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## A FISHING DELEGATION GOING TO OTTAWA

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#### DELEGATION TO OTTAWA TO COMBAT CANNERY MONOPOLY

PLAIN SPEAKING AT MEETING WITH FISHERY REPRESENTATIVES LAST NIGHT—MAYOR McCaffery Sums Up Situation Effectively—Delegates to Leave Wednesday

Mayor McCaffery summed up the fishing situation at the close of the meeting last night, in a fighting speech in which he said that the matter simply resolved itself into a question of monopoly versus democracy. To him, the crux of the matter lay in the cannery boat-rating and the closing of the rivers to independent fishermen and independent canners.

"To the people who live in Prince Rupert, and in the north, the fishing of the Skeena and the Naas, is a natural resource, in which the people should have full say as to the use made of that fishing," said the mayor. "In demanding that the fishing in these rivers be freed from the monopoly which binds it, the people are only exerting their democratic rights. It gets down to this, that the people of Prince Rupert and the north want to disrupt this cannery organization and throw the fishing open. That is true, and the central truth of the whole matter," said Mr. McCaffery.

Addressing the Advisory Board representatives, the mayor said, "You two men are supposed to represent us in Ottawa. The question has been placed before you strongly. You have ignored it, in a way, one reason being the danger of international complications, still the people of the north will not stand for this cannery combine. There are limits to which the people will not submit. They put the matter clearly before you last year. You put it up to the government, but nothing was done. The limit has been reached. We are living in a democratic country, with responsible government, and it is the opinion of myself and every man in this town, irrespective of politics, that action must be taken."

As a result of the meeting with F. H. Cunningham and D. N. Mc-

Intyre last night, which was presided over by Mayor McCaffery, it was decided to send a delegation to Ottawa to appear before the Advisory Board to press the claims of the north against the cannery monopoly. The delegation consists of O. H. Nelson, from the city council; W. E. Williams, Board of Trade, and G. W. Morrow, of the citizens' committee, with W. H. Montgomery as an alternative. In the event of any of those gentlemen being unable to go, the mayor is to select a substitute.

At the outset of the meeting, W. H. Montgomery asked the representatives why the resolutions of last year were turned down. Mr. Cunningham said that he had sent a written report on the whole matter, which gave the reasons.

W. E. Williams then took up the question of herring licenses, asking that fishermen on this coast be given the same treatment as the Atlantic men. Rates here are much higher. Mr. Cunningham said that he had not the Atlantic rates with him, but he admitted that there is a difference. He would place the matter before the board. Mr. Williams asked that the herring area be thrown wide open over the whole of No. 2 district. Mr. Cunningham thought that this would be no advantage as the herring could not be taken care of for more than ten hours.

Captain William Selig advised the government to put on one or more boats to prospect for herring as the fishermen had not the time to do this. This was being done on the Atlantic.

A. W. McLean was in favor of fishermen being free to go anywhere, so long as they observed the regulations for the preservation of spawning grounds.

Captain Rorvig gave his experience in trying to get herring, which was costly and ineffective.

G. W. Morrow wanted to know why the government objected to opening up the whole district. The matter of taking care of the fish was up to the fishermen. Mr. Cunningham said that the present regulations had been made by a commission some years ago and they could not be upset at once.

On the question of allowing halibut men to use humps and dog salmon for halibut bait, Mr. Cunningham refused to entertain the idea. Mr. Williams, Capt. Rorvig and others explained that the value of the halibut taken was far in excess of the salmon used. Mr. Rorvig pointed out that Japs on the Islands had sent 1,000 tons of dog salmon to Japan.

The question of the abolishing of the boat-rating brought out a lengthy and futile discussion. Strong fighting speeches were made by all the members of the committee in which they demand-

ed that the attached licenses be abolished. The chief plea of the representatives was that an international question was involved and that the independent men were so in name only. Mr. Williams showed that the independent men got much larger prices for their fish and said that the canneries enjoyed their monopoly because of the boat-rating.

The matter of opening up the seine fishing at the mouths of streams was next discussed at length. The committee demanded that the exclusive rights to the canneries be abolished.

The granting of cannery licenses to all applicants was then brought up, and the refusal of the government to grant a license when the Dominion government had given one. Mr. Cunningham explained that one new license in each district was granted each year.

It was urged that a chief inspector of fisheries be located in Prince Rupert. G. W. Morrow and O. H. Nelson strongly recommended this, pointing out that (continued on Page Four.)

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS

Alaska, Wrangell Strait, Point Alexander Light was temporarily changed from group flashing to a single flash, 0.3 secs. duration every three seconds, December 22, 1916, without other change. The normal characteristic will be restored as soon as practicable. Wrangell Strait, Point Lockwood Rock Float Light No. 1 reported on December 27th as being adrift and opposite Deception Point, light extinguished, will be replaced and relighted as soon as practicable.

Clarence Strait, Approach to Lake Bay, Beek Island Light. Report has been received that Beek Island Light was extinguished for the winter on December 4th.

