

THE WEATHER
 Four hours ending 5 a. m.
 MAY 9.
 MAX. TEMP. 53.0 MIN. TEMP. 30.0
 WIND S.W. 10-15
 CLOUDS 10-15
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LIBERALS ARE PREPARING FOR GENERAL ELECTION

BUSH FIRES ARE REPORTED ALL OVER THE DOMINION

Settlers in Manitoba and Saskatchewan Escape Only With Their Lives---Gale is Raging and Fire Area is Growing---Bridges Burned and Towns Threatened---Women and Children Fight Fire All Night at Rainy River---Fires in Nova Scotia.

(Canadian Press Dispatch)
 Dauphin, Manitoba, May 9.—The brush fires are spreading. Everything here is as dry as tinder, and with a high gale, which has raged all night the situation looks very grave for the whole district. The flames have now got a grip on a large area, and many settlers have been forced to flee from their homes, for fear of being cut off by the flames.

Two Towns in Danger
 The towns of Mafeking and Hudson Bay Junction were threatened during the night, but every available man was centred to save them, and the danger is now passed. A cordon of cleared land is now round the towns. The inhabitants of the district are trusting to get reinforcements.

A Scene of Desolation
 Winnipeg, May 9.—Serious reports were received here from the fire areas in the east and the north. Settlers in the north part of Manitoba and in Saskatchewan are reported to have lost everything. Railway bridges have been

burned down, miles of telegraph poles and lines destroyed, and many small towns and large saw-mills along the route of the Canadian Northern are in great danger.

Place is Doomed
 The last message from the East this morning said that the Rainy River district at Canyon Lake near the international boundary is doomed. All night long, men, women and children, were out fighting the flames. No fires were reported to be springing up in other districts from sparks carried by the gales.

Aylesford is Fire-swept
 Aylesford, Nova Scotia, May 9.—Fanned by a strong westerly wind, fire swept through this village last evening, destroying fully one-third of the buildings. So fierce was its progress that very few of the inhabitants had time to save their household effects which were destroyed in the flames. The Dominion Atlantic Express which forced its way through the fire belt, caught fire in two places, the flames sweeping over the track.

ON THEIR WAY TO PLAN TOWN OF NEW HAZELTON

Party of Surveyors Under Mr. F. C. Green Left for Upper River Points this Morning—Townsite is the Property of Mr. Robert Kelly—Will Soon be on the Market

In charge of a party of ten assistants Mr. F. C. Green, civil engineer and B. C. land surveyor, left here this morning for New Hazelton, the new townsite bought a few weeks ago by Robert Kelly of the firm of Kelly, Douglas & Co., Vancouver, to survey and prepare plans of the proposed railroad division point. It is hoped to have the plans ready for registration within thirty days so that the townsite can be put on the market at the end of that time.

Some time ago Mr. Kelly purchased 640 acres at New Hazelton for a townsite for several thousands of dollars for investment purposes and some of his friends have a good deal of the land adjacent to the one square mile he owns. According to the plans filed by the G. T. P., New Hazelton will be the railway hub in that district, Hazelton, the old original, is not on the main line and the new offspring looks as if it will some day be a fair sized town.

It is not yet known who will have the sale of the lots in New Hazelton for Mr. Kelly, but it is understood that several real estate men of this city and of Vancouver have approached him and made tempting offers to have the exclusive agency.

"Rats haunt the reserve," remarked Alderman Morrissey at last night's council meeting. He is in favor of the reserve being cleared of shacks especially, as he says, some men are renting out shacks there and contributing no revenue to the city though making large profits.

TENDERS FOR POLES
 Contract Awarded to Charles R. Anderson

Tenders for a supply of poles of various lengths for use in city sewer maintenance as piles, were opened at last night's council, and the contract awarded to Charles R. Anderson whose prices were as follows: 16-ft. poles 4 cents per foot; 18-ft. 3 3-4 cents per foot; 12-ft. 4 cents and 14-ft. 4 cents.

Other bids were from G. R. Mulvey & Co., prices 5 1-2 cents, 6, 5 1-2, and 5 1-2 cents per foot respectively for lengths as above. J. H. Pillsbury and another bid 6 3-4 cents per foot straight.

Supreme Court in Rupert
 J. P. McLeod, Deputy Attorney General has written to the Mayor in reference to the holding of a Supreme Court at Prince Rupert saying that owing to the absence of the Attorney General this matter can hardly be looked into until the fall. The letter was received and filed.

