

An Iron and Steel Works for District

Board of Trade Passes Resolution regarding Copper River Development on Recommendation of Mining Committee

The question of an iron and steel works for this district was taken up before the Board of Trade at its meeting last evening. A resolution contained in a report of the mining committee moved by J. B. Roerig was unanimously passed. The resolution was:

"Whereas, there has been for some time past, and is now considerable agitation on foot in the southern part of the province for the development of the iron resources and establishment of steel works. This agitation seems to be kept up by the Boards of Trade of the southern part of the province and is encouraged by the provincial department of mines, and

"Whereas, the need and feasibility of establishing the steel industry on this coast seems to be proved by competent authorities, and all efforts put forth in this connection are commendable, yet there are anything tangible takes place, a survey to take into consideration the claims of all sections of the province should certainly be made, and,

"Whereas, the efforts of the southern cities so far appear to be directed to a deposit of limonite situated on the P. G. E. Railway upon which the Provincial department mines department prepared a special report, and secured a special examination by the Dominion department of mines and in their eagerness to advance their own interests and interests of the P. G. E. railway, the southern cities have entirely ignored the resources and possibilities of other parts of the province, one at least of which surely can offer much more in the way of iron deposits and essentials towards the establishment of the steel industry than the location and deposit which seems to be their hobby.

Copper River Iron.

"Whereas, in the Copper River district contiguous to Prince Rupert, near Copper City, 90 miles from here, are found the largest quantities of limonite iron ore yet mined in the province, and in the same vicinity an unusually extensive field of excellent coking coal also exists. Water powers and all the necessary fluxes abound.

The iron as well as the coal has been favorably reported upon by several able engineers, including Mr. J. D. McKenzie of the Geological Survey of Canada, who in his report of 1915 has estimated the available tonnage of iron ore, proven by systematic drilling, at 562,500 tons.

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BEGIN WORK ON THE UNIVERSITY

Provincial Government to Borrow Over Three Million Dollars For Purpose.

VANCOUVER, April 6.—The provincial Government will make arrangements for a loan of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of commencing active work on the University of British Columbia in a prominent location at Point Grey, according to an announcement by Hon. Dr. McLean, minister of education.

I.O.O.F.

All Odd Fellows and their wives and all Rebekahs are expected to be present at the Odd Fellows' ball Thursday night in St. Andrew's Hall. Any friends of the order who have been overlooked in getting out the invitations, please phone 64 by day and Blue 133 in the evening.

B. C. Undertakers. Phone 41.

FRENCH BOXING CHAMPION AND HIS BRIDE



Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council Withdraws from O.B.U. Defense Committee

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

WINNIPEG, April 7.—Expressing its conviction that the support of the convicted strike leaders is a matter for labor as a whole, Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council last night unanimously decided to sever connection with the defence committee, which is largely an O. B. U. organization, and invite the executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to come to Winnipeg to consider and decide upon a policy to be pursued. The council will, therefore, not be officially represented at the convention which the defence committee has called for Sunday morning.

Credit was given by some of the speakers for the work which the defence committee has done, it being stated that a fund of about \$57,000 had been raised, but it was emphatically stated that the internationals were the only organizations that could hope to get anything like satisfaction and that it was up to other labor organizations to line up with them and make labor present a united front when the issues at stake were so very important.

SEAL COVE BIG LUMBER MILL REOPENS TODAY

Loge Arrived Last Night and Cutting Commences under Management of Owners.

The big mill at Seal Cove reopened today under the management of the owners, the Prince Rupert Lumber Co., after being operated for a year by the Prince Rupert Spruce Mills. The latter concern finished up a week ago.

The organization throughout is being retained with E. F. Doby, the designer and builder of the mill, as manager.

Last night a raft of big logs arrived here from Georgetown, they having been purchased from the Georgetown Spruce and Cedar Co., Ltd. The logs are large ones that the Georgetown mill was unable to handle.

Supply of Logs.

The camp operated by the Prince Rupert Lumber Co. at Shannon Bay on Masset Inlet is putting logs into the water, and the first Davis raft is due to arrive here on or about April 15. The entire log supply for the year amounting to from twenty to twenty-five million feet should be in storage at Silver Creek by the end of September.

The tug Lorne has been chartered by the lumber company for the exclusive purpose of towing these logs across Hecate Straits and will commence the work immediately.

New Machinery.

The new gang saw for the mill has arrived and the work of installation will commence at once. The planing mill is on the way and the work of erecting dry kiln and planing mill structures is proceeding.

D. McGregor arrived from Terrace last night.

Maple Leafs vs. Bluebirds, and Colts vs. All-Stars, basketball at rink Wednesday, 8 p. m.