Sitka Sound, Western Channel, Channel Rock Beacon, reported missing on December 8th, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

J. H. McLEOD.

**VOTE FOR THOMAS McEEMKIN ON THURSDAY. BUSINESS MEN ARE NEEDED AS ALDERMEN.**

*Do you want to Help  
Prince Rupert Grow?  
Do you Believe in Progress?*

Then Vote for and Support WEDNESDAY as the Half-Holiday

Or, are you content to knock, look backward, and in general to retard progress and hinder the development of Prince Rupert? If so you will support Saturday as the Half-Holiday.

The selection of Saturday would result in a serious inconvenience to the halibut industry as many of the vessels outfit and prepare to leave for the Banks on that day.

During the Salmon season no fishing is allowed from Friday until Sunday night, thus giving all persons engaged in that industry an opportunity to come to Prince Rupert and purchase their requirements only at the weekend.

Arrivals from and departures to all outside points would be compelled to wait a day and a half to transact their business, if Saturday were chosen.

The general public appears to be well satisfied with the present day as proven from experience of the last six months and no valid reason has been brought forward for a change to Saturday.

WEDNESDAY MEANS A REST INTERVAL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK. It takes the curse off of the daily toil for employees. A holiday in the middle of the week and the rest on Sunday means happy and contented clerks and a satisfied public.

WEDNESDAY is the reasonable day for employees, general public as well as employers, and means development and progress for the Port of Prince Rupert.

**DO YOUR DUTY TO YOURSELF AND YOUR TOWN AND VOTE WEDNESDAY THE HALF-HOLIDAY.**

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| The Prince Rupert Table Supply, (By J. C. Gavigan). | George J. Frizzell              |
| Martin O'Reilly                                     | Prince Rupert Bazaar            |
| P. Burns & Company                                  | Jabour Brothers                 |
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#### THE MAYORALTY

Last year at this time, there was a feeling throughout the city that the civic ship was entering on a stormy voyage which required a strong, steady hand at the helm, and a hand guided by a clear, alert brain. M. P. McCaffery was elected as skipper of the ship. The ship has sailed through the year without a bump or tremor. Everything has gone along smoothly, rapidly and efficiently. Today, the taxpayers realize that they have completed the voyage at much less cost than ever before and with much more security.

The city has entered upon another voyage of a year, and the opinion of practically every man in the city is that the skipper of last year is the only man to take charge of the ship. He has shown himself to be thoroughly capable, in rough weather or calm, and the feeling throughout the city today is one of profound confidence in the ability of Mayor McCaffery. With a year of experience behind him, he is still better qualified for the important post than he was last year and, with the city's financial troubles a thing of the past, thanks largely to Mr. McCaffery's business ability, he will have time this year to devote his energies, as he has the past few months, to planning for new industries for Prince Rupert. The fact that the Emerson sawmill is an assured fact is largely due to Mayor McCaffery, as Mr. Emerson himself has pointed out. Other developments will follow, and they will follow much more rapidly and surely if the reins of government are left in the hands of M. P. McCaffery.

#### MARGUERITE CLARK AT WESTHOLME THEATRE

Marguerite Clark, in "Silks and Satins" at the Westholme tonight is as bright and dainty as ever. The part of little Felicite is particularly suited to this brilliant little actress and never has she been seen to greater advantage. There is a delightful love story running through the play and the whole makes one of the most enjoyable movie productions one could wish to see.

**THOMAS McEEMKIN SOLICITS YOUR VOTE FOR ALDERMAN ON THURSDAY.**

Owing to a breakdown in the telegraphic service, we were obliged to go to press today without our usual war despatches.

#### ROBERT CAMERON WILL REMAIN AT ESQUIMALT

Sergeant Robert Cameron, who left here with the first contingent and who has lost the use of his right arm through getting a few machine gun bullets in his elbow, is expected to arrive in Vancouver this week. He spent Christmas at his old home in Charlottetown, where he was given a rousing reception by his many old friends. Bob had just been home two days when his mother, who had been suffering from cancer for some time, passed away. Mr. Cameron expects to be detained at the military hospital at Esquimalt where he will undergo special treatment for his injured arm.

**NEW WELLINGTON COAL,** phone 116. We have just received a shipment of 500 tons Lump Coal. We are prepared to put in your winter's coal for you.

#### Prince Rupert Public School Board

**NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.** In conformity with recommendations of the Department of Education, pupils will be taken into the receiving classes of the Public Schools twice yearly, at the opening of the term in January and August only. PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TAKE NOTICE that pupils six years of age and those who will attain the age of six years on or before the 1st day of May 1917, will be admitted to the receiving classes up to and including the 15th day of January, 11 W. D. VANCE, Secretary.

#### NOTICE

David H. Hays has taken over the real estate, insurance and safety deposit business handled by Hon. T. D. Pattullo. Mr. Hays will conduct this additional business at his present office at the corner of Second Avenue and Second Street.

#### TO THE ELECTORS Prince Rupert, B. C.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Having consented to become a candidate for Alderman for the Election next Thursday, I respectfully solicit your vote and influence. Respectfully yours, JOHN DYBHAVN.

#### SOLIDARITY IS THE WATCHWORD OF LABOR

Aldermanic Candidates for Municipal Election 1917

- J. J. ANDERSON Laundryman.
- GEORGE B. CASEY Minor.
- FRED SHAW Plasterer.
- W. G. BARRIE

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