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### UPHOLDS COUNCIL

Editor, The News:

In answer to your editorial of November 11 regarding the Council's attitude toward Cow Bay, all questions have two sides, and in order to bring the matter intelligently before the public I hope you will be able to give me a little space in your valuable paper for that purpose.

In the first place, Cow Bay is the only piece of water front the city possesses where a citizen can reach the water without trespassing on private property. I certainly uphold the Council in the manner they have dealt with this question for the following reasons:

The Deputy Minister of Lands interviewed the City Council during 1917 and offered to the city 450 feet of waterfront which the G.T.P. was willing to give for the right to fill up Cow Bay. The City Council asked for this statement to be put down on paper, which he said he would do when he reached Victoria. However, the Minister of Lands repudiated the bargain and refused point blank to give any waterfront to the city, and almost demanded that the Council withdraw the protest to the Railway Board.

Under these conditions you cannot blame the City Council for their action on this question. They would have betrayed the city if they had consented to forfeit the city's rights to Cow Bay for nothing.

The Council and the citizens of Prince Rupert do not wish to work any unnecessary hardship on the railway company for they have a great many interests in common, and if this property is of vital use for the company I for one would be prepared to exchange with the company for property of similar value to the city. I would be prepared to accept the property which the company has stated they would trade for the right to fill up Cow Bay.

If the Government is prepared to do this, the city would not only erect a few piles and floats for boats to tie up to, but would build a municipal fish wharf and ice plant for the accommodation of the fishermen. Until the city gets waterfrontage it is powerless to assist this industry, which is and will remain our greatest source of income, and we must never forget that we all have lived on it.

As for the statement that the Government is short of waterfrontage to accommodate the fishermen, allow me to state that it has possessed over 1,000 feet for years and never did anything for the fishermen, and the city has sent delegation after delegation to Victoria for waterfront locations. Our present Minister of Lands was one of the most consistent in his demands at one time for the city, but, oh what a change now.

We sent a delegation in 1917 to Victoria which met the officials of the railway company before they went in front of the cabinet. The result was that they did not ask for the property which the Council instructed them to ask for.

The great drawback to this city in the fishing industry is want of waterfrontage. It is the Government's fault that we have none and when you attempt to blame the city or the City Council for the present state you are either misinformed as to the facts or you are attempting to stampee the City Council into doing an action which is not in the interest of the general public.

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TAKE NOTICE that I, John D. Anderson, B.C.L.S., of Trail, B.C., acting as agent for the Drum Lummon Copper Mines, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. 22, 639-C, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 21st day of September, A.D. 1918.

J. D. ANDERSON.

## SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENT

Pre-emption now confined to surveyed lands only.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes and which is non-irrigated.

Partnership pre-emption abolished, but parties of not more than four may arrange for adjacent pre-emptions, with joint residence, but each making necessary improvements on respective claims.

Pre-emptors must occupy claims for five years and make improvements to value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivation of at least 5 acres, before receiving Crown Grant.

Where pre-emptor in occupation not less than 5 years, and has made proportionate improvements, he may, because of ill-health, or other cause, be granted intermediate certificate of improvement and transfer his claim.

Records without permanent residence may be issued provided applicant makes improvements to extent of \$300 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained on these claims in less than 5 years, with improvements of \$10 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years.

Pre-emptor holding Crown Grant may record another pre-emption, if he requires land in conjunction with his farm, without actual occupation, provided statutory improvements made and residence maintained on Crown granted land.

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesteads; title to be obtained after fulfilling residential and improvement conditions.

