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cipal election, in fact, during each succeeding year interest has steadily waned until now an election is of little general interest nd there are no demonstrations. Immense Task.

Prince Rupert's first council had big problems in front of it. The town was little better than a series of swamps connected by a few plank roads and a makeshift telephone system. On the previous fall the lighting isystem from the B. C. Tie and Timber Company's mill at Seal Cove had burnt to the ground and the only illumination was by kerosene oil or private gas plants. Forbidding mountains of solid rock jutted up in the very centre of the business section and plank roads skirted their bases. Among the big problems facing the council were the grading of the streets, the organizing of fire and police systems, lighting, extension of plank sidewalks and school buildling. Much to the credit of the initial council, by the end of 1910 and when they had been only seven months in harness definite ians had been formulated and,

A Comparison.

comparison of municipal conditions in 1910 and 1920 shows that very little time has been wasted. The city now boasts graded streets through the entire business section, a complete teleshone system operated from a modern exchange, miles of waterthree modern school buildings and another; handsome one under the other, reaching practically all the marketed lots and efficient fire and police departments.

The Mayors.

The work started by Mayor Stork and his council has been cils and although each and every one has come in for its share of management, it would be unfair Vancouver business men. to state that each has not played its part in the progress of the city. In 1911 William Manson was and has been followed by S. Newton (1912), T. D. Pattullo 1913), S. M. Newton (1914-15) M. P. McCaffery (1916-17), Thos. McClymont (1918, 1919 and 1920

Municipal Advancement. Apart from a standpoint of municipal advancement, the has been blessed with an industrial and commercial progress that very few cities of its age and population have seen. Ten years ago the place was little else than for its existence on the construction of a railway. Since that ltime the five cardinal industries of British Columbia, fishing, farming, mining and lumbering, have made of it a centre. A halibut and salmon industry has grown up about it that is unequalled in production or value n the Pacific coast. Colonization has taken place in the rich valleys of the Skeena and Bulkley rivers and thousands of settlers have established, while many more are coming. Two mines in the district have ploven to be among the richest in the world and dozens more are fast being developed. Forty sawmills are in operation and playing an important part in the building operations of the world. Two immense pulp and paper plants are working to capacity a little to the south, and the production of sprace during

f its prosperity to the shipbuilding business in the city.

Was Disappointing. The attitude of dissatisfaction that prevails in some quarters is due to a well defined reason. In 1910 a brilliant, too brilliant, future was painted for Prince Rupert, one that probably would not have been attained had conditions continued as indications at that time promised. Everybody predicted 50,000 population in 1920, with skyscrapers and ocean steam ship routes and pretentious institutions. There was a boom and following it came the reaction with stagnation. Then folthe great war, when the world was straining every nerve to increase its powers of destruction. Progress could not be expected at that time. Now again, however, the city is on the upEverybody smokes



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The Royal Group, which consists of seven claims, was recently taken over by the McLennan dected to the chief magistracy, Company from Messrs. C. R. \$2,000 cash payment. Captain McLennan will arrive here at the victoria, B. C., end of the week and together with A. C. Garde, consulting engineer, and A. E. Wright, who will survey the group, will proceed to Alice velopment of the group a rough frontier camp, depending Varden Railroad and with a short mence shipping.

After being staked and restaked several times the group was stak-Calvin last spring.

L. R. Raby, of Cedarvale, arrived in the city last night.

S. S. Magoffin, the railroad contractor, arrived from Prince George by last night's train and

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