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Pacific Price Cutting Likely to Cease APPEALS MADE BY MAYOR AND ALDERMEN TO VOTE FOR BYLAW

EDITORIAL

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Tomorrow the ratepayers of the city are being asked to vote for or against a proposal to establish a public library in the city. Already the committee has 2,000 books donated by the citizens gratis. What is needed now is the machinery to administer the library. The cost will be small and the benefit to the city large. We urge every property owner in the city to turn out and vote in favor of this bylaw. It is supported by all who are interested in the betterment of the community. The city has been slow in taking up the matter but now that the institution is started is the time to carry on. Vote yourself and take your friends to the polls with you.

LLOYD GEORGE WILL RESUME

Will Ask for a Vote of Confidence on April 3, on His Return to Commons

LONDON, March 21.—Lloyd George will resume his place in the House of Commons on April 3, and will immediately ask for a vote on the Government's policy in regard to the Genoa Economic Conference. As the Chamberlain, Government leader in the House of Commons announced in the House this afternoon. He said the Government intended to put the motion clearly, raising the question as to whether it possesses the confidence of the House.

GRAVE DANGER IN IRELAND

Little Needed to Start Actual Civil War Between North and South.

LONDON, March 21.—The dangerous situation in Ireland is emphasized in the morning papers, several of which take the view that little more is needed to start actual civil war there. Sniping between the entrenched forces on either side of the Ulster boundary has been going on for several days and yesterday machine guns reported to have been brought into action.

Ald. McLeod inquired at last night's council meeting as to what action the Utilities Committee was taking towards the adoption of the two platoon system in the fire hall. Members of the Utilities committee reported that conflicting reports on the matter had been made by the Fire Chief and the Board of Underwriters and these were being investigated. The proposed cut in the city salary scale had also a bearing on the question.

A letter written by J. G. Scott, owner of some coal leases in the Groundhog country on behalf of the B.C. Skeena Coal Company, Ltd., to D. W. Morrissey was read last night at the meeting of the council of the board of trade yesterday afternoon. Mr. Scott urged the development of the port and the desirability of securing good coal for bunkering rather than the lignite coal of Alaska or the inferior grades of bituminous coal.

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Rate War Hotter Yesterday but It Likely to Be Settled

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—The marine freight rate war which started several days ago waxed hotter yesterday with new reductions, each company bidding against the other. Whether this will end in the formation of another Pacific pact or continue, is being decided today by the operators of the trans-Pacific steamers, who are here to attend a conference with United States Shipping Board representatives.

FATHER OF LOCAL LADY HAS PASSED AT BELLA COOLA

Dr. W. Reinhard is Dead—Interment to Take Place at Vernon.

Dr. W. Reinhard, of Bella Coola, father of Mrs. W. I. Fulton, of this city has passed away. Dr. Reinhard was well known in the north and was formerly on the Queen Charlotte Islands. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton sail tonight by the Venture for Bella Coola and will go from there with the remains to Vernon where interment will be made.

ATTEMPT WAS MADE AT LIFE CHINESE MINISTER TO FRANCE

PARIS, March 21.—An attempt was made today to assassinate Chen Lu, the Chinese minister to France. Four shots were fired at him by a Chinese youth but none took effect although the Chinese engineer, who was accompanying the minister, was wounded in the head. The assailant was arrested.

PRINCE OF WALES ARRIVES CEYLON

COLOMBO, March 21.—The British battle cruiser Renown with the Prince of Wales aboard arrived here today.

FISH ARRIVALS

Thirty five Thousand Pounds Halibut Marketed at Exchange This Morning.

Thirty five thousand pounds of halibut was marketed from seven boats at the Fish Exchange this morning. The weather is reported to be improving on the banks and some good catches may be coming in the course of a few days. Of late all boats arriving have had exceptionally light catches.

The following were today's arrivals and sales:
Reville, 6,500 pounds; Teddy J., 11,000 pounds, and Imperieuse, 6,000 pounds, sold to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co., at 17.7c and 7c.

Pair of Jacks, 4,000 pounds, sold to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. at 18½ and 6.
Star, 2,000 pounds; Bringgold, 5,000 pounds, and Wolverine, 500 pounds, sold to the Sinclair Fisheries at 14½c, and 5c.

