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Is There A Leak In Hospital Funds.

Is there a leak in the hospital funds? We do not believe it. Alderman Montgomery doubtless has some information of a very specific character or he would not suggest it. If he has he should demand an immediate investigation and should state his charges definitely in black and white and be prepared to stick by them. Then if they are untrue, he should resign.

B. G. Stewart, who is at the head of the hospital board, is a man who is beyond reproach and so are the members of his board. They are business and professional men of standing in the community. The lady who is the working head of the institution is also capable and keen, and the secretary, Major Gibson, is not one to allow anything improper to pass him. Everyone knows the Major and knows that he would be the last one in the world to permit anything that savored ever so little of improper conduct to go on in connection with the hospital finances.

Conducting a hospital is an expensive business and the people who complain of the cost are the first to make a fuss if everything is not just all right for themselves or any of their friends, should they happen to be patients there.

Unhappy Time To Attack Hospital.

The present is an unfortunate time to make an attack on the hospital. There is an effort being made to have a nurses' home erected and to do this it is necessary to have the confidence of the people. That we believe they still have and it is regrettable that anything should occur that might tend to shake that confidence. The hospital is one of the most deserving institutions in the city. It has performed splendid service here for years, not only in catering to the sick in Prince Rupert but in serving the whole district, including the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Owing to the drop in the purchasing power of the dollar the institution like all other similar institutions in other parts of the country ran into debt and now when it is seeing light ahead and when the money is needed so badly the integrity of the institution is challenged.

The city council has two of its members on the hospital board. It is the duty of these men to keep their fingers on the financial pulse. Apparently they have been doing this and are perfectly satisfied that everything is all right. We do not think the hospital board wishes to cover up anything. They realize, as we all do that this is a public institution, supported by public money, and that the public has a right to know how the money is being spent. For this purpose the meetings of the hospital board are held in public and there is an annual meeting at which matters pertaining to hospital welfare are open to discussion by any who show their interest by paying the membership fee. Certainly the city council is not the place to air hospital matters unless the members of the council have information that there is gross mismanagement and that the city grant is being squandered.

Easy To Criticize Any Institution.

It is easy to criticize any institution. We all have ideas how the city council should conduct the business before them, and these may not accord with the ideas of many of the aldermen. That would be no excuse for us attacking the financial condition of the city at a critical time when a loan was being floated. The aldermen doubtless think they are doing good work, but any person with half the ability of Alderman Montgomery could make them out to be not only careless in the management of civic affairs but could show perhaps that there has been gross mismanagement and that public money has been wasted. It is so more or less with every public body. If the aldermen, giving as they do only a little of their spare time to the work, can conduct the civic business successfully, economically and efficiently, they will have done a great work and they will have little time left to devote to other institutions about which they can have little knowledge.

SOME FACTS ABOUT QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Thomas Deasy Writes Interesting Chatty Letter: Good Money in Trolling

MASSETT, August 30.—A great deal of adverse criticism has been directed towards a company, located in London, England, on account of advertising, and seeking immigrants to populate the Queen Charlotte Islands, a group within 85 miles of Prince Rupert, which comprise two islands, each one hundred and fifty miles in length, and a large number of smaller islands, jutting out into the Pacific Ocean, nearer the Orient than any other of the Western possessions of the United States or the Dominion of Canada.

Unfortunately, in their zeal to build up this unknown country, the promoters of the company were misunderstood, or some of their officials promised more than could be accomplished, to accommodate the immigrants. A small number of immigrants undertook to cross the ocean, at their own expense, landing on the largest island, the large majority expecting to find immediate employment, and to better their condition. Although they were not placed in the position of pioneers, a few of them found cause for complaint, whether justly or otherwise they refused to state when an investigation was called; not one appearing to enter protests, although notices were posted and an official of the government was prepared to receive protests, orally, or otherwise.

The writer is not associated with the company. At no time did any resident of the islands ask immigrants to come to the islands and invest without investigation. The advertising, given by press despatches, from Prince Rupert and otherwise, certainly bore fruit. Writers for periodicals and newspapers are flocking to the islands. The steamer, running between Vancouver and the islands is carrying tourists on every trip. Lumber men, prospectors, fishermen, and others are becoming interested in the natural resources of the islands, while those seeking health are beginning to realize that it is not necessary to visit California and other countries. It is scarcely believable; but this fact can be looked into by the most credulous. Over two hundred white children attend the various schools on the islands. During the past ten years but one child died from natural causes, of the four hundred on the islands. The Indian population increased and the two hospitals on the islands are not occupied by patients, having been turned into residences for the medical officers of the government, ready to admit and minister to invalids therein.

The fact that these islands are endowed with a climate superior to any other in the North, can be attributed to the Japan current, which sweeps across the Pacific Ocean, and winds through the inlets and bays. The thermometer never reaches the zero point, while the summer days are long, without the heat and discomfort found in California and the East.

Cleared \$600 in Two Months. The fishing season, now being under way, it might be considered meet to call attention to the exploits of a few of the fishermen, without exaggeration. Hundreds of men engage in trolling along the coast line. One in particular, named W. H. Russ, unaccompanied by any other fisherman, cleared six hundred dollars during the months of June and July, fishing for spring salmon. He received eight cents per pound for his fish on the fishing grounds. The other fishermen, willing to work on their gasoline launches, received good returns.

