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THE CITY DISPOSES OF ENTIRE BOND ISSUE

PERMANENT FINANCING ARRANGED WITH TOLEDO FIRM AT ABOUT 7 PER CENT.

SERIAL BOND ISSUE HAS BEEN TAKEN UP

The city council last evening, sitting in regular session, entered into an agreement with J. R. Easton, of the financial house of Spitzer, Rorick & Company, of Toledo, Ohio, to take up practically the whole of the bonded indebtedness of the city, amounting to \$1,620,000. The financing which has been done is on a permanent basis and eliminates all the treasury certificates falling due in June, replacing them with serial bonds extending over periods of 15, 20 and 30 years.

Mayor McCaffery and his council have worked tirelessly in getting everything in shape for the placing of the bonds, the mayor having been in constant touch with representatives of the bank and bond houses, in order that no time might be lost after the private bill had been passed.

Mr. Easton, of the successful bidders, has put in several weeks in the city going into the question and sizing up conditions. The fact that a firm of the standing of Spitzer, Rorick has taken up such an amount is reassuring to the citizens of Prince Rupert and is an index of how the future of the city is regarded on the outside.

The issue has been placed at prices of \$7.50, \$2.50 and \$5, according to the life of the bonds. According to the figures of Mr. Johnson, the city treasurer, the prices fixed give the city its money at about seven per cent., which is a big saving compared to the 10% which it cost to carry the treasury certificates last year.

Mr. Easton will remain in the city for a few days arranging details before leaving for the east after which Mayor McCaffery will probably have to proceed south. The whole matter will be completed in time to take care of the certificates on June 1st.

The mayor and council are to be congratulated upon the success which has attended their efforts, a great deal of the credit going to the mayor who has personally conducted the negotiations. In the way of congratulations, Mr. Johnson, the city treasurer, must not be forgotten, for it is largely due to the strenuous work which he has put in, in conjunction with the city solicitor, for months past that the matter has been brought to a successful issue.

The reserved seats for the Shakespearean festival may be booked at Orme's.

Grand Shakespearean Festival by the students of the High School in the Westholme Theatre April 20th. General admission 25 cents, reserved seats 50 cents.

WIRES DOWN
Owing to the government telegraph system being in trouble, The Daily News had to go to press without its war despatches.

OTTAWA DISCUSSES KITSILANO PURCHASE

In discussing the Kitsilano Reserve deal in the House of Commons the other day, the Hon. Wm. Pugsley said that the government had failed to protect the interests of the Indians in letting the province of British Columbia take the reserve and give them only \$220,000 when it was worth one or two millions. The province paid \$300,000 altogether, but \$80,000 went in commission. Mr. Pugsley said that a Mr. Read, a clerk in the law office of Bowser's firm, had got \$39,000 of this amount, though when called before the committee of the legislature he was unable to tell clearly how he had done anything to earn the money.

Hon. Dr. Roche said that the Dominion government had not authorized the sale of the reserve and it was being expropriated again by the harbor board of Vancouver and the Indians would receive in addition the difference of the value that is now fixed and the \$300,000 paid by the province.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND THANKS RUPERT PEOPLE

J. G. Scott, Esq., Prince Rupert, Dear Sir:—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 24th ult. enclosing cheque for \$144.25 subscribed to our relief work by the people of Prince Rupert, B. C.

We feel indeed very grateful to you for this magnificent remittance and beg to thank you most heartily. Kindly convey also our thanks to all the generous contributors for their kind efforts in coming to the rescue of suffering Belgians.

Yours very truly,
Secretary Belgian Relief Fund.

SLIDES INTERRUPT RAILROAD TRAFFIC

Slides on the G. T. P. on Kaija Island and at mile 41 delayed the departure of the train for the east this morning, and interrupted telegraphic communication. The slide on the island was cleared away by about noon but that at mile 41 is still blocking the track. The train for the east will leave about 6 p. m.

WORK IS PROCEEDING ON THE ALICE ARM ROAD

Mitchell Albert informed The Daily News this morning that there are eighty men at work on the road construction at Alice Arm and that he is ordering forward all kinds of building supplies and hopes to be able to call for from fifty to seventy-five men at an early date.

LIFEBUOYS FOUND

J. H. McLeod, collector of customs, has received notice that four lifebuoys from the cannery tender, Alpha, which was wrecked off the coast some time ago, have been picked up off the south end of Wales Island.

