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**Early Interest In Municipal Election.**

Though the next municipal election is still more than two months distant, interest in it is already manifest, and the subject is a general topic of discussion. For the mayorally some definite announcements have been made and there are many rumors. Mayor Rochester seems to be studying the field and he has not yet announced as to whether or not he will stand for re-election. He announced after the last campaign that he would not run again, but it is understood that circumstances may induce him to reconsider that decision.

**Some Reasons For Stimulated Interest.**

Perhaps the unusual interest that promises to feature the 1923 municipal election campaign is due to the fact that civic business has been more in the limelight during the past year than has been the case for several years previous. The increasing taxation is making itself keenly felt. The Booth Memorial School affair has been in the mouths of the citizens for months. Retrenchment in the city hall staff has been recommended and threatened. Street work has caused comment and the G. T. P. taxation agreement was, early in the year, a point of difference. Each of these items have been warmly discussed not only in the city council chamber but generally among the citizens. As a result, there has been a good deal of comment on civic administration. A keener interest has been awakened in the government of the city. Many who never before worried about municipal government, are keen on getting into or around the ring if only to the extent of preparing to register their conviction at the polls in January.

**Definite Policies Will Be Demanded.**

It is generally conceded that the craft of municipal affairs is approaching dangerous waters, where some careful piloting will be necessary to bring it through safely. Retrenchment, wherever possible, appears to be a necessity. In fact, this would almost seem to be the keynote of future successful management. How this retrenchment is to be effected is where the discussion will arise. To decide this is the duty of the councillors individually and collectively. It will be necessary for candidates for office to have definite policies to lay before the electors. Citizens will look for these now more than just from personal or friendly standpoints. It is well that the public should show a definite interest in civic affairs and require constructive programs. The people will never get any more than they expect or demand. Therefore, it is fitting that their expectations and demands should be a little greater than have been the rule for the past few years.

**Labor Said To Be Out For Control.**

That labor is to make a bid for the control of city affairs in 1923 has been a common declaration during the past two months. It is even reported that organization is well under way and that a labor slate is all ready to get into the field early in the game. Labor candidates for the mayorally and the aldermanic board are being frequently mentioned. While they may be a little slower in preparing, it is very likely that the business interests will also become organized for the campaign. A good mixture of the two without too much predominance on one side so that all classes be represented should make a good governing body for Prince Rupert in 1923.

**EVIDENCE IN LIQUOR CASE**

**E. Colombe Denies Allegations of Provincial Government Detectives**

The taking of evidence in the Ernest Colombe whiskey selling case was continued yesterday afternoon in the city police court before Magistrate McClymont and adjournment was made until 8:30 in the morning. He remembered that Harrison and Dixon Sergeant McGlinchey, in giving his evidence, said that he went to the Commercial Hotel on Oct. 26 and found anyone around. They came armed with a search warrant. Ac- out again and witness took them cused was there at the time and in. They said they were looking took the constables to his room, for a drink and he gave them one. Witness identified three bottles he said that he had whiskey and

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beer of his own at the Commercial Hotel. He knew accused very well. Between their rooms was a sitting room in which he gave the two men a drink. Witness stated that he always went to the hotel in the morning for a drink and if he was short borrowed whiskey from Colombe. The men he met were dressed as working men.

"The constables say they bought liquor and paid Colombe for it while you were there?" questioned Mr. Gonzales. Witness denied that Colombe was sleeping at the time and he got the key to the locker from underneath his pillow. They did not pay him for anything as he did not sell whiskey. When Colombe was arrested witness had five bottles of whiskey and some beer in his room.

Mr. Gonzales: "Did you see Harrison around there at any other time?"

Witness: "No, sir."  
 Witness said that he knew Colombe well and had taken quite a few drinks with him but he had never bought any liquor from him.

**Gave Men Liquor**

In reply to cross examination by Solicitor Hooper witness said that accused worked around the hotel doing odd jobs and that he did not know either of the men to which he gave a drink when he met them. The two men had walked into the hotel first but could not find anybody in. Witness had gone inside to get himself a drink and the men followed him. He got the key of the locker from underneath Colombe's pillow, unlocked the locker and gave the men a drink. Witness said that Colombe sometimes slept in his room as it was a better room having a larger window and thus giving better ventilation.

**Saw Harrison**

D. Seguin was the next witness called. He identified Constable Harrison but did not remember Constable Dixon. He remembered seeing Harrison at the corner of First Avenue and Eighth Street outside the Commercial Hotel about 8:30 in the morning. He was talking to Couture when Harrison came along, with another man. Both men tried the doors of the hotel but said they were locked.

Witness told them that there should be somebody about at that time of the day and on trying the door found it open. He directed them to go down the passage into the back of the house. Witness said that Couture went inside with them.