With camping facilities, including wood and fresh water in abundance, the trollers take their wives and children to the neighborhood of the fishing grounds where they enjoy bathing and the picking of wild berries, in a country where wild beasts and reptiles are unknown. In the near future thousands will be enjoying the sport, and at the same time, having their summer holidays in places where pleasure and profit may be combined.

Some Disadvantages. It would be useless to assert that there are no disadvantages in

any country. The fall and winter weather generally, brings discomfort. The majority of people dread Heate Straits which are not comfortable during heavy storms. Transportation facilities are not of the best, but shipping will follow the filling up of a country with immigrants of the right kind. The possibilities for the farmer are not bright at the present time. There is land in plenty. Isolation and lack of roads and contact with the buyer, always goes against the producer. Vancouver Island had many advantages, which will eventually be duplicated on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Over forty years of residence on Vancouver Island with twelve years on the Queen Charlotte Islands, should be a criterion for comparison between the two large islands of the province. Geologists inform us these islands formed one large group many years ago. The islands jut out, and the principal places on both islands, are about the same distance from two transcontinental railways. The Queen Charlotte group has the advantage of being nearest to Alaska and the Orient, having the warm winds sweeping across from Japan and China, which ward off the cold wind during the summer, which invariably brings good weather.

In the journey from Vancouver to Prince Rupert in crossing the Queen Charlotte Sound, the same open stretch of water is encountered, directly across the ocean, that is met with on Heate Straits and Dixon Entrance.

Prince Rupert is almost directly east from Massett Inlet, Prince of Wales Island is in sight from the east coast of Graham Island. The whole of the west coast of Graham Island is without a single permanent resident. Langara, Frederick, and other islands are not occupied.

Mining Prospects. Tar shale and other indications

of petroleum fields, are to be found on the Yakoun River, and the west coast of Graham Island, but little mining has been done. Moresby and other islands show indications of gold, silver, copper, iron and other minerals, while the beaches of the east coast of Graham Island show quantities of platinum and black sand, containing gold. The principal aim of many promoters up to the present has been to induce stock buyers to invest their capital in ventures, good, bad and indifferent. The advice necessary for all proposing to emigrate is to carefully study all enterprises advertised. Many who are promoting schemes, have never seen the properties they write and talk about. Those desiring to invest or to emigrate should visit the islands or take the advice of men capable of giving an honest opinion of the possibilities of the country. The pioneer residents of Queen Charlotte Islands are not at all anxious to have those with means, investing in propositions that they should know are "wild cats"; if for no other reason, such schemes bring about disaster, and are the means whereby a country receives notoriety, ill-deserved.

Tourist Trip. A tourist trip would open the eyes of many, who also know as little of the country in which they live, as the Londoner, who accepts information from sources, some of which are unreliable and ill-timed.

THOMAS DEASY.

PRINCE RUPERT TIDES

Table of tides for Wednesday, August 30, Thursday, August 31, Friday, September 1, Saturday, September 2, and Sunday, September 3. Columns include High and Low tide times and heights in feet.

Keep Your Shoes Neat 2IN1 Shoe Polishes



To Holders of Five Year 5 1/2 per cent Canada's Victory Bonds

Issued in 1917 and Maturing 1st December, 1922.

CONVERSION PROPOSALS

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE offers to holders of these bonds who desire to continue their investment in Dominion of Canada securities the privilege of exchanging the maturing bonds for new bonds bearing 5 1/2 per cent interest, payable half yearly, of either of the following classes:—

- (a) Five year bonds, dated 1st November, 1922, to mature 1st November, 1927. (b) Ten year bonds, dated 1st November, 1922, to mature 1st November, 1932.

While the maturing bonds will carry interest to 1st December, 1922, the new bonds will commence to earn interest from 1st November, 1922, GIVING A BONUS OF A FULL MONTH'S INTEREST TO THOSE AVAILING THEMSELVES OF THE CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

This offer is made to holders of the maturing bonds and is not open to other investors. The bonds to be issued under this proposal will be substantially of the same character as those which are maturing, except that the exemption from taxation does not apply to the new issue.

Dated at Ottawa, 8th August, 1922.

Holders of the maturing bonds who wish to avail themselves of this conversion privilege should take their bonds AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30th, to a Branch of any Chartered Bank in Canada and receive in exchange an official receipt for the bonds surrendered, containing an undertaking to deliver the corresponding bonds of the new issue.

Holders of maturing fully registered bonds, interest payable by cheque from Ottawa, will receive their December 1 interest cheque as usual. Holders of coupon bonds will detach and retain the last unexpired coupon before surrendering the bond itself for conversion purposes.

The surrendered bonds will be forwarded by banks to the Minister of Finance at Ottawa where they will be exchanged for bonds of the new issue, in fully registered, or coupon registered or coupon bearer form carrying interest payable 1st May and 1st November of each year of the duration of the loan, the first interest payment accruing and payable 1st May, 1923. Bonds of the new issue will be sent to the banks for delivery immediately after the receipt of the surrendered bonds.

The bonds of the maturing issue which are not converted under this proposal will be paid off in cash on the 1st December, 1922.

W. S. FIELDING, Minister of Finance.

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