Kitchen goods on sale—Wallace's.

CAN YOU AFFORD IT?

J. E. MERRYFIELD DRAWS.....\$175.00 PER MONTH from the government for the examining warehouse on First Avenue.

M. M. STEPHENS DRAWS.....\$117.50 PER MONTH from the government for the small premises occupied by the Dominion Telegraphs.

M. M. STEPHENS DRAWS.....\$40.00 PER MONTH from the government for the little office occupied by the Dominion Fisheries.

J. G. SCOTT, M. M. STEPHENS AND OTHERS GET \$516.33 from the government for the rooms occupied by the post office, etc., in the Federal Block.

Can you afford to pay such exorbitant rentals as the above to certain of our citizens simply because they happen to be supporters of the government which has allowed millions of dollars of British money to slip through its fingers, either by design or incompetence?

Do you want to see a real Federal Building on that \$95,000 site on Third Avenue, which cost over \$15,000 to excavate? If so, you must do your part in getting the control of the public purse out of the hands of the party which is feeding the gentlemen who own the building opposite.

J. E. Merryfield, J. G. Scott, M. M. Stephens, J. H. Hilditch and company are drawing \$848.83 per month of your money and giving you something worth less than half of that in return. How do you like it?

PRINCE RUPERT MEN RETURNING FROM FRONT

Twenty-three returning western warriors arrived in Winnipeg on Monday night, amongst them E. H. Maynard, Jose De Mayer and A. Carr, who left for the front from Prince Rupert. They came across the Atlantic on the Missanabie and all proceeded to the coast on Monday night. If the Rupert men came by the G. T. P. they should arrive on Friday night, but in all probability they will proceed to Victoria, where they will be discharged.

TORONTO FINANCIER LOOKED OVER SITUATION

Mr. J. Gundy, of the financial house of Wood, Gundy & Company, of Toronto, has been in the city for a few days looking over the situation. Mr. Gundy was figuring on the underwriting of the city's serial bond issue, which was taken up by the Spitzer, Rorick house of Toledo.

Mr. Gundy reports that business on the prairies is steadily improving and is much better than he expected to find it. Toronto is very busy, thanks largely to war orders, but there is a noticeable improvement in general business conditions throughout the country. He left for Edmonton on today's train.

LOCAL MOTOR-BOAT MEN ARE SATISFIED

Captain Hoopes Freeman, who has been indefatigable in his efforts to have the act covering motor boats altered to meet present day conditions, has received a letter from H. S. Clements, M. P., stating that the Hon. J. D. Hazen has brought in an amendment to the old act which allows boats under 65 feet to be handled by one man, who will carry captain's and engineer's papers. Captain Freeman is satisfied that the amendment will meet the situation. A special certificate will be issued for the engineer of a motor boat.

Glassware on sale—Wallace's.

COL. ALLISON WIRES FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Ottawa, April 10.—When the public accounts committee resumed this morning Hon. Dr. Reid read a telegram received from Col. J. W. Allison by John Thompson, counsel of the Davidson Commission, on April 3. The wire was addressed from Salisbury, North Carolina and read as follows:

"Received message tonight advising that you wanted to see me. I expect to be able to go to Ottawa next week and attend all meetings desired. Please advise Dr. Reid.

(Signed) ALLISON"
This message was telephoned to Dr. Reid's office next day. Dr. Reid stated today that he did not know why Allison asked that he be notified excepting that he had, before the committee, stated that he would do everything possible to bring him here. He would still do all in his power to have him procured.

"It is not possible that he can be here before Wednesday, I suppose?" said Mr. Carvell.
"I don't know," said Dr. Reid. "If I hear anything further I shall let the committee know."

ALICE ARM STRIKE

A letter appeared in The Empire yesterday contradicting the note in The Daily News of the 11th to the effect that the strike at Alice Arm had been settled. The following telegram was our authority for the statement.

Alice Arm, April 11th.
Mitchell Albert, Prince Rupert, Everyone returned to work. Strike over. Cameron better return next steamer.

R. B. McGINNIS.

St. Andrew's Society will hold a social evening in the rooms on Friday, April 14th, at 8 p. m. All members invited.

