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BREWSTER ATTACKS GOVERNMENT LAND POLICY

KAIEN ISLAND CLUB BALL OPENS NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL SEASON

SECOND ANNUAL EVENT PRONOUNCED ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER HELD IN PRINCE RUPERT—LARGE NUMBER ATTENDED.

The second annual ball of the Kaien Island Club was held at the club house last night. It was unquestionably one of the most successful and largely attended affairs in the social history of Prince Rupert.

The spacious gymnasium, which was given over to the occasion, was handsomely decorated. Festoons of bunting with draperies of the Union Jack, intermingled with Japanese lanterns and numerous vari-colored electric lights, formed a most charming effect in the main hall, while the balcony was prettily decorated with evergreens. The music, which was by Gray's orchestra of five pieces, was the subject of favorable comment. The refreshments left nothing to be desired. Punch and lemon-

ade were served during the entire evening, supplemented by a delightful supper toward midnight. The event was one not soon to be forgotten by those fortunate

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SALVING CARONDELET

Work Progressing Rapidly—All of the Lumber Landed.

The crew engaged in salvaging the cargo of the hulk Carondelet, which struck Holland Rocks some weeks ago, commenced lightering the coal portion of the cargo today, the lumber having been all safely landed at the lower wharf.

Warm, clean rooms at Savoy.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Urgent Matter Before New Council Last Night.

An urgent matter, namely, the establishment without delay of an isolation hospital for the city, came up at Council last night. The Medical Health Officer, Dr. Reddie, stated that while the building was not actually needed immediately, still with serious infectious diseases prevalent on the coast, the isolation of possible carried or imported cases might be necessary any day in Rupert. A site for an isolation hospital had been considered already on Block 28, City Reserve, across Hays Creke. It was decided to go further into the matter.

FINANCIER DOUGLAS

City Council "Lloyd George" Introduces His First Money Bylaw

As "Finance Minister" for the city of Prince Rupert for 1912, Ald. Douglas made his debut at last night's first meeting of the city council. The Finance Minister stated that he would ask leave to introduce a bylaw covering the amount needed for current expenses, \$108,458 in all. The bylaw is known as a temporary loan bylaw, and it went into the initial stages last night. Ald. Douglas' appearance was greeted with applause, there being a large audience in the city hall last night.

Tom and Jerry at the Savoy.

A. CUTHBERT TO RESIGN

Popular Official Relinquishes Provincial Assessorship Soon.

It was rumored with regret in the city this morning that Provincial Assessor Arthur Cuthbert had resigned the position which he has not held for much more than a year. The rumor was confirmed by Government Agent McMullin, who stated that Mr. Cuthbert's resignation would take effect at the end of the present month. Considerable regret is expressed by all who know Mr. Cuthbert either personally or in his official capacity.

For Sale.

Five draft horses, from 1,400 to 1,600 pounds, cheap. At Prince Rupert Dairy. 6t

NEW CITY COUNCIL WILL MUSH IT TO WOODWORTH

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY ENGINEER THAT COUNCIL GO OVER THE GROUND TO BE COVERED BY THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME IS ACTED UPON.

"Carried unanimously," said Mayor Newton, and the new Council smiled wanly.

"You'll have to carry me on your back, Alderman Montgomery," put in Alderman Douglas. The motion was to the effect that the whole City Council pay a visit as early as possible to Woodworth Lake to see what the city is undertaking in the way of the hydro-electric scheme. The idea originated with the City Engineer, who recommended it cordially. The motion was made by Alderman Morrissey and seconded by Alderman Maitland.

Col. Davis said that now while the ice is bearing on Lake Shawatlans would be a good time for the trip. Alderman Maitland agreed that while the ground is

hard from frost traveling would be easier. Alderman Montgomery remarked that the business could not be properly done in a day, but the City Engineer stated that if the party carried their blankets all could be accommodated at the surveyors' camp.

