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Taxation in B.C. is To Be Revised

GOVERNMENT RAILWAY LOSS DOES NOT INCLUDE INTEREST ON TWO LINES

EDITORIAL

COURT HOUSE BIDS.

Seems a pity that there should be any unseemly haste on part of the provincial public works department in regard to letting the contract for the new government buildings at Prince Rupert. If the department insists that tenders must be in by April 1, it will mean that local contractors will be unable to compete for the work. It is understood that one or two firms are prepared to do so. We are all keen to have the work commence and also to have it carried out with expedition as Dr. King, but probably the Public Works Department is not informed to what extent firms are being handicapped in its action. We are of opinion that in the interests of government as well as of local firms, opportunity should be given for everyone to tender for the work. Dr. King will probably get in bad with this city only if he does not give the chance on this work.

MERSON IS COMING HERE

Take up Matter of Water Concession with City.

VANCOUVER, March 28.—John Emerson is leaving tonight for Prince Rupert where he expects to meet the city council in connection with the granting of free water for the proposed sulphite mill to be erected in Prince Rupert.

Interviewed here, Mr. Emerson said the strong impression had got abroad in regard to this proposed mill. Arrangements have been made for marketing the bonds, and the sale will depend very much on the conditions at Prince Rupert. "We have received good reports from the Provincial Government and from the Canadian National Railway and we have reason to believe we shall get a different reception from the people of Prince Rupert. We are anxious to establish the business there, and as far as we can learn, they are anxious to have it."

OFFER REWARD

For Arrest of Bomb Thrower of Italian who Wrecked Theatre

VANCOUVER, Mar. 27.—A reward of $1,000 has been offered for the capture of the bomb thrower who wrecked the Diana Theatre on this week. More than 100 arrests have been made so far.

PURE CANADIAN
Maple Syrup
From the Eastern Provinces; new season's run arriving soon
E. CONFECTIONERY STORE

TYPICAL STREET SCENE IN PANAMA.

American destroyers have been sent to Panama to protect American citizens there Costa Rican troops have invaded parts of Panama and have captured several villages. Panamanian troops have recaptured several cities and towns

Revise System of Taxation In British Columbia with View to Aid Municipalities

VICTORIA, March 28.—The Provincial Government intends to revise the whole system of taxation in British Columbia and to make the proposed changes effective at the next session of the Legislature, Premier Oliver informed a delegation representing the Union of B. C. Municipalities.

The Government will continue the plan of allowing the municipalities half of all the liquor profits but realizes that this alone will be insufficient to cover the needs of the municipalities.

An investigation into the present financial system as it affects the province and municipalities will be made. This will cover the existing relations between municipal councils and school boards. The Government suggests in the meantime that in order to cover the present crisis in the affairs of the municipalities there be a levy of a semi-annual tax of $5 on all male adults irrespective of all other taxes.

Vancouver Island Asks Separation from Rest Of British Columbia

VICTORIA, March 28.—A resolution moved by Acting Mayor A. E. Todd and seconded by Alderman George Sangster will come before the city council tomorrow night asking for the separation of Vancouver Island from the rest of the province and the formation of a new province therefrom. If the resolution is passed it will be sent on to the Associated Boards of Trade of Vancouver Island for their approval.

Acting Mayor Todd is enthusiastic in regard to the proposal, which has been up before, but is now precipitated by the action of Colonel Peck at Ottawa in regard to the northern part of the province. Ald. Sangster would not comment on the move except to say "It will combat this thing of Cy Peck's." Following is the text of the resolution:

"Whereas, in the House of Commons at Ottawa, a resolution is reported to have been moved by Colonel C. Peck, V. C., M. P., to the effect that all that portion of British Columbia north of the 52nd parallel and including the Yukon Territory, shall be formed into a new and separate province;

"And whereas many of the citizens of Vancouver Island are of the opinion that Vancouver Island has been, and is being, unduly taxed to support mainland public works and institutions of little benefit to the Island, and that essential public works and institutions of great benefit to the Island have been, and are being, correspondingly neglected;

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Associated Boards of Trade of Vancouver Island be requested at their approaching convention to consider and discuss the desirability of Vancouver Island becoming a separate province, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the city clerk to the president and secretary, respectively, of the Associated Boards of Trade of Vancouver Island."