Convenient for Workers
 On pay days—about the fifth of each month, in future, the City Hall will be open until 6 p.m. for the convenience of workers who are engaged on jobs distant from the City Hall. The motion to this effect was made by Alderman Kerr, seconded by Alderman Clayton and carried last night.

TOO SOON TO TALK TAXES

Says Mayor Manson to Ald. Morrissey

SINGLE TAX OR WHAT?
 General Impression in the City That Improvements are to be Taxed. What About Election Promises? Mayor Manson's Advice.

Is the council going to tax improvements? Alderman Morrissey declares that there is a general impression in the city that it is. And this, he thinks, is contrary to the platform laid down at the election. Mayor Manson said at last night's council meeting that while it was up to every alderman to adhere to his own election promises, the time is not ripe yet for the discussion of the council's taxation policy. After the Court of Revision has been held on June 5th will be time enough to discuss the single or other tax policy.

The Mayor reminded the City Clerk of the Court of Revision. Four aldermen have to be selected to sit on this court. The selection will be made later.

All Powerful Committee

The City Engineer's report regarding staff arrangements is referred to the streets committee. This was moved by Alderman Clayton and seconded by Alderman Morrissey at last night's city council. Carried.

CHINA INSTALS DECIMAL COINAGE SYSTEM

Secures Loan of \$50,000,000 from United States, British, German and French Bankers—An Agreement to Change Currency to Modern Standards Was Part of Agreement—Boon to Merchants and Bankers

(Special to the Daily News)

Washington, D. C., May 9.—With the recent signatures of the contract for the loan of \$50,000,000 to China by American, British, German, and French bankers, the death knell of the most hopelessly confused currency in the world was sounded. Foreigners residing in, or doing business with China breathed a great sigh of relief, as the loan is to end a most vexatious obstacle to the transaction of business.

China agrees, as part of the contract, to install a currency system worthy of the name. Until the eighties of the last century, China had no silver coinage. The copper, or more properly, the brass cash, was the only national coin. The copper, or more properly, the brass cash, was the only national coin. Silver was used in the lump by weight, the unit of weight being known to foreigners as the tael (an Indian term) and to the Chinese as the liang, the equal, roughly speaking, to 1 1-3 ounces avoirdupois.

The weight of the liang, how-

BASEBALL SCORES

Northwestern League
 Vancouver 2, Portland 9.
 Spokane 8, Victoria 10.
 Seattle 0, Tacoma 3.
American League
 Detroit 8, Chicago 2.
 Boston 4, New York 0.
 St. Louis 4, Cleveland 2.
National League
 Boston 5, New York 4.
 Philadelphia 5, Brooklyn 0.

TO SEE THE KING

Chief Wedildaheld on His Way to the Coronation
 (Canadian Press Dispatch)
 Vancouver, May 9.—With \$8,000 in money and a small totem pole made of slate which he proposes presenting to King George, Chief A. Wedildaheld of the Kitselas tribe, is in the city en route to England to attend the Coronation.

DILAPIDATED CENTRE ST.

Ald. Newton Calls Council's Attention to It

DANGEROUS TO TEAMS

Always under Repair but Never Really Repaired. Can City Take Matter in Hand? Streets Committee Investigating It.

Wear and tear on the plankway from Sixth Street to the G. T. P. wharf known as Centre street, has gone to a ruinous extent. Alderman Newton is alarmed about it. The city keeps a man continuously on the job repairing this dilapidated plankway. All the G. T. P. does is to supply 6 x 4 lumber to replace old planks. Teams have to go gingerly along the plankway, and it bristles with "danger posts" stuck in holes that happen in it, like a skating pond in a thaw. There is hope for it, however. The streets committee has to consider the matter.

BIG SUMS ARE VOTED TO DEVELOP COAST DISTRICT

New Fisheries Cruiser to Cost \$75,000---Improvements at Naden Harbor and at Stewart are Passed---Dominion Government Starts to Administer that \$30,000,000 Surplus---To Benefit the Whole Dominion

CONTRACTOR GETS EXTRA

Ten Per Cent More Allowed Weston

ALD. CLAYTON KICKS

Says Weston Has Had Favors Enough Already. His Team Kept All Winter and \$300 a Month. No Discussion.

