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### Public Service And What It Means.

Public service is an abstract quantity often difficult to discern. It is generally considered in individuals as successful effort towards the bringing about of conditions which tend to improve the life and welfare of the community or the nation as the case may be. The best service is usually brought about without reward to the person or group which gives it. If a person is paid for work he does for the benefit of the public his services cannot be called public service. If, however, he works just for the purpose of improving the lot of his neighbors or countrymen without recompense in sight his work comes in the district of public service. That is where public service and civil service differ. A man may be called a public servant but that does not mean that his work is what is generally known as public service. There is an element of philanthropy in public service and one is never paid for philanthropy.

### City Government Can Render Service.

In a city such as Prince Rupert public service can be rendered by its mayor, its city councillors, its school board and its police commissioners or other civic executives. In fact if an honest person holds any of these offices, his service is strictly public service.

The mayor gets a small remuneration, the aldermen smaller still and other elected administrators of the city receive nothing at all. No matter how efficient or inefficient the mayor or the aldermen may be, they earn the annual pay they receive. An ill-paid man receives as much as the mayor receives and a boy will earn as much as the aldermen.

There is, however, vast difference in the services that may be rendered by some civic administrators and others. While the mayor of Prince Rupert may receive little more than \$1,000 per year, he may be worth a hundred thousand to the city in a year. The same applies to the aldermen, school trustees and police commissioners.

### Real Service And Unreal.

While civic office may present so much opportunity for the rendering of public service, it is a reasonably safe statement to make that very few of the men who go into civic politics are actuated solely by motives of service. There are also very few men who go into the field considering the salary they may receive. The attraction to the man who has some personal object in view may come in the honor that he may suppose attaches itself to civic office; it may come in the prospect of conferring some advantage upon the estate or property of himself or his friends, or in various other ways.

While the attractions are legion for the selfish or dishonest man in the realm of civic politics, there is only one recompense for the unselfish and dishonest man and that is the satisfaction of having given service which will, nine times out of ten, be discounted by unjust criticism. Perhaps in this may be explained why many cities nowadays find themselves with civic governments that can be termed little else than a "bunch of dubs" or "grafters."

### Prince Rupert Soon To Choose Again.

Prince Rupert will soon be having another municipal election. As usual there will be candidates going in from selfish and unselfish motives, personal and impersonal ones. It is to be hoped that this city will be more fortunate than many others in the kind of men or women who present themselves. There may not be many selfish candidates but it is a certain thing that there will be some personal ones—men going in with some axe to grind or obsessed with some personal opinion or grudge. Civic politics in a small town gives them undue scope and their chances are good. However, sectionalism is to be avoided as much in Prince Rupert as anywhere else.

It will be up to the electors to choose the dross from the good grain and eliminate it. It may not be an easy matter to do so but a little careful thought will assist. A man's record should be his credential—a good one can be generally chosen from a bad one and the man without a record is not wanted.

The selection of civic executives is a more important matter than many think. It is worthy of careful consideration.

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### The Man in the Moon SAYS—

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THERE is one outstanding feature at a bazaar and that is the wonderful smile of the ladies.

A PESSIMIST is a man who upon rising in the morning plays the Dead March on the gramophone.

WHEN we will hear that cheery voice saying—"What will you have?"

FAITH makes the grocer send the bill; hope keeps the account on the books; charity at last loses the incident.

THE teller in the bank will tell you a story nowadays if you are overdrawn.

JACK Dempsey is shortly to give a lecture. We understand his subject will be—"What is sleep?"

EGGS are often cooked long enough but not soon enough.

A SCIENTIST tells us that rain is good for the complexion. What to the ladies think of our climate now?

"WERE you trying to catch the train," asked the wit of a man who had arrived breathless on the platform as the train pulled out ahead. "Oh no, not at all," he replied, "I was just chasing the train out of the depot."

### Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

Today marks another milestone in the history of the G.T.P. connection. The first through train from this city to South Hazelton left this morning. Chief Justice Hunter and J. W. Stewart were passengers.

Chief Justice Hunter, at the close of the assizes yesterday, declared that he would suggest to the government that the sale of liquor to Indians be made an indictable offense.

W. Clark Durant, superintendent of the local hydro-electric company, accompanied by Mrs. Durant, arrived this morning from Vancouver and Victoria.

Reggie Green returned to the city today, after being in the East where he secured a bride who will preside over the Green household here.

Word was received this morning that the appeal of the G.T.P. to the Governor-General in council in regard to the Cameron Bay opening had been lost.

Details of the burning of the launch Polaris at Massett have just reached the city. The boat was one of the smartest and best equipped in these waters and was destroyed near the mouth of the Ain River.

Mayor Newton is quoted in the papers today as making a very strong objection to the manner in which the clergy criticized him in regard to the morals of the city.

E. Parkinson, collector of Inland Revenue for the province who is now in the city, is very pleased with the place. He is here in connection with the appointment of J. Jephson as local collector.

