



TAXI
Phone 75 and 35
We Never Sleep
PRINCE RUPERT AUTO
707 Second Avenue
M. H. LARGE

GOOD EATS
at
ALLIES' CAFE
AND
HOME BAKERY
211 6th Street

Newman Erb Takes Control At Dry Dock This Morning

No Defense to Injunction Yesterday so Hearing Before Justice Murphy is Postponed Till Next Wednesday.

Accompanied only by his private secretary and servants, Newman Erb, the American capitalist, arrived last night from Vancouver on his private car, Toledo, of the Ann Arbor Railway. The journey was made from Vancouver over the Canadian Northern lines, joining the Grand Trunk at Prince George.

This morning he took charge of operations at the local shipyards and appointed J. H. Pillsbury as acting general manager. His injunction to take over the plant has been extended till next Wednesday as no defence was put in by the rival company at the hearing before Mr. Justice Murphy yesterday. Automatically Mr. Erb's temporary injunction is extended.

The new directors whom Mr. Erb is fighting are W. E. Williams, A. M. Manson, M.L.A., Miss Ethel Thompson, J. R. Morgan, S. P. McMordie, E. C. Gibbons, F. F. Schellenberg and J. L. Mullen. Alex. Manson and J. L. Mullen went south on Sunday night and the defence will probably be arranged on their arrival in Victoria today. Mr. Erb expects to go south tonight.

Mr. Erb Interviewed.

"I do not wish to wash dirty linen in public; there are laundries for that," said Mr. Erb, interviewed by a News representative this afternoon, "and I have very little to say. This morning I received a wire saying that the hearing of this case had been postponed till next Wednesday, January 21. The whole proceeding is most unfortunate and I hope that the public will not come to conclusions until the whole case has been heard. As long as there is litigation over the plant its development will be arrested and there will be difficulty in obtaining new contracts.

F. F. Schellenberg and all those who have interfered with the operation of the plant by the true board of directors, of which I am the chairman and general manager, are permanently relieved. Their reinstatement will depend only on the finding of the courts. It is a case of usurpation, nothing more, nothing less, by this false board of directors and unauthorized persons."

OBJECTIONS TO ASSESSMENT OF CITY PROPERTY

Ratepayers Protective Association Formed Last Night—Want Property Assessed at Market Value.

MAYOR AGAINST INCREASE OF BORROWING POWER

Notwithstanding the storm last evening, there was a goodly gathering in the City Hall at the formation of the new Ratepayers' Protective Association. The meeting was called to order by S. E. Parker, and after the necessity for the association was explained by M. M. Stephens and E. C. Gibbons, officers were elected. D. G. Stewart was elected chairman, and D. McD. Hunter secretary. A committee of five will be chosen by the chair to prepare a constitution.

The matter of the assessment of city property was the chief matter discussed and opinion was unanimous that the present assessment was too high and was not based upon actual values. There were many speakers on the subject. The matter of the city being about to request the provincial authorities for permission to increase its borrowing powers above the 20 per cent of its assessment roll was also brought up. Mayor McClymont was asked directly as regards this matter. The mayor said that he was attending the meeting as a property holder interested in the objects of the association. The proposal to increase the city's borrowing powers was brought up during his absence at Ottawa and the mayor put himself on record as

being opposed to any greater borrowing powers being given to the city in excess of the present 20 per cent of the assessment roll. He thought that this was the only safeguard which the public would have under an extravagant council. He showed that the assessment on private lands had been reduced by roughly \$1,500,000 this last year, and that the assessor was independent entirely of the council in making up his figures. The matter was gone into very fully and several instances of inequality were given. A resolution was finally passed, moved by S. E. Parker and seconded by S. King, that there be an equalization and reduction of the assessment roll.

The meeting also went on record as being opposed to the new utilities bylaw calling for a \$50,000 expenditure for a new telephone exchange.

HILL TO MAKE DRASTIC MOVE

Would Put Entire Force on Month's Probation to Test Efficiency.

Commissioner Hill gave notice at last night's Police Commission meeting of the following motion which he will make at the next meeting of the commission:

"That the entire police force be put on probation for one month's time and that if any instances are found where it fails to do its duty the whole force will be dismissed and a new force engaged."

This action was brought about by it being reported that gambling devices which had been ordered to be put out of business several months ago were still running openly. The Chief of Police was asked to explain and he said that he did not know they were still being used.

