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William Manson treated the citizens of Terrace as he did the people of Prince Rupert. He called together the Conservative association to receive the report of his stewardship and entirely ignored the rest of the citizens. With him it is more important to be a Tory than to be a British subject.

But that didn't save Bill Manson's scalp. He was treated like a traitor in the camp of his friends and if the votes were counted rightly there would have been a vote of censure on his government. The people are waking up and the day of terrible retribution is at hand.

Our member for the local house will have to implement his promises with something more substantial than apologies. The time has long since gone by to deliver the goods. The people want the goods and won't be satisfied with anything else.

The people ought to decapitate an administration which gets itself into a financial mire of the C. N. R. kind, and there is every evidence that they surely will.

Unfortunately, the punishment will not fit the crime. Bowser and McBride will lose their jobs but they won't be in the financial mire. They will take good care of that. While the people are struggling to get out these gentlemen will be strolling on the sunny side of easy street.

The present mayor, last year as ex-mayor, wrote an open letter to the minister of lands begging the government not to assist the city financially. He now vetoes a resolution of the council providing

money for publicity purposes, as he does not want to see people come here.

Prince Rupert will go ahead in spite of the little-minded people whose selfish personal or political motives lead them to pursue a course of action so inimical to the welfare of the city generally, and it won't be very long now with the growth of the city until these parvenues are swallowed up and forgotten.

There is a saying among mining men that a mine is no good that won't stand mismanagement. Prince Rupert has given ample evidence that she is a good town. Handicapped by reason of her resources having been given away and controlled largely by pinheaded self-seekers, nevertheless she continues to forge ahead.

What are the wizards of finance doing towards disposing of the long term issues of the city? When are the trunk sewers to be commenced, and the grading of McBride and Fulton streets to start?

Is the council going to take the people into its confidence as to just what it proposes to do with regard to financing the Woodworth lake hydro-electric proposition or is it going to go blindly ahead until some ratepayer is compelled to resort to the courts in order that the public interests may be protected? Possibly if the mayor and some of the aldermen found themselves jointly and severally responsible for large sums of money illegally spent, they might wake up to a proper appreciation of their responsibilities.

Why doesn't Manson that the Wark channel power



ANOTHER OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S DAUGHTERS REPORTED TO BE ENGAGED, AND HER FIANCEE, MR. McADOO, SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES TREASURY

On the left is Margaret Wilson, in the centre Miss Eleanor, who is reported engaged to Mr. McAdoo; on the right Mrs. Sayre

is handed over to the city at once so that this power could be developed immediately, thus saving the city hundreds of thousands of dollars through duplication of plant? We are afraid that our Willie hasn't the nerve to push the matter to a conclusion. If, any event he will be satisfied with the wisdom of the government whatever it may do.

LOCAL FISH COMPANY HAS TO BUY IN KETCHIKAN

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Prince Rupert harbor come to Ketchikan to buy their supplies. This startling information started a News man down to the waterfront on a tour of enquiry.

Halibut Fleet Increasing

Mr. J. Sidney Smith, the head of the Atlin Fisheries, was found on the east end of the government wharf.

"How do you find the delivery of fish this year as compared with last year?" asked the newspaper man.

"Fully one hundred per cent better than the same two months last year," said Mr. Smith.

"Are there more independent boats fishing now?"

"Yes, many more. Last year there were 12 and this spring we have 28 delivering here."

"Where do you buy your ice for packing the fish?"

"Buying Supplies Outside From Ketchikan and Mill Bay."

"Why not patronize home in-

dustry? We have a big cold storage and ice making plant right here which has been subsidized by the Dominion government."

"We can buy cheaper at those outside places, pay the freight and save money. We use a lot of ice, you know."

"Where are you buying your bait?"

"We get it from Claxton cannery on the Skeena. They import it from west of Vancouver island and sell it at 20 per cent cheaper than the Prince Rupert plant."

Local Prices Prohibitive

A little further enquiry shows that ice at the local government-subsidized plant costs \$8 a ton. At Ketchikan it costs \$3 or \$5.50 delivered in Prince Rupert. At Mill Bay ice costs \$2.50, or \$5 laid down at Prince Rupert.

Frozen bait costs \$30 a ton in Prince Rupert and \$25 a ton in Ketchikan.

A big fishery company will use several thousand dollars worth of ice and bait in a month, and the difference in price means considerable of a saving. It also makes it quite apparent that under existing conditions fishing boats will not buy their supplies in this city.

Where it is possible for a big company to operate in Prince Rupert they could no doubt install their own ice plant and store their own bait, but the big business of this port will be created by the smaller companies and independent boats operating with very small crews.

When the government subsidized the big cold storage plant here at the solicitation of the Grand Trunk Pacific, it was done with the object of assisting the fishing industry and encouraging the independent fishermen to make Prince Rupert the port for delivery of their fish and for the purchase of their supplies. Apparently it is not fulfilling its object. Prince Rupert cannot get the Seattle and Ketchikan fishing boats if she cannot supply bait, ice and other supplies at reasonable prices.

The facts set forth here are common knowledge among the fisherman and it is up to the public men and public bodies to see that Prince Rupert does not miss any of her opportunities.

Borden Street Sewer

The board of works presented a report from the city engineer recommending a six-inch wooden pipe temporary sewer on Fifth avenue and Borden street to empty into the permanent sewer on Fraser street. The estimated cost will be \$2,010, or \$132 per front foot on the lots affected. The sewer is to be paid for by the property owners in one year and the contractor will have to take city bonds for payment. The city clerk was instructed to go on with the advertising to have this work rushed.

Several property owners have received notification from the Grand Trunk Pacific Town and Development Co. that no further extension will be granted on deferred payments on property purchased at the original sale of Prince Rupert lots. There are still many lots which have not been fully paid up and there promises to be considerable rustling to clear up the payments this year.

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