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OPENING SEVENTH STREET TO WATERFRONT.

Editor Daily News:

Mr. Maguire has seen fit to open up a controversy with regard to the possibility of constructing a roadway to the waterfront via Seventh street. The question was raised on the production of a plan showing the connection of Second Street and Seventh Street via the location shown, and which, as outlined, does not in my opinion solve the problem of a suitable outlet to the waterfront, nor is it in the best interests of the city to so construct it.

Your correspondent points to the fact that several streets in the city carry as heavy a grade as the proposed. If such a statement is correct it merely proves that the original townsite plans did not take sufficient cognizance of the fact that heavy grades were a disadvantage, and that it was necessary to have sufficient roads from the waterfront to the city with easy grades.

Altered Profiles.

This assumption is borne out by the fact that the City has already seen fit to alter the original profiles in section I to obtain a reduced grade. Mr. Maguire's published figures are wrong, and must be corrected as follows:

As Appearing in Press

First Avenue	6	%
Second Avenue	6 1/2	%
Third Avenue	6	%
Third Ave. E. End	6 1/2	%
Third Ave. bet 5th 6th	7	%
Styles Place	6	%
Fifth Street	9	%

Shown on Townsite Plan

First Avenue	7	%
Second Avenue	5 1/2	%
Third Avenue	7 1/2	%
Third Ave. E. End	3	%
Third Ave. bet 5th 6th	6 1/2	%
Styles Place	6	%
Fifth Street	9.39	%

As Amended by City.

First Avenue	6.77	%
Second Avenue	2.61	%
Third Avenue	5	%
Third Ave. E. End	2.75	%
Third Ave. bet 5th 6th	6.52	%
Styles Place	5	%
Fifth Street	9.08	%

It is perfectly evident that the city has already weighed the advantages of a reduction in street grades, and, to speak broadly, the street grades of the whole townsite would be benefited by revision.

I cannot see the argument that because some roads have excessive grades, others should follow, especially if it can be avoided.

Eminent Authorities.

Whilst dealing with this matter I would like to point out that men of such eminence as Sir Henry Parnell, Sir J. Babalzett, Sir John Macneil Thos. Codrington, and Percy Bulnois, studying city traffic problems in the older countries on paved and unpaved streets, have arrived at a unanimous decision that the maximum ruling grade that should prevail in the line of a new road should not exceed one in thirty-five or approximately 2.85%.

I do not think Mr. Maguire, or rather his advisers, will presume to question the opinions of men of such standing. To illustrate the effect of grade on traffic, now that the discussion has arisen, and to dispel doubts, the following is interesting:

Taking a gross load of 4 tons at a speed of from four to six miles per hour, the tractive force necessary on the level is from 10.7—12.29 lbs. per ton.

Taking a grade of 5%, the resistance due to gravity is nearly equal to the gross load, divided by the rate of gradient, and therefore the increase in draught will be more than twice that required on the level.

Surely in planning streets designed for heavy hauling, this factor should rule, or at least influence design and location. Your railways take full advantage of this fact, and why municipalities should not, is beyond my comprehension.

Not Interested in Faction.

I am not interested in any faction, but am simply acting as an advising officer, and it is my duty to point out these matters—nor do I desire to enter into any controversy through the press, except in the interests of the city and the defence of engineering principles, and with these remarks so far as I am concerned, the matter is now entirely closed.

F. J. WHITTAKER, A.M.E.I.C.,
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H. A. Butt, Dominion government representative at the local dry dock, left on this morning's train for Ottawa.

The Katalla, with 10,000 pounds, was the only halibut boat arriving in port today. She is holding over for sale.

Reserve Friday night the 24th for the Boys' Naval Brigade Dance at St. Andrew's Hall. Arthur's six piece orchestra.

H. Nordnes, of Ketchikan, reached the city yesterday afternoon on the Princess Mary and is registered at the Hotel Prince Rupert.

Annual General Meeting of the Prince Rupert Musical Society will be held in the Presbyterian Church Hall on Monday next at 8 p.m.

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Tom Murphy and Joe Mitchell, the two stowaways who were taken off the Prince Rupert by the police on Thursday evening, appeared before Magistrate McMullin yesterday afternoon and were released when they offered to pay their fares.

The annual Church Parade of Skeena Lodge No. 45 Knights of Pythias and Prince Rupert Temple No. 2 Pythian Sisters will be held at the First Baptist Church Sunday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m. Members will assemble at K. of P. Hall at 6:45.

W. GILCHRIST, C.C.

MRS. N. ROBINSON, M.E.C.

Constable Saint, of the provincial police, Constable Thornthwaite, R. C. M. P. and Game Warden Martin returned last night on the launch Myfanwy from a trip to Kitimaat where they were called on account of troubles among the Indians. It was ascertained that there was nothing of a serious nature. The detachment was delayed several days at Swanson Bay on account of bad weather and engine trouble. Last Monday the thermometer at the pump town dropped to 5 below zero.

The Ketchikan police have reported to the local provincial police office that E. Michelson, who is charged with kidnapping and who escaped from the city lock-up some months ago, has turned up there after having spent some time in the far north. The local office is taking up with Victoria headquarters the matter of extradition. Michelson's case was called at the last two sessions of the Supreme Court assizes but the accused was not present. A reward is offered for his capture.

PERFECTLY KILLING.

Arthur—How those old songs do haunt me?

Gertrude—They should. You've often murdered them.—Paterson Press Guardian.

***** ANNOUNCEMENTS *****

***** TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY *****

***** FOR SALE—Lot with two houses requiring repairs. Buyer to fix his own terms. F. W. Hart. *****

GRIN MEASURING LATEST SPORT

One of the most humorous contests put on at any event in the city was the grin measuring contest at the hard times social given by the Canadian Girls in Training at the Methodist Church parlors last night. There was great merriment over the efforts to measure the expression of humor on the faces of the contestants. Some had very wide grins, but just when it was thought the limit had been reached there was discovered others who were wider yet.

The grin measuring was part of an indoor field day event which was part of the program of entertainment. The company of young people were divided into two teams, and among the events were peanut races, soda biscuit races, a foot measuring contest and the piece de resistance, the greatest humor producer of the evening, the grin measuring contest. There was great hilarity over it and when it was decided that Miss Annie Kelly's side had won and the prize of a garden cabbage was solemnly presented to the winner the noise was such as only young people can enjoy.

Economy Ruled.

The hard time social was designed by the girls to provide a good time for their friends without spending money unnecessarily at a time when many are in need. The young folk from the High School and their friends were the guests of the girls and everything was in keeping with the spirit of the hard times except the spirits of the party. There was no natural depression, but instead a healthy elation.

The tables were spread with newspapers to avoid the high cost of white linen. On the tables were plates of brown bread, baked beans, oatmeal cookies and pumpkin pie and coffee. Everything was as tasty as the hard time limit would permit. The decorations were in keeping with everything else, for salad and other foliage secured without cost was used in place of flowers. The only thing in which there was no economy was in the size of the appetites and in the joyous spirits of the young people.

Jolliest Party.

At the close it was generally acclaimed that this was the jolliest party they had ever had and that the Canadian boys and girls can not be kept down even if times are hard.

Church Notices

Presbyterian Church.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Subject, "Doing and Leaving Undone." Sunday School at 12:30. Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "He Profits Most Who Serves the Best" or "Service Before Self." Preacher, Rev. H. R. Grant, D. D.

Baptist Church.

Morning service at 11 o'clock. Subject "Bible Lands and People." Sunday School at 12:30. Evening service at 7:30. Subject "True Friendship." Solos by Mrs. J. P. McMillan and A. Claperton.

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