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SHOOTING CASE AT BURNS LAKE

Jack Stanyer Fined on One Count and Committed For Trial on Another

BURNS LAKE, Aug. 28. — For pointing a loaded revolver at W. S. Jeffrey, Jack Stanyer, farmer and contractor, of Francis Lake, was fined \$50.00 or 30 days with hard labor in Smithers lock-up. The case was heard at Burns Lake on Friday afternoon before Magistrate Stephen H. Hoskins of Smithers, and with L. S. McGill, of Smithers, appearing for the defence. Mr. and Mrs. T. Jeffrey and W. S. Jeffrey gave evidence as to the accused using abusive language and threats. In the fight to prevent the use of a revolver by the accused it fell on the floor and was thrown out through the window by Mrs. T. Jeffrey, who exhibited great presence of mind throughout the ordeal, and who recited her evidence at the trial in a calm and impartial manner.

Jack Stanyer was further charged "In that he did unlawfully, and with intent to resist his lawful apprehension, shoot a rifle at Inspector Aeland, B.C., M.P., and Provincial Constable Carr." Upon hearing the evidence Magistrate Hoskins committed Stanyer for trial and remanded him for custody in the Smithers lock-up. Bail was applied for, but was refused.

In the Letter Box

INDIVIDUALISM

Editor, Daily News.

A recently elected U.S. Senator has struck a note of warning which should resound across the whole civilized world. He was a former New York Health Officer, and is a friend of temperance in all things.

Although a church worker, he is not a prohibitionist, and considers that our race is engrossed in a few ideas and ideals, overlooking principles that are of paramount importance, such as health and moral habits. In his judgment we specialize instead of facing large and broad problems.

In his opinion our race is doomed unless we take up, in the home, the training of the young, by example and Christian teaching, instead of leaving the work to the churches, Sunday schools, and the government. He is not a believer in restraint by law and quotes many statutes which are not enforced, although appearing for the betterment of mankind.

Where we make the greatest of mistakes, is in forgetting that individuals make up communities. Our conduct, as individuals, is reflected in our votes and conduct of affairs, at home and abroad. We find the "note" in the eye of our neighbor; we fail to extract the "beam" from our neighbor's eye. Many of us value "gold" in preference to character, little caring for the divine precept, which places our neighbor on the same plane with ourselves in worldly matters.

It is useless to blame others for our shortcomings. We all have a duty to perform to our neighbors and to ourselves. Prosperity and adversity follow closely in the wake of good and bad deeds and words. We are all on a journey—with eternity as the goal. There is no turning back. In this world all must go onward. We are harvesters, and the world is our field of labor. As we sow so shall we reap. Make the home safe from the inroads of sin and sorrow, and all will be well with the nation.

ISLANDER.

PROTESTING TO SCHOOL BOARD

City Council Describes Wage Scale as Unfair and Outrage to Taxpayers

The city council last night protested against the action of the school board in paying 65c an hour for common labor and other excessive wages on the grounds that doing so was unfair to the city council in its efforts to make ends meet. There was not revenue to do necessary work and the paying of such rates was an outrage to the taxpayers.

Ald. Macdonald expressed his opinion to such a motion along the principles that he had maintained since the first of the year. He felt that 65c an hour was but a fair wage and, moreover, the city council had no right to interfere with the school board which was also an elected body.

Ald. Stephens said he had no apology to make for interfering with the spending of the ratepayers' money when he felt that it was being wasted and especially when the council had to dig it up. If the school board spent money unduly it just meant that much less for other public works which were already suffering through lack of funds.

The report of protest, which came from the finance committee, was adopted, Ald. Macdonald and Ald. Mackenzie voting against it.

CITY DECIDES TO RENT SLOAN HOUSE

Offers For Purchase Deemed Not Satisfactory and are Rejected

The city council last night adopted a recommendation from the Housing Committee that all tenders for the purchase of the Sloan house, built under the Soldiers' Housing Scheme, be rejected and that the house be put in shape to rent.

Explaining the reason for the report, Acting Mayor Collart stated that none of the offers received for purchase would compensate the city for what it stood to lose. The house should be easily rent for a good figure.

Ald. Mackenzie was opposed to renting the house and thought that it should be sold to a returned man on long term payments.

