

In the Letter Box

PROHIBITION A SUCCESS.

To the Editor:—If a partial Prohibition Act can accomplish what there is herein stated, is it not reasonable to suppose that with the privilege of importation cancelled we might hope for still further progress? Read what a Catholic clergyman has stated: "The homes of my people have improved and are more prosperous. The Catholic Children's Aid Society at its last annual meeting reported that cases of destitution and delinquency among children are distinctly diminished owing to prohibition legislation," and if you are really interested in getting at the facts of the case, read on. Others have an equally satisfactory testimony. The Anglican Bishop of Kootenay says: "The groups of loafers hanging around the hotel bars are noticeable by their absence." So much from two representatives of two great churches.

Police Record.

Now, let us hear from the mayor of Victoria. "The police records show a gratifying decrease. I know of many families that are having a happier existence." The mayor has substantial reasons for this statement, as the chief of police in his last annual report states: "In 1914 there were 887 drunken persons arrested, while in 1919 183 cases of drunkenness were brought before the courts." And now from the superintendent of provincial police: "On account of the small number of persons arrested, it has been deemed advisable to close three of our jails, (now four are closed)." And lastly, from the Premier: "There is a greater volume of cash business, and the collection of old accounts, that were considered no good, has been a noticeable feature of the coming into force of prohibition. The consensus of public opinion will be found unfavorable to any change which would have in view of relaxation of the present restrictions regarding the sale of liquor. I do not hesitate to affirm that I align myself uncompromisingly on the side of prohibition."

Too Successful.

Who can be believed if not the authorities above quoted. To say that the present Act has been a failure is to speak contrary to the evidence produced. It has been altogether too great a success for our "Moderation" friends. It has been all too immediate in its results in cleaning up our province and evidently decreasing revenues derived from brewery stock. It is beginning to pinch. The hope of their gains is being demolished, while our mothers are being protected and the kiddies are getting a better chance to fight the battle of life. Let me repeat, the present Act is altogether too successful for those who from the house-tops decry its effectiveness.

ERNEST A. HALL.

SELF-CONTROL.

To the Editor:—The letter "Alluring Picture" in last night's issue of the News is another sample of the product of the minds of those people who mind everybody's business but their own, and take for granted that the rest of their fellow men like they themselves have little or no self-control.

No one will deny that it is

wrong to get drunk and all decent men will do what is within their power to improve social conditions, but no one has a right to say what a man shall eat or drink in his own home, and no one can honestly say that a beverage is essentially evil because it contains alcohol, for it has been recognized for thousands of years by philosophers and men, infinitely wiser than the average prohibitionist that there is virtue in wine and distilled liquors. The strange thing is why these people who are so bent on improving others do not devote themselves to encouraging the observance of existing laws, practising self-control, trying to be sincere and cheerful and look for the best in mankind. Thus we should make progress, unhealthy minds would be eliminated and the evil of intemperance be killed at the root.

As an example of the result of a nation being controlled solely by laws leaving no scope for the development of individual character, remember what the Germans (those people ruled by the word "verboten," forbidden) did, when this control was removed by the circumstances of war in 1914. Believe me the reports of their atrocities were not exaggerated and can mainly be attributed to tendencies engendered by an excess of prohibitory laws.

I, as a free subject, have a right to drink wine, beer or spirits and nobody has a right to make me a lawbreaker for doing so. Moral progress can never be achieved by making crimes of innocent actions and laws already exist for dealing with drunks.

G. B. FORMBY.

A special number of the Canada Gazette announces the proclamation of October 9, Fire Protection Day, on which occasion a general inspection and clean up is recommended. Fire drills should be held on that day and instructions given everywhere in regard to fire prevention and fighting.