The letter of the Inter-Trade Organization of Canada suggesting the development and encouragement of Imperial trade was again laid on the table for a week by the city council last night. This is the fourth time that this letter has been dealt with.

DEMONSTRATION CALCUTTA CITY

Little Disorder, However, Followed Sentence of Mahatma Ghandi.

CALCUTTA, March 21.—There was a demonstration here on Saturday following the sentence of Mahatma Ghandi, the non-co-operationist leader, to six years imprisonment without hard labor. A bonfire was made of foreign flags but, otherwise, the demonstration was orderly. It is announced that the railway workers are going back to work at many places in satisfactory numbers. In many places the strike also continues.

POWER RATES TO RAILROAD

Utilities Committee Recommends That C. N. R. Be Given Flat Rate of 4c and 1c.

A report from the utilities committee recommending that a new contract for the supplying of light and power be entered into between the city and the Canadian National Railways was presented at the council meeting last night and was laid over for a week. Under the scheme now proposed the railway company will receive its power in bulk from the city and will build its own connecting lines and put in all its own equipment for this line. In view of the consequent saving in overhead expenses and the increased consumption that will be needed by the company, it is recommended that a contract be made for the flat 4c to 1c rate.

In speaking to the report Ald. Perry said that the present consumption of the railway company was 90 kilowatts but with the station, new dock and possibly round house, 225 kilowatts would be needed. The company, up to the present, had been paying 10c and 7c for its light and power while others had been getting it on the 5.3 and 1.2c scale for light and 4c and 1c for power. The company was entitled to these rates. The company would do all its own installation and the city would get back eight transformers and there would be a large annual saving in overhead. In view of this it was recommended to give the company the flat 4c and 1c rate for all its consumption delivered wholesale.

General Reduction Discussed.
Ald. Montgomery felt that the citizens should also get some benefit in reduction of rates. He had been waiting with interest for a report from the utilities committee on this matter. A general discussion of the utility then took place between Ald. Montgomery and Ald. Perry, the former maintaining that some reductions in rates should be made and that the utilities should be operated on the basis of municipal light and power at cost. This was not being done now but the surplus of the light department was going to the relief of general revenue.

Ald. Perry said he concurred in the principle that the consumers of light and power should get the benefit of all profits in this manner. Ald. Gollart pointed out that general revenue had paid for some of the extensions so was entitled to share in the profits. The discussion was brought back to the matter in hand and the report was tabled for a week.

PRINCESS MARY'S GORGEOUS WEDDING IN WESTMINSTER.



The wedding ceremony in Westminster Abbey, just as the bride and bridegroom were kneeling on the altar steps, while the Archbishop of Canterbury read the services.

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CLOSE SEASON FOR SALMON

Six Hours to be Added if the Licenses Exceed a Certain Maximum.

VICTORIA, March 21.—According to an announcement made by Hon. W. J. Sloan, the close season for sockeye salmon in District 2, the section of the province contiguous to Prince Rupert, is as follows:

Nas River—Close season of 48 hours with the provision that if the gill-net licenses exceed 350 an additional six hours shall be added. The weekly close season last year was 42 hours.

Skeena River—The close season to be 48 hours and if there are 1100 gill-net licenses issued six hours will be added.

FLU AT USK.

USK, March 21.—Almost everybody around Usk has suffered this winter from influenza or la grippe but there have been no very serious cases. The epidemic is now showing signs of ameliorating.

MAYOR'S FINAL PLEA TO VOTE FOR RAILWAY BYLAW

Just a final work of admonition regarding G. T. P. Tax Bylaw upon which you will vote on Wednesday. All figures furnished you over my signature are absolutely correct, notwithstanding derogatory reports to the contrary.

The Railway will pay us annually approximately \$80,000.00 in taxes as follows:—On Railway lands alone a lump sum of \$45,000.00 general taxes; \$5,600.00 Local Improvement taxes; Leaseholds which last year amounted to \$8,900.00; and on Railway Development lands they will pay over \$21,000.00 taxes.