Symptoms of the sad complaint known as "cold feet" became immediately apparent amongst the aldermen in spite of the Mayor's hearty approval of the idea. Alderman Montgomery and Alderman Clayton mentioned sickness at home as hindrances and even the redoubtable Douglas, who mused it in broiling summer weather around Morse Creek, gave vent to the comment quoted at the start of this story. But the motion carried all the same.

"THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH"

New Measures and New Handling of Oft Discussed Undertakings Indicated in New Council

MAYOR NEWTON OUTLINES HIS PLANS

Ample Latitude to be Allowed Aldermen for Discussion—Bi-Weekly Meetings of Council Proposed With Special Meetings as Required—A Real City Purchasing Agent to be Employed—The New Committees and Chairmen

In his first speech as actual Mayor of the city of Prince Rupert, Mayor Newton enunciated his policy in outline as regards council procedure. "I intend," he said, "to allow each member of the council considerable latitude so that every question of importance brought up, may be discussed fully, bringing out every detail that may affect the issue without unduly prolonging discussions. All that I desire is that members of council will refrain from using unparliamentary language and personalities. In this way we can accomplish the city's business more thoroughly and efficiently."

"Major matters such as the hydro-electric scheme, city sewerage, etc., shall be discussed in open council at all times. I think that by holding one meeting for the discussion of general business, and one for the discussion

of large undertakings each week, we can handle all the business of the council expeditiously. I think that we cannot too soon decide upon the hydro-electric scheme and the water supply. We shall take these subjects up without delay. New machinery is to arrive shortly for the city light plant. I think that this matter may meantime be left in the hands of the Light and Power Committee, who will report in due course to the council.

"The appointment of a properly qualified Purchasing Agent for the city, with full powers and entire responsibility for all purchases made for city purposes. No accounts should be presented to council or committee for sanction without his O.K. This official would give his whole time to the duties of his office, and be paid at a rate in keeping with the responsibilities of his position."

Mayor Newton then went on to announce his committee appointments, which were approved by the council, as the mayor desired they should be before he made the appointments definitely. Following are the members of the various committees: Finance—Chairman, Ald. Douglas, Ald. Bullock-Webster and the Mayor. Board of Works—Chairman, Ald. Morrissey, Ald. Dybhavn and Ald. Maitland. Fire, Light and Power—Chairman, Ald. Clayton, Ald. Kerr and Ald. Montgomery.

The mayor expressed confidence in his committees, mentioning that the appointments had not been decided upon by him without considerable thought, and that the chairmen had been appointed with no desire to hand out favors, but merely on careful consideration of the claims and merits of the men chosen.

CITY PROTECTS STATION MEN

New Council Handles a Matter in Which the Point is Involved—Nick Gurvich's Contract Account.

In a letter to the City Council last night, Messrs. Williams & Manson stated that Nick Gurvich had made an assignment to their firm of all monies due him from the city and requested that payment of his account be made to them.

The City Solicitor pointed out most emphatically that Gurvich has not yet paid his station men and said that the city ought to protect these men. He himself would never stand for the city's parting with any of the money due Gurvich without assurance that the men were to be remunerated.

A motion that the matter be left in the hands of the City Solicitor for consideration and report was passed.

MAY ARRIVED LATE

C. P. R. Passenger Boat Paid Her First Call at Ocean Falls.

About 1 a. m. the C. P. R. Princess May arrived from the south with passengers, freight and mail. The May was later than had been expected, owing to the fact that on her northward trip this time she put into Ocean Falls with a large party of the capitalists interested in the developments on foot there. The May will call at Ocean Falls on her return trip to take the same party south.

