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Tuesday, March 24, 1914

A terrible outrage on the workingmen of this country has been brought to the attention of The Daily News. A number of men were employed by agents in Vancouver to come all the way up to Prince Rupert to work for sub-contractors on the G. T. P. They were promised a year's employment. After paying their own passage and expenses they were put to work up the line for a day and a half and then fired and left without any redress. But that is not the insulting part. Only having worked a day and a half, they were nevertheless docked one dollar for hospital fees and were paid the sum of three dollars and forty cents, and that by a time cheque which required them to travel all the way to Hazelton to have it cashed.

People who have never known the pinch of want nor the insult of oppression, are fond of asking how it is possible for men in this free country to become anarchists and enemies of society. The strange thing is that men with good warm blood in their veins can contain themselves as well as they do. If we want our workingmen to be law-abiding citizenry the only way to do it is for ourselves to re-

spect the fundamental laws of human nature and let the other fellow get a square deal, too. It is only in a country like British Columbia, where laws are made to suit the speculator, that conditions like this would be allowed to exist for a moment, and the workingmen should see to it that men are elected who would make impossible such a dreadful outrage.

Wm. Manson is reported in the Empire as saying that he has no doubt whatever that the Wark Channel power will be reserved for the use of the city. If this is so, why is not the immediate reservation made and instead of completing the Woodworth Lake scheme, Wark Channel can be developed. Both the city engineer and the electrical engineer favor the abandonment of the Woodworth Lake scheme and the development of the Wark Channel power instead, and if as Wm. Manson says there is no doubt that this power will be reserved for the city, the matter should receive immediate attention. By so doing the city will be saved hundreds of thousands of dollars while a power sufficiently large to supply the wants of the city



What Would St. Patrick Say?

for some considerable time will be at our service.

Wm. Manson was derelict in his duty in not having the reservation made in the first place, and he is doing the city a still greater injury by not having the matter definitely settled immediately so that the city may be saved duplication of plant and the large additional unnecessary expenditure thereby entailed. The people are tired of the Manson promises. They want action and they want it at the right time.

The trouble with Wm. Manson is that when the administration at Victoria sits on him he remains squelched. He hasn't the backbone to insist upon the rights of his constituency being protected. When the government in its wisdom gives away our natural resources, Wm. Manson says we ought to be satisfied.

A \$3,000 a year inspector of municipalities under Bowser won't afford very much independence of action. But the Bowser machine doesn't want independence of action, in fact won't allow independence

of action either upon the part of employees in the government service, members of the legislature supporting the government, or the premier himself. If McBride says yes and Bowser says no, the noes have it.

Imagine the premier of a province making promises upon which his own cabinet turns him down. When a premier loses the confidence of his cabinet, he ought to resign.

When the premier "allocated the city's water supply, street ends, waterfront, recreation grounds, park sites, and adjacent water powers to private interests, leaving the city without any of these resources, he very clearly demonstrated his idea of the guardianship of his public interests.

A trustee who would give away the assets of his ward would be enjoined by the courts and the opprobrium which he would so richly merit would be heaped upon his head. The McBride administration, which prates of the sacredness of trusteeship, has wilfully given away the natural resources of British Columbia in the most prodigal manner, but are about to be enjoined by the court of the people who sit in judgment, while the scorn of the electorate will be visited upon their unfaithful stewardship.

The Vancouver Province says: The G. T. P. liner Prince Rupert, which has been laid up here for some time, will shift to Esquimalt on Saturday to undergo her first Lloyd's survey, which takes place every three years. She will be placed under rigid inspection and will be overhauled before resuming the northern run in the summer service of the company.

Pup Swallowed Hatpin

Boulder, Colo., March 21.—A steel hatpin, eight inches in length, was removed from the valuable bull terrier of James P. Mann here by Dr. S. A. Ferguson, and the dog still lives. "Snoots" had been suffering severe pains for three months and physicians had diagnosed the case as rheumatism.

Special Program Tonight

The Majestic theatre is running a splendid line of films, which along with their excellent music, makes their program a very attractive one. Tonight there is an extra big bill, including "The Little Wanderer," "The Wrong Road to Happiness," "The Voice of Conscience" and several other films that will prove very attractive.

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