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CLASSIFIED ADS.

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FOR RENT—Nicely furnished three-roomed flat, including piano; very reasonable. Washington Block, Second Ave. 22-3-4

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FOR SALE—New house, Section 7, \$100 cash and \$20 a month; total \$1,150. P. O. Box 190. 21-31

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WANTED

WANTED—Young Woman wants chamber work. Apply Box 117, The News. 11.

WANTED—Four-room house in Section Five or Six for \$125 down and \$25 a month until paid. Box 102, Daily News. 11.

WANTED—Situation by young lady as bookkeeper or office help. Salary reasonable. Apply Box 115, Daily News. 11.

WANTED—View lot and house; close in; about \$2,500 to \$3,000. Will pay \$700 cash and arrange balance. Box 100, Daily News. 11.

WANTED—Large Mail Order house wants men everywhere willing to work a few hours for \$20 weekly, contract given, position permanent. Experience unnecessary. Samples free. The Co-operative Union, Windsor, Ontario.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR TRADE—Land in Fraser Valley in part payment for Prince Rupert lots. Box 123, Daily News. 25-31-37

DANCING.

DANCING—Private lessons in Waltz, Two-Step, Three-Step, One-Step, Schottish and Minuet. Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Mrs. Brooks-Anderson, 333 Eighth Ave. East. 11m

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WATER ACT, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition for the approval of the undertaking of the City of Prince Rupert in connection with its water development on Thule River has been filed and will be heard in the office of the Board of Investigation at a date to be set by the Comptroller of Water Rights.
Objections to the petition may be filed with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., or with the Water Recorder at Prince Rupert.
Dated at Prince Rupert, B. C., 11 s 26th day of December, A. D. 1914.
CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT.
E. A. WOODS, City Clerk.

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28-30

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A few years hence the beautiful Pioneer Booklet will be a valuable Souvenir. Get one at Orme's while the supply lasts for only 75c.

In the assessment discussion at the City Hall last night Ald. Morrissey said that he and the city treasurer had been going over the proposed estimates for the year and they were of the opinion that the tax rate for this year would be about 8 mills gross, by far the lowest ever employed by the city. It is possible that the usual hospital grant will be refused and the exhibition grant considerably reduced.

TILT IN COUNCIL OVER PROPOSED TRIP

At the close of last night's Council meeting Alderman McClymont, who had left on Monday night before the mayor announced his trip, remarked that the minutes did not show a motion of the Council approving of the trip. In view of the fuss that was made on a former occasion when an extra man was taken, he was under the impression that one man would be sufficient, if it was decided to go at all. There was nothing intricate about the mission.

The mayor in reply said that he had talked over it privately with every member of the Council and they all agreed on the trip. "Excuse me," said Alderman Montgomery; "I never heard of it."

"Quite true," said the mayor. "I didn't take it up with, not for any disrespect toward you, but because I thought it was hopeless to try to secure your approval."

Proceeding, the mayor said that he deemed it wise that both he and Alderman Morrissey go. Two heads were better than one in any case. Then in these days of graft he thought it better that two should go in order that nothing irregular should happen.

"Do I understand," said Alderman Montgomery, "that you are just taking somebody with you to keep you straight?" He was of the impression that City Solicitor Peters would be a much better man to send than any of them, and that if they both insisted on going, the solicitor should go, too. He moved this but there was no seconder.

BAPTIST SOCIETY SKATING PARTY

The Baptist Young Peoples' Society held a merry skating party last night in the Auditorium. There was a large crowd present, and skating was indulged in to their hearts content. Among those present were the following:

Mesdames, Peck, Wright, H. Hampton, Tumier, J. Hampton; Misses, Mason, H. Kennell, N. Macdonald, J. Berry, R. Macdonald, E. Hardy, Tumier, Clark, Tumier, Birnie, Wark, Shaw, Shaw, Eason, Gordon; Messrs. Rev. W. Wright, R. McIntosh, W. Blythe, S. Hamlin, P. Clark, L. Kennell, K. Morrison, P. J. Lumsden, J. Peyton, J. H. Birnie, F. Damas, R. Dunhill, A. Judge, H. Smart, B. McDaniels, L. Ives, J. Hardy, J. Hampton, P. Lindsay.

CITY SOLICITOR GIVES REPORT ON ASSESSMENT

Office of the City Solicitor, City of Prince Rupert, B. C., January 26, 1915.

His Worship the Mayor and Council, City of Prince Rupert:

Gentlemen—Re Municipal assessment, year 1915.—At a meeting of the Council held on Monday, 25th instant, the question of how the Assessment Roll for the present year should be made up was discussed in a preliminary manner.

The question raised was whether the assessor should proceed to compile his assessment under Part 4, Section 205, of the Municipal Act, or whether the Council should, under the authority of Part 2 of said section, adopt for this year the assessment roll of last year; and, with a view to further proceedings, it was referred to me to make a report upon the whole matter.

I look upon the question now raised as a most important one, and one requiring careful consideration.

An assessor who acts in the ordinary way, under ordinary circumstances, has always a difficult task to perform. He has, to the best of his judgment, following the lines laid down by the Municipal Act, to decide what valuations should be put upon each lot in the whole city. This duty has always been most difficult to perform in such a way as to give satisfaction to all ratepayers.