LAND REGISTRY ACT

(Sections 26 and 134.)
Re Application No. 11710-4, File 6222.
TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to register title of Hanson of Prince Rupert, B. C., as owner in fee under a Tax Sale Deed from the Collector of the City of Prince Rupert, bearing date the 28th day of November, 1917, of ALL AND SINGULAR, that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, being and being in the city of Prince Rupert, more particularly known and described as Lot Forty (40), Block Thirty-one (31), Section Eight (8), Map Nine Hundred and Twenty-three (323).
You are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within 35 days from the date of the service of this notice (which may be effected by publication in the Daily News, Prince Rupert, B. C.), and your attention is called to section 26 of the "Land Registry Act," with amendments, and to the following extract therefrom:—
"and in default of a caveat or certificate of his pending being filed before the registration as owner of the person entitled under such tax sale, all persons so served with notice, or under them, and all persons claiming any interest in the land by virtue of any unregistered instrument, and all persons claiming any interest in the land by descent whose title is not registered under the provisions of this Act, shall be forever estopped and barred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the land so sold for taxes, and the Registrar shall register the person entitled under such tax sale as owner of the land so sold for taxes."
AND WHEREAS application has been made for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above-mentioned lands, in the name of Hanson.
AND WHEREAS on investigating the title it appears that prior to the 13th day of October, 1916 (the date on which the said lands were sold for overdue taxes), you were the owners thereof or otherwise as stated opposite your respective names.
FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that at the same time I shall effect registration in pursuance of such application and issue a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the said lands in the name of Hanson unless you take and prosecute the proper proceedings to establish your claim, if any, to the said lands, or to prevent such proposed action on my part.
DATED at the Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, B. C., this 24th day of August, A. D. 1920.
H. P. MACLEOD,
District Registrar of Titles.
To W. H. Evans, Crown Grantee,
John Dahl & Jake Dahl, assessed owners.

CARVELL TELLS OF CONDITIONS

Little Use Railway Commission Give Orders for Grand Trunk Without Government Supply Money

"It is practically hopeless for the Railway Commission to use its powers over this railroad at the present time," said Hon. Frank Carvell, chairman of the Board of Railway Commissioners, yesterday, speaking of conditions generally pertaining to railway affairs here, on account of the unsettled condition under which the Canadian Northern, Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Express companies are acting, as far as finances are concerned. The position of the commission is really humiliating, but much more so is the position of the company itself. "At Prince George the Board was severely castigated for its apparent inaction in dealing with the Grand Trunk Pacific and I was compelled to answer severely to a man there who has been writing letters censuring this board."

Conditions Bad

"As everyone knows the G.T.P. railway is in the hands of the receivers and little good it would do for this board to give orders unless the government gave money so that they were carried out. For the past two or three years conditions have been very bad, but we hope that in the very near future these will be improved."

"The road is still under the control of the Railway Board and we intend to treat it just the same as we do the C.P.R. or any independent road and until parliament takes that control away from us we will exert our jurisdiction and will not relinquish our authority."

Other Railways

"Our hope is that the Transcontinental and the Intercolonial, which is not now under our control, will be brought under our jurisdiction as soon as the Canadian National lines are established. For its operation in the best interests and for the benefit of the people it should be so."

IN PROBATE.
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION ACT — and —
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ERNEST PATRICK GUNNAS, DECEASED; INTERSTATE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN of an order made by His Honour F. McE. Young in the above matter on the 3rd day of September, A. D. 1920, as follows:—
IT IS ORDERED that the said John H. McMillen shall be allowed to swear to the death of the said deceased as occurring on the thirteenth day of April, 1920, after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of notice of this order, unless in the meantime proof is furnished to the Registrar of this Court at Prince Rupert, B. C., that the said deceased was alive subsequent to the said thirteenth day of April, 1920.
AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said John H. McMillen do publish notice of this order in the Prince Rupert Daily News, a newspaper published at Prince Rupert, B. C., for a period of one month, DATED at Prince Rupert, B. C., this 4th day of September, A. D. 1920.
JOHN H. McMILLEN,
Official Administrator.

WATER NOTICE.

USE AND STORAGE.

