

# THE LOCAL MAYORALTY HAS GONE BY DEFAULT

## LARGE LIST OF ASPIRING ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES—HARVEST OF THE SEA BEING REAPED

### Y NOMINATIONS CLOSED— NO CONTEST FOR MAYORALTY

KEY NUMBER ENTERED FOR ALDERMAN—SIX ENTERED  
FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE—ELECTION TO BE HELD  
ON JANUARY, 14th.

2 o'clock today Returning  
Arthur Cuthbert declared  
nominations for the offices of  
Aldermen, and School  
Trustees closed. Only one nom-  
ination for Mayor was entered, so  
the present Mayor is returned  
by acclamation. Thirteen nomi-  
nations for Aldermen were en-  
tered, eight of which are required  
to constitute the Council. There  
were five nominations for School  
Trustees, to fill a vacancy of three.  
This is the first time in the his-  
tory of the city that the office of  
Mayor was uncontested and al-  
though there are hundreds of  
competent men in the city  
the position none of them  
was induced to enter the con-  
test. Everybody felt that as the  
present Mayor had tied up the  
municipality he should be com-  
pelled to carry the odium of the  
present term, which has lots of  
real rocks ahead.

The nominees and nominators  
are as follows:

**For Mayor.**  
John A. Kirkpatrick—Nomin-  
ated by John A. Kirkpatrick  
and William E. Fisher.

**For Aldermen.**  
For Basso-Bert—M. P. Mc-  
Cormack and M. Gratton.  
For William Beveridge—Geo. D.  
and Arthur Spurr.  
For Dybhavn—Olaf Hanson  
and S. Johnson.  
For W. Edge—J. H. Thomp-  
son and E. H. Mortimer.  
For H. C. Ferguson—A. J.  
Horne and Albert Ross.  
For George William Kerr—S. D.  
and C. H. Orme.  
For Thomas McClymont—P. Mc-  
Clymont and N. Scheinman.

### WIRES DOWN.

The telegraph wires are  
down again today and no  
messages could be received. A  
heavy snowstorm in the In-  
terior is believed to be the  
cause.

### CAUSE OF THE WAR.

Have you heard the lat-  
est? The Journal let the cat  
out of the bag. It was Wil-  
son von Bowser who caus-  
ed the war and not German  
barbarians. It happened this  
way. Von Bowser had  
arrived to Prince Rupert  
and around Kaien Island  
well as up-to-date Pro-  
testant buildings. He squan-  
dered so much money, how-  
ever, on the C. N. R. (R  
for rogues) and other  
things that there was no  
money left for Prince Ru-  
pert. Accordingly, he cabled  
his friends that would cover up  
his faults and what could  
be done but declare war.  
It is funny, however,  
that the Journal would let  
the cat out of the bag. (See  
the Journal.)

### BELGIAN DOGS WERE VICTIMS OF THE WAR

Amongst the victims of this re-  
volting war animals of all kinds  
have suffered terribly; none more  
so than man's faithful friend, the  
dog. A correspondent of L'Inde-  
pendance Belge, visiting the  
ruins of Louvain ten days after  
its destruction, gives a harrow-  
ing description of the fate of the  
dogs left behind by the depart-  
ing refugees.

The correspondent says: "I  
will not attempt to depict the ter-  
rors and sadness of the sights  
which met us in passing through  
villages destroyed by gun-fire and  
the wanton burning of houses.  
Many of these houses had been  
looted and where it was impossi-  
ble to carry furniture away it was  
taken into the street and burned,  
but one gets accustomed even to  
all these horrors.

"There is one tragedy that the  
most hardened cannot resist feel-  
ing compassion for—the dogs—the  
only living things we saw on  
our tour of inspection.

"In the madness of fear hun-  
dreds of dogs were abandoned by  
their masters, flight anywhere  
was the only thought of the civil  
population for they knew what  
awaited them should they fall into  
the hands of the drunken soldi-  
ers roaming about after the  
burning of Louvain.

