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SHIP CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY IN TWO WEEKS

MUNICIPAL POLICIES WERE DISCUSSED AT NICKERSON RALLY LAST NIGHT

Work for Everybody at the Shipyards Here Very Soon

H. A. Wallace says Construction should be again Under Way in about Two Weeks and then it will Hum

"Every man in Prince Rupert who wants a job will be able to get one when work starts up," said H. A. Wallace yesterday before going south. There should be plenty of work for everybody. I cannot say exactly how many will be employed, but we shall push the work ahead as fast as possible."

Mr. Wallace was then asked how soon he expected to have the work under way. He replied that in two weeks the sound of hammers should be heard at the shipyard. There were a few little things to be cleared up and put in order before a start was made, but two weeks from now should see everything ready and the work, if not in full swing, at least going ahead.

Mr. Wallace was rather reticent in regard to his plans. He told some of the Prince Rupert people, however, that one of the ships was about half completed and the other not more than 25 per cent complete. This means that there is an immense lot of work yet to be done and that it will last for some time.

Naturally Mr. Wallace was not in a position to say anything about the repair work, for it is impossible to tell beforehand what is likely to be done. Mr. Wallace is not likely to miss an opportunity to make money out of the dry dock, however, if there is a chance to do so. He is a practical ship-builder and Prince Rupert people will be only too glad to cooperate with him and will wish him every success.

Arrangements have been made with the local employment bureau for supplying the needs of the yard and before leaving Mr. Wallace told the agent that while a few men would be required within the next week or two it would be the first of February before the plant would be in full swing.

NEW PROCESS OF SMELTING

Efficiency and Speed Secured in Treating Coast Magnetite Ores

VICTORIA, Jan. 7.—Investigations into a new electrified process of smelting magnetite iron in British Columbia are being conducted by the department of industries. It is declared that a successful furnace has been evolved that has reached high efficiency and speed in handling the magnetite ores of the coast.

Recently the president of the Canadian Collieries, in discussing the establishment of a smelter on the coast, made the statement that it was no longer necessary to use limonite or hematite in the smelting of magnetite, but that a new process of handling the coast ores had been discovered. The news given out by the department of industries here seems to bear out that contention.

Prince Rupert Board of Trade

Annual meeting and election of officers to be held in the City Hall at 8 p.m.

TONIGHT

COUGHLAN'S WILL BUILD MORE SHIPS

Keels of Two New Government Boats Laid in Yards Yesterday Morning.

VANCOUVER, January 7.—The keels for the two new Canadian Government Merchant Marine steamers Canadian Transporter and Canadian Trader, were laid at the Coughlan shipbuilding yard yesterday morning. There will be 600 or 700 men employed on the new contract.

NEW OFFICERS FOR SONS OF CANADA

Annual Meeting Held Last Night in Rooms on Second Avenue.

The Sons of Canada had their annual meeting in the rooms on Second Avenue last evening and officers for the year 1921 were chosen. Reports were also read from the Whist League and the Basketball League showing that the teams of the society were tied for first place in both series. The rooms have been fitted up and a drive for increased membership is to be conducted.

The following were the new officers selected:

Honorary president, Col. C. W. Peck, V. C. M. P.

Honorary vice-president, Col. S. P. McMordie, D. S. O.

President, H. R. Love.

First vice-president, Charles Blythe.

Second vice-president, W. G. Anderson.

Secretary-treas., H. A. Breen.

TAKING OVER HIGH OFFICE

Lieut.-Gov. Nichol in Office Today Receiving Official Visitors.

VICTORIA, Jan. 7.—Hon. W. C. Nichol, the new lieutenant-governor, made his first entry into Victoria yesterday afternoon in his new position. He was met by the official secretary and taken to Government House.

Today he takes over his office in the Parliament Buildings and will receive General Ross, commanding Military District 11, Premier Oliver and the cabinet ministers.

Hon. Jan Hwo of the Tuen Lee Co. is leaving next month on an extended tour of the Orient and will visit Japanese cities, Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton and other places. While there he will act as commercial agent for his firm, making shipments to this country of Oriental goods. He expects to be away a year or two.

POLICE REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Forty-two Convictions in Police Court With \$2,129.50 Collected in Fines.

The report of the chief of police submitted to the police commission at its meeting this morning showed that 44 cases were handled in the police court for the month and 42 convictions were made with \$2,129.50 collected in fines. Of this total \$150 goes to the Dominion police in connection with fines secured under the Indian Act.

For the month there were 25 cases of drunkenness, 5 breaches of the Prohibition Act, 2 cases of concealed weapons, 3 cases of vagrancy and two cases under the Indian Act. Coal and bread weights were found correct.

The inspection of the bars by the constables was found satisfactory except in the cases of the Empress Annex and the Royal bars. In the latter place Constable McGlinchy reported a fight. The police payroll for the month was \$1,629.86 with ten men on the force.

COMMERCIAL CLASS HERE

School Board Favors Starting it in Connection with High School

The School Board at its regular meeting held last evening decided to recommend to the incoming board the establishment of commercial classes at the High School.

The matter was brought up by Principal J. C. Brady, of the High School, who appeared at the meeting and explained the question at length, urging the starting of classes. Children are handicapped in Prince Rupert by the distance from larger centers where classes are already established and it was advised that the classes be opened here, so that training for business life may be readily given.

The course given under the Council of Public Instruction takes three years and adding it to the curriculum of High School work will necessitate another teacher here. The new board is to be asked to provide for it in the estimates.

