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City Assessments  
And Taxation.

A new assessor has been appointed to set the values on local real estate this year and it is very generally reported that he will set the values at somewhere about the selling prices. If he does that, the assessed value of the city will be cut in half and the rate of taxation doubled. Added to that will be the cost of work done this year and the cost of repairing the school, amounting to over \$20,000 which must be paid out of current taxes following the turning down of the bylaw recently. This will bring the total taxation far above that allowed under the municipal law, and will necessitate the cutting down of expenses to half of what they are today.

The municipal law sets the bounds of the amount that may be levied by the city for general revenue. If the values of property are set at their rightful place, then the cost of administration will have to come down to where it belongs. Other cities are doing it and are not suffering. There is no reason why Prince Rupert cannot do it.

Might Cultivate  
Public Speaking.

Last year about this time this paper suggested that efforts be made to establish a debating class in the city. While the suggestion was not followed, there were debates in several of the fraternal organizations and much interest was taken in the arguments set forth.

Every young man should learn to speak in public so that if necessary he may be able to come to the defense of any cause or to urge some change which may seem desirable. Many a worthy cause has been lost owing to the inability of those behind it to speak forcibly and clearly and set forth its merits.

This coming winter seems likely to be a rather quiet one and it would be a good opportunity for some of the younger people to organize a society to train the members in public speaking.

Of Course Canada  
Will Take Part.

There is absolutely no doubt where Canada will stand in case of war. She will be at the right hand of the parent if she finds that the cause is just. She has always been there before and will do the same again. It needs but the thrill of the battle cry to sound through the land to see her rise almost to a man and respond nobly as she responded before.

There are in Canada many who do not believe in war of any kind. They would like to be able to bury their heads in the sand as does the ostrich and say there is no war. Many people in Smyrna did not believe in war, but that did not prevent the massacre.

There are in Canada many who do not think Canadians should go to Europe to fight. They do not see that people on this side of the Atlantic should be drawn into the quarrels of those on the other side. They have forgotten that the world is one and that very soon there will be no east and west. A new internationalism is arising that will make the business of any country our business and our business theirs.

In spite of the people who do not believe in war and of those who would fight only if the war was brought home to them in their own country, there is not the slightest doubt where Canada would stand if the pibroch sounded and the call went forth to battle. It is in our blood. The response today would be no less complete than it was in 1914. We should regret the necessity but we should go. It would not be a matter to reason about. The impulse to act would be as strong as ever it was.

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ORGANIZATION  
POLYTECHNIC

J. Pinder-Moss, Director, Reported on Preliminary Work to School Board.

Organization of the Northern Polytechnic Institute is now well under way according to a report submitted to the school board last night by J. Pinder-Moss, director. The report which contained several recommendations with regard to organization, methods of conducting the work and general working plans was received and adopted.

Mr. Pinder-Moss reported that a contract for \$245.90 for printing had been let to Rose, Cowan & Latta, their tender being the lowest. Offices had been taken in the Wallace Block at \$15 per month and Miss May Burgess had been engaged as stenographer. Teachers had been appointed and the syllabuses would be issued later. Letters expressing pleasure at the organization of the institute had been received from Charles Wing, secretary of the Anyox School Board, and John Kyle, director of technical training for the province. The valuable assistance of Principals Brady and Campbell in organization was acknowledged.

Several applications for the various classes had been received and it was proposed to start on October 2. Quarters in the Booth Memorial and the King Edward schools would be used as well as places for practical training such as Akerberg & Thomson's machine shop and Rose, Cowan & Latta's print shop.

There would be three terms per year and pupils would be charged \$5 per term per subject with \$1 per term for additional subjects. The terms would open October 1, January 1 and March 26.

The scale of salaries for instructors recommended was as follows: 4 to 7 pupils, \$3 per lesson; 8 to 11 pupils, \$4; 12 to 15 pupils, \$5; 16 to 19 pupils, \$6; 20 to 24 pupils, \$7. The class limits would be \$15 for academic subjects and 24 for ordinary subjects.

