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PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1921.

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Street Sales 429.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

New B.C. Liquor Act is Complicated

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT IS REDUCED BY \$1,822,744 FROM THE ORIGINAL DRAFT

Moderation Bill Introduced Into House by Government

Forms Strictly to Spirit of Plebiscite and Contains No
Objectionable Beer Clause; Sealed Packages Only

Municipalities to Get Half of Liquor Profits

Decision Made in Despatch that Amendments May
Provide for Right to Serve Beer and Light Wines
in Restaurants

VICTORIA, February 24.—The Moderation Act which was
passed into the Legislature yesterday afternoon provides that
whisky and malt liquors be sold by the Government.

There is in the measure no provision for the licensed sale of
intoxicating beverage by private parties. It is understood,
however, that the act is subject to most revolutionary revision by
amendments, while in the committee stage. There is a probability
that additional sections being included allowing the sale of beer
and light wines by agencies other than government stores.

There is to be no drinking in a public place and drunkenness in
public constitutes a punishable offense.

A quart will probably be the limit placed on a single purchase
and uniform price will prevail throughout the province.

Consumption of intoxicants will be allowed in hotel rooms, per-
mission residence permits being granted at an annual fee of five
dollars. Non-residents will be required to pay five dollars for a
day permit.

Government stores will be open eight hours daily and closed
on Sundays and election days.

No More Beer and Beer Signs.
Signs bearing the words "Beer," "Beep" and "Liquor" and
others are disallowed.

A tax of \$2.50 a quart on all liquor not bought from the Govern-
ment will be imposed and all existing private stocks are to be marked
with Government stamp.

Wholesale warehouses must pay a license fee of \$3,000 yearly.
Excessive drinking means the cancellation of the permit and
the liquor will be sold to minors.

Inspection is made for inspectors to enter and search premises
for contraband liquor in connection with the enforcement of the law.

Municipalities Get Half Profits.
An important feature of the bill is that municipalities are to get
one-half of the profits from the sale under the government monopoly. This
will give the municipalities an interest in enforcing the law and
will also provide relief from the present high tax rates.

It will be unlawful for a host to permit anyone to become in-
drunken in his home.

Druggists may sell liquor on prescription, but in the original
package obtained from the Government store and at the
retail price.

A sealed package, it is explained, may mean anything from a
barrel.

NAVY MAY NOT COME TO PORT

Minister of Marine would be "Very
Glad Indeed," but May Not
be Time

TIME ON COAST
STRICTLY LIMITED

The secretary of the Board of
Trade received the following
letter yesterday from Hon. C. C.
Ballantyne in regard to the in-
vitation sent for the navy to visit
Prince Rupert:

"With reference to the part of
your telegram of February 11th,
asking that the Canadian Naval
Fleet visit Prince Rupert during
its stay on the Pacific Coast, I
should be very glad indeed to have
the Canadian Naval vessels visit
your port and have given instruc-
tions that this should be done if
possible.

"The stay of the vessels in
British Columbia waters is, how-
ever, strictly limited owing to the
necessity of the ships returning
East in time for the combined
exercises with the Militia and Air
Services. As the vessels will
no doubt need certain refit after
their long cruise, it is just possi-
ble that they may not have time
to leave without calling at Prince
Rupert. This would be a matter
of regret to myself and to the
officers of the ships, but it would
merely be a postponement of their
visit which would take place on
the next occasion of their being
at the coast of British Columbia.

Yours very truly,
"C. C. BALLANTYNE."

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE ELKS

Plans Being Laid for Special
Train to Calgary Convention;
Gavel from Morte Craig.

Nine candidates were initiated
into the mysteries of Elkdom last
night at the regular meeting of
the local lodge.

It was decided to make a big
campaign for new members with
the object of raising the member-
ship to 300 by June 1.

R. Lepine, on behalf of a special
committee, reported regarding
negotiations looking to the run-
ning of a special train in August
to the big grand lodge convention
at Calgary. The plan is for all the
south coast members to meet the
local lodge and Anyox at Prince
Rupert and make the trip in one
train, returning the same way.

The lodge was last night the re-
cipient of a fine ivory gavel suit-
ably engraved, from Morte Craig.