An assessor may, in some municipalities, at some time, find himself meeting inflated values on account of what is commonly known as a boom, and a level-headed assessor does the best he can to meet that condition, not always successfully.

At the present time in the city of Prince Rupert, and all over British Columbia, the very opposite of a boom exists, and the assessor in this or in any other municipality, if he wished to make a reasonable assessment, will be met, not with the trouble of a boom, but with the trouble of a panic. In the case of a boom his object should be, and no doubt would be, to keep himself cool and not put on too high values, but, in the case of a panic, such as we have existing at the present time, it will be doubly difficult for any assessor, following the lines of the Municipal Act, to arrive at what might be considered a proper valuation.

In the year 1914 a most careful valuation was made by our assessor, and I think the assessment made by him met with very general approval of the ratepayers in Prince Rupert. That this was the case was clearly shown by the few objections that were made before the Revision Court. And, further, in many of the cases that were brought before the court the assessor himself noticed the inequalities, and practically joined in the request that they should be corrected, and this was done.

If, therefore, we start with the proposition that we have the Assessment Roll of 1914, which, although it may not be absolutely perfect (and I might say no assessment roll was ever perfect), nevertheless it appeared to be satisfactory to the ratepayers at large.

The Municipal Act, Section 205, subsection 2, gives to the Council power as follows:

"If it thinks fit, by resolution, adopt for any year the assessment roll of the previous year, with such amendments and alterations as are by this section made permissible."

The section further provides



"THE LOCAL STRATEGISTS."

—Cartoon by James Frise.

what these amendments and alterations are to be, and they are fully set out in the section under heads (a), (b) and (c). The amendments are to be made by the assessor before the passing of the final resolution adopting the old list; the alterations to be made, put shortly, are:

(a) Changes of ownership.
(b) Correction of manifest errors in the names of the assessed owner, or in the description of the property.
(c) Alterations with regard to improvements made on the land since last assessed. (This last clause not being material for the purpose of this report.)

I am most strongly of the opinion that under the existing circumstances, it is highly advisable that the proceeding of taking last year's assessment roll should be adopted.

The adoption of last year's roll will absolutely do away with the necessity of the assessor making a new valuation on account of the change of circumstances caused by the war, which, it is to be hoped, will not last much longer.

Admitting, as I think it must be admitted, that last year's assessment was practically equitable, no person will be injured by allowing that assessment to stand for this year. As I understand the question of assessing land, the great point is to see that all parties are assessed on an equal basis, and no person is really hurt even if the assessment on his piece of property is too high, provided his neighbors are assessed at a proportionate rate.

It appears to me that subsection 2, Section 205, for whatever reason it was passed, is well calculated to meet the present emergency, and should be taken advantage of.

With regard to the procedure to be adopted, I think the first thing is that the Council should pass a resolution proposing that the Assessment Roll for last year be adopted. This resolution should be sent to the City Assessor, who should then be instructed

to examine the assessment roll of 1914 and make the amendments pointed out by subsections a, b and c of subsection 2, Section 205. When this is done the amended assessment roll should be brought before the Council and a resolution passed adopting it as the Assessment Roll for 1915.

I wish to point out that the adopting of the Assessment Roll of 1914 will not avoid the necessity of holding a Revision Court, at which all questions of inequality and other questions raisable before a Revision Court can be heard, thus insuring that no injustice is done to any ratepayer. I cannot too strongly urge upon the Council the advisability of taking the course of adopting last year's roll.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
FRED PETERS,
City Solicitor.

CLASS FORMED IN HOME NURSING

The second class for ladies in the St. John Ambulance course, viz., "Home Nursing," has been formed and will meet for lectures in the City Hall on Thursday evening of each week at 8 p.m. sharp. All ladies are invited to attend. Those who did not attend the lectures in First Aid may take up the Home Nursing lectures and examinations and later on take up the First Aid work.

MRS. G. A. WOODLAND,
22-3-4 Sec. Ladies' Class.

NOTICE.

To Members of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Association.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of members of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Association will be held at the City Hall at 8 p.m., Friday, January 29, 1915, to receive the Directors' report, to elect Directors for the ensuing year and other general business.

By Order of the Board,
W. M. WRIGHT,
Managing Secretary.
January 20, 1915. J. 20-29

TOWING GARBAGE SCOW.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to 5 p.m., Monday, February 1, 1915, for the towing of the Garbage Scow. Tenders must be on "Information for Bidders and Tender Form," to be obtained from City Clerk, ERNEST A. WOODS, City Clerk.

METHODIST CHURCH MUSICAL SERVICE

Sunday Evening Next, January 31, at 7:30 o'clock.

Anthem, "The Lord Is My Shepherd" Macfarlane
Solo, "Sing Ye Praise" Mendelssohn
Mr. C. D. Jones.

Welsh Quartette Selected
Anthem With Solo, "Oh, for a Closer Walk With God" Foster

Soloist, Mr. W. Vaughan Davies.
Flute Solo, "The New Kingdom" Tours

Mr. A. Hoelscher.
Solo, "But the Lord is Mindful" Mendelssohn

Mr. A. Clapperton.
Anthem, "Angel Voices" Vine Hall

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