

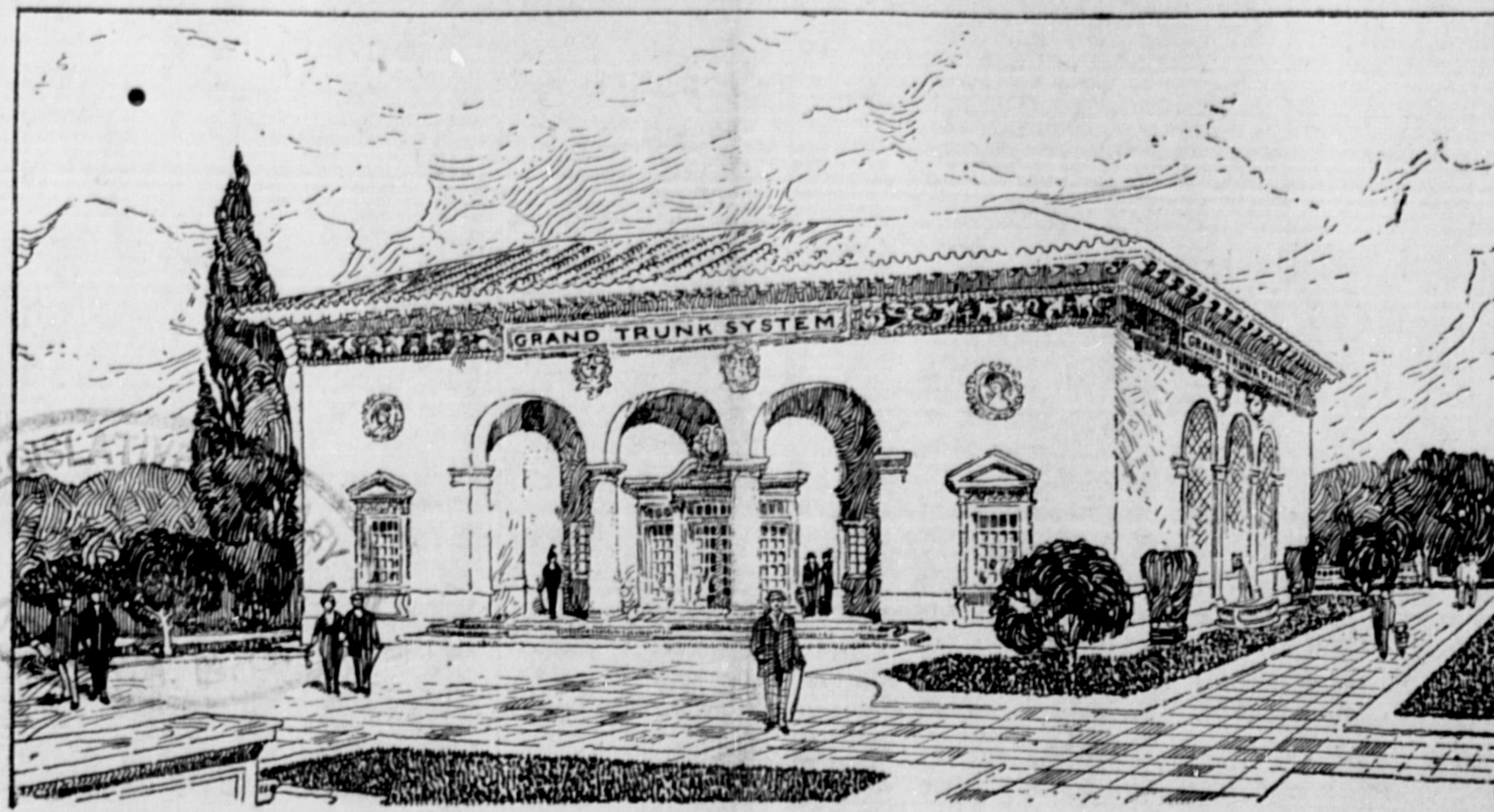
RIGHT ON WARK CHANNEL WATER POWER HOLD UP

HALIFAX DRY DOCK STARTS SOON-VICTORIA TO PLAY LACROSSE-LIBERAL SMOKER TO-NIGHT

GOVERNMENT MEASURES PASS WITHOUT RIPPLE EXCITEMENT

DISCUSSION OVER POSSIBILITY OF RADIUM EXISTING IN CANADA—MAY BE FOUND IN NORTHERN ALBERTA

(Special to The Daily News) Prince Rupert, B.C., March 19.—The work of the government in passing the bill for the Wark channel water power, which is being done in a quiet and unexciting manner, is a good pace in the house of commons. The vote was on a business line, there being not even a ripple of excitement during the afternoon. The government bills were considered in committee. A bill to amend the merchants shipping act was disposed of, while one to the consolidation of fishing laws made some progress before the committee to report progress. In connection with this bill several of the members protested against the proposal to make certain fisheries officers justices of the peace on the ground that they would be too much interested in securing convictions. The evening sitting was taken up with voting the estimates of the departments. There was an interesting discussion with regard to the desirability of locating radium producing ores if such existed in Canada in regard to the development of tar sand deposits in Northern Alberta.



GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY PAVILION
Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco, Cal., 1915

The Grand Trunk Pavilion, which will occupy a prominent position in the railway plaza at the northeast corner of the grounds of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, will be directly opposite the mammoth machinery palace, adjacent to the passenger ferry slips and overlooking San Francisco Bay. As will be observed, the design is simple in outline and Spanish renaissance in character, making a handsome and ornate structure. The walls will be of stucco, rough finish and tinted in a soft cream shade, relieved with an ornamental enriched band carried around the building under the eaves. Shields and fountains have been effectively placed to enhance the decorative effect of the building. The roof will be covered with a rich red Spanish tile. The design for this building was the one accepted by the exposition authorities as the standard for all the other buildings which will be erected on the railway plaza. This pavilion will house the exhibits of both the Grand Trunk Railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. Messrs. Ross and Macdonald of Montreal are the architects.

WHY PRINCE RUPERT DOES NOT GET THE WARK CHANNEL WATER POWER

Department Says Old Applications Were Neglected---Water Comptroller Believes Claimants Have All The Water They Need But That is Only His Opinion---Who is the Man Higher Up?

"The provincial government reserved all the waters the city asked for," was a remark of Wm. Manson, M. P., at the Conservative smoker last Friday evening. Mr. Manson knew when he said it that the provincial government had done no such thing. The most valuable and by far the most necessary water to Prince Rupert is the Wark channel water power. This has not been reserved and the government apparently does not intend to reserve it. Mr. Manson read some correspondence between the city and the water department and made it appear (although he did not actually say so) that the letters he read were the only ones of any importance, but he did not read the letter of application for the Wark canal power forwarded last June and the letter in reply,

which is a marvellous production of a department which is totally subservient to "the man higher up." The comptroller of water rights at Victoria is supposed to have absolute authority to grant leases to applicants upon the applicants showing good reasons for acquiring such waters and by following certain fixed rules laid down by the department. He is not obligated to grant any waters to any person or corporation and may reserve any waters he desires. Many years ago some one working under the name of the Continental Power Co. staked certain waters on Wark channel. These applications were not granted. Subsequently this Continental Power Co. was absorbed by or evolved into the Prince Rupert Hydro-electric Power Co., which company claims priority

rights on Wark canal. As a matter of fact they never had any rights there, but when the city of Prince Rupert made application for these waters the provincial government used these old applications for the purpose of holding up Prince Rupert's request. The water powers belong to the state and a municipality being a part of the state has the first right morally to any waters they may need. When the city's appeal for these waters is held up to consider the rights of an unknown applicant who wants the water for the purpose of making the city pay tribute in the way of profits, then it looks very much like a nigger in the fence. Here is a portion of the letter the city got from the comptroller of water rights: Victoria, December 27, 1913.

To CITY SOLICITOR, Prince Rupert:

Now with regard to the application or petition from the city of Prince Rupert that the water power on a stream flowing into the north arm of Wark channel be reserved, I am of the opinion that the matter should be permitted to rest for a time. In accordance with our rules and regulations a company who claim such water power will not be permitted to hold it indefinitely should their claim be substantiated, but will have to develop, or abandon. While in our conversation I stated that I did not think the Prince Rupert Hydro-electric company should proceed with this particular power because of the two undertakings they have at present on the Ktada and Falls river, such is only an opinion, but should it prove correct, then I am prepared to recommend to the lieutenant-governor-in-council that a reservation be placed on the water power.

With regard to the applications of the Continental Power company in this office, your recollection of the conversation as far as it went is not all correct. The first portion of the correspondence relative to the date the water was staked is correct, but the letter you quote as being sent out from this office in acknowledgement of cheques, was sent out from the Prince Rupert office; it and a number of other letters comprise an old file that was in the Prince Rupert office and which was forwarded at the request of Mr. A. W. Agnew by the water recorder on April 26th, 1912. A copy of this letter is herewith which explains itself and had you followed the file carefully you could not have helped but notice it. You will note that the letter refers to the four applications in question and states that the cheques are attached. I have no doubt you noted when looking at those cheques here that they were not endorsed. The letter herewith confirms my statement that the applications were not received in Victoria for some considerable time, in fact more than three years, to be accurate, three years and between five and six months. In drawing your attention to this matter I merely did so that you might see that in view of the fact that the company in question have priority over Prince Rupert in staking on the water in question and because of the manner in which the applications were handled by the department in Prince Rupert, it is advisable that if I can in the course of a few weeks or even months work out an arrangement that will be satisfactory to all concerned, I will be doing the proper thing.

WILLIAM YOUNG,
Controller of Water Rights.

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WORK ON HALIFAX DRY DOCK WILL COMMENCE VERY SOON

EASTERN CITY IS COMING INTO ITS OWN—HAD TWENTY-THREE OCEAN LINERS IN ONE WEEK

(Special to The Daily News) Halifax, March 19.—Work on the new dry dock is to start immediately. It is to be the largest of its kind in the world and will

be located at Tuft's cove, on the Dartmouth side of the harbor. Last week twenty-three ocean liners docked here, and business in general is on the upward turn.