SIKHS FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES AT SHRINE

LAHORE, India, Feb. 24.—A
large number of Sikhs were killed
or wounded in a serious riot be-
tween Sikh merchants and Sikh
pilgrims at Bakkanasahid shrine.
Troops are guarding the shrine.

DOGS OF ALL NATIONS AT SHOW.



Gotham Diplomat, English Bull, a German Police Dog and Buddie Blink, Boston Terrier.
The largest dog show in the history of the country is now in progress in Madison Square
Garden, New York City. There are more than 1,700 entries of all breeds. The League of Dog
Nations is surely represented, for there are Pekingeses and Chows from China, Japanese span-
iels, French bulldogs, Russian wolfhounds, Schipperkes from Holland, Brussels Griffons, Eng-
lish bulldogs, dachshunds, shepherds and Hoberman Pinschers. There is a single Irish water
spaniel, but Ireland is well represented with the terrier and the wolfhound. Even Mexico is in
the fight with a few Chihuahuas and you might say Greece has a voice with the Maltese.

GREEK AND TURK TO BE RECONCILED

Cessation of Hostilities and
Independent Commission to
Examine Claims.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The
solution of the near east
problem relating to Turkey
to be reached by the Allied
Council will be to send an
Allied commission to examine
the claims of Greece and Tur-
key in Smyrna and Thrace.
Meantime a cessation of hos-
tilities between Greece and
Turkey will be declared.

COST OF EDUCATION WAS \$5,500,000

Government Contributed Forty per
Cent of Total.

VICTORIA, Feb. 24.—The cost
of education in the province of
British Columbia was five and a
half million dollars last year, ac-
cording to a report tabled in the
Legislature. Forty per cent of
this amount was contributed by
the government.

The following boats were listed
at the Fish Exchange this morn-
ing but up to one o'clock no bids
had been made for their catches:
Chimera, 6,000 pounds; Fisher,
12,000 pounds; Uranus, 14,000
pounds; Sentinel, 18,000 pounds;
Reform, 11,000 pounds, and Im-
perious, 12,000 pounds.

Farmers Decide Against Direct Political Action

Individuals May Work for Farmer Candidate; Finan-
cial Affairs to be Straightened Out; Increased
Production is Aim

VANCOUVER, February 24.—The British Columbia Farmers'
Convention at their meeting here yesterday decided not to take
direct political action as a body. Any individual member or any
local organization may, however, further the interests of any
farmer candidate if so desired.

To wipe out a \$2,500 deficit and get a surplus, the delegates
decided to increase the fees and dispense with the official or-
ganizer. The sessions wind up today.

At a luncheon the farmers and manufacturers agreed to co-
operate in boosting manufacturing and production in British
Columbia.

Assessment Reduced Nearly Two Million

This Year's Gross Assessment is \$16,538,356 as against \$19,103,336
for 1920; Railways Benefits
from Action of Court

Reductions of \$1,822,744 made by the court of revision from
the original draft of the assessment roll by the city assessor bring
the total value of property on the roll from \$18,361,100 to \$16,538,356
which is the gross assessment for the year. This is
considerably lower than last year's gross total which was \$19,103,336
and in general city property a reduction of 37 per cent
is shown from last year's railway valuation, while railway prop-
erty is, of course, valued at a higher figure, the ten year's agree-
ment having expired. A higher

UNITED STATES CLAIMS RIGHTS

Says Has Equal Interest in Ger-
man Possessions With
Other Allies.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—In a note to
the Council of the League of Na-
tions on the question of mandates,
the United States claims equal
concern and interest with the
other principal allied and asso-
ciated powers in regard to the
overseas possessions of Germany
and their disposition.

Advertise in the Daily News

this does not mean that private
property holders will have to pay
more taxes for their valuations
have been reduced. Waterfront
property has been placed at a
value of about \$1 per foot.
The court of revision has finish-
ed its business, as far as reduc-
tions are concerned, and their last
sitting will be on Monday next
when the revised assessment roll
will be adopted.

The court has reduced the as-
sessment of the G. T. P. railway
from \$7,363,990 to \$5,813,879, a
reduction of \$1,550,111. This is
considered an equitable assess-
ment, although the company was
not given the reduction at had
asked for.

G. T. P. Development Co. prop-
erty gets a total reduction of
\$115,990 from \$180,550 to \$364,560.
The property of this com-
pany in sections 3, 4 and 9 was
not reduced.