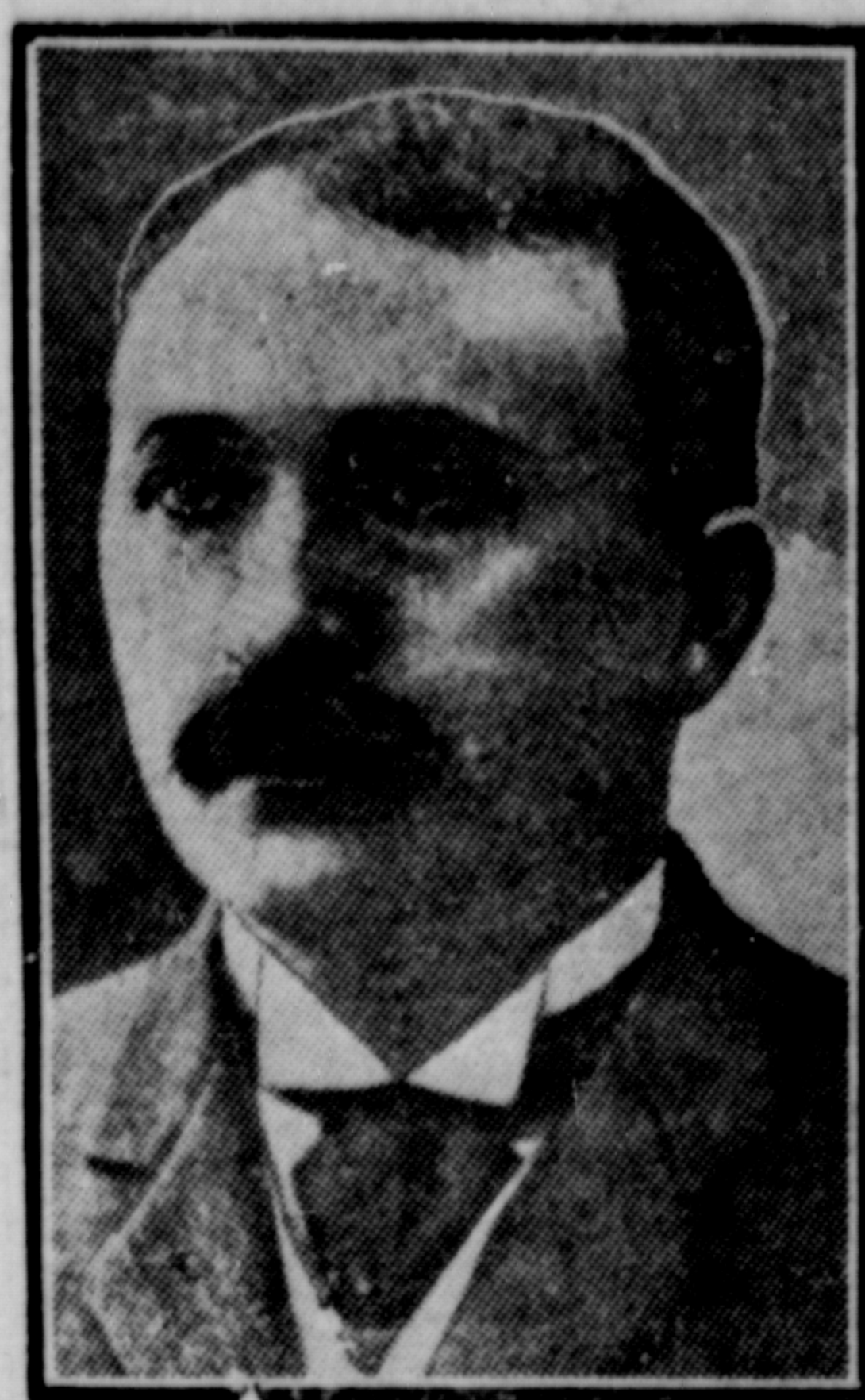
"The poor terror-stricken fu-  
gitives never gave a thought as  
to the fate of their faithful and,  
in ordinary times, loved dogs, so  
that in hundreds of cases the  
dogs were left chained up! The  
enemy were not merciful or they  
would have destroyed or loosened  
these poor creatures.