TAKE NOTICE that The Taylor Mining Company Limited, whose address is 607 Credit Foncier Building, Vancouver, B. C., will apply for a license to take and use ten second feet of water out of Wolf Creek also known as Davidson Creek, which flows south westerly and drains into the Kit-sault River about two and a half miles north of the Dolly Varden Mine.
The storage-dam will be located one mile from the Kit-sault river. The capacity of the reservoir to be created is about 111 acres of land. The water will be diverted from the stream at a point about at the Wolf Mineral claims, and will be used for power purposes upon the mines described

Sale of Crown-Granted Mineral Claims for Delinquent Taxes in the Prince Rupert Assessment District.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that on Monday, the 1st day of November, 1920, at the hour of 10 a.m. at the office of the Provincial Assessor and Collector, in the city of Prince Rupert, B. C., I shall offer for sale at public auction the Crown-Granted Mineral Claims hereinafter set out, of the persons in the said list hereinafter set out, for delinquent taxes unpaid by the said persons on the 30th June, 1920, and for costs and expenses, including the cost of advertising said sale, if the total amount is not sooner paid.
The Collector will be pleased to receive any information respecting the following list where the owner is a member of the Allied Forces and entitled to the benefits of Section 29 of the "Taxation Amendment Act, 1918."

LIST ABOVE MENTIONED:

