

W.M. MACKENZIE DENIES CHARGE AGAINST C.N.R.

GOVERNMENT WANTS TO SEND THOMPSON UP AGAIN—COMMISSION ON GEORGIAN BAY CANAL

GEORGIAN BAY CANAL MUST BE REPORTED ON BY COMMISSION

ON ROBT. ROGERS SAYS NOTHING WILL BE DONE UNTIL COMMISSION OF BUSINESS MEN DECIDE ON FEASIBILITY OF PROJECT FROM COMMERCIAL STANDPOINT

(Special to The Daily News)
Ottawa, Feb. 24.—That the government has determined not to proceed with the construction of the Georgian bay canal until such time as a commission reports as to the commercial feasibility of the project, was made known by Hon. Robert Rogers in a speech delivered in the house today. Hon. Mr. Rogers went into the whole question. After pointing out the large expenditures necessary to increase the depth of the existing channel system, he endorsed the view that nothing more remained except to find out the possibilities of the proposed route from an engineering standpoint. This is highly desirable before undertaking the work, and all doubts as to the commercial feasibility of the canal should be set at rest. The commission to be named will consist of business men who will give their services free and whose recommendation the government unreservedly agrees to accept no matter what they may be.

ALL HAVE MONOPOLY ON LAKE SHAWATLANS

Only One Power Boat Will Be Allowed on the Lake for Traffic

Since A. Swanson offered to make a deal with the city to carry the city's freight across Shawatlans lake in his power boat, the city has received several offers and formal tenders to be asked for. The city engineer recommended that only one boat be hired at a price per day and no other boat be allowed on the lake.

Ald. Kerr wanted to know why one boat would be allowed. Ald. Maitland—There is not much business for two. Ald. Morrison—We have water rights, but can we control all the boats on the lake? Ald. Dybhavn thought that the city is using the water for domestic purposes the city control all rights. The city engineer agreed with him, and stated that there would be 1,200 tons of freight. It was decided to have only one boat ply across the lake while the city is using that water. Ald. Kerr said he had only the question to find out whether the station men would get a fair price on their freight. He was told the tender would include station men's freight.

Gibbons Won on Points

(Special to The Daily News)
New York, Feb. 24.—Mike Gibbons of St. Paul easily out-pointed A. L. McCoy of Brooklyn in a ten round bout in Brooklyn yesterday.

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SEVERAL PETITIONS TO CITY ALDERMEN

Numerous Requests for Sundry Considerations From the Council

The city council had a number of little things handed up to them last evening, but most of them went into committee, from whence they will issue later providing they are not lost. The B. C. Union of Steam Engineers stated they now had a local branch in Prince Rupert and asked the same consideration for their members as given by the International union. They also recommended the appointment of Mr. Valentine as engineer of the pump at Shawatlans, he being a member of their union. It was turned over to the board of works.

The Rupert Marine and Iron works asked a reduction in the electric power rate from 9 cents to 6 cents, pointing out that it was as low as 2 cents in Vancouver and local people could not compete with Vancouver products at the prices paid here. Ten others signed the petition. Some of them use power and others want to. The request was turned over to the light and power committee.

H. E. Gamp asked again about the four-foot walk which he petitioned for some time ago. He is ready to build. He and some others asked for a half-inch water main in section eight. These were left to the board of works. Ald. Maitland said the former petition was under the Local Improvement Act, and apparently the city is not prepared to proceed with local improvement work yet.

STEFANSSON IS SAFE SAYS DEPUTY MINISTER

Has Received Further Details From Arctic Expedition Which Say Karluk Is All Right

(Special to The Daily News)
Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Further details from Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, and his ship the Karluk have been received by G. J. Desbarats, deputy minister of naval affairs. The details assure the deputy minister that the Karluk and all on board her are safe on the ship, which is probably ice-blocked on North Beechy Point. They may not get to Herschel Island, Prince Patrick Islands, until next summer.

Give Prisoners Exercise

The city medical health officer in his monthly report to the city council stated that he had been called in to treat a number of prisoners in jail and attributed their complaints to lack of exercise. He suggested they be given work. His report showed twelve births during January and no deaths.