During the winter Messrs. J. G. Weston Bros. contracted to team lumber for the city at \$2.00 per 1000 ft. Now owing to the higher wages available since work is plentiful they are unable to fulfil their contract at the price. They ask 20 cents more. At last night's council Alderman Morrissey moved that the increase be granted. Alderman Clayton moved the opposite saying that the Messrs. Weston had already had favors enough from the city—a team of their horses had been kept at city expense at the fire hall for three months and Weston had been paid \$300 a month for the horses. This was not pressed far. Mayor Manson put Alderman Morrissey's motion without further discussion and it was carried.

Ratcatcher and Rat Counter

T. Reed has been appointed official Ratcatcher for Prince Rupert at a salary of \$60 per month and 25 cents per dozen rats caught. The rats will be counted by the sanitary inspector.

(Canadian Press Dispatch)

Ottawa, May 9.—Lavish expenditures for public works all over the Dominion were provided for this morning in the supplementary estimates for the current fiscal year. Altogether they total to \$17,020,980, bringing the total estimates for the year to the record sum of \$156,239,180.

What B. C. Gets

Among the expenditures provided for British Columbia are \$5,000 for harbor improvements at Naden Harbor in the Queen Charlotte Islands; \$2,400 for additions to the Government wharf at Stewart on the Portland Canal; and \$75,000 for a new fisheries protection cruiser for the Pacific Coast fisheries.

More Railways

Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Railways, gave notice of a resolution to guarantee the bonds of the C. N. R. for a proposed new line between Montreal and Port Arthur, at a rate of \$35,000 a mile, being approximately \$2,535,500 with interest at 3 1-2 per cent.

May Mean Election

The large expenditure—an increase of nearly \$45,000,000 over the estimates for last year is looked on in some quarters as a certain indication that the Government intends to go to the country at an early date. This was intensified by the statement of a high government official who is reported as having said this morning: "There will be a general election in Canada before Christmas, if the Opposition clings to its intention to obstruct reciprocity after the parliamentary adjournment is ended."

SEARCHING FOR WRECK

(Canadian Press Dispatch)
 Victoria, May 9.—Though divers have been busy for a week, and a large number of men have been dragging the scene, no trace can be found of the steamer Iroquois which was lost off Sidney harbor on April 10th. A reward of \$200 has been offered for information as to the location of the wreck.

RICHES OF HIDDEN CREEK ARE TO BE EXPLOITED

Capt. Nicholson of the G. T. P. Made a Special Trip on the Prince Albert Last Night to Arrange for Transportation Facilities—Prince Rupert to Benefit

It is learned that the result of the visit of Mr. J. G. Graves, president of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company of Grand Forks and Phoenix, B. C., and his party of engineers to the mines at Hidden Creek, which the company have big interests in, is more gratifying than was expected. The party brought back such glowing reports of the richness of the gold, copper and silver ore when they returned on Sunday that Captain Nicholson, manager of the G. T. P. steamships, Mr. O. B. Smith, manager of the company and a party of miners left here last night on the S. S. Prince Albert for Observatory Inlet.

Makes a Special Trip

This is a special trip the Albert is making. Captain Nicholson will look over the proposition and make what arrangements he deems necessary for transportation facilities.

At present the snow is rather thick around the mines and the miners taken up there last night will be first put to work to clear the beautiful out of the way and then prepare things for working the mines on a big scale.

Prince Rupert to Benefit

Just where the smelting plant will be established, should the results warrant one, is as yet undecided. It will be either here or at the mines. In any case Prince Rupert will benefit greatly, because it is planned to ship all the ore through here to the east

to get it on the market as quickly as possible.

Will Return Again Soon

Mr. Graves will be back again shortly and will then be in a position to state officially what course the company will take. Several engineers are now up at the mines making big preparations for pushing development this summer.