VICTORIA TO PLAY B. C. LEAGUE AMICABLE SETTLEMENT MADE

EXPECTED THAT HARRY PICKERING WILL MANAGE CAPITAL CITY TEAM ALTHOUGH NOT YET COMMITTED

(Special to The Daily News) Vancouver, Mar. 19.—After interviewing several Vancouver and Victoria professional lacrosse players, a representative of the Victoria lacrosse club returned to the capital last evening after what was termed a successful visit, which means that Victoria will be represented in the B. C. league this season.

It is announced that Harry Pickering of Vancouver will manage the team. The local player stated that he had received the offer and would take it under consideration. The other players interviewed by the Victoria official and who it is said accepted his terms to play for the island are Len Turnbull, Hugh Gifford and Fred (Micky) Ions.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE PROGRESS OF SCIENCE

Presbyterian Literary Society Had Interesting Meeting

Last night in the Presbyterian Hall, Principal Brady delivered a characteristic lecture on the "Progress of Science." There was a full house, and the large audience which turned out were more than recompensed by the interesting and educative discourse.

The lecturer told of those men who by laborious research had discovered the fundamental laws and facts of science, how they had benefitted humanity, and made our present day civilization possible.

A wide field was covered from the first discoveries in chemistry, in medicine, and from Humphrey Davy's safety lamp to the aeroplane and cinematograph of the present day.

Asplendid display of lantern slides was provided which gave an added interest to the lecture. Altogether these Presbyterian Literary Club meetings are well worth attending. The subject for next week is certainly up-to-date, when the militant methods of the Suffragettes will be debated on by Mrs. Klower and E. H. Paterson vs. Mrs. E. H. Paterson and Mr. Klower.

Word was received yesterday of the death of Mrs. Burgess at Abrams, Wis. She was the mother of Mr. Charles Burgess of the Royal hotel, who left ten days ago for Abrams on account of her serious illness.

* Tonight in the K. P. *
* hall the Liberals are having *
* a smoker. All friends *
* of the party and improved *
* government are invited. *
* It will be a social evening *
* interspersed with some *
* political discussion. Some *
* good music will help out *
* the entertainment. If you *
* have a previous engagement *
* come up later; the affair *
* will last all evening *
* and you will be welcome *
* any time. *

PREPARING FOR NEW ALSAKAN RAILWAY

Work Toward Interior Is Expected to Start from Seward

Seward, Alaska, March 18.—Officials of the Alaska Northern railroad have begun the work of putting their wharf in first-class condition in anticipation of the coming of material for the Alaska Northern railroad. Because of the report of the Alaska Railroad commission, which made a trip through the territory in 1912, it is regarded as certain that the work toward the interior will start from here. Real estate prices are beginning to climb and it is next to impossible to obtain leases or options on property within the city limits. The feeling is decidedly optimistic and business is brisker than it has been for months.

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"MOTHS" CAME AFTER ALL

Westholme Shows Famous Films After Delay Caused by Error Shipping

"Moths sure shipped March eleventh, Dominion Express, on Beatrice; should have arrived March thirteenth Rupert. Answer, E. Strassburg." This telegram, received in answer to one sent by the Westholme Opera House company earlier in the day, made but one conclusion possible: "Moths" was carried through to Anyox by mistake. This proved to be the case. However all's well that ends well. "Moths" came back at 9 p. m. on the steamer Chelohsin just in time to go on before a crowded house. A short explanatory speech from the stage informed the audience that "Moths" would be given after all, and not a man, woman or child left the theatre until after the conclusion of the performance, when every one left satisfied and contented. The pictures are splendid and are sure to draw another crowded house tonight.

Making Contract for Pipe

Vincent Simpson of Gerald Lomer, Ltd., Montreal, is in the city signing up the contract with the city council for the purchase and delivery of the steel pipe for the hydro-electric power plant. The pipe is to be shipped from Antwerp, Belgium, and will travel across the continent by rail. Mr. Simpson leaves tomorrow.

Summer Timetable

The summer schedule of the Union Steamship company is out and goes into effect on March 24. The steamer Chelohsin will arrive from the south Monday evening at 6 o'clock and leaves for the south every Tuesday at 9 p. m. The Venture will arrive at 8 p. m. Fridays and will leave Saturdays at 9 a. m. The Camosun will be in the Bella Coola run.

Wedding Bells

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Tuesday evening when Miss Myers, school teacher of Porcher island, was married to Mr. Guy Johnston. The groom is well known in Prince Rupert, having a number of years ago been on the staff of a local bank. He is now a rancher on Porcher island. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Rushbrook. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston left yesterday for their new home.

Miller Fails on Job

Vancouver, March 19.—There was no fall in the Miller-Walker wrestling bout here last night. Miller undertook to throw Walker twice within an hour and a half.

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