"Many beautiful dogs fastened  
by steel chains have thus remain-  
ed for nine days without food or  
water. When the Belgians ad-  
vanced in a final effort to drive  
back the enemy a number of  
kind-hearted soldiers asked per-  
mission to free these poor vic-  
tims of war. In this way hun-  
dreds of dogs were let loose, but  
to the astonished liberators they  
made no attempt to escape if  
patted and given food, and these  
brave fellows were willing to  
share the scanty rations with  
them—they neither moved nor  
ate but looked with saddened  
eyes as if suspicious of their lib-  
erators.

"Sometimes a dog would put  
his nose outside the kennel, then  
a paw, but if approached retreat-  
ed in haste. It was evident that  
these poor creatures were re-  
signed to their fate and only  
waited for death to release them  
from their sufferings.

"Although these dogs had been  
nine days without food or water  
and were terribly thin, not one  
dead one was seen. What the  
ultimate end of these poor crea-  
tures was none know. A few dogs  
were met that had not been fas-  
tened up and they seemed fairly  
well; doubtless bones and food in  
abandoned houses would serve to  
keep them alive for some time.  
Many of the more courageous  
dogs followed the soldiers and  
were cared for as far as was pos-  
sible. Many having been fed,  
with that sense of fidelity and de-  
votion to their masters, ran back  
to guard their homes and if nec-  
essary die at their posts."

The correspondent ends by



PREMIER VIVIANI,  
Of France, who stirred the Cham-  
ber of Deputies by his war  
speech on its resuming its ses-  
sion in Paris.

### INSURANCE CO. MAY REBUILD GAS BOAT

W. R. Morrison's boat, which  
took fire off Digby Island last  
week, has been towed into Cow  
Bay. At the time it took fire it  
was towed back to Delusion Bay  
and when the tide went out it was  
left high and dry. Consequently,  
it was an easy matter to patch  
up the hole that was dug in its  
side in order to sink it and put  
out the fire.

The fire burned away the whole  
of the cabin and upper deck, but  
the planking, being somewhat  
damp, did not burn very freely  
and only in places are they burn-  
ed almost through, although badly  
damaged.

The engine, which was a 28  
H. P. Regal, is naturally some-  
what injured on account of the  
heat but can possibly be repaired.

It now happens that the agents  
here, Peck, Moore & Co., are in-  
clined to think that it would be  
cheaper to repair the boat than  
pay out the sum of \$2,000, for  
which it is insured in the Aetna  
Fire Insurance Company. Since  
the boat was only partially cov-  
ered with insurance, it follows  
that the owner was carrying the  
balance of the risk, which  
amounts to about three-thir-  
teenths of the whole. In case the  
boat is repaired the owner will  
have to pay his proportion of the  
cost.

Mr. Morrison, however, has  
made an offer of a compromise  
and it is likely that the company  
will accept it, for it is a costly  
business to repair a boat in the  
condition of this one.

### ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCN. NOTICE TO MEN.

A new class for the instruction  
of First Aid for men will be form-  
ed on Wednesday evening next,  
13th inst., at the City Hall at 8  
o'clock. All men are urged to  
avail themselves of this oppor-  
tunity of obtaining a knowledge  
of First Aid to the Injured.

these words: "We have seen so  
many hundreds of refugees, so  
many destroyed houses and vil-  
lages, but the silent misery of  
these dogs seemed to touch us  
more than any human suffering!  
I hardly dare write this, but it is  
the truth."

### LEM KEGG WANTS MATCH IN RUPERT

Lem Kegg, one of the cleanest  
and most popular boxers ever on  
the Coast, and who is well re-  
membered here as the victor in a  
number of bouts with boxers  
from the South, is now making  
his home in Toledo, Ohio, where  
he has met with much success.  
Since leaving here Kegg has  
boxed in most of the Western and  
Middle West Cities, and got away  
to the good everywhere.

