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Editorial Notes and Clippings

COST SYSTEM IS
BADLY NEEDED.

Assuming that the electors are going to put in a business council this year, one of the first acts of the new organization should be the planning of a cost system: a scheme whereby the council and the citizens can see the actual cost of any piece of construction work done for the city. At the present time it is safe to say that the actual cost of this year's construction is unknown to either the Mayor or the aldermen, and the chances of the city getting this information are absolutely nil. The absence of a cost system is the most expensive negative item Prince Rupert pays for. Had there been a cost system, whereby the public would have been made aware of the tremendous expense and criminal waste in putting in some of those city pole lines, Newtonism would have been snuffed out long ago. The ratepayers would not have stood for it. The pole line construction is taken as an instance because so many people have commented on the time and labor spent in putting in a single pole. But this is only one of the many

leaks in the city exchequer. If the ratepayers ever get a look-in at the actual conditions of this year's financing there will be a mighty storm of indignation.

SPENT THE TRUST
MONIES.

A very good illustration of the Mayor's idea of city financing may be found in the discussion at the last meeting of the City Council over the \$2,000 of public money which had been paid in on electric deposits. This \$2,000 is trust money belonging to the citizens, put up as a guarantee of good faith. Why the Council should ask a guarantee from the citizens who are the real owners of the electric light plant is hard to understand, but the point is that this money, under the jurisdiction of the Mayor has been put in the general fund and spent. The Council admitted the money ought to be paid back to the citizens, but the Mayor had to confess the money was gone and that there were no other funds available to replace them. If a business man treated his trust funds in that way he would be sent to jail.

GUN-A-NOOT, THE INDIAN OUTLAW,
DECIDES NOT TO SURRENDER

THINKS HE WOULD NOT GET A FAIR TRIAL BY A WHITE
JURY—IS WELL ARMED WITH REVOLVERS

Hazelton, Jan. 7.—Simon Gun-a-Noot, the Indian outlaw, who for years has successfully defied the police in Northern British Columbia, recently considered the question of giving himself up. Curiously enough the question of voluntarily handing himself over to the authorities was put up to Simon Gun-a-Noot not more than a fortnight ago.

Rev. William Lee, a Methodist missionary at Kispiox, which is only twelve miles from Hazelton assists the Indians under his charge in handling the business affairs of their sawmill, which is a co-operative concern with many native shareholders. Two weeks ago a strange Indian of fine physique and able to speak perfect English, called on him, asking for the return of certain money he had invested in the enterprise years ago.

"But who are you? I never saw you before," said Mr. Lee to his caller. After a moment's hesitation, the new-comer said that he was Simon Gun-a-Noot, and the missionary found his name among the names of shareholders. The business matter having been attended to, Mr. Lee advised the Indian to give himself up.

"But the white man would not take into consideration that I killed those two men because they had abused my wife," argued the native.

Mr. Lee, however, suggested that if Simon voluntarily handed himself over to the police, the facts which led up to the tragedy would, undoubtedly have weight with a jury, and he might be sentenced only to a few years in the penitentiary.

"But I don't want to go to New Westminster. I hear it rains a great deal there," replied Simon who, however, agreed to think over what the missionary had told him.

Later in the day Simon again called on Mr. Lee, and told him that after thinking it over and talking with his friends he had decided not to give himself up. He said his friends believed that a white man's jury would not pay enough attention to what led to the murder—because he declared white men did not care what was done to Indian women.

Mr. Lee told a friend later that Simon was armed with three revolvers—one on each hip and one in a holster in the centre of his belt. Simon is known as probably the surest shot and the best hunter in the north. He was always looked on as a model Indian until the day after having previously warned two white men to leave his wife alone, he returned from the hunt to find his wife debauched and the two whites holding a drunken celebration in his home.

MOVING PICTURES AGAIN
AT THE WESTHOLME

Once again the popular Westholme Opera House is giving the moving pictures a turn after the long stock engagement of the Griffith Company. Knowing that they would have to put forth their best efforts to fill the place of the company that has just vacated the theatre, they made arrangements to procure the very best films obtainable. That their efforts have not been unavailing was shown by the approval of the excellent entertainment provided last evening for their numerous patrons. The two reel film, "Secret Service," is a most wonderfully realistic picture of the great American civil war. It carries the present generation back more than half a century, and one lives almost again in those stirring times. There is one particular spectacle of a horse and rider falling, whilst galloping at top speed, that is the most realistic thing that has ever been pictured and must be seen to be appreciated. The famous Westholme orchestra, augmented by the addition of Miss Gray playing the cornet, discoursed excellent music to the delight of the large and appreciative audience.

R. A. McGee, manager of the Prince Rupert branch of the Canadian General Electric Co., returned this morning after spending the Christmas vacation in Vancouver.

Mr. A. D. McPhaden, the local representative of the Canadian Swift Co., Ltd., returned on the Prince Rupert this morning after spending a couple of weeks in Vancouver and New Westminster.

PAUL AND SPINTLUM

Preliminary Enquiry in Case of
Indian Outlaws to Be Further Adjourned.

Victoria, Jan. 7.—Chief Constable Forsythe, whose organization is held responsible for the capture of the Indian outlaws, Moses Paul and Spintlum, is in Victoria for a conference with Attorney General Bowser as to the case. It is understood that the preliminary enquiry, which has already been adjourned for one week at Kamloops, will be further continued for possibly a fortnight, the Crown requiring about three weeks in all in which to collect and systematize its evidence before the magistrate.

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Funeral.

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Bishop David H. Greer conducted the service, assisted by Bishop Leonard of Cleveland. Great Britain was represented by her American ambassador, Rt. Hon. James Bryce, and members of his suite and the officers of the cruiser Natal, which brought the body across the Atlantic.

Among others present were Sir Ernest H. Shackleton, polar explorer, representing the Pilgrims of Great Britain, and ex-President Theodore Roosevelt from the American Pilgrims.

Honorary pallbearers included Secretary of State Knox, Ambassador Bryce, Senator Root, Senator Lodge, Judge George Gray, Rear Admiral Cowles and Joseph H. Choate.

London, Jan. 6.—Many flags on public and private buildings in the West End of London flew at half mast out of respect to the memory of the late United States Ambassador Reid.

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