EXCELLENT CONDITION OF CITY'S FINANCES

All Public Utilities Show Profit Including Water Department; Debt is Reduced and Sinking Fund Intact

The report of W. E. Hodges, the city auditor for the year 1919, was received at last night's council meeting and on motion of Alderman Dybhavn, seconded by Alderman Wilson Murray, was tabled for a week to give the council time to consider it. The statement shows a satisfactory state of financial affairs in city matters and the report of the operation of the public utilities is considered especially gratifying.

The general revenue shows a deficit of \$19,382.26 but offsetting this are the profits from the Utilities Department totalling \$26,860.71 which leaves a net surplus of \$7,478.45. Owing to the heavy exchange rates prevailing this net surplus was more than used up in paying exchange on the \$80,000 remitted on the city account to New York in April. The profit from the light department for 1919 was \$17,442.50 as against \$7,524.28 for 1918. The total business done in this department was \$66,776.00, as against \$49,776.00 in 1918 which is an increase of 34.87 per cent.

The profit from the telephone department in 1919 was \$7,772.45 compared with \$883.85 in 1918. The total business done for the year was \$35,212, an increase of 34.43 per cent over the \$26,194 of 1918.

The water department showed profit of \$1,645.76 in 1919 as against a loss of \$5,536.94 in 1918 due to unusual maintenance expenses that year. The business done in 1919 totalled \$16,926.85 as against \$14,132.70 in the year previous.

Soldiers' Loans.

Out of the \$100,000 allotted for soldiers' building loans up to the end of 1919 a total of \$57,500 has been granted. An advance of \$75,000 cash was advanced by the government but this has been covered by city debentures which were issued and are now with the government.

The total debt of the city was reduced during 1919 by \$32,269, leaving a debt of \$1,609,222.90 at the end of 1919. The city officials again take pride in announcing that this city is one of the very few in the province with its sinking fund intact.

CONCILIATION BOARD GIVES ITS FINDING

Concluded Its Sessions Yesterday and Contending Parties Now Consider Report.

The Conciliation Board between the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. and the Fishpackers Union which has been inquiring into the demands of the packers for an increase of wages proportionate with the cost of living and clothing necessary to that line of work concluded its sessions yesterday and has made a unanimous report for a settlement between the contending parties.

The men had asked for a raise of 75c and the committee has recommended that an increase of 60c be granted them, this increase to be retroactive from February 4 with overtime in proportion. An additional bonus of \$4 a week is also recommended for inside freezers. It is now up to the contending parties to consider the report and accept or reject it.

The Conciliation Board consisted of Judge F. McB. Young (chairman), S. P. McMordie and George Rudderham. The chairman of the Fishpackers' representatives was N. Booth and T. H. Johnson and J. W. Nicholls appeared for the Cold Storage Company. An official report is being forwarded to the minister of labor at Ottawa.

GEORGE LEVICK IS BACK WITH BRIDE

Wedded Miss Ella Rubenack in California Recently—Well Known Couple.

Mr. and Mrs. George Levick returned from the south this morning after their wedding in California recently. The bride who formerly lived here is Miss Ella Rubenack, a niece of Miss A. Roehning of the Inlander Boarding House.

Mr. Levick is one of Prince Rupert's real old timers, having been here ever since the early days. He is a member of the firm of F. G. Dawson, Ltd., wholesale grocers. The large circle of friends of both bride and groom are offering congratulations today.

Mr. and Mrs. Levick will reside in the Stork Apartments on 2nd Avenue.

Lionel Holtby returned from Vancouver this morning.

FRENCH TROOPS STILL ADVANCE

German Troops Also Move Forward and Reds are Disarmed.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

METZ, April 7.—French troops on the right bank of the Rhine are continuing their advance and occupied Homburg, nine miles north of Frankfurt this morning.

BERLIN, April 7.—Advance troops of the Reichswehr and Socialist troops entered the suburbs of Essen town last evening.

Long columns of the Red army passed through Elberfeld on Tuesday. Most of them surrendered their arms at Elberfeld. Others marched into occupied territory where they were disarmed by the British.

TAKE MARKET ON MAY FIRST

City Council Authorized Transfer of Lease to Co-operative Association Last Night.

Authorization for the transferring of the lease of the city market from the present holder to the Northern Interior Co-operative Association was made at last night's council meeting on motion of Alderman Currie, seconded by Alderman Perry. A. J. Prudhomme, who with D. Glennie, the present holder, appeared before the council last night, also requested that the clause in the Market By-law calling for bonds of \$2,000 be deleted or disregarded. This was referred to the Market Committee for report.

Mr. Prudhomme, who is the manager of the association, announced that the association would be taking over the market about May 1. He returned to Telkwa by this morning's train and will be back in town next Tuesday night. In the meantime the appointment of a manager will be made.

JAPANESE WILL WITHDRAW WHEN CONDITIONS SAFE

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

TOKIO, April 7.—Japanese troops will be withdrawn from Siberia after evacuation by Czechs when Japanese in Siberia are safe and when conditions in Siberia no longer constitute a menace to Manchuria and Korea, it is officially announced.

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