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This City Loses About Half Million CAR SHORTAGE CONTINUES; 80,000 LBS. HALIBUT TURNED AWAY YESTERDAY

EDITORIAL

feature of the fish car situation should not be lost sight of one that materially affects the city in a manner different from what has been mentioned heretofore in the press.

present there are only three express passenger trains a week and out of the city, the reason for the poor communication being the small amount of travel on the line. If there was more business there could be more trains.

As has before been said, there is plenty of fish offering if cars were only available to carry it to market. With plenty of cars there could be a daily fish auction and the cars might well be shipped each day to the regular express train. This would give daily service and all the expenses of the train would be covered by the fish shipments. A matter was mentioned some time ago by F. G. Dawson at a meeting of the Board of Trade that came up again at the meeting of the council of the city held this week. It was pointed out that the possibility of a daily train service would very largely offset the fish situation. If there are cars, there is a possibility of getting daily passenger service.

Service Brings Business
While the amount of business along the line just now is very large, it will increase. Cars are coming in to the valleys of the interior and makes travel. Prince Rupert is steadily growing and the possibilities of the city are becoming every year more apparent. All developments add to the travel and an improved service would to a very great extent increase the business offering. It would be a thing for Prince Rupert to have a daily service because of the people going through the city and stop off here for a day or two or three days.

BANDON FORT NORMAN TRIP

Decision of Dominion Government in Suspending Staking Privileges is Damper

DAWSON, Jan. 29.—Several parties outfitting here preparatory to mushing 500 miles over snow with dog teams and sleds and other supplies to the oil lands in the Fort Norman district will probably abandon or shorten their trip on account of the graphic advices received by Commissioner G. Mackenzie of the federal government had suspended until further notice the privileges for staking or otherwise acquiring oil lands in the Northwest Territories. The gold commissioner has notified several interested parties, notably many men who had headed Hootalingua from Victoria, B. C.

Captain Groves leaves tonight for the Princess Beatrice for the Pan Falls.

AN ANTI-BLUE LAW CRUSADER.



John Sloan, head of the Artists Society of New York city, uses a brush as Charles Dickens did a pen to combat Sunday blue law crusaders. Mr. Sloan does not present an uncompromising front to the blue laws, however. All he asks is fair play. He has no opposition to religion, but wants to know why "the churches have all of the privileges. He says that if the churches want Sunday, the artists should get another day in the week entirely to themselves.

Shortage of Cars Boat Goes South

Commonwealth's 80,000 Pounds would have Meant \$11,000 Sale and \$2,400 Express Tolls

The halibut schooner Commonwealth, with 80,000 pounds of fish which she offered for sale on the local market, cleared last evening for Seattle, forced to the American port, 600 miles away, on account of the refrigerator car shortage.

Of the five cars available yesterday to the local fish concerns, four were sent east with the fish bought up at yesterday morning's sale and the other one went east with fish for the Canadian Fish and Gold Storage Company.

There is but one car in sight now and the usual week-end arrivals will likely arrive today and tomorrow morning. The Commonwealth would have received \$11,000 for her catch, could she have sold here and the express company loses \$2,400 in tolls for four cars of fish. If more fish has to be turned away tomorrow on account of the car shortage more money will thus be lost to this port and Canada.

E. E. Campbell, of Granby Management, has Resigned

Mining Expert of Anyox Will Take Responsible Position in Southwestern States; Munro on Way North

VANCOUVER, January 29.—E. E. Campbell, assistant general manager of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Co., has resigned and leaves in two weeks to take a responsible position with a large copper corporation in the southwestern states.

Mr. Campbell was one of the most prominent of the province's mining men and before becoming assistant general manager of the Granby company under the H. S. Munro management, was mine superintendent under W. A. Williams. He was one of the few officials who survived the general shake-up in the management last summer.

The announcement was made co-incidental with the return on Thursday of H. S. Munro, general manager, from a directors' meeting in New York City. Mr. Munro left on the Chelohsin last night for the north.

GERMANY TO PAY BIG SUM

Fifty-Six Billion Dollars to Be Handed Over for Reparations.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—The Allied Supreme Council has approved of the plan for German reparations as drafted by its special committee. This provides for a payment by Germany of 226 billion gold marks, equivalent to 56 billion dollars at the normal exchange.

The payments will be made in 42 annual installments on a rising scale beginning with payments of two billion marks in the first two years and an additional payment of twelve per cent tax on German exports. Eight per cent discount will be made on payments made in advance.

BIGGER FAIR THIS SEASON

First Meeting of Directors Elects Officers and Makes Plans.

GEORGE MUNRO AGAIN IS THE PRESIDENT

The initial meeting of the recently elected board of directors of the Fair Association was enthusiastic and bodes well for the success of the next exhibition. The officers elected were:

- Hon. president, Col. C. W. Peck, V. C. M. P.
- Hon. vice-president, Hon. E. D. Barrow, minister of agriculture.
- President, George H. Munro.
- Vice-president, H. Pattinson.
- Secretary-treasurer, D. McD. Hunter.

It was reported that the cooperation of the Indian agents had been secured and that already arrangements were under way for a competition between the different agencies and that a large Indian exhibit this year was assured.

It was decided that this year all concessions granted by the association would be in or adjoining the hall on Acropolis Hill. The carnival will be held there. Arrangements for musical events will be made and a more comprehensive and better industrial display will be arranged.

PLEBISCITE NECESSARY

If Provincial Government Wishes Monopoly Must Do It Under Doherty Act.