FIRST STEAMER AT GOVT. WHARF

C. P. R. Princess Ena Will Berth There by Special Permit to Land the Heavy Freight for the Extension at the Light Plant.

To the C. P. R. large freighter Princess Ena will be given the honor of berthing first of all commercial shipping at the new Provincial Government wharf of Prince Rupert. Laden with the consignment of heavy machinery for the city light plant extension, the Ena is now due here, and arrangements have been made with Superintendent J. R. Beatty of the Government wharf and the Provincial authorities at Victoria to land this heavy consignment on the new wharf, which is a good deal more conveniently situated for the light plant. The machinery will probably be transported to its destination via the Manson Way, unless it be found more convenient to get the load to the plant by way of the G. T. P. grade and a temporary roadway at Cow Bay.

Don't miss the Puritan supper at McIntyre Hall Wednesday at any time from 6 to 7:30 p. m., or athletic meet afterward. All for 40c. Come from your business. Given by ladies of the Baptist Church. 2t

Auction Sale Prince Rupert Lots.

All property owners who desire to sell their lots quickly and at fair prices will please write me for full terms and information. Sales monthly. H. E. GAMPP, box 842. 2t

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

LARGE CROWD OF INTERESTED CITIZENS WITNESSED THE CEREMONY IN CITY HALL LAST NIGHT—MAGISTRATE CARSS HANDED CITY SEAL TO MAYOR NEWTON.

In the presence of a goodly gathering of the citizens who crowded the cramped accommodations of the old city hall, the ceremony of swearing in the new City Council of Prince Rupert was conducted by Magistrate Carss last night.

One by one the Aldermen came forward and took the oath of office, signing the document which was attested by the Magistrate.

When all had signed except Alderman George Kerr, who is, unfortunately ill, Magistrate Carss in a neat little speech wished the Council every success, hoping they would be the best ever in Rupert.

Mayor Newton responded, thanking the Magistrate for his kind wishes and for the city seal, which Magistrate Carss handed

over to the Mayor as the symbol of office. The Mayor in turn congratulated the Aldermen on their election and went on to mention that duty of the most onerous kind lay ahead of them. It was with a feeling of responsibility that the Council, seated in their places at the board, prepared for business.

Would Work for City.

A letter was read at the City Council meeting last night from Warren Kelly applying for a position on the field staff of the Engineering department. The application was received and filed. The City Engineer stated in reply to Alderman Montgomery that there is no vacancy on the staff and that he had notified applicant accordingly.

MODERN ARMY OF CHINA.



A company of the up-to-date infantry in the army of Premier Yuan of China, upon whom assassination was attempted today.

WORK RESUMED

Moderation in Temperature Enables Concreting to Proceed.

The change in the weather yesterday caused quick action by the Westholme Lumber Company, contractors for the Government wharf, in resuming the work of concreting the surface of the wharf grounds. Wharf Superintendent J. R. Beatty states that work on the erection of the warehouse will commence in a few days and that everything will be ready for regular traffic in about six weeks. The appointment of the assistant to Superintendent Beatty and the balance of his staff has not yet been announced.

J. E. Gilmore, late proprietor of the Premier Hotel, accompanied by Mrs. Gilmore, arrived on the Princess May.

Choicest liquors and cigars—Savoy.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE

Bomb Thrown Into Carriage of China's New Premier.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Pekin, Jan. 16.—An attempt was made to assassinate Premier Yuan this (Tuesday) morning. A bomb was thrown into his carriage, and two soldiers, the escorts, as well as the horses, were killed. The Premier escaped unhurt.

Notice.

On Thursday, February 15th, 1912, at 8:30 p. m., we will conduct the first of a series of monthly auction sales of Prince Rupert real estate. Property owners desirous of selling can receive full particulars by calling at our office. Further information will be given in tomorrow's papers.

O. M. HELGERSON, LTD.

If Charles Sharp is in town call on brother at Windsor Hotel. 4t

BANQUET IN PREMIER

St. Andrew's Society to Celebrate Eurns' Night in Style.