BANK IN ENGLAND SUSPENDS PAYMENT

British American Bank Advanced Money on Produce on which it is Unable to Realize

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The British American Bank has suspended payment, the cause being attributed to the general financial situation. It is believed that the bank has advanced money on produce, mainly from Canada, on which it is unable to realize during the present trade stagnation.

HIS ORDER—"KILL, DON'T ARREST."



Charles G. Fitzmorris, chief of Chicago police force, whose orders to his policemen "are not to arrest gunmen and crooks, but to shoot them down in their tracks if they are caught in the act of plying lawlessness." Since Fitzmorris took office in November there have been no unsolved murders and robberies have been fewer. An average of two bandits a week have been slain since November 11, when the new chief took office and said that he was going "to clean up the city."

Oliver Makes Move Toward Peace River

Opens Negotiations with Province of Alberta with view to giving Railway Service to Interior

VICTORIA, January 7.—Negotiations with a view to co-operation between the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta in extending the line of the Edmonton, Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway to the Peace River section have been opened by Premier Oliver. He has written to Premier Stewart in this regard.

The purpose of the extension is to provide a rail outlet for settlers' products on the British Columbia side of the interprovincial boundary. Steel is already laid to within fifty miles of the boundary and Premier Oliver hopes that the intervening section, which is already graded, may be completed and the line carried down to the Peace River country. Last year grain and other produce was not marketed owing to the cost of carrying them to the railway. The proposed extension would remedy this condition.

NICKERSON for Mayor!

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Nickerson Rally Proves Effective

Hits Base Rumor a Clout using Glove of Truth to Silence his Traducers

"If elected I will see that the laws are enforced," said G. W. Nickerson at the rally in his support at the committee rooms last night. "I have been looked upon somewhat as a temperance rank. No one has any right to think that anyone will receive any consideration from me beyond what the law allows."

There were over fifty people out at the meeting and M. P. McCaffery was voted to the chair. Every one seemed enthusiastic for the candidate and many expressed their desire to have him elected.

Called upon to address the meeting Mr. Nickerson said he wanted no one to try to elect him by belittling his opponent. If he could not win on his record he did not want to be elected.

While he did not believe in contradicting rumors, Mr. Nickerson said it had been whispered that the blind piggers were behind him. Personally he was not aware who the blind piggers were. He had been waited on by a delegation of hotel men who wanted to know if he was for an open or closed town. He told them that if he were elected the laws would have to be lived up to, and he assured the gathering that the laws would be enforced.

As an agent Mr. Nickerson said he had consistently refused to handle liquor, but after the prohibition law was passed he had been agent for a brand of two and a half per cent beer. He had written this firm many times telling them not to ship him intoxicating beer and during the past year he had not handled much of their product. Everything he had done was done openly.

Another report he wished to contradict was one to the effect that if elected he would fire everybody around the city hall and give jobs to his friends. He wished to tell them he was going to the city hall with an open mind. He had nothing against anyone.

No Strike Breaker.

There was a report being circulated that he had tried to break the strike last year. During the onshoremen's strike he had under his charge here a scow load of lumber. To get this unloaded he offered to pay the rate of wages demanded but could get no one to do the work. He had then advertised in the newspapers for men at that rate.

Mr. Nickerson said there was one thing he had omitted from his manifesto. At the present time there was a man doing business on the waterfront who was being turned out of his location and who wanted a temporary lease from the railway company. In cases like this he would certainly try to use his influence as mayor with the railway company to try to secure temporary locations on the waterfront for those so desiring them.

Interested in Fishing.

He had been told he was trying to drive the fishermen to Port Edward. The men who said that were only interested in making political capital whereas he was personally interested in the fishing business. He had an interest (Continued on Page 5.)

OLIVER SILENT ON THE SPEAKER RUMOR

VICTORIA, Jan. 7.—Questioned yesterday, Premier Oliver said he had nothing to say on the rumored intention that the government was to name Mrs. Smith speaker of the legislature.

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DENIES RUMOR OF BIG DEAL

H. S. Munro, General Manager of Granby Co., Says Sale to C.P.R. is False Report.

DESPITE REDUCTIONS OUTPUT LARGE AS EVER

"No examination of the plant at Anox has been made by Canadian Pacific Railway interests and the report that it is to take over the properties of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company is unfounded," stated H. S. Munro, general manager of the Granby Co., who was in the city last night southbound on the Prince George. Mr. Munro is on his way to a meeting of Granby directors at New York and will not be back north till about February 1. He will catch a fast train east immediately upon his arrival in Vancouver on Saturday.

Speaking of operations at Anox, Mr. Munro stated that everything is running very smoothly under the new reduced wage scale and the company did not lose a single man as a result of the reduction. Prior to the cut the number of employees was reduced from 1,300 to 1,050, but in spite of this there is a larger production of copper at Anox than there was before the staff was reduced. This also in spite of the fact that less coke is being used. The copper market is slightly improved now and Mr. Munro expects no change in the policy of the company. The conduct of operations will remain as they are at the present time.

MARTYN IS BACK AGAIN

Reappointed Deputy Minister of Industries in Provincial Government.

VICTORIA, Jan. 7.—Major Don B. Martyn, who resigned to run in Dewdney for the provincial election, has been reappointed deputy minister of industries.

STRIKE TIES UP AUSTRALIAN SHIPS

MELBOURNE, Jan. 7.—Sixty-two vessels, aggregating 200,000 tons, are idle here in consequence of a deadlock in a dispute concerning working hours between the marine stewards and the owners.