DOG RACE RUN FROM NOME TO SOLOMON

Two Hundred and Fifty Animals Participate in Handicap Won by Burgh and Hall

Nome, Alaska, Feb. 21.—The handicap race given by the Department of Moose, finishing at Solomon, the prizes for which were three silver cups donated by citizens, was won by Burgh and Hall's team. Earl Modini was second and Bill Allan was third.

Twenty teams in all were entered. The total number of dogs participating was 250.

John Johnson's team was a pretty sight, numbering thirty Siberian hounds. A dainty banquet was given the racers and lady passengers by local Moose at Solomon.

The Log Cabin Club will contest the order of the federal court compelling Sunday closing.

ENTOMBED WHOLE WEEK DUG OUT STILL ALIVE

Miner Given Up as Dead Was Found Alive and Will Fully Recover

(Special to The Daily News)
Seattle, Feb. 24.—Mike Davasconic, one of the two coal miners entombed in the cave-in at the Cannon mine, Pacific Coast Coal company, a week ago, was given up as dead. Yesterday he was rescued alive, although he was terribly weakened by lack of food. The mine physicians say there is every prospect of his recovering normal strength.

TWELVE STATION MEN DREW LOTS FOR JOBS

Only Six Winners and Six Blanks—Price Has Not Yet Been Fixed

Twelve representatives of a dozen station gangs who were selected as good men to get the city work, met up in the city engineer's office at noon today. There were twelve tickets put in a box; six of them were numbered and six were blank. The man who drew a number got that station on the Shawatlans pipe trench excavation. The six lucky ones were:

- Station 1—Erick Carlson.
- Station 2—J. Lindquist.
- Station 3—M. Couture.
- Station 4—Falconer Keith.
- Station 5—Wm. McLeap.
- Station 6—Victor Essen.

The price per yard for this excavation work has not yet been fixed and as the late policy of rush has been changed to one of marking time, the price will not be fixed just yet. It is intended now to take the station men out to look at the jobs they drew and ask them how much they want. If the price can be agreed upon the job will go, if not—the committee has not got that far yet.

Sewer for Borden St.

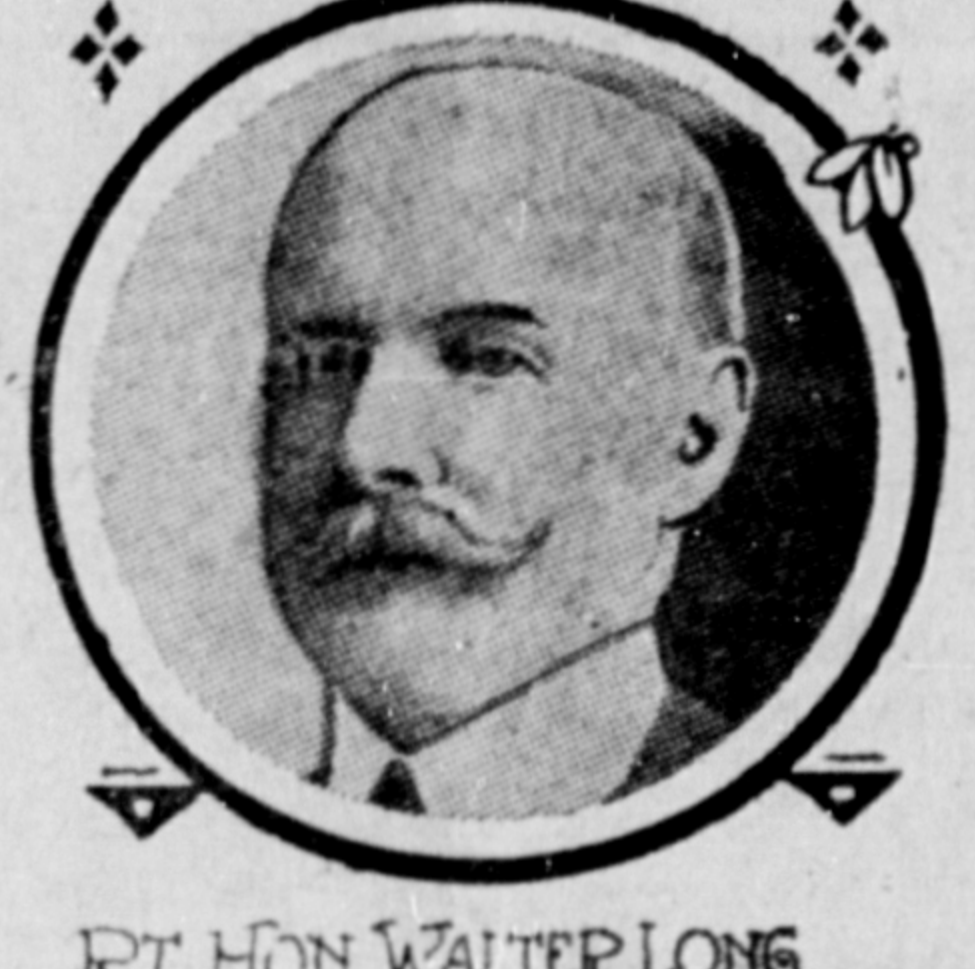
The city health committee has recommended a private sewer to be built on Borden street and Fifth Avenue. The drainage for these is now running down the hill to Fraser Street. The sewer is to empty into the Eighth St. sewer at the foot of the hill. As the city has no money the lot owner will have to pay the whole cost as a private enterprise. It is estimated to cost about \$2000. The city council has instructed the city engineer to get out plans for the board of works.