ROCK SLIDE DELAYS TRAIN

Immense Mass of Mountain Side Comes Down This Side of Terrace.

The west bound train did not arrive until this morning, having been delayed by a huge rockslide about ten miles this side of Terrace. The rock came down from the mountainside Saturday morning, covering the track for 200 feet and from fifteen to twenty feet deep. Gangs were immediately set to work to clear it away but it was six o'clock this morning before the train was able to pass.

This slide was one of the biggest on record on this line.

AMENDMENT TO THE PROVINCIAL LAND ACT

VICTORIA, March 26.—Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, introduced an amendment to the Lands Act providing that when the right of a purchaser in any town or city lot has become forfeited, under a provincial land sale for taxes, or in land reverting to the Crown, or the resale of that land, the minister may fix the upset price at an amount sufficient to cover the value of any improvements made by the former purchaser and may, out of the money received on the resale, pay to the former purchaser the amount of the value of such improvements or such part thereof as he may deem proper.

HALIBUT PRICES.

KETCHIKAN, March 28.—H. C. Nunan, manager of the New England Fish Co., who recently returned from a visit to Vancouver, says the price of halibut is going to be good this year.

MUCH FISH IS IN FOR SALE

Over Quarter Million Pounds was Offered This Morning But Much Left Over.

CAR SHORTAGE IS NOW ANNOYING FISHERMEN

Six carloads of halibut sold at the Fish Exchange today for shipment East and over 100,000 pounds is still holding over against refrigerator cars that are reported for arrival tomorrow night. On this morning's passenger train six cars arrived for American fish and these were quickly snapped up by the fish buyers and catches bought for the return journey. Five more cars are reported for arrival tomorrow night.

Urged on by the continued shortage of cars that they face when they come to this port and the resulting loss in both time and money they usually suffer, the fishermen are now proposing the sending of a monster protest to the government and railway authorities signed by every fisherman coming to Prince Rupert.

The fish buyers are also having trouble. In the endeavor to make the short supply of cars go as far as possible the companies have been filling the cars with as much fish as possible. Recently some cars have been sent out with as much as 28,000 pounds and last week one car load was protested from the express office with this amount of fish as being overloaded. The buyers have decided that it will inadvisable to allot any more than 23,000 pounds to a car from now on.

The following was the list of boats offering for sale today:

Fortuna, 20,000 pounds; Holdal, 7,000 pounds; Cape Spencer, 5,000 pounds; Reliance, 5,000 pounds; North Cape, 7,000 pounds; Hi Gill, 7,000 pounds; Augusta, 22,000 pounds; Washington, 7,000 pounds; J. P. Todd, 11,000 pounds; Forward, 7,000 pounds; Aceline, 5,000 pounds; Kodiak, 28,000 pounds; Vesta, 7,000 pounds; Morengren, 10,000 pounds; Flattery, 7,000 pounds; Bringgeld, 9,000 pounds; President, 16,000 pounds; Norma, 7,000 pounds; Shrub, 6,000 pounds; Cordelia, 4,000 pounds; Mayflower, 3,500 pounds; Ingred II., 12,000 pounds; Murineag, 5,500 pounds; Dorreen, 10,500 pounds; Wales Island, 4,500 pounds; Westerner, 4,000 pounds.

The Scandia cleared on Saturday night for Seattle with 80,000 pounds.

FISHING BOAT VESTA WENT ASHORE WHEN RUDDER CHAIN BROKE

Repairs Were Made at Captain's Cove and Vessel Made Port Under Own Power.