OWNER.	CLAIM AND LOT NO.	TAX.	COSTS.	TOTAL.
RANGE 5, COAST.				
S. A. Singlehurst	La Toxa, Lot 153	13.00	3.75	16.75
S. A. Singlehurst	Palarmizan, Lot 154	13.00	3.75	16.75
CASSIAR.				
Roosevelt Mining Co.	Roosevelt No. 1, Lot 896	11.50	3.75	15.25
Roosevelt Mining Co.	Roosevelt No. 2, Lot 895	11.00	3.75	14.75
Lucky Creek Mining Co.	Lot 402	13.00	3.75	16.75
Glacier Creek Mining Co.	Last Chance, Lot 403	10.75	3.75	14.50
Glacier Creek Mining Co.	Nellie V., Lot 404	10.25	3.75	14.00
Glacier Creek Mining Co.	Riverside, Lot 405	13.00	3.75	16.75
Glacier Creek Mining Co.	Miramar, Lot 410	7.50	3.25	10.75
Glacier Creek Mining Co.	Nellie Fraction, Lot 412	5.00	3.75	8.75
Stewart Mining & Development Company	Sunbeam, Lot 859	11.25	3.75	15.00
Stewart Mining & Development Company	Ben Hnr. Fraction, Lot 870	13.00	3.75	16.75
Stewart Mining & Development Company	Ben Hnr. Fractional, Lot 871	12.50	3.75	16.25
Stewart Mining & Development Company	George E., Lot 872	12.50	3.75	16.25
Ena Fraction, Lot 620		2.25	3.75	6.00
Ena Fraction, Lot 621		1.25	3.75	5.00
Ena Fraction, Lot 622		3.50	3.75	7.25
Ena Fraction, Lot 624		8.25	3.75	12.00
Chicago 400, Lot 98		8.00	3.75	11.75
New York, Lot 1485		12.50	3.75	16.25
Chicago, Lot 98		13.00	3.75	16.75
London, Lot 1480		13.00	3.75	16.75
Elgin, Lot 1481		9.00	3.75	12.75
Boston, Lot 1482		4.50	3.75	8.25
Kensington Fraction, Lot 1484		4.25	3.75	8.00
Paris, Lot 1483		8.25	3.75	12.00
Moose, Lot 3337		9.50	3.75	13.25
Black Bear, Lot 3338		9.50	3.75	13.25
Elk, Lot 3339		11.50	3.75	15.25
Humdolt, Lot 3336		9.25	3.75	13.00
Sullivan, Lot 3684		12.00	3.75	15.75
Italy, Lot 3685		13.00	3.75	16.75
Edith, Lot 3686		13.00	3.75	16.75
Louis, Lot 3687		13.00	3.75	16.75
Louise, Lot 1555		13.00	3.75	16.75
QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS.				
John S. McMullin	Blue Belle, Lot 86	3.75	3.75	7.50
John S. McMullin	Copper Queen, Lot 87	11.75	3.75	15.50
John S. McMullin	Modoc, Lot 83	2.25	3.75	6.00
John S. McMullin	Rico, Lot 82	10.25	3.75	14.00
John S. McMullin	Orway, Lot 84	12.00	3.75	15.75
John S. McMullin	Emma, Lot 85	12.00	3.75	15.75
A. D. Henning	Annie Fractional, Lot 138	12.00	3.75	15.75
A. D. Henning	Blue Belle, Lot 135	12.00	3.75	15.75
H. McMullin	Dream, Lot 87	13.00	3.75	16.75
A. D. Henning	Jacks Nest Fractional, Lot 139	3.75	3.75	7.50
A. D. Henning	Lilly, Lot 147	14.00	3.75	17.75
John S. McMullin	Wagon, Lot 79	9.75	3.75	13.50
A. D. Henning	Vault, Lot 156	11.50	3.75	15.25
John S. McMullin	Moresby Island, Lot 78	11.50	3.75	15.25
John S. McMullin	True Love, Lot 88	8.25	3.75	12.00
John S. McMullin	Vaques, Lot 120	11.50	3.75	15.25
Roosevelt Mining Co.	Yukter, Lot 121	13.00	3.75	16.75
Roosevelt Mining Co.	Yukter, Lot 893	13.00	3.75	16.75
Roosevelt Mining Co.	Pontiac, Lot 894	13.00	3.75	16.75
John S. McMullin	Northern Hill, Lot 897	13.00	3.75	16.75
John S. McMullin	Diana, Lot 2595	13.00	3.75	16.75
John S. McMullin	Mattie H. Fraction, Lot 2608	10.00	3.75	13.75
John S. McMullin	Eagle Tree, Lot 2609	7.50	3.75	11.25
John S. McMullin	Dorothy, Lot 2600	10.00	3.75	13.75
John S. McMullin	Cypress Queen, Lot 2607	7.50	3.75	11.25
John S. McMullin	Lizzie B., Lot 2604	10.25	3.75	14.00
William H. Burley	Grandview, Lot 2549	11.75	3.75	15.50
William H. Burley	Surprise, Lot 2550	8.25	3.75	12.00
William H. Burley	Danline, Lot 2551	9.75	3.75	13.50
George B. Scott	Marion Fraction, Lot 623	5.00	3.75	8.75
George B. Scott	Meal Ticket, Lot 2011	8.25	3.75	12.00
John S. McMullin	Cash Box, Lot 2012	5.25	3.75	9.00
John S. McMullin	Sandwich Fraction, Lot 92	7.25	3.75	11.00
John S. McMullin	Woody, Lot 600	13.50	3.75	17.25
John S. McMullin	Copper King, Lot 601	13.00	3.75	16.75
John S. McMullin	Robin, Lot 602	6.25	3.75	10.00
John S. McMullin	Wedge Fraction, Lot 603	1.25	3.75	5.00
John S. McMullin	Tasso, Lot 604	9.50	3.75	13.25
John S. McMullin	Lottie, Lot 605	8.75	3.75	12.50
John S. McMullin	Indian Boy, Lot 606	1.00	3.75	4.75
John S. McMullin	Edward, Lot 607	11.00	3.75	14.75
John S. McMullin	Ida, Lot 608	11.00	3.75	14.75
John S. McMullin	Ellis, Lot 609	9.75	3.75	13.50
John S. McMullin	Copper Queen, Lot 610	2.00	3.75	5.75
John S. McMullin	Union Jack, Lot 611	3.75	3.75	7.50
John S. McMullin	Stars and Stripes, Lot 612	7.00	3.75	10.75
John S. McMullin	Chickamstone, Lot 615	7.25	3.75	11.00
John S. McMullin	Chickamstone Fraction, Lot 614	1.00	3.75	4.75
John S. McMullin	Warwick, Lot 615	3.00	3.75	6.75
John S. McMullin	Anna Boy, Lot 616	3.75	3.75	7.50
John S. McMullin	Copper Queen, Lot 617	10.25	3.75	14.00
John S. McMullin	Seal, Lot 619	13.00	3.75	16.75
John S. McMullin	Treasure Vault, Lot 2013	3.50	3.75	7.25
John S. McMullin	Reid, Lot 1911	12.75	3.75	16.50
John S. McMullin	Paul, Lot 2598	3.00	3.75	6.75
John S. McMullin	Delta, Lot 2597	2.25	3.75	6.00