The Provincial Government
property has been reduced from
\$846,870 to \$690,227, a reduction
of \$156,643.

SPRACKLIN FOUND TO BE NOT GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

TORONTO, Feb. 24.—Rev. J. O.
L. Spracklin, former liquor license
inspector, was found not guilty of
manslaughter by a jury today in
connection with the shooting of
Beverley Trumble, an innkeeper,
in a raid last November.
The jury was out 55 minutes.

EASTERN HOCKEY.
Canadiens 3, Ottawa 1.
Hamilton 7, Toronto 4.

OLIVER WILL OPEN DEBATE LIQUOR BILL

Bowser Will Move Adjournment
Until Monday, After Which
General Discussion.

VICTORIA, Feb. 24.—Premier
Oliver will tomorrow move the
second reading of the bill which
was introduced and read a first
time yesterday. The debate which
is expected to follow, will bring
out an expression from members
of the House.

After Premier Oliver has spoken
W. J. Bowser, leader of the oppo-
sition, will move the adjournment
of the debate until Monday after-
noon. This will give him time to
study the measure, get the con-
sensus of opinion of the people
who are backing him, and give his
criticism the necessary political
touches.

After Mr. Bowser has spoken,
the bill will be open for private
members to discuss, after which
it will be considered in committee
when amendments will be in or-
der.

STATION SITE IS NOT CHOSEN

Building May be Placed on Either
Side of Track—Double
Purpose.

The station plans are still un-
der discussion and nothing defi-
nite has yet been done in regard
thereto. The matter of site is
also unsettled. There is divided
opinion as to whether the new
building should be on the dock,
thus serving the double purpose
of a dock and railway station and
allowing for the removal of the
present ticket office, or be built on
the opposite side of the track.
There are arguments for and
against each site and the con-
sensus of opinion seems to be for
the dock site.

It is understood that a decision
will be made in regard to this in
the near future.

FUNERAL OF LATE MRS. CALOUSSI HELD TODAY

Floral Tributes From Number of
Friends in City.

The funeral of the late Mrs.
Clementina Caloussi, who died
last Tuesday, was held this after-
noon from the Catholic Church,
Rev. Father McGrath officiating
both at the church and at the
graveyard.

Mrs. Caloussi was a native of
Italy and was 32 years of age.
She has resided in the city for
some time at Fulton Street and
Seventh Avenue and leaves to
mourn her loss a husband and
four small children. Funeral ar-
rangements were in the hands of
Haynor Bros. and interment took
place in Fairview Cemetery.

Floral tributes were received
from Mrs. V. Cervi, Mrs. G. Dom-
inato, Mrs. M. Pettenuzo, Olga
Vacher, Maria Gognata, L. Ross,
Mr. and Mrs. G. Basso-Bert, and
Miss Robinson.

COAST HOCKEY
Seattle 5, Vancouver 4, at
Seattle.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CON-
CERT—Vocal and instrumental
music Westholme Theatre 9:15
p. m. Sunday. 47

MANDATE TO COURT QUEBEC

Quebec's Liberal Member for
Assembly—Crerar to Speak
Tomorrow.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—The de-
cision of the British Columbia
Legislature has a right to impose a tax
of \$2.50 a quart on liquor
purchased outside the provin-
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titutional law, it is de-
clared here.

INAUGURATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Pres-
ident Wilson will follow the cus-
tom of riding to the inaugu-
ration with the incoming presi-
dent. It is not known
whether he will attend the inaugu-
ral ceremonies.

LIQUOR TAX IS POINT OF LAW TO BE DECIDED

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—Whether or not the British
Columbia Legislature has a
right to impose a tax of
\$2.50 a quart on liquor
purchased outside the provin-
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PREPARING TO PAY

Capt. Saunders Making Arrange-
ments in Regard to Out-
standing Checks.

Preparations are being made by
Capt. Saunders, agent of marine
insurance, to pay the outstand-
ing checks which were cashed for
the men who were working at
the shipyard previous to the close
down. An announcement will
doubtless be made in regard to
this within a day or two.

The Dominion Government de-
partment of public works pile
driver was sunk at Digby Island
near the marine hospital in Tues-
day morning's gale.