified his intention of signing the same.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PYTHIANISM

All Knights of Pythias and their friends are requested to be present at the Castle Hall, Thursday evening at 8:15, to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the Order.

Special Public Ritualistic Service

MUSIC DANCING

At the Empress

Manager Stevens, of the Empress theatre is constantly on the look out for top notchers in the movie line and that he is successful was the opinion of the large audience who witnessed "Rameses, King of Egypt," the feature film of a big six-part program last night. This magnificent picture portrays a thrilling Egyptian romance enacted during the reign of King Pharaoh. The story is one of love and tragedy, showing the powerful monarch who, in his endeavor to win the love of a beautiful shepherdess, devotes his time and wealth without avail, and in the end succumbs to the dagger. Many beautiful Egyptian court scenes are shown in this magnificent two-reel picture. Pathe's Weekly has a number of good views from Liverpool and other English centres. "The Farm House Romance" and "Two Gay Dogs at Coney Island" are a couple of rich comedies, and "The Price of Jealousy" is well shown in a reel from the Lubin studios. The whole is one of the strongest programs shown at the Empress for some time and will be repeated this evening.

Visitors—Go to the Royal Cafe for your meals. It is the best service and best selected menu in the city. It is the popular restaurant.

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Fire : Department
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Second Avenue
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th
Tickets: Gentlemen \$2.00, ladies free.