Decision was come to at a meeting of the Prince Rupert St. Andrew's Society to hold a big Burns' night banquet in the Premier Hotel. The Premier has been the scene of some of the finest spreads ever put on the board for Prince Rupert banquets, and assurance is given that the festive occasion will be done ample justice by the management. Tickets for the St. Andrew's Society banquet will cost \$4, the night of the 25th inst. being, of course, the great occasion. Tickets can be had from the society's secretary, Mr. S. D. MacDonald and members of the committee.

Lost—Plain gold band pin. Finder return to News office for reward. 2t

NEW COUNCIL AND ENGINEERS

Spirit of Confidence Expressed in City Engineer and His Department—Attitude of New Board

Under the new regime the radical alterations which some have expected in the City Engineering department are unlikely to be so radical as expected, if they take place at all. The spirit of the new Council is evidently to keep things running and to see that they are run efficiently. This is the spirit expressed by Alderman Morrissey as he accepted office as chairman of the Board of Works. "There will be no dictation from the Engineering department from the Board of Works," he said. "I as chairman receive \$100 per annum. The City Engineer receives \$5,000 per annum. If there is any information coming over this department's undertakings it is not coming from the Board of Works to the Engineering department, but rather the other way around. But I personally have the very highest respect for City Engineer Davis, and can assure him of the very best support that the Public Works Board can give him." (Cheers.)

Similar sentiments were expressed by Alderman Clayton, who put it that "the present Council's policy seemed to be to give the Engineering department a chance." (Cheers.) Alderman Montgomery added his phrase to the good word, saying: "Give the Engineering department a free hand and there will be less cause for complaint." (Cheers.)

SUPT. E. LOVE WILL REMAIN

Provisional Understanding Arrived at to Last Until Jan. 31—Situation Remains Under Consideration by New Council.

Superintendent E. Love of the Telephone department will remain in charge of this department at the salary of \$200 per month until the end of January. Meantime, the City Council will consider the question of the retention of Mr. Love's services. In discussion of the situation last night the members of the new council took various views. Alderman Maitland was very strongly in favor of retaining Superintendent Love's services as a most efficient municipal official who has made his department pay and is deserving of a raise.

Alderman Bullock-Webster was inclined to the view that a man who would threaten to resign, leaving the city hung up for phone service as Mr. Love had said he would do, is not a fit person to be in charge of a municipal department and his services should be dispensed with.

Explanation of the situation was given by Alderman Morrissey and Alderman Clayton led to the decision come to by the Council to continue consideration for a few days before definitely deciding. Alderman Montgomery having suggested further investigation.

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LAND POLICY OF GOVERNMENT ATTACKED BY MR. BREWSTER

DESCRIBES RAILWAY POLICY AS BAIT TO CATCH VOTES—REPLYING, MR. M'BRIDE CLAIMS DECREASE IN TAXATION IN SIGHT.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Victoria, Jan. 16.—The debate in the House continued today. Mr. Brewster devoted himself chiefly to an attack on the Government's land policy, which he described as being no policy since it gave away the choicest lands to the inner ring of the Conservative party for services rendered. He suggested that the only policy for the Government to adopt would be that advocated by the Liberals. This, he said, they dare not do for fear of angering their friends. The proposed railway policy of the Government he described as bait to catch votes, as the same government was willing to sacrifice the credit of the province to help out railway corporations. He attacked the poll tax and hoped that the Tariff Commission favored its abolition. Premier McBride, in reply said

that it was impossible for the settlement of land to be carried in in British Columbia the same as in Alberta or Saskatchewan.

Nevertheless, the number of pre-emptors coming into British Columbia increased 50 per cent. during the past year. Instead of dealing with schemes for land settlement, the Government was doing its best to provide for settlers already here by building roads and schools and increasing transportation facilities. Regarding Crown lands, he scouted the idea that the price was raised for the benefit of any inside ring. He believed that when the report of taxation was brought down within a few days he would be able to decrease taxation. Continuing, he said the question of better terms was still a live one and that he would not leave anything undone to secure final adjustment.