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**PRE-EMPTORS' FREE GRANTS ACT.**  
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**TOWNSITE PROPERTY ALLOTMENT ACT.**

Provision is made for the grant to persons holding uncompleted Agreements to Purchase from the Crown of such proportion of the land, if divisible, as the payments already made will cover in proportion to the sale price of the whole parcel. Two or more persons holding such Agreements may group their interests and apply for a proportionate allotment jointly. If it is not considered advisable to divide the land covered by an application for a proportionate allotment, an allotment of land of equal value selected from available Crown lands in the locality may be made. These allotments are conditional upon payment of all taxes due the Crown or to any municipality. The rights of persons to whom the purchaser from the Crown has agreed to sell are also protected. The decision of the Minister of Lands in respect to the adjustment of a proportionate allotment is final. The time for making application for these allotments is limited to the 1st day of May, 1919. Any application made after this date will not be considered. These allotments apply to town lots and lands of the Crown sold at public auction.

For information apply to any Provincial Government Agent or to Deputy Minister of Lands, Victoria, B. C.

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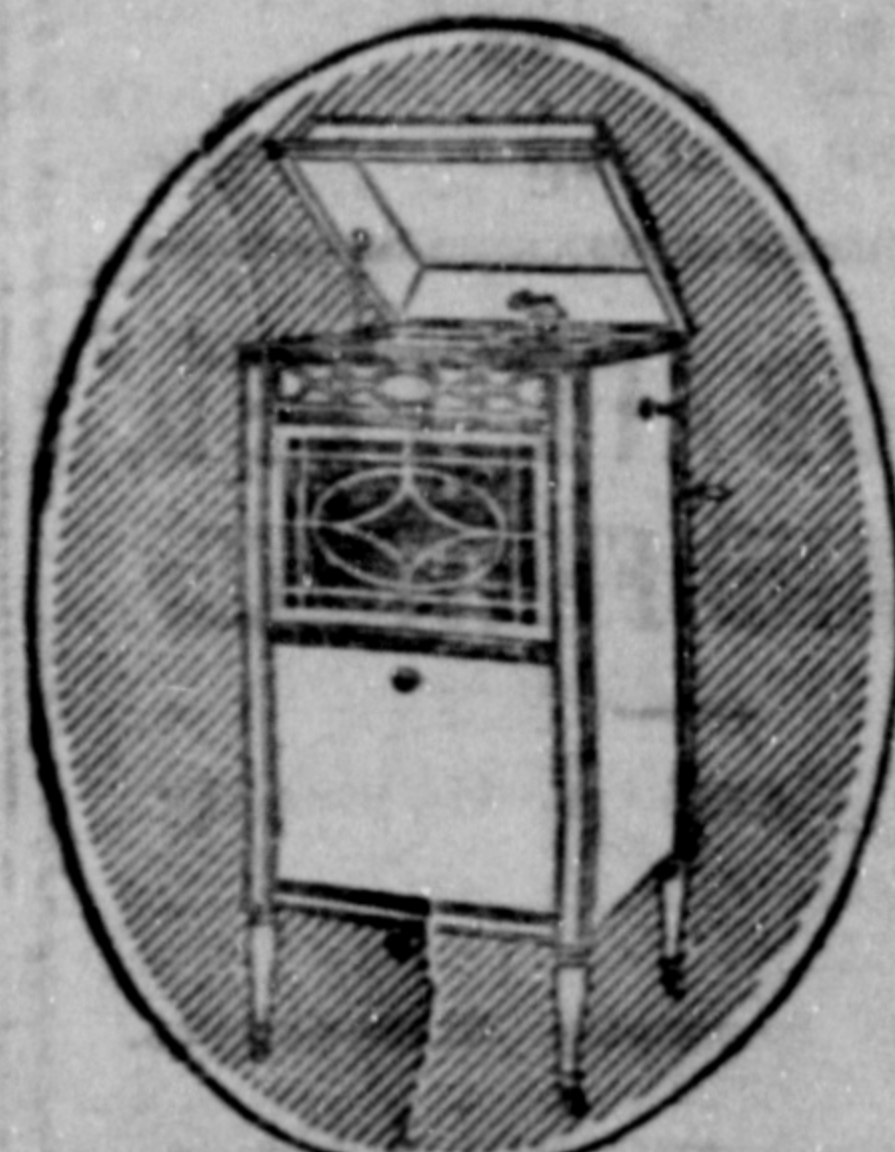
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