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Shipyards are to be Working Soon

ALDERMAN ROCHESTER SAYS HE WILL LIKELY BE CANDIDATE FOR MAYORALTY

Wages to be Paid at Shipyard; Work Resumed at Early Date

Peck Remains at Ottawa until Whole Situation is Cleared Up; Tenders being Called for Completion of Ships

Last night telegrams were received from Colonel C. W. Peck in connection with the shipyard that are most reassuring. C. H. Orme, president of the Conservative Association, and S. E. Parker, president of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade, received duplicate copies of the same wire which read:

"The cabinet council met regarding the drydock today. Wages will be paid in a few days, certain. Tenders are being called from private firms as well as the Department itself and work will be resumed at the earliest possible moment.

"Ballantyne has done his utmost to unravel the tangle and facilitate the resumption of work. Will stay here until the whole situation is cleared up."

The telegram was read by Mr. Orme at C. B. Formby's meeting in the Empress Theatre last night and the good news quickly spread all over the city and overshadowed even the election prospects as a topic of conversation.

ST. ANDREW'S ANNUAL BALL

Hall Presented Pretty Scene Last Night—About 300 in Attendance.

St. Andrew's Hall presented indeed a pretty scene last evening for the big annual ball of the St. Andrew's Society. The whole premises were thrown open to the 300 or more guests and the affair was as eminently successful and enjoyable as ever.

The Westholme Theatre Orchestra which provided the music was augmented to a seven piece band and was very lively and full of spirit. Miss Mabel Adams and James N. Kelly provided the extra music.

The decorations of the hall were a feature and it is a long time since St. Andrew's Hall was so profusely set up. At either end of the hall were the Scottish emblems painted on drums which were inset with electric lights, making a pleasing effect through the tasteful coloring. These decorations were the work of J. Brough. The entire room was decorated with the blue and white of the order in streamers of crepe paper set off with profuse evergreen hangings.

Refreshments were served at our sittings at midnight. After this the dance was renewed with vigor. The interspersing of some Scotch dances and quadrilles in the program was pleasing to both participants and spectators.

S. D. Macdonald and W. M. Brown were the masters of ceremony. The dance committee comprised Howard Steen (chairman), George Dalgarno, W. R. Martin, J. Brough and J. Simpson. Mrs. W. Reid and Miss M. Ryan were on the reception committee and W. Reid, W. H. W. Murray and A. Kinghorn attended to the introductions. The Ladies' Auxiliary gave invaluable assistance to the whole affair. Algie Hunter and W. R. Martin were on the door.

PROSPECT FOR COMPLETE VOTE

More Voted This Morning Than at Temperance Plebiscite—Number of Absentees.

At noon today 433 votes had been polled in the provincial election polling booths on Second Ave. Despite the rather unpleasant state of the weather this exceeds the number of votes cast on the morning of the prohibition plebiscite when 376 had been recorded. Everything points to a larger number of votes being taken today than was taken for that plebiscite when the total was but 1437. Public interest has undoubtedly been stimulated a great deal over the present contest and the fact that one's name is cut off the list if he does not vote today also tends to make the vote a good one.

There were 46 absentee voters who took their affidavits before Returning Officer Mortimer in the course of the morning. These come from most points on the coast including Vancouver, Victoria, Atlin, Comox, Omineca, Fort George, Richmond, Esquimalt and Lillooet.

Wants 1,000,000 New Settlers in the West to Boost Production.



Mayor M. A. Brown of Medicine Hat, Alta., who described the wide reaching project of the Western Canada Colonization Association to a meeting of the western directors in Manitoba recently.

PONZI GETS FIVE YEARS

Financial Wizard Sentenced Today For Using the Mails to Defraud.

INSPECTOR OF MOUNTIES DIES

A. L. Bell, Formerly of the Yukon, Was Prominent Mason.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 1.—Inspector A. L. Bell, officer commanding the mounted police here, is dead. He lived for seventeen years in the Yukon and was latterly quartermaster and paymaster. He was prominent in Masonic circles at Dawson, being the past master of Yukon Lodge No. 45 and past master of Klondyke Chapter No. 151.

The funeral will take place on Thursday and will be with military honors.

The late inspector leaves a wife in ill health residing at present in California. A brother lives here and his parents are at Mountleban, B. C.

FISH CATCH SMALL.

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—The Canadian fish catch for October is much smaller than for October, 1919.

Small Morning Vote at Vancouver, but Absentee Poll is Extremely Large

Conservative Lawyer Scrutinee Removed from Booth on Order of Deputy Officer; Liberal Confident, Conservatives Hopeful.

VANCOUVER, December 1.—The morning feature of the election here was the light city vote and a proportionately large absentee vote. At Dominion Hall the loggers and other outsiders crowded the absentee booth to the number of 350. These ballots were deposited before 11 o'clock, leaving 80 men in line awaiting their turn.

E. A. Lucas, barrister, Conservative scrutineer, was this morning removed from Dominion Hall by a constable on the order of a deputy returning officer on the ground that he had no business there. Lucas claimed that the absentee's booth was left absolutely unprotected. The secrecy of the ballot was difficult to maintain at times as there were 29 candidates for the six seats and the ballot form is three and a half feet long and it was occasionally found trailing beneath the short curtain of the booth.