If you want to serve your King and country see Charles Youngman, recruiting sergeant for the 102nd Battalion.

PORT MOODY WILL HAVE SHIPBUILDING

By 115 votes to 15, the ratepayers of Port Moody last Saturday endorsed the proposed agreement between the city and Boyd's Limited, a corporation which has been formed to carry on a general shipbuilding and repairing business.

The company intends to go to work immediately on their yards, and in three months expect to have the plant in shape to lay the first keel. The first vessel is expected to be launched four months later and nine months from the laying of the keel, she will load her first cargo. The yards will accommodate the building of four 2,000 ton vessels capable of carrying 1,500,000 feet of lumber each. The plant is being designed so that steel ships may be built when the price of steel has reached a reasonable level.

GASOLINE LAUNCH CRUSHED BY THE ICE

Capt. Sam Cramer's gasoline launch Traveler, which was the first vessel to force a way through the Cook Inlet ice field to Anchorage this year, was wrecked in the ice Wednesday in Goose Bay. The crew escaped after a thrilling experience. After reaching Anchorage from Seldovia April 1, the Traveler was chartered by the Alaska engineering commission to take a party of government engineers and supplies across Knik arm to Goose Bay. The launch made the trip safely, but, after landing its passengers and cargo, heavy ice floes closed in on the vessel with an ebbing tide, catching the craft in a vice-like grip.

The crew attempted to place timbers under the twenty-one-ton launch so the ice floes would lift the vessel instead of crushing the hull, but their efforts were unsuccessful and they had to take to the dory. They endeavored to row ashore through a narrow passage between the ice floes, but the ice closed in on their small boat, which was crushed into kindling wood. The men clambered onto the ice cakes and managed to make their way safely to land over the ice.

The Traveler's hull was crushed and the superstructure carried away by the ice which drifted down Cook Inlet to Fire creek where the wreckage was deposited on the beach.

The Traveler was one of the most famous craft on Cook Inlet. Last fall the Traveler was nearly crushed while making the voyage from Anchorage to Seldovia through the ice and under Capt. Cramer's command has figured in several adventures in the ice field. —Seattle P.-I.

SUN AND TIDE

Friday, April 14th, 1916.
Sun rises.....5:49 a. m.
Sun sets.....7:31 p. m.
High water, 10:56 a. m. Ht. 17.5
Low water, 5:8 a. m. Ht. 7.8
High water, 11:22 p. m. Ht. 18.5
Low water, 5:18 p. m. Ht. 6.4

PARKER WILLIAMS ON THE HOMESTEADS ACT

The following is an extract from Parker Williams' speech on the Soldiers' Homestead Act:

"Many of our soldiers did not leave any employment when they enlisted," he said, "but we should try to have some for them when they come back. When I suggested the other day that possibly other reasons as well as patriotism led them to join the flag, immediately my remarks were tortured into a declaration reflecting on the spirit of our soldiers. This came from the mind of a man unable to hold any two ideas at once."

Mr. Speaker called Mr. Williams to order.

The Newcastle member went on to say that the bill did not do anything for the soldiers. The people had already been told that there was plenty of land left, so if it desired the government could, under its own declaration easily find land for them. The only difference between this bill and the Land Act, insofar as pre-emptions for soldiers was concerned, was that this bill did not say specifically what residence demands would be made upon the soldier pre-emptors by the government.

Get Rid of Speculators.

Mr. Williams announced that he was cheerfully in accord with the government in any decision to get rid of the speculators who held large areas of land. This bill in that respect at least showed that the government had confessed its shortsightedness in the past in selling land in wholesale quantities to companies which did not pay for it.

"There is no need to say anything about soldiers in this bill," he declared. "A little amendment to the Land Act is what this is. The government has been breeding poverty in the province and now blames it on the Kaiser. The government has to go back on its land sales policy, and in dragging some reference to lands for soldiers into the bill, it attempts to throw a glamor of patriotism about the affair."

The speaker said he knew instances of where men paid \$800 for a quarter section of land bought from speculators, who in their turn had only paid "four bits" an acre to the government. The innocent purchasers should be protected in the matter of title, he considered. He suggested that if the government really meant to do something for the returned soldiers in the way of land development it should put them on such projects as the reclamation of land south of Creston or at Sumas Lake, where they would get work and later could settle on the rich reclaimed land.—Province.

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