### PRINCE GEORGE

Glen Higginth who spent some time in Fairbanks, Alaska, returned last week to Prince George to help his father in the Pineview settlement.

Edwin Poole, who filled the position of postmaster here for several years, died recently in Vancouver.

Frank Lipscombe left on Friday for the coast where he will reside in future.

Miss I. Fillmore, of Aleza Lake, spent last weekend in town.

Ernie Burden and Miss Lucille Butcher were married at Edmondson on November 7 and have returned to Prince George to live.

## TAXATION OF THE PROVINCE

"The Taxation Department has been run on a strictly business basis, and every effort is being put forward to equitably apportion the tax levies," said Hon. John Hart in his budget speech. "The audit system is a great factor in securing more accurate returns, and the effect of this system is so far reaching that it is impossible to figure the results accomplished by it."

"It has been the intention to arrange for a conference with the Minister of Finance at Ottawa to discuss the question of the dual income tax collected in this province, while in view of the fact that, since Parliament rose, Hon. Mr. Fielding has been over-seas practically all the time, it has been impossible to make the necessary arrangements. At an early opportunity we will endeavor to have an interview and press for some changes which will to some extent relieve the strain and inconvenience of the double system."

"The municipalities have been representing to the government that they should be given power to impose an income tax to be applied toward the cost of education, and the suggestion has been made that all personal incomes should be taxed without any exemption, the rate on the first \$2,000 to be one half of one per cent. The Government, before coming to a conclusion, is anxious to see the result of a conference with the Dominion Government, as it would be much more satisfactory to the taxpayers of the Province if there was only one collecting body with all the consequent saving in cost, labor in connection with making returns, and annoyance.

### Timber Limits

"Since 1906 recommendations have been made annually by the Taxation department for the adjustment and equalization of values of Crown granted timber limits. In 1911 the Royal Commission on Taxation recommended that the assessment of timber lands should be made by experts and expressed the opinion that the cost could legitimately be regarded as a capital expenditure. The Commission also pointed out that the cost of the increased machinery would be more than repaid in the increased valuation.

"Until 1921 no system or basis for values existed in the Department, the work being done in a most inequitable and haphazard manner, the assessed values being only a small percentage of the actual values. The Department commenced the work by employing a superintendent and authorizing him to arrange the necessary organization. After a trial the method adopted was found not to be satisfactory and a contract was let to Ryan-McIntosh-Hiberson Company for the completion of the work. Several conferences were held with timber holders, and a copy of the proposed contract submitted to them was generally approved. The owners are now co-operating with the Government by supplying us with their cruises, which is a considerable saving in cost as the cruisers in such cases need only make a check cruise instead of a complete one. In a number of cases, where owners did not have a cruise of their own, they are paying 50 per cent of the cost in consideration of being supplied with copies of maps and details as filed with the Department. The owners admitted that they had not been reasonably or equitably assessed, and, in view of the cost of the new assessment, they agreed to pay a general increase in their taxes of 25 per cent for this year. It was the intention of the Department to have the work done gradually but after consultation with the interested parties, it was suggested that it would be

more equitable to assess all owners under the new values from the same date, hence the desire of the Department to complete the work in time for the 1923 Rolls.

### Lands Defined

"Timber lands," as defined by the Taxation Act, is that which contains merchantable timber to the extent of eight thousand feet to the acre west of the Cascades, and five thousand feet to the acre east of that line.

"The cost of the cruise is 35 cents per acre for a 20 per cent cruise in the heavily timbered areas along the coast, and 25 cents per acre for a 10 per cent cruise east of the Cascades. The information supplied by the cruisers includes estimates of the quantity of timber of each species in each 40 acre block, the sizes and different grades of the timber, the class of the land, the topography of the ground, the cost of logging, the cost of transportation, and the value of the timber. We are furnished with a complete set of maps with this information set out for each 40 acre block. Fifteen cents per acre is the amount allowed for the valuing damage and logged-off areas. The average cost of the work to the Department to date is approximately 23 cents per acre for the acreage actually cruised, not including whole areas checked.

### Happy Position

"In this part of the world as in all others the effects of the war will be felt for some years to come, although we can look for a continuous betterment of conditions. British Columbia is in the happy position that it may expect to recover more rapidly than other portions of the Empire, but as a people we must realize that we have increased burdens to bear, not only on account of social legislation passed by the House, but also on account of loans made for development of our natural resources.

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### Credit Better

"The credit of the province is better now than at any time since Confederation, and this is demonstrated by the ready sale of our bonds, the prices we have received, and the number of financial houses bidding for the issues.

"This province is fortunate in owning great natural resources within its bounds, timber, mines, agricultural lands and fisheries. The return of normal conditions and the influx of population that we may anticipate in the next few years, combined with the sound, sane policy of development of our natural resources, must assure us of a bright and prosperous future."

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