The fishing boat Vesta, Captain John Olsen, met with difficulty while leaving Captain's Cove on Friday afternoon where she was taking bait and returned to port at 6:30 Saturday evening to undergo repairs at the Seal Cove Marine Ways.

The Vesta was on her way to the halibut banks and had just left Captain's Cove when her rudder chain parted and although her engines were reversed she hit the shore before she could be brought under control. Her bow was slightly damaged and she was run ashore where patches were made. She reached this port under her own power.

Hon. J. D. Reid Tells Of Railway Losses

Railway Report is Illuminating Document; Published Loss Does Not Include Interest on Transcontinental or Intercolonial

The full report of the minister of railways just to hand shows the total loss both from operation and fixed charges on the Canadian National system exclusive of the Grand Trunk Railway to be $70,331,734.88. Of this the operating loss was $26,708,456.23.

Add to this the loss in operation of the G. T. P. and the total operating loss is $36,842,970.17. The loss in operating the Great Northern was $16,258,579.80.

Fixed charges on the G. T. P. amount to $9,332,776.23 and on the Canadian Northern $24,155,988.48. The grand total loss of over seventy millions does not take into consideration any interest or fixed charges on the Transcontinental or Intercolonial railways.

Out of every dollar earned there was paid 75c for operating wages, 20c for fuel, leaving 5c for all other requirements, which totalled 29c.

Undelivered Cars.

Dealing with the question of equipment, there is an item under the passenger department of 20 express refrigerators from the National Steel Car Co. and this passenger equipment, it is said, is not yet deliverpo, although the refrigerators are definitely promised during the month of May. It will be noted that the number is 20 and not 30.

Discussing freight rates, the report says: "We in the province of Ontario have for many years required, in fact used, lumber and timber grown and manufactured in British Columbia. Today this trade is cut off owing to high freight rates, thus injuring British Columbia and Ontario and our country as a whole.

"British Columbia requires the markets of the western provinces and even the eastern provinces for their products. It is impossible for British Columbia to grow and ship fruit and lumber at the present high rate of freight."

SIXTH GROUP IN MANITOBA

Farmer Party Splits, Part of It Deciding to Oppose Government

WINNIPEG, Mar. 28. — The formation of a sixth group in the Manitoba Legislature is the result of a split in the independent farmer party. The new party will probably be headed by C. A. Talbot and will oppose the Government.

CIVIL SERVANTS CUT.

OTTAWA, March 28.—A cut of 25 per cent in the bonus to be paid civil servants during the next fiscal year is announced.

SELLING BONDS IN VANCOUVER

Mayor Wilson Accompanied by City Solicitor of Prince George in South

VANCOUVER, Mar. 28.—Mayor Wilson and City Solicitor P. E. Wilson of Prince George are here in connection with the disposal of several thousand dollars worth of Prince George city bonds to a Vancouver financial firm.

Dr. Alward, the Prince George dentist, is also here, as well as Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ogilvie who are on a holiday.

RUSH IS ON TO THE NORTH

Machinery, Boats, Food Supplies and Oil Going Into Country.

EDMONTON, Mar. 28.—Freight continues to be rushed through on the Government railway to Lac La Biche and beyond. The chief commodities besides food supplies sent north are machinery, boats, gasoline, distillate and fuel oil. This means that an immense number of boats will ply on the Mackenzie and other rivers during the coming summer.

There is also a strong movement into the Peace River over the E. D. & B. C. Railway and similar goods are sent in that direction.

Edmonton is already feeling the revival in business consequent on the rush to the north following the discovery of the Fort Norman oil fields.

WAGE REDUCTION

TACOMA, Mar. 28.—Union carpenters announce a voluntary reduction in wages from eight to seven dollars a day.

NOTICE

Annual Meeting of Prince Rupert Liberal Association

will be held in the Liberal Rooms, Pattullo Block Second Avenue, on

Tuesday, March 29th, at 8 p.m.

General Business and Election of Officers