St. Andrew's Church has been granted permission to build a sidewalk and steps up the hill in rear of the church from Third Avenue. This is to accommodate the congregation living down town.

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RT. HON. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN



RT. HON. WALTER LONG

IN THE BRITISH HOUSE

The Unionist challenge. In the house of commons last week Walter Long challenged Asquith to go to the country on the home rule issue, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain declared that there could be no settlement without the exclusion of Ulster.

WANT FREE WATER AND STUMP PULLER

Horticultural Society Send Delegation to Make Modest Demand of Council

A committee of four representing the Prince Rupert Horticultural society was the first business on the program at the city council last evening. They were Provincial Horticulturist Tomlinson, Secretary Harris, D. G. Stewart and M. M. Stephens.

The latter addressed the council first, telling of the object of the society in encouraging the improvement of city properties by making lawns and gardens. They are a young society with a big program ahead of them this year. They cannot manage all of it and request the council to assist them by giving free water for sprinkling lawns and by purchasing a stump puller which the city will need on its own property and which citizens might rent from the city for use in fixing up private properties.

Mr. Tomlinson said he expected the society would get aid from the government when they were a little older. In the meantime a \$200 stump puller would be a very serviceable machine for the citizens who have shown a great deal of interest in the society's work.

The acting mayor thought the request reasonable and mentioned that the city would need the stump puller to clear the cemetery property. The city engineer would recommend the free use of water for lawns.

The request went into the hands of a committee.

Tacoma Team Ready

(Special to The Daily News)
Tacoma, Feb. 24.—Ironman McGinnity, manager of the Tacoma team in the Northwestern league, has announced the names of 27 players who have contracts already signed up for the sea of 1914. He said contracts for five more men are out. This statement makes the lineup of the Tacoma team complete.

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HAVE BIG CONTRACT ON FRASER RIVER

Former City Engineer With Partner Are Undertaking Big Work in Southern B. C.

Colonel Mahlon Davis, who was Prince Rupert's first city engineer, will shortly be engaged upon a big work in the south. His firm, Messrs. Davis & Leslie, have been entrusted with the laying out of the North Fraser harbor.

Both Colonel Davis and Major Leslie have had wide experience in engineering large railway and harbor undertakings, and Major Leslie was for some years Dominion government engineer on the Grand Trunk Pacific in northern British Columbia.

The firm have been appointed representatives for British Columbia of the well known English harbor engineers, Sir Douglas Fox and partners.

GREENHORN FIGHTER OUTFOUGHT VETERAN

California Kid Proves to Be a Wonder With His Right and Left Swings

(Special to The Daily News)
San Francisco, Feb. 24.—Billy Murray of Sacramento, a greenhorn fighter, fresh from the preliminary rounds, defeated the veteran Leo Houck of Philadelphia in fourteen rounds of what was to be a twenty-round bout. Houck stood helpless in his corner sagging against the ropes, dazed by the volley of right and left swings on his jaw, when the referee gave the decision.

Water Good, Milk Just Passed

The city medical health officer reported to the city council that he had analyzed the city water and found it pure in every respect. The milk sold in the city just passed the requirements of the bylaw, with nothing to spare.

