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## SCHOOL GROUND IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDED

Junior Athletic Association Makes Suggestions to School Board For More Expenditures.

Last night J. C. McLennan and D. C. Stewart met the school board and made certain suggestions to them which they incorporated in a letter as follows:

"We the members of the Prince Rupert Junior Athletic Association, formed for the purpose of assisting your board and any and all other legal and voluntary associations which have for their object the moral, mental and physical development of the youth of the city have spent some time for the last few weeks in endeavoring to find out what is possible in the near future that can be done in our schools to better the conditions in regard to recreation and physical development of the pupils attending.

"We recognize how you are handicapped in regard to funds and fully sympathize with you in that regard; we also appreciate the good work you have done and are doing and wish you to regard us as an annex to your board in as far as at all times our wish that your board will call upon us to assist you in any movement needed to mould public sentiment to make our schools institutions which will worthily do their part in developing the youth of our city and fit them to untrammelled enter the higher order of citizenship which we feel is soon to come as the result of the Great War just ended.

Borden St.

"Granting and feeling you will so consider us, we respectfully suggest (being informed your funds are small) that for this year the grading of Borden Street grounds; the putting in of a good drain, to remove heavy sewage water that at present flows across ground; the moving back another 35 feet of the school fence on the west side. By doing so you will give the children a better ground to play on, and enable the teachers the better to keep children from playing on the street.

"As soon as it is possible we would advocate building a large play-shed about 40 x 60 on the west end of the play-ground at the west of the school, to be used for recreation and physical exercise purposes.

King Edward.

"The area of King Edward block is at present 230 x 300, or 69,000 square feet. We would recommend that 16 feet adjoining 7th Avenue be added and the same width on 8th Avenue, and on Cotton Street that a strip 28 feet wide be added to the school ground, and a like amount on Green Street, which would give an increased area of 24,272 square feet or an increased area of 35 per cent. We would also recommend the increased area be graded, following the same plan that the school board has so admirably inaugurated. Also here, too, we would recommend a play-shed 40 x 60 as on Borden Street.

"Attached hereto you will please find a rough sketch of a proposed play-shed which will, we think, be suitable for all kinds of school physical exercise, costing from \$1,500 to \$2,000, should it be built at present or if materials such as lumber are reduced in price from present quotations may be substantially less.

"Respectfully submitted,  
"PRINCE RUPERT JUNIOR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, by J. C. McLennan, President.

## MARY PICKFORD TO-NIGHT'S ATTRACTION

The photoplay to be screened this evening at the Westholme Theatre shows Mary Pickford in an entirely new role, that of an almost grown up society girl who turns cook, when fate deals her a blank in the form of a depleted bank account.

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## TO INCREASE POWER OF FLYING MACHINES

Paris, April 10.—Dr. Auguste Rateau, of the Academie des Sciences, has invented a contrivance enabling aeroplanes to fly at a rate unheard of hitherto and at heights considered until now impossible. It renders it possible for the turbine to make 30,000 revolutions a minute. The invention also comprises a small centrifugal ventilator for the purpose of compressing the air at lofty altitudes, at which the instrument is used. It is thus possible to furnish the engine with compressed air at the pressure usual at lower altitudes. The engine then works at full strength and not only do the machines climb thousands of metres higher, but their speed becomes much faster than when near land. This invention of M. Rateau's will enable a flight from Paris to Algiers to be made in five hours, to Constantinople in eight hours, and to Cairo in eleven hours.

## LINE UP CHURCHES FOR RECONSTRUCTION

Winnipeg, April 10.—For the purpose of marshalling all the Church forces in the big reconstruction movement, plans are now maturing among the different denominations of Winnipeg for a joint campaign to be conducted next fall. Presbyterian, Methodist, Anglican, Baptist and other denominations are co-operating in the scheme, and a joint committee is now at work arranging the details.

It is proposed to make an appeal for funds for the work in this connection, although no pooling of the amounts is contemplated. Each denomination will keep its contributions separately and spend them in accordance with its own plans.

George Warburton, of Toronto, is acting as national director of the movement, and arrangements are now progressing to have distinct organizations in each of the provinces. In Manitoba the initial steps have already been taken and Saskatchewan was organized last week. Archbishop Matheson presided at the opening meeting held here last week, and the bishop of Saskatchewan was in the chair at a meeting held in Regina for the same purpose.

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## 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-timber land.

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 3 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 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.

For grazing and industrial purposes, areas exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or company.

**PRE-EMPTORS' FREE GRANTS ACT.**  
The scope of this Act is enlarged to include all persons joining and serving with His Majesty's Forces. The time within which the heirs or devisees of a deceased pre-emptor may apply for title under this Act is extended from one year from the death of such person, as formerly, until one year after the conclusion of the present war. This privilege is also made retroactive.

**TOWNSHIP 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.

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