REPLY WILL BE SENT TO PREMIER OLIVER

OTTAWA, Jan. 29.—If the British Columbia government wishes to have a monopoly of the supplying of liquor to the citizens of that province, the legislature will have to formally request the Dominion to take a plebiscite under the Doherty Act as was recently done in the three prairie provinces. That in effect will be the answer of the federal authorities to the request of Premier Oliver for special legislation to give the B. C. Government the sole right to import liquor.

Dr. J. C. Spencer arrived yesterday from Port Simpson.

Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Owes City at Least \$400,000

Was Granted Remission of Taxes for Specific Purpose; Agreement has Not Been Carried Out; Amount May be Collectable by Law

RECORD OUTPUT OF LOGS DURING 1920

Twenty Million Feet Were Scaled by Government Officials.

VICTORIA, Jan. 29.—In spite of the declining lumber production and the temporary closing of many of the camps during the last months of 1920, the year breaks all records in log production. During the year the lumber scaled by government officials is equivalent to 2,046,000,000 feet board measure, compared with 1,758,000,000 feet in 1919.

SIMPLE CEREMONY

PARIS, Jan. 28.—Simple ceremonies marked the permanent entombment of a "soldier of France," representing the unidentified war dead beneath the Arche de Triomphe. A plain slab marks the resting spot.

HOBO QUEEN IS DROWNED

Girl Who Was Here Recently Jumps Into River at Westminster.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 29.—Evelyn Butler, seventeen years of age, of Prince George, jumped into the Fraser River this afternoon and after swimming 50 yards towards shore was drowned.

This is the girl who recently passed through Prince Rupert and made herself notorious on the steamer Prince George as Queen of the Hoboes. She jumped from the bridge today in order to escape arrest after escaping from the girls' home.

Churchill Boom in British Politics

Times Announces Election Likely in late Spring; Lower Taxation Forecasted in coming Budget

LONDON, January 29.—Winston Churchill, the new secretary of state for the colonies, will inherit the estate of the late Lord Herbert Vane Tempest, a cousin, who died some time ago from injuries in a railway collision in Wales.

Political circles are eagerly discussing the possibility of Churchill now aspiring to become leader of a political party and ultimately prime minister.

The London Times says Lloyd George has sent instructions from Paris for the coalition party, which he leads, to be ready for a general election in May or June after the introduction of the budget which will take place early in April.

The same paper comments that it appears the prime minister and chancellor of the exchequer have decided it is possible to introduce a budget to provide for £50,000,000 which would allow considerable remission of taxation compared with former years and thus afford a favorable opportunity for appealing to the country.

It is estimated that the Grand Trunk Railway Company owes the city of Prince Rupert half a million dollars in taxes remitted on the understanding that certain improvements were made. These improvements have not been made, hence the money is still owing.

A careful calculation has been made of the amounts which would have been collected had there been no tax remission scheme put forward. Based on the actual assessment as it appears on the city books today the Railway Company should have paid the city during the past ten years and should be paid. The half million would build a nice little station and roundhouse and a few other improvements as well.

Poor Assessment.

It is pointed out, however, that owing to the fact that the G. T. P. taxes were not affected by the assessment there was a good deal of carelessness in making that assessment which in equity should have been much higher.

The amount owing by the company is based, not on the actual tax rate levied but on the rate as it would have been if the G. T. P. had paid their taxes like others. To illustrate this: In 1920 the local tax rate was 25.168. If the G. T. P. had paid their taxes the rate would have been 20.143. In making the calculation of the amount owing by the company, the latter rate is used, which is much smaller than if calculated on the actual rate.

It is estimated that an equitable assessment on the G. T. P. properties would have been \$1,500,000. If this had been the valuation, the total taxes due by the company to the city would have been for the ten years \$743,967.87, from which deduct the amount actually paid under the improvement agreement \$165,000 and the amount now due the city owing to failure of the company to fulfill its part of the agreement is \$578,967.87.

Recoverable By Law.

It is possible that the half million dollars, more or less, which the company owes is recoverable by law. At any rate it is morally

PORT SIMPSON SERVICE MOST IMPRESSIVE

Thanksgiving Service and Farewell to Teachers Held Tuesday Night.

A service, in which all the village took great interest, was held in the Methodist Church, Port Simpson, last Tuesday night. It was announced as follows: "Come and give thanks for the safety of all the inmates of the Crosby girls' home."

The gathering joined heartily in the hymn, "When all the mercies of my God," and after prayers, Miss Deacon, principal, gave an account of the miraculous escape of the staff and children from the burning building.

Among those who spoke were W. S. Musgrave, for the village, Joseph Ryan for the stewards, Fred Ross, for the Athletic Club, Mrs. A. Dudoward for the village, Mrs. P. H. Wesley for the Ivy Guild, Rev. A. Barner for the Missionary Society. Dr. J. C. Spencer made appropriate closing remarks.

Money Raised.

The people had been busy throughout the day and during the service it was announced that the following amounts had been collected for the relief of the staff and scholars:

- Stewards of Grace Methodist Church \$50.00
- Collected by Mrs. A. S. Dudoward 40.20
- Grace Church Choir 50.00
- Port Simpson Athletic Club 20.00
- Ivy Guild 30.00
- Evening offering 90.05
- Cash donation 2.00

Total \$292.25

The ladies of the village also made a donation of clothing.

The service was also made a substantial farewell to the lady teachers.

With the singing of the hymns, "O for a faith that will not shrink" and "God be with you till we meet again," the meeting closed.

BODY OF THE LATE JAMES MURPHY FOUND

ASHCROFT, Jan. 29.—The body of James Murphy, barrister, who had been missing for over a week, was found yesterday afternoon in the Thompson River, half a mile below here.