Investigation on Vadsø Wreck

Following instructions from Ottawa an investigation was held in Vancouver on Friday on the wreck of the steamer Vadsø of the Union line, which was wrecked on February 3rd, near Nasoga gulf. The marine court was under Capt. McPherson and two nautical assessors, Capt. Richardson and all the officers of the ship were called as witnesses. The verdict has not yet been given.

CITY LIGHT AND PHONE ARE MAKING MONEY

Both Departments Yield Big Profits by Charging Big Rates

The monthly report from the city electrical engineer and telephone superintendent shows the city lighting plant to have net earnings for the month of January of \$2,750.77. During the same period the telephone department showed a net revenue of \$1,371.38. This profit amounts to more than the total operating expenses for the month, which were \$1,343.62. Thus, had the consumer paid only half the price there would still have been enough revenue to pay operating expenses.

In the telephone department the net profit is fifty per cent of the expenditures, so that if a reduction of one-third in price was made the department could still pay its way.

Messrs. R. G. Johnston, manager of the Inverness cannery; M. Christian and W. L. Howell started out for Inverness cannery last evening, but came back on account of the storm.

PUBLIC MONEY DID NOT GO INTO PRIVATE COMPANIES OF RY. KINGS

SIR WILLIAM MACKENZIE ISSUES PUBLIC STATEMENT CONCERNING CHARGES AGAINST C. N. R. AND ITS MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC AID

(Special to The Daily News)
Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Sir William Mackenzie has issued a statement concerning the C. N. R. system and its relation to the public assistance it has received. The statement commences dealing with the charges that the C. N. R. system has been subsidized in excess of its legitimate requirements, and that the money voted by parliament has been diverted to Messrs. Mackenzie, Mann & company's private purposes. He offers an explanation, stating that he gives official figures frankly. He makes a general statement that there have been placed on the statute books of Canada many millions in cash subsidies and that the C. N. R. has earned millions of dollars in bond guarantees which never progressed any further than the original authorizing legislation. He emphatically denies that any money ever found its way into the private enterprises of Mackenzie and Mann.

WILL THOMPSON COME AGAIN TO REPORT ON HYDRO ELECTRIC?

RUMOR HAS IT THAT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WANTS DETAILED PLANS AND ESTIMATES OR THEY WILL NOT COME THROUGH WITH LOAN EXTENSION

Last evening Acting Mayor Morrissey stated that no news from the mayor had been received concerning the business of the city which he went upon. Yet there is a persistent rumor in municipal circles that intimidation has come from Victoria that the government will not listen to the city's proposition until complete plans of the undertaking have been made and detailed estimates submitted to Victoria. Col. Thompson, the engineer who reported on this scheme of the city's three years ago, has lately become an officer of the provincial government on a \$10,000 salary. It is said the premier wants to send him up here again to report on the scheme. This proposition, however, does not meet with the approval of some of the aldermen, who want to go ahead with-

out knowing where the money is coming from. The fact that the provincial government wants to see the estimates before they will sanction any deal would indicate that the motion presented by some of the aldermen a week ago to have complete estimates before any work was started, was a reasonable proposition. However, having turned down this motion at the council board the majority could not with grace accept it from the government. As the question stands now, the hydro-electric proposition will mark time until the mayor returns, and it is almost certain the aldermen will oppose Mr. Thompson coming here again. There was a secret session of the city council last evening after the regular meeting and it is thought that this was the subject discussed.

Fined \$3 Each for Gambling

The police court was crowded again this morning with Greeks and Montenegrins looking for a decision in the Two Star hotel gambling case.

Mr. Patmore had the case in hand for the defence. He endeavored to show that the bench had no authority to accept an admission from the prisoners as a plea of guilty, but was unsuccessful in convincing Magistrate Carrs.

In view of all the circumstances, a small fine of \$3 and costs was imposed on each of the 34 prisoners—with promise of better things if they appear in court again on a similar charge.

Cigars at Weigh Scales

Some local coal dealers want to weigh coal at the city scales but no one is in charge of the scales and the fees are not sufficient to pay for a scale master. The city purchasing agent was asked to report on the question to the city council and he has suggested that the weigh scales house be enlarged and the city grant free light, rent and telephone to someone to open a cigar and news-stand there and attend to the scales. The city is to get a percentage of the scales fees. It was left to the Board of Works to report on.

Keep your eye on Port Edward. 39-1f

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