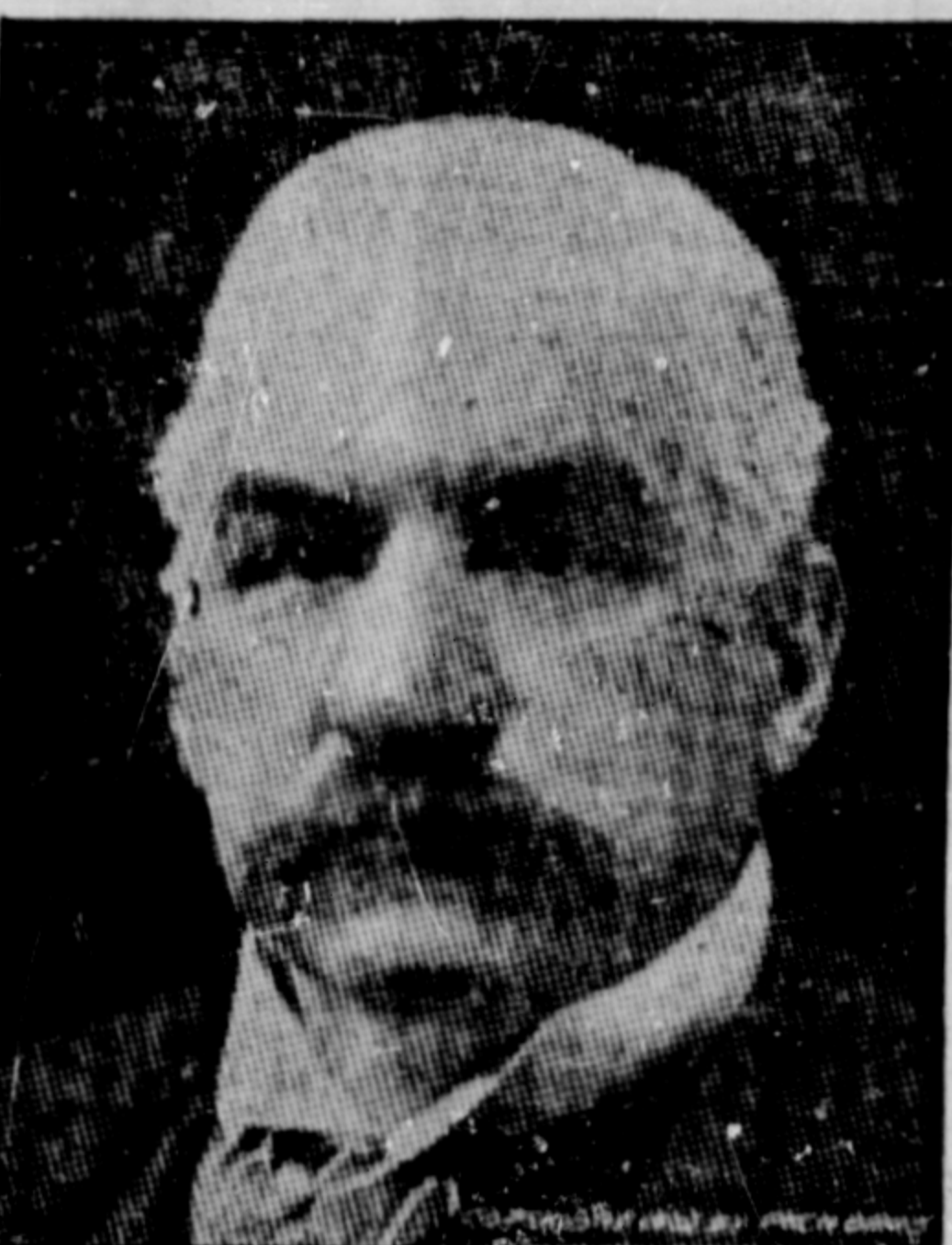
LIGHT SIGN LIKED

But No Sign Must Project More Than Four Feet

Fire Chief McInnis, now also Building Inspector, generally admires the new electric sign proposed for the Phoenix Theatre. But he cannot approve of its being placed so as to extend more than 4 feet over the street. He recommends that the sign be placed on the roof of the theatre. Alderman Clayton likes the idea of electric signs. They mean a bright city and revenue for the light plant.

STABLE TO STAND

By a report of the health committee adopted by the city council last night the stable erected within 20 feet of residences on property of Mr. Gibson, and occupied by the Pony Express Co.'s horses, is to be allowed to remain where it is. It must be kept in sanitary condition, and the health committee recommended that all stables in town be subject to rigorous enforcement of the sanitary regulations.



J. Pierpont Morgan, generally credited with having made possible the \$50,000,000 loan to China for the improvement of that country's currency system.

ever, and the fineness of the silver bullion, varied in every city of the Empire, and, to add to the confusion, Mexican and Spanish dollars were also in use in certain localities. About 1887 the Chinese provincial governments be-