Commissioner MacDonald said he would be behind the move if all gambling would be treated alike. It is believed that the commission as a whole will be in favor of the measure.

Flannelottes, in pink, blue and grey stripes, 30c per yard. Jabour Brothers, Ltd. 43

Ladysmith Coal. The best. Prince Rupert Coal Company, Phone 15.

REFUSE ENDORSE ALDERMAN CASEY

Trades and Labor Council Turned Out Its Committee Report by 6-4 Vote.

The Trades and Labor Council at its meeting last night, refused to accept the recommendation of its legislative committee to endorse Alderman Casey and Geo. Rudderham as candidates for the aldermanic board at tomorrow's election. There was much discussion on the matter, the main objection to these men being their affiliation with another labor movement with which the Trades and Labor Council was not in sympathy. Some of the members also felt that Alderman Casey was taking too radical a stand in labor matters and others wanted to see his results as an alderman for four years.

The members supporting Alderman Casey felt that, even if he was associated with another movement, still he had always worked in the best interests of organized labor and they felt he would continue to do so. A motion was finally made endorsing the last recommendation of the legislative committee but this was defeated by a 6-4 vote. Another motion endorsing Alderman Elizabeth C. Kirkpatrick and William H. Wilson-Murray for alderman, and Simon D. MacDonald for police commissioner was carried unanimously.

Launch "Alice B." Phone 41.

NEW CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of the Central Labor Council, O. B. U., last evening, officers were elected for the ensuing term. George Rudderham was chosen chairman; N. Booth, vice-chairman; D. S. Cameron, secretary-treasurer; J. H. Burrough, assistant secretary-treasurer; R. T. J. Rose, warden. The executive committee consists of the first three mentioned and J. H. Burrough, Geo. Casey, F. Shaw, and S. V. Cox. In view of the increasing business of the council, it was decided to have weekly meetings.

Mrs. Gawthorne, president of the Women's Auxiliary, reported that the young people's organization had been completed and that a social meeting would be held next week.

New shoes are expensive. Have your old ones rebuilt at McArthur's.

R. A. Harlow, of Smithers, arrived in town on last night's train.

The Soviet Ark Due To Land in Russia

No Negotiations Regarding Repatriation of Deported Anarchists. May not be Permitted to Land.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegrams.)

HELSINGFORS, January 14.—The United States transport "Buford," known as the Soviet Ark, with the party of undesirable aliens deported from the United States on board, is expected to arrive at Hango, on the southern coast of the Gulf of Finland tomorrow. There have been no negotiations here with regard to the admission of the deported radicals and it is pointed out that an interesting situation would probably arise, should they be refused admission into Soviet Russia. This course is considered quite possible as it is known that a considerable portion of the opposition to Bolshevism in Russia is furnished by the anarchist element.

Trial of Caillaux May be Postponed Indefinitely. Senators Reluctant Sit now

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegrams.)

PARIS, January 14.—Joseph Caillaux, the former premier of France, charged with intriguing to bring about a premature and dishonorable peace with Germany, will appear before the new Senate sitting as a High Court tomorrow at 2 p. m. Although both prosecution and defence are ready, there seems but the remotest possibility that the trial will proceed. The senators who met for the first time this afternoon reported that they were reluctant to sit as judges immediately and would ask for a postponement of the trial. Many of the senators favored setting January 27th as the date of the opening of the examination of M. Caillaux, while others favored even a longer delay.

Your Vote and Influence Solicited

For Mayor

Thos. McClymont

Standing for PROGRESS and IMPROVEMENTS commensurate with spending ability on Safe and Sane Principles.

To Save and Maintain Our Salmon Fisheries

Full Text of Hon. Wm. Sloan's Memorandum to Dominion Government on Question of Nationalizing Fisheries.