At the Liberal headquarters the people were "extremely confident." The Conservatives were "hopeful." There are in all 158 candidates in 47 constituencies and Liberals are running in each except Cowichan, where a Liberal, Kenneth Duncan, is running as an independent. He is really a supporter of the Government. The lineup includes 32 soldiers, 22 farmers, of whom the Premier is one, and 49 lawyers.

PRIVY COUNCIL ON FISHERIES

Says Federal Government Controls Fishing in Tidal Waters.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Privy Council judgment was given today in the case of the Dominion Government versus the Province of Quebec. The case concerns the powers of the province to grant fishing rights in tidal waters and is somewhat involved. Mainly it favors the Federal contention that control of the fisheries in all tidal waters is vested in the Dominion and not in the provinces.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 1.—(Later.) This judgment has a vital effect on the fisheries of British Columbia, where the control is in the hands of the Dominion, although that control has been challenged.

Soldiers Are Doing Well On Northern B.C. Lands

Captain F. C. Brown says Could Not Find Dissatisfied Men in Vanderhoof and Fort Fraser Districts when on Visit

VANCOUVER, December 1.—Capt. F. C. Brown, head of the Soldier Settlement Board in B. C., is back from an inspection of the soldier settlements in the north, including Fort Fraser, Telkwa, Smithers, Vanderhoof and Terrace. He says that in Vanderhoof and Fort Fraser he asked to see the dissatisfied settlers, but found all satisfied and making excellent progress, with one or two exceptions.

Around Telkwa and Vanderhoof the soldier settlement men were the most active element in the communities. Despite bad weather payments would be made much better than was expected. The total number of soldiers settled in the districts mentioned is something like two hundred.

ELECTION RETURNS

The Prince Rupert Liberal Association have arranged for complete Election Returns on Wednesday, December 1, and have engaged the Empress Theatre, where the returns will be shown on the screen.

Empress Theatre, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1
Doors open at 7.30 p.m.
EVERYBODY WELCOME

Mayor McClymont Quits Mayoralty

Announced His Retirement This Morning; Alderman Rochester will be Candidate, Confirming Rumor to that Effect

After three years as chief magistrate of this city, Mayor Thomas McClymont is to retire at the end of this year and will not be seeking re-election at the municipal election next month. This was the announcement that the mayor made this morning when seen in his office by the Daily News.

The report that has been going on the street for a day or so that Ald. Rochester will be in the field for the chief magistracy was confirmed today when Mr. Rochester was seen.

"Quite a few people have been asking me to enter," said Mr. Rochester, "and it is not beyond the bounds of possibility. I have not, of course, absolutely decided, but unless something happens in the meantime I probably will. I am not seeking the position and I think the man who has been mayor for three years could well carry on."

"My policy has always been honesty and I intend to continue that and I do not care who I hurt following up that policy."

STOLE \$100,000 BONDS



John Doughty, private secretary to Ambrose Small, theatrical millionaire, who disappeared in Toronto. Doughty was arrested in Portland, Ore., and has since restored \$100,000 of Victory bonds which he was charged with having stolen. Small is not yet found.

JAPANESE AND RACE EQUALITY

No Demand to be Made at Present Session of Assembly of League

GENEVA, Dec. 1.—The Japanese delegation will not make any proposal in regard to racial equality at this session of the Assembly of the League of Nations, announced Viscount Ishi yesterday. He said the Japanese were patiently biding their time until the opportune moment should present itself.

MISS NELLIE HILL MARRIED MR. KENNY

Wedding Took Place This Morning and Young People Left for Smithers.

A pretty wedding took place this morning at the Anglican Church when Miss Nellie Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hill, became the bride of Arthur Kenny, son of Mrs. Edward Kenny of Dunsuir St., Rev. Canon Rix officiating. There was a large attendance in the church and the building was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The bride looked very pretty in a navy blue travelling costume with white velvet hat. She was accompanied by the bridesmaid, Miss Nora Kenny, who also was dressed most effectively in navy blue with green georgette hat. E. R. Tabrum supported the groom.

The present of the bridegroom to the bridesmaid was a brooch set with emeralds and to the best man a stick pin set with pearls.

Many beautiful presents were received, this testifying to the popularity of the young couple and especially of the bride, who is one of the most popular ladies in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny left soon after noon for Smithers where they will make their home and whither they carry with them the good wishes of the community. They were showered with confetti as the train pulled out of the station, many of their friends being down to see them off.

CLEAN UP BY SCHOOL BOARD AT VANCOUVER

Municipal Inspector is Discharged and His Subordinates for Lack of Harmony.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 1.—The schoolboard has decided to dismiss from office Municipal Inspector J. S. Gordon, head of the school administrative staff; assistant inspector Brough; secretary Wolfe Morton, a stenographer and storekeeper. Lack of harmony in working and incompetency are in part given as the ground for dismissal.

The dismissed officials are indignant and are threatening to take legal action.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Benguerel arrived on the George today from Montreal, where they were recently married. Mr. Benguerel is the nephew of Oliver Besner.

John Emerson, of the Prince Rupert Lumber Co., arrived from Vancouver on the Prince George today.

Captain Babbington returned from the south today.

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