**Cross - examined by Solicitor Hooper**

witness said that the men mentioned the fact that they wanted a drink and he told them to go to the end of the passage. Witness was not in the hotel at 5:50 p.m. on October 12. He said that he was a chum of Colombe's and that Colombe did not drink. He had never seen any whiskey when he had been in the back of the premises with Colombe.

**Proprietor's Evidence**

F. Dubord, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, said that Colombe had been working at the hotel since Sept. 15. Accused was supposed to sleep in room 36 when he, Dubord, was not in town and slept in room No. 4 when he was in town. Room 36 was better for accused to stay in as it was nearer the phone and more convenient for attention to customers. On October 12, the day on which Colombe was charged with selling liquor, he was in Terrace. Accused occupied room No. 36 then and Mr. Couture had room No. 34. He had seen Constable Harrison for the first time on October 26 when he had raided the place. Witness said he often drank with Couture who had room 34 for which he paid \$12 a month. In reply to question put by Mr. Gonzales, witness said that he had seen Colombe drinking many times with his friends but had never seen him sell any liquor in any shape or form. He identified several glasses produced in court as glasses used in the bathroom.

**In reply to cross examination by Solicitor Hooper**

witness said that he was in Terrace on Tuesday, October 10, and Thursday, October 12, and knew nothing of the actual occurrences with which accused was charged.

**Accused on Stand**

E. Colombe, the accused, then went into the box to give evidence. He said that he had been employed at the Commercial Hotel since Sept. 15. In reply to question put by Mr. Gonzales witness said that he had never seen Constables Harrison or Dixon until the day he was arrested. They had never

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bought any beer or whiskey from him at the hotel at any time. His private room was No. 4 where he kept his clothes and used room No. 36, which was downstairs. In Mr. Dubord's absence, as No. 4 was upstairs. He often slept in room 34 because room 36 was poorly ventilated and No. 34 had a large window. There was a locker in room 36 in which he kept beer, whiskey, vegetables, meat, etc. Mr. Couture also kept liquor in there at times and he often borrowed some of his whiskey.

Accused said that the three bottles of Long John whiskey and the five bottles of Henry Simpson whiskey produced in court belonged to him. He had bought a dozen bottles of whiskey from the liquor vendor a few days previous to his arrest. He had returned two of the bottles to Couture to repay him for two he had borrowed and the remaining two of the dozen he had drunk with some friends. Accused said that, when the constables came to arrest him, they read the warrant to him in the bathroom as it was dark at the time and the bathroom was the nearest room with a light in it. He denied that he had sold two rounds of drinks to Constables Harrison and Dixon.

Accused said that he was not a regular hotel clerk and he had only taken the job on until he found something better. He had never been in trouble before and had never sold whiskey or beer to anyone at any time. He had seen Couture almost every morning around the hotel. Accused was not always up when he came around as he had to stay up late at night on his duties and did not rise very early in the morning.

**Drink of Water**

Cross examined by Solicitor Hooper, accused said that he did not know why Seguin had sent the two men to the back of the premises to get a drink unless it was for a drink of water. He had bought whiskey by the case but did not know why Seguin had said he did not drink. While he had known Seguin for some time he did not admit that they were chums. On the morning in question he was in bed asleep but woke up on hearing men talking.

Magistrate McClymont adjourned the case until November 7 after hearing Mr. Gonzales state the case for the defence and Solicitor Hooper for the prosecution.

**In the Letter Box**

**ABOLISH ROAD TAX**

Editor, Daily News:  
 At the present time when collectors are busy in the city collecting the iniquitous road and poll taxes is it not time that the justice of these direct impositions was looked into and the said taxes abolished? At present a man renting a house pays all the property taxes on the said house indirectly through his rent. Why discriminate upon him by making him pay additional taxes of \$7.00 per year?

The statement that the tenant pays taxes on his rented property indirectly but surely through his rent is supported by the following quotation in an issue of the Toronto Bureau of Municipal Research by Thos. Bradshaw, late commissioner of finance of Toronto:

"It is not uncommon to assume that the tax burden mainly falls upon the well to do and not upon the wage earner. A moment's consideration will convince anyone that it distributes itself through all living expenses — it appears in the rent, in the food bill, and in the price of everything that the poor as well as the rich must buy. The landlord and the merchant are municipal agents for the collection of taxes, even if they, or their tenants or customers, do not recognise the fact. Any man who believes that he can live in a city and not contribute to its revenue is under a delusion for he pays his quota either consciously or unconsciously and consequently, everyone should be interested in efficient government at the lowest possible cost."

Here in Prince Rupert a man with a large income living in his own house is exempt from these taxes but a working man earning say \$85.00 per month (or in some cases less), living in a rented house is in spite of him paying his just share of taxes through their included to the tune of \$7.00 his rent and grocery bills, further per year.

At the coming municipal elections it is up to the Trades and Labor Council and all workers in the city to get their candidates to pledge themselves to the abolishment of these unjust, prehistoric direct taxes and see that, in future, we tenants do not have to pay the landlord's share of the taxation of the city as well as our own.

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