The following is the full text of the memorandum sent to Hon. C. C. Ballantyne by Hon. William Sloan, Commissioner of Fisheries, an excerpt of which was published recently:—

"The question of conserving the supply of salmon in our waters has long been one of keen interest. The 1905-07 Dominion Fisheries Commission, after a long investigation, recommended that 'effective measures for securing some limitation of the exploitation of the northern waters of British Columbia be adopted.' Acting on that report the Minister at Ottawa in 1908 set forth that no additional canneries would be licensed and that

the number of boats in each section would be limited. The Dominion-Provincial Boat Rating Commission of 1910 reported against any increase in canneries or boats, and no increase was made until 1912, when an additional cannery licence was granted on the understanding that only white labor would be employed in operating the plant and in catching the fish; an understanding that was never carried out. Further cannery licences were granted in 1913, 1916, 1917, and 1918. There are now some ten more salmon canneries in the North than there were in 1908, and many more gill and purse nets, and the deadly drag-seines are being operated, and traps have been installed in some localities. In 1917 the Dominion Government Commission, following hearings held throughout the North, reported that in their judgment 'neither the ambitions of an individual nor the business strategy of a company is in itself sufficient ground for a change of public policy, and we do not regard the general result of the Department's change in policy which began in 1912 as having improved the situation from the public point of view, and we believe that the removal of all restrictions, under the present conditions as to supply of salmon, would only open the way towards inefficiency and loss.'

To Prevent Depletion.
"It should be the first policy of the Government to prevent depletion, to ensure continuance and at the same time to eliminate useless competition and excessive overhead charges. The policy suggested by me is a move in that direction. If adopted it will conserve the supply and increase the earnings of the individual fishermen. There is abundant evidence that the salmon of the North and of Vancouver Island are rapidly being depleted. Unless they are given far more protection than is now afforded them they will go the way of the salmon of the Fraser. There is no doubt of that. The Fraser was once the greatest salmon river of the world. The vast schools of salmon that used to seek its waters annually have been fished out. As a salmon-stream it is now in the third or fourth place in the salmon-streams of this province. There has been no limitation placed on the fisheries of the Fraser, except a modest weekly period. They have been open to all that wished to engage. There are thirty-two canneries on the Fraser, but twelve of which have opened their doors this year, and combined they packed but 34,000 cases of sockeye salmon, and in almost every case they operated at a loss.

Entire Pack in 12 Days.
"At the present time the canning plants on the Skeena and Naas Rivers and Rivers Inlet could have this year put up the entire pack in less than twelve days of eight hours each, whereas they were operated for over sixty-five days. Fixed charges were needlessly heavy because of the numerous plants, and have resulted in such high prices as to seriously affect the public interest. A further increase in the number of plants and the amount of gear

employed on these waters will not better conditions.

"I believe that the withdrawing of restrictions in the fishing regulations, as proposed, will most certainly have a disastrous effect upon the runs unless at the time of amendment most drastic additions are made to the present weekly and annual closed seasons. If the fishing is to be thrown open to all comers, it will result in placing on the fishing grounds of the North and Vancouver Island the now unused Fraser River fleet of fishing boats. Depletion will surely result unless the present weekly close season of forty hours is extended to at least seventy-two hours, and to a further and material restriction of the present commercial fishing areas. To provide such an extension of closed hours will make it extremely difficult for fishermen to earn a weekly living wage without such a material increase in the price paid for fish as will add greatly to the cost of the product.

Complete Change Needed.
"I suggest that the time has come for a complete and radical change in the policy of handling our fisheries. It is time that the Government stepped in to seriously protect the fish, eliminate all useless competition, over-equipment and waste, to the end that the people may be able to obtain at a fair price one of the natural food products of this province. To permit a further depletion of the salmon fisheries of the province would be a policy which could only be characterized as a criminal policy. The fish of this province, notwithstanding the depletion of both the salmon and the halibut, are still one of its greatest food assets. They are one of the greatest assets the province possesses. With judicious handling the fisheries can be maintained if the present methods are to continue. The (Continued on Page 5.)

B. C. Undertakers. Phone 41.

A PUBLIC MEETING
Will be held in the Empress Theatre at 8:15 on Wednesday, January 14, S. M. Newton, Mayorality Candidate, will address the electors. Any other candidates for civic office, if they so desire, will be given a hearing.

GOD SAVE THE KING
To the electors of Prince Rupert,
Ladies and Gentlemen, Having been requested by a number of the voters to let my name be presented as a Candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming Municipal election, if elected I shall endeavour to keep the taxes at the minimum, and the efficiency of Public Servants at the maximum.
JOHN BUCKLEY,
Buckley Block.

TONIGHT ONLY WESTHOLME THEATRE
Ethel Clayton
-in-
"Vicky Van"
Maek Sennett Comedy
"East Lynne" with variations
British Government Gazette