In a letter to The News, Kegg  
expresses a desire to return here  
for a match, if such can be ar-  
ranged with a fit man of his class.  
Kegg is now boxing at 125 pounds  
but has never hesitated to take on  
much heavier men than himself.

Local promoters consider that  
a match between Kegg and Rough  
House Burns would be a great  
drawing card here, and an effort  
will be made at once to arrange  
a bout between these two boys.  
Burns now holds the lightweight  
championship title of Canada,  
which he won here recently from  
Johnie O'Leary.

### GERMANS TAXING GHENT.

Unmarried Men Called Upon to  
Pay From Five to Twenty  
Francs Each.

Rotterdam, Jan. 11.—To get  
money enough to satisfy the Ger-  
mans, Ghent has compelled its  
unmarried men to pay imposi-  
tions ranging from 5 francs in  
the case of bachelors 27 years of  
age, to 20 francs in the case of  
those of 50 years. Even celibates  
in monasteries have not been ex-  
empted from this tax.

The local hero appears to be a  
Socialist, Alderman Edouard An-  
seele, who, though not afraid to  
speak his mind to the Germans  
when they make preposterously  
unreasonable requisitions, has  
nevertheless shown himself a  
born diplomat and has helped to  
make things more bearable than  
they would otherwise have been.

The Germans make leading  
citizens act as hostages, fifteen  
being chosen each day. Unem-  
ployment is so general that only  
5 1-2 per cent of those in the  
building trades have anything to  
do. The transport workers are  
well up in the list of trades, with  
17 per cent employed.

### PRINCE RUPERT IS MILDEST ON COAST

On Tuesday of last week, ac-  
cording to the record of tempera-  
tures given by the Vancouver pa-  
pers, Prince Rupert had the high-  
est average temperature of any  
city on the Coast north of San  
Francisco. In view of the fact  
that most outsiders do not under-  
stand how mild our climate is, we  
reproduce the table referred to  
above:

City	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	39	46
Kamloops	30	34
Barkerville	24	28
Prince Rupert	44	46
Winnipeg	8	10
Calgary	22	40
Portland	38	42
San Francisco	46	56
Edmonton	10	34
Regina	3	11
Port Arthur	10	14
Toronto	29	43
Montreal	34	44

Ladies' Queen Quality, Aborn  
and Slater's shoes. Broken lines.  
All sizes included. Values to  
\$5.50 at Peck's Shoe Store for  
\$3.45.

### REAPING HARVEST OF THE SEA DIVERSITY OF METHODS USED

AN UNIQUE SIGHT TO WATCH FINNY TRIBE THAT SWARMS  
IN PRINCE RUPERT'S HARBOR—A GREAT ASSET  
TO THE CITY.

This is the time of the year  
when we ought to have our tour-  
ists visit Prince Rupert. Not only  
is our mild spring climate unbe-  
lievable to those who are shiver-  
ing under forty and fifty degrees  
of frost in our neighboring prov-  
inces, but it will be no use to tell  
our next summer's visitors about  
the shoals of fish that now in-  
habit our harbor. If it were not  
for some of our friends back East  
who started those fish stories  
a-going it would be different.

Today a visitor along the wa-  
terfront would see all kinds of  
attempts at catching fish, from  
the big purse-seine nets, which  
capture hundreds of tons, down  
to the little boy who catches a  
week's supply in a basket.

The harbor simply swarms  
with herring. A few men and boys  
were seated on the wharf with a  
long line in their hand on which  
was attached a lead sinker at the  
end, while all along the line were  
strung a series of sharp hooks.  
There was no bait on these hooks,  
for all you have to do is to throw  
the line as far as you can into  
the harbor and while you are  
pulling it back to the shore you  
catch perhaps a fish on every  
hook for they are so thick in the  
water that they cannot possibly  
escape.

