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THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

The unfamiliar sight of a newspaper, the Inland Colonist of Kitselas, printed on light brown paper of more than usual thickness, and the editorial explanation that "owing to the lack of newsprint in town, the paper is being printed on wrapping paper supplied by local tradesmen" makes us pause to pay a tribute to the Spirit that will not be beaten. It is the spirit that has made the West; a spirit that has been richly exemplified by the pioneer newspapermen of British Columbia and the prairie provinces.

In proportion to its population Canada has more newspapers than any country in the world. It is a fact to be read into the other fact of Canada's great development. The newspaper is a necessity to development. Nothing helps a town more internally, nor advertises it more effectively to the outside world than a well conducted newspaper. For instance an English school mistress with interests in Prince Rupert writes to the Daily News this week, and tells of reading to her class a story of the castaways on Zayas Island in an Optimist of two or three months ago; a subscriber in York, England, tells of how the paper is passed round among a circle of friends; a story of the exploits of a Graham Island settler on his way to his pre-emption brings an inquiry from Virginia about Graham Island. The wide-awakeness of the frontier newspaper, puts to shame the hundreds of towns in Great Britain with from 5,000 to 15,000 inhabitants who cannot support a local newspaper.

Getting out a newspaper on the frontier is a very different matter to getting out a newspaper in a city block with a paper factory at one end and a machine shop and type foundry in the basement. It was the editor of the Inland Colonist we think who entertained his readers last fall with a harrowing tale of his troubles with a broken chase. In a city not one man in a thousand knows what a chase is; in Kitselas every man, woman and child has a personal knowledge of and regard for the source of the Colonist's trouble. Every time the monkey wrench drops into the press and gets run over by accident every man, woman and child in Kitselas goes into mourning with the editor.

And this Spirit that Will not Down, this spirit that runs the edition off on wrapping paper rather than be beaten, affects a whole community. It inspires others to share in the sacrifice. Many a man in Kitselas this winter has carried home his new suit of clothes over his arm, saying: "Never mind wrapping it up. Send the wrapper over to the Colonist instead,with my compliments." Many a woman has stayed up late at nights hunting up wrappers from parcels and smoothing them out for the press. Getting out those brown paper editions has become a communal feature, something in which everyone in Kitselas could lend a hand or a sheet of paper.

The spirit that prints the edition on brown paper of various shades, is the spirit that conquers. It is the spirit that has built up the West. It is something to boast of. So with a feeling of genuine regret we read in the last edition the editor's announcement that he intends to move his plant and energies to Telkwa—a place he announces in capitals, "where every man is a born booster."

Is this latter a sly dig at Kitselas?

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The obstructionists who talk with delight of the pleasure they will have keeping the House in session during the hot summer months, forget that Parliament Hill is just as hot for obstructionists as for any other folk in the merry month of June.

A man has recently been arrested in San Francisco for walking through the streets carrying a placard stating: "I have a family to support. I want work. Who will give me a job?"

Is it so much worse to advertise one's need for work, than one's need for purchasers of cigars, or bread, or whisky?

The men who are trying to convince the people of Canada that they can make themselves rich by keeping taxes on their food ought to try and convince their audiences that it is possible for a man to lift himself by his bootstraps. There's a similarity in the propositions.

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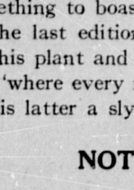

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MUSINGS
BY MACK

Haunted by a word. Such is the dreadful fate of a very well known and highly respected fellow citizen, a man who has been with the city since it was a shack, so to speak, just like the Irishman who owned his wagon since it was a barrow. It is not the word itself that is so dreadful, it is its grim persistence. Unlike the ghosts that come in the still, chill hours of night, this spectre word comes to its victim by day. It comes in the morning with the sunshine It comes at noon. It comes softly with the gathering shadows of twilight. Even in the kindly lamp-light upon the festive board the haunting word has made its dreary presence felt.

