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DAILY EDITION

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The city has been invited to be heard on July 17th in Victoria with reference to the application of the Hydro-Electric Company for approval of their plans in the carrying out of their proposed operations in the city.

An attempt is being made to make it appear that the city's representatives and the local member, Wm. Manson, will put up the most strenuous possible opposition to the company entering the city.

They will likely give the delegates the accustomed hearing. The smooth members of the Cabinet will probably try to soothe their troubles with soft words and Bowser may burst in at the last moment and scare them out of countenance. Perhaps some little cop will be thrown to them to enable the party papers to cheer but the real issue is sure to be thrown aside.

The city is to go to heavy expense employing counsel and is to pay the expenses of the member, Wm. Manson, to look

after the interests of the city at the hearing on July 17th. There was a time when Wm. Manson could have done effective work in keeping the Hydro-Electric company out of Rupert and without any expense to the city as far as his own services were concerned. Wm. Manson failed in his duty at that time in the most cowardly fashion, and while any good citizen must be willing that whatever expense that is necessary should be undertaken to protect the interests of the city, it is farcical to suggest paying the expenses of a representative who did nothing when something could have been done and who has since given every evidence of lack of the courage necessary to protect the city's interests in a tight place.

The hearing to take place on July 17th is not a court of judicature to decide whether the hydro company has the right to conduct operations within the city limits; rather is it the government's tribunal

to decide whether the particular plans submitted by the company for operation in the city should be approved or amended. The opportunity given to the city to be heard is for the purpose of adjusting the location of pole lines or similar matters in connection with the company's operations.

The Bowser-McBride Government gave this company a charter to operate various public utilities within the limits of Prince Rupert and adjacent territory as by act of the legislature defined. Subsequently the Bowser-McBride Government refused to rescind this charter. The Bowser-McBride Government are hardly going to repudiate at this late date what they conceded on two former occasions to the company and nobody knows this better than Wm. Manson.

Doubtless William will accompany the city's delegation to Victoria and will carry out the onerous task of introducing them to Billy Ross, who will be nominally acting for the Government, very gracefully, but our member's pugnacious (?) disposition is not likely to do any more for us when it comes down to serious discussion than it did on a former occasion when a single rebuke from the Prime Minister squelched him.

An attempt is being made to make the people believe that any appropriations that are made for the conduct of the public services by the Government are conferences of great favors for which the people should get down on their knees and do obeisance to the Federal member, which in the case of Prince Rupert, is a gentleman from Vancouver who was foisted on the constituency by Dick McBride.

Of course we know that the Vancouver gentleman referred to, Mr. H. S. Clements, is extremely "popular" especially with the present Mayor of the city, but we have it in mind that long before Mr. Clements achieved popularity with the Mayor, in fact long before anybody in these parts knew there was a Mr. Clements, this district received appropriations for its public services. It must be said also that these appropriations were much more heavy in proportion to the importance of the district at that time than are the appropriations now made in relation to the newer and larger importance of this district.

Some of the supposed appropriations for the district this year indeed are re-appropriations from last year, and they will probably serve for several years to come. There is the road around the island, the bridge, the court house and the McBride Street approach which have done service similarly and why not other appropriations as well?

HAZELTON NEWS

(From The Miner)

Frank Martin has gone to Hudson Bay Mountain to do some work of his silver property.

Ed. Dalton, who has been in the Manson district for some weeks, came in on Tuesday.

Rev. J. R. Hewitt spent several days in the Kispiox Valley this week gaining an acquaintance with the settlers.

James Cronin is expected to resume development on his big galena property in the Babine range this season.

Al. Halligan, the motor car operator, arrived from Prince Ru-



per on Saturday, and will spend the summer here.

Wilson Bros. are reported to have uncovered a big showing of copper ore on their group of claims near South Bulkley.

Negotiations are in progress for the freighting of fifty tons of high grade silver ore from the Hunter property to the railway.

Rev. John Field and Mrs. Field who have spent the last year in England, will return to Hazelton in the course of a week or ten days.

J. T. Place, Socialist member of the legislature for Nanaimo, delivered an address on Socialism to a small audience in Assembly Hall on Saturday.

Gilbert Velge and Leslie Acrea arrived last evening from the Francois Lake country, with their pack train. They intend to spend the season packing out from Hazelton.

An Ottawa wire says E. A. Price—the efficient and popular mail clerk on the Prince Rupert-Smithers division—has passed the qualifying examination for the outside division of the civil service.

Rev. W. S. Larter, who has been in charge of St. Peter's Church during the absence of Rev. John Field, will leave for Prince Rupert on Tuesday next. He will conduct his last service tomorrow evening.

District Fair Dates

The following are the dates of the district fall fairs as approved of by the Provincial Government: Fort George, September 24-25.

Prince Rupert, September 30 and October 1 and 2.

Bulkley Valley, Telkwa, September 10th.

Bella Coola, October 9.

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SKEENA CROSSING NOTES

(Form the Chalcopyrite)

Archie McDougall is working at the Great Ohio.

George Jennings is working two shifts on the Great Ohio now.

Mrs. Bob Starick, of Skeena Crossing, is visiting friends at Smithers.

Jim Perkins is leaving Skeena Crossing for his old home in Washington.

Tom Forrest is another addition to the ranks of the Kitzeguella ranchers.

The Kelt-Hays Lumber Company started up their sawmill at Skeena Crossing during the past week.

James Shaw, who has been working on the wagon road to Rocher de Boule, left Skeena Crossing on Saturday for Fort Fraser.

Peterson & Elk are doing considerable work on the Red Rose. They have a fine showing, probably as good as the stage of work as any property on Rocher de Boule.

Fred Johnson and Emil Gallon were up at the Silver Bell on Nine-Mile Mountain with George Stewart last Thursday, with a view of arranging terms for a lease.

Walter Robb went to work at the Montana Continental on Monday. He has been prospecting across the Kitzeguella River from Skeena Crossing during the week.

P. J. Jennings will be back to Skeena Crossing about July first, after an extended trip throughout Eastern Canada and the Western States, bringing some mining men with him to inspect properties of the district.

George H. Jennings, of the Great Ohio, passed Skeena Crossing on Saturday en route for New Hazelton. George expects to start up a lease on the Lead King on Nine-Mile Mountain in addition to the work on the Ohio.

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