An amending report prepared by Howard White, accountant, setting out details as to accounting and methods of distribution of cost, revenue, etc., was also presented. This was on the basis of a flat monthly payment of \$280 by the school board to the institute to cover its share of overhead expenses such as director's salary, stenographer's salary, office expenses, etc. Cost of classes would be covered by the government grant and the revenue from the pupils themselves.

Both the main report and the amending report were adopted after they had been fully discussed.

Mr. Pinder-Moss also reported that the Anyox Community League had ordered medals for the most proficient students in first aid, dressmaking and chemistry also the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire of Prince Rupert for elementary English by foreigners. These awards would be open to competition in both the Anyox and Prince Rupert branches.

FEWER PUPILS  
PUBLIC SCHOOL

Superintendent Campbell Surprises Board in Reporting Shrinkage of 78.

## HIGH SCHOOL INCREASE

Change of Public School Hours Is Decided Upon by Board.

Members of the school board were surprised to hear from H. L. Campbell, superintendent of public schools, last night that there had been a shrinkage of 78 in public school attendance comparing September 1922 records with those of September 1921. The total number of students attending the public schools now was 679 as against 757 last September. Last year there had been 100 beginners as against 48 or 50 this year. During the last week or so, however, the attendance had been rising slightly.

On recommendation of Mr. Campbell, the school board decided to change the school hours to a uniform basis for the year around falling in line with the schedules of hours adopted by Vancouver and other large centres in the south. In future the schools of this city will open at 9 o'clock in the morning and close at 3:30 in the afternoon. There will be a 15 minute recess in the morning from 10:45 to 11, the noon recess will be from 12 to 1:30 as at present and there will be no break in the two hour afternoon session. The past arrangement, as set out in the school Act, has been from 9 in the morning to 4 o'clock in the afternoon in the summer and 9:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon in the winter. The change will eliminate the hardship worked by losing an hour in the winter time as against the summer schedule. It works out that a slightly longer time is spent in school on the whole. Primary classes are not affected in the change. Approval of the new hours will be sought by the school board from the department of Education.

The board, on suggestion of Mr. Campbell, also ordered the placing of 24 foot one foot wide cedar strips in all class rooms to be used in exhibiting meritorious work and for general bulletin purposes.

## High School Report.

The report of J. C. Brady, principal of the High School, in regard to attendance, showed an increase over last year. There were now 107 in attendance in the various classes as follows: First year, 33; second year, 25; third year, 22; commercial, 19; senior matriculation, 9. Seven rooms in the King Edward School were being occupied. The great majority of the pupils, namely 66, were girls, the balance being boys.

Referring to the commercial classes, Mr. Brady stated that he wished to make it clear that the course being given at the High School was not competitive with that being given at the convent. The High School course was a three year one and the convent course, ten months. The work covered in each was altogether different. The course given at the High School was more complete and took up work other than that of straight business and was in reality a finishing course. After a pupil had taken it he would be fully qualified to enter the business world not only as a stenographer but as an accountant or he would be well based for starting law study. The High School commercial school offered no ten-month finishing course.

## Invited to Visit.

Mr. Brady reported that the High School staff had been much strengthened through the addition of Mr. Woodworth to the staff. He was an extremely promising teacher. Mr. Brady invited members of the board to visit the school as such visits had an encouraging effect both on teachers and scholars.

The painting work done at King Edward School during the holidays met with Mr. Brady's pleasure and approval. A good job with a pleasing effect had been executed. He had not selected the colors but he considered them well chosen.

Mr. Brady was authorized by the board to requisition certain supplies for the laboratory of the school.

Norris Pringle, of the C. P. R. office, is spending a holiday on a hunting trip down the coast with Douglas Stark and Fred Hale on the launch Sunbeam.

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