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Thursday, March 30, 1922.

Visit of Governor
Will Be Appreciated.

The announcement published today that Lord Byng, Governor-General of Canada, will visit Prince Rupert is one that will be received with appreciation by the people of this city. Outside of the official position the governor holds, his military record is one that would ensure him a great reception here. As the representative of the King and head of the Government of Canada he will be made welcome. Doubtless great efforts will be made to show what Prince Rupert can do in the way of a suitable reception.

Liberals and Allies
Have Huge Majority.

The vote taken at Ottawa on Tuesday indicates that the Progressives and the Liberals are determined to stand side by side in the interests of good government. They voted to a man, the only member present not voting being a woman.

If the Liberals and Progressives stick together and vote together there will be no difficulty in carrying on. Each will tend to modify the policy of the other and the country will benefit. The Progressive policy is largely the Liberal policy, but the members were elected under a different name. It is in the interests of the country that there should be a strong government and one that will continue for some years at least.

School Fiasco
Is Regrettable.

The Booth School fiasco is a most regrettable affair. It also seems likely to prove expensive for the ratepayers of the city who will, apparently, be saddled with the cost of rebuilding part of it. Whatever is done, the building must be put in good shape so that there may be no future trouble.

It seems clear from the reports of experts that there is no danger to pupils who may attend. At the same time the job must be made permanent and complete soon and the citizens must pay the bills.

Many Would Like
to Hear Lloyd George.

Many people in this city and other parts of the Empire would like to hear Premier Lloyd George address the British House of Commons. Mr. Lloyd George moves the vote of confidence in connection with the Genoa conference. He is a man who usually rises to a great occasion, and this is a great one. The opposition is based largely on the undesirability of sitting at a council table with the Reds from Russia. Lloyd George, who in spite of his associations with the Conservatives, is a real democrat, insists on carrying out his program. In his action today he has the full support of the radicals of Britain. Only recently his name was anathema to the radicals. So it has been with the wealthy classes. He was soundly cursed by every Conservative in the early days of his career, and then he was blessed as the saviour of his country. Through it all he carries on serenely, having his way most of the time and leading the country forward step by step. Only a very great man could do that. One day he is a hero, the next a traitor. The hydra-headed public is always there and he is always before them. Of late he seemed to have been losing his grasp somewhat, and yet there may be another great victory for him on Monday next. It would be worth a great deal to sit in the gallery of the House of Commons and hear his address on the Genoa conference.

SCHOOL SAFE
FOR OCCUPANCYCity Engineer and Experts Made
Examination Yesterday—
Meeting Saturday.

At a special meeting of the school board held yesterday afternoon a report on the condition of the Booth School was received from Chairman W. T. Kergin and P. F. Whittaker, city engineer, which made it quite clear that while there was faulty work in the new school and some rebuilding would have to be done, the structure is quite safe and could be used at any time without the least danger.

The building was visited yesterday by Dr. Kergin, accompanied by the city engineer, the superintendent in charge of construction at the station and a government inspector. As the result of an inspection it was found that the lower part of the building was quite solid, so solid that it was with difficulty they were able to get a brick out of the wall. In the upper part, however, things were different. The mortar was soft and crumbly and the work was anything but first class.

Dr. Kergin said that even to a layman it looked like slovenly workmanship. It was not plumb and there were one or two places where you could see daylight through the wall. The mortar in the upper part was nowhere perfect. The important thing to know was whether it was perfectly safe or not. He believed the engineer was satisfied that it was perfectly safe.

Engineer's Statement.

Mr. Whittaker said if they protected the upper part from water and let the building dry a little longer it would be perfectly safe to occupy it until the holidays when permanent rebuilding work could be done such as might be necessary. The work done by Peyton in the lower part of the building was exceedingly good. Above, the walls were wet and the mortar lifeless. A few bulges might have to be removed and in the summer he thought the walls would have to be taken down to the window heads. Mr. Potter did not think so but he did not say so.

In answer to Mr. Patmore, Mr. Whittaker said he was perfectly willing to give the board a letter saying that the building was safe for occupancy.

After considerable discussion in regard to securing an expert to make a thorough examination, the Mayor was asked to attend.

Mayor's Views.

Mayor Rochester said he had visited the building this afternoon in company with two men from the station building and they had said there was no menace. If the water continued to come in, it might make the building unsafe but the walls were partly dry and he thought they should wait and see the result.

Mr. Whittaker said if they protected the upper part of the walls and allowed them to dry out and gave an undertaking that building would be repaired in the summer, everything would be all right.

The Mayor said it had been proved without any doubt that all the trouble came from the top. If the top were waterproofed, the building would have a chance to dry out. There were a lot of places where the wall was quite hard and at other places the mortar would hardly hold the brick.

Dr. Kergin said no one questioned the matter of the poor workmanship in the building.

Mr. Rochester said it was drying and he thought it would be better not to occupy the building for a few days longer.

Another Special Meeting.

It was then arranged that another special meeting should be held on Saturday at five o'clock which the mayor promised to attend. In the meantime the school will remain closed. It was also decided to secure any other rooms until after Saturday when it would be decided what was best to do. A joint meeting will also be held with the city council to decide on an expert who should make a thorough examination of the building with a view to putting it in perfect order in the summer holidays.

Mr. Patmore said they would not reopen the building unless they were thoroughly convinced it was safe.

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ORDERED OFF PORT
SIMPSON RESERVE

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The case was brought under the trespass provisions of the Indian Act, which provides that no persons other than Indians of the band are allowed to reside on an Indian reserve without the written sanction of the superintendent general of Indian affairs. It was pointed out to Beynon that if he was brought back before the magistrate he would receive a straight jail sentence without option of fine or appeal.

Eminent Ethnologist.

Beynon is a Victoria half-breed and is married to a woman of the Port Simpson tribe. Last year he was convicted by Magistrate McMullin of attempting to supply liquor to Indians, and his wife was convicted of supplying and was fined \$50. In 1919 he was ordered off the Indian Reserve by Magistrate McMullin but has persisted in remaining there. He claims to be a high official of the ethnological branch of the department of Indian affairs and a lengthy article appeared in the

Vancouver Province some time ago in which he was given the credit of being the greatest living authority on Indian ethnology and investigation.

Constable Watkinson conducted the prosecution yesterday and L. W. Patmore of Patmore & Fulton appeared for the defence.

Ten Years Ago
in Prince Rupert

March 30, 1912.

Another outbreak is feared among the Indians of the Nass River. Two business men, Alex. Wallace and Fred Renworth, were compelled to return from Mill Bay in a launch unable to proceed any farther on account of the hostile attitude of the natives. Fifteen other white men were also forced back.

Dr. W. B. Clayton has demanded an apology from Mayor Newton for a remark passed in a "public meeting in the recent provincial campaign. The matter was taken up in last night's council meeting but it was decided to settle it privately.

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