This later amount is computed on exactly the same basis as the smallest ratepayer. As you are aware, a certain percentage of the taxes collected from individual ratepayers must if necessarily be paid out again to furnish streets, light, water, telephone, and other necessities to the occupant, which reduces the revenue from such property to that extent; whereas, the \$45,000.00 from the Railway is absolutely clear and free from a "blow-back" of any kind. It is customary, and the municipal law permits a municipality to quote a lump sum for taxation to any railway company (but not to a private individual) in lieu of development work contemplated, and by which the city naturally benefits.

The Railway company is right now spending upwards of \$800,000.00 in the construction of a new salmon dock and railway depot, and we have assurance from the minister of railways at Ottawa, that more will be spent as improvements are required. Technically speaking, we are in the bush, and if we are going to get out, it must be through the assistance from the Railway Company; therefore, you would be well advised not to follow a policy that would undoubtedly prove antagonistic to the source from which we must look for help. We will accomplish more by friendly co-operation, and get somewhere,

but "bucking the tiger" will surely mean ruination. In proof of this statement Port Arthur and Pembroke, Ont., two of the most prosperous cities 25 years ago, are today still suffering from the effects of foolish legislation, and antagonizing the railway. Several real estate men are working hard to defeat this bylaw believing that should it be defeated and the railway carry its appeal to a higher court a substantial reduction in the assessment will be made, and thus enable them to appeal from next year's assessment. Why are they so anxious for a big reduction in assessment? Because it is hard to get property listed at a price less than the assessed value. But how about the welfare of the city as a whole? It matters not whether you pay 30 mills on a \$1000.00 assessment, or 50 mills on a \$600.00 assessment—you pay the same taxes in each case; but by lowering the assessment you endanger the city's credit and borrowing power which will very materially hamper future development work. After mature consideration the majority of the city council believe this bylaw to be the proper solution of the problem, and we trust you will give the bylaw your whole-hearted support. Your interests are our interests, and vice versa, so VOTE FOR THE BYLAW.

FLAT RATE FOR WATER VACANT LOTS PLANNED

Board of Works Brings in Recommendation to Cover Operating Deficit of Some \$5,000.

The Board of Works has recommended to the city council that a bylaw be prepared for the levy of \$2 a year on all vacant lots in the city facing on city water mains and service mains with the exception of those lots on the Shawatlans pipe line between Donald Street and Shawatlans Passage. The matter was discussed by the council in committee last night, was tabled for a week, and, in the meantime, referred to the city solicitor for advice on the legal aspect of it.

The most of the discussion came up in regard to the exemption of the lots between Shawatlans Passage and Donald Street. Ald. Silversides, Ald. McLeod and Ald. Kelly were of the opinion that such an exemption should not be made. Ald. Montgomery said that the entire matter should be fully considered for already the taxation on vacant property was high without this extra \$2 per lot being put on.

Ald. Kerr explained that there had been a deficit of some \$5,000 in the operation of the waterworks department last year and it was with a view to taking care of this that the flat rate was being proposed. With the adoption of this system the waterworks department would pay for itself.

Ald. Montgomery thought that the system of special levy to cover such a deficit was best. Ald. Gollart was of the opinion that a flat rate of \$2 might not seem so hard as further increasing an already high mill rate as would be necessary if special levy were made.

ATTEMPT TO CHECK CRIME WAVE IN NEW YORK IS LAUNCHED

NEW YORK, March 21.—A fleet of 72 motor cars, each carrying half a dozen policemen, was launched by the police department yesterday in a further effort to check the crime wave. The fleet will be in service night and day.

THREE BANDITS MADE CLEAN SWEEP CHICAGO PAWNSHOP YESTERDAY

CHICAGO, March 21.—Three bandits yesterday held up Marcus Nieman in his pawnshop here and escaped with virtually every bit of jewelry in it. The value placed on the goods stolen is between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

U. S. AMBASSADOR

BERLIN, March 21.—Dr. Otto Ludwig Wiedfeldt has been appointed German ambassador to the United States.

J. Craig, Canadian National Railways building inspector, sailed for the south last night enroute to his headquarters in Winnipeg. Mr. Craig has been making an inspection of the station building here.

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H. B. ROCHESTER,
Mayor.