Some others went a little closer  
and got down on the floats or on  
small boats and helped them-  
selves with a hand scoop net. A  
half an hour would be almost suf-  
ficient to fill the boat. If you  
haven't got a scoop net or a line  
with a hook, however, you need  
not despair for all you have to  
do is to get hold of an old basket  
or a bucket punched with  
holes and lower it into the wa-  
ter and when you take it up you  
will find it full of fish. A more  
primitive method still will do.  
You can take the oar of your boat  
and watch the fish swimming at  
the surface of the water and pick  
them out with the oar.

Perhaps the most picturesque  
sight of all, however, is to watch  
the big boats fish with their  
purse-seine nets. They can tell  
where the fish are thickest by the  
flitting of the gulls, which  
swoop down in thousands and  
pick their fish out of the surface  
of the water. The boats run  
around this school with their  
nets dragging behind and when  
they have completely encircled  
the fish they begin to pull on their  
"purse strings" until the fish are  
imprisoned in a bag. Hundreds  
of tons are often caught in this  
way at one time and carried in  
scow loads to the big cold storage  
plant, where they are frozen into  
small blocks of about twenty-five  
pounds each and preserved like  
that until required for bait. Last  
year this company put away about  
a thousand tons of fish and this  
year will probably increase that  
amount. The average price of  
bait is \$25 per ton, so that this  
itself is a paying business, to say  
nothing of the halibut, salmon  
and cod that is handled.

Nobody need be hungry in

Prince Rupert this year nor any  
other year for the harvest of the  
sea is always ripe and ready for  
harvest. Besides that the indus-  
try that is being built up in  
the fish business is an asset that  
any city would be glad to claim.  
The fishing alone will make a city  
of Prince Rupert.

### GRAVEDIGGER HAS A WEIRD VISITOR

It's a rather uncanny job to be  
an official grave digger. It's a  
great deal worse, however, when  
a stubborn rock blocks the way so  
that the digging must be con-  
tinued into the middle of the  
night. Imagine yourself three  
or four feet down in the earth,  
digging away for all you are  
worth in the wee sma' hours of  
morning, while nothing but the  
stars of heaven twinkling over  
your head are there to tell your  
story. That's what you think  
with your nose to the ground and  
your back to the stars, but sud-  
denly you lift your head and there  
stands a man at the end of the  
grave looking down at you with  
his eyes wide open. If you have  
ever heard any of these ghost  
stories that they tell away back  
east you immediately make up  
your mind that there stands the  
spirit of the victim for whom you  
are digging that hole. Just hav-  
ing a preliminary look around to  
see that his last resting place is  
broad and deep. Perhaps your  
blood will freeze in your veins  
and perhaps you will fall right  
flat in the pit you have made for  
the other fellow's bones—and you  
are not to be blamed if you do—  
but if your ears are still able to  
receive a message and convey it  
to the seat of your intelligence,  
if you have any by this time—it  
would be a mighty pleasing piece  
of information to be told that  
your visitor wasn't dead at all,  
but a poor lonely fisherman who  
was wandering along that path  
on the way to his boat. This is  
all true and it happened right  
here in Prince Rupert.

### WASHED NUT COAL.

We are now in a position to  
deliver NEW WELLINGTON  
WASHED NUT COAL for \$8.75 a  
ton. New Wellington Coal Co.  
P. O. Box 116.

Jaeger slippers in all lines at a  
reduction of 20 per cent on cata-  
logue prices at Peck's Shoe Store.

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\* TO THE ELECTORS OF \*  
\* PRINCE RUPERT, B. C. \*  
\* Ladies and Gentlemen: \*  
\* Having consented to the \*  
\* nomination as Alderman for \*  
\* the election on the 14th \*  
\* inst., I take this opportunity \*  
\* to ask for your support. \*  
\* If my services for the past \*  
\* three years have met with \*  
\* your approval I would ap- \*  
\* preciate your vote and in \*  
\* fluence. \*  
\* Your obedient servant, \*  
\* 8-10 JOHN DYBHAVN. \*  
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