Its victim, erstwhile a man of cheerful presence, of repute as a raconteur, and with a vein of dry humor sometimes cutting, but not merciless, is becoming visibly affected by the troublesome visitation. In the midst of a conversation, let that word but slip out for an instant, ay, even in the veriest whisper, and a change comes over the man. A weary expression takes hold of his features. His voice loses some of its manly music, becomes vexed and querulous, and is raised in troubled protest. That word should be taboo, but even the most watchful among the victim's friends have failed to preserve the taboo perfect. Out slips the sorry term, and its melancholy echo is hard to forget. So the victim still suffers.

To him the sound of the word is like the stirring up of an ancient wrong, like the laying bare of a brand upon the shoulder of an athlete in the hour of his triumph, like the intrusion of the old love just when you are getting on nicely with the new. It is a cruel sort of apparition this haunting word, and the plaint of its victim is the most pity-awakening sound today in Prince Rupert. For all men are not cast in the same mould, and there are many who in ignorance trot out the word thinking to compliment its hapless hearer. Others there are who bring it out inadvertently. Apparently the last hope for our haunted fellow citizen lies in flight.

What is the dismal set of syllables that when articulated exhales an influence so gloomy, a miasma so broodingly bitter? Curiously enough those syllables to some men's ears sing sweetly with a note of much-to-be desired dignity. There are even men who have striven with a great ambition to have the word for their own family ghost. Could they but attain that ambition how tenderly would they not cherish the haunting melody of it. How they would cherish its very echo. For the word is none other than the word ALDERMAN, and with a little search you may find hidden in this column the name of the haunted man himself. When you know him you will surely spare him at least your share in the infliction that so preys upon him.

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"If a Man Deceives You Once, Shame on Him. If he Deceives You Twice, Shame on You"

CITY STAFF ALTERATIONS

Resignation of Mr. F. S. Clements and Guy Tooker

LIST OF PROMOTIONS

City Engineer Makes Recommendations Which are Being Considered by the Council. Raises All Round Yet a Saving of $63.

F. S. Clements and Guy Tooker have resigned their positions on the city engineering staff, and their resignations were accepted by the council on Monday. As principal assistant to Colonel Davis Mr. Clements has done continuous and valuable work for the past year, since the city engineering department was established, and Mr. Tooker has been a valued assistant.

These resignations have made it necessary for Colonel Davis to draft out a rearrangement of the staff providing for increases of salary for a number of men, but effecting a saving on the pay roll of $63.34. Following are the changes recommended by the City Engineer:

A. S. B. Lucas, now chief draftsman to be principal assistant engineer at a salary of $175 per month, an increase of $25.

H. Simpson, to be chief draftsman at a salary of $108.33 per month, an increase of $8.33.

C. T. Heward to be second assistant engineer at $125 per month, an increase of $25. A. E. Oakley to have an increase of $25. making his salary $150 per month, J. A. Miller increase from $100 to $125 per month. C. H. P. Newcombe raisse from $100 to $108.33 per month, and A. W. McKnight raise from $90 to $100 per month.

BORDEN ST. SEWER

Need for This Local Improvement Pointed Out

Residents of Borden street had arranged that a deputation should wait on the city council Monday night to request that a sewer be constructed under the Local Improvement System to serve this residential district. Several members of the deputation were unable to attend but Mr. W. E. Williams, and Mr. Thomas McClymont attended. Mr. Williams made the request pointing out the increasing improvements in this district which render the sewer an advantage, and Mr. McClymont suggested that the engineering problem was practically nil owing to the nature of the ground. The matter is left with the streets committee.

Crazed With Care

In charge of Mrs. Hoy who is connected with the Salvation Army Mrs. Cass the poor woman whose mind has become deranged, was sent to New Westminster by the Princess May.

Late Navigation

Information has been received by J. H. Rogers, steamship agent here, that navigation on the White Horse and Yukon rivers will not open until about the middle of June. Lake Lebarge, however, is navigable.

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