Ald. Stephens was opposed to selling the house on "a basis" where the payments would be less than rent, especially if back payments were not made. Ald. Macdonald felt that to sell the house without demanding the back payments would not be fair to other returned men who had met their payments.

The report of the committee was adopted with Ald. Mackenzie voting against it.

FORGOT THIS PORT

Editor Daily News.

If anything were needed to make the poor unfortunate man in the street remark: "to Jericho with politics for me," "what's the use of anything, nothing," it is to read the announcement the Hon. Dr. J. H. King, minister of public works in the Federal government, made recently in Toronto, and which was displayed prominently in a front page story in the Vancouver "Daily Province" of last Saturday's issue.

There one reads in glaring headlines: "Vancouver is the logical wheat outlet." Smaller type: "Dr. King tells East of Vancouver's growing importance as a grain port." Do we see even a mention of Prince Rupert? I trow not. One would have thought that ordinary political expediency, not to mention common courtesy, would have caused the Hon. gentleman to have desired to be quoted as saying for instance, "that the Pacific coast ports, Vancouver, and in the near future Prince Rupert, were the natural outlet, etc. for a large share of the vast prairie grain crop."

Had No Illusions

This would be of course in the light of the Hon. gentleman's remarks made in the course of his recent visit to this city, some three weeks or so ago. True, none of us who were honored by having the felicity of listening to the august gentleman at the complimentary luncheon tendered him by the Prince Rupert Board of Trade, upon that occasion, had the very shadow of an illusion, that his remarks were anything more than perfunctory. Your paper reported his speech most excellently, but boiled down. Everyone realized he had said absolutely nothing, that is, of any vital interest.

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Transportation and marketing are important matters in connection with potato growing and Mr. Tice, the provincial government expert, urges that they receive attention.

The Ashcroft potato became famous without any apparent effort of the growers but it will need co-operation and careful handling to make the Bulkley Valley or the Terrace potatoes famous.

Mails Used For Improper Purposes.

Through the mail yesterday came an advertisement of "art studies, bathing girls, and beauties in sepia and stereos, half naked and naked, photos from nature (female models) in finest coloring, Paris Salon, Dresden nude pictures, etc." To get these, people are supposed to join a club by filling out a form and sending two dollars to a city in Germany.

The attention of the Post Office authorities is drawn to this, as it does not seem fitting that the Canadian mails should be used for advertisements of this kind. There are already enough influences tending toward lewdness in our own country without allowing foreigners to send out material of the kind mentioned.

This is an age when we are getting away from the prudery of the last generation with good results but at the same time we should be foolish to allow advertising of this class to come in and the only way it can be stopped is through action on the part of the Post Office department.

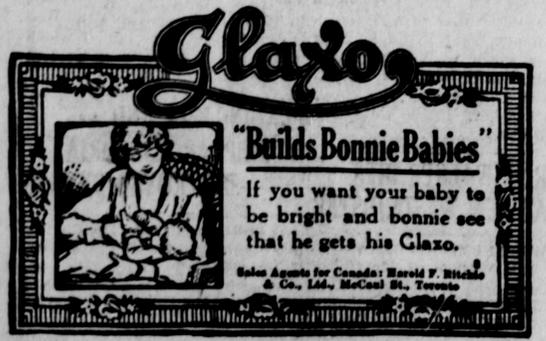
Ratepayers Are Irresponsible.

The municipal inspector says that ratepayers are not the responsible body to pass on expenditures. The city councils should do that. While bylaws have to be referred to the ratepayers, most of those who vote know little or nothing about the merits of the question and most of the ratepayers do not even trouble to vote. They cannot have a full knowledge of the conditions connected with the passing of bylaws. That is why it is so necessary that men who have a knowledge of business affairs should be placed on the city councils and especially in the mayor's chair.

In some cities they have ratepayers or property owners associations formed for the purpose of studying bylaws and their effects on the city. Usually their efforts are used to defeat bylaws rather than to forward them. Such has been the case in Vancouver during the past few years. Almost every bylaw passed during the last few years has been voted down by the ratepayers. Those opposed have been well organized while those in favor have not bothered themselves.

Value Of Polytechnic To Any City.

The time has almost arrived for the reopening of the Polytechnic classes. Young people who are thinking of improving their positions are planning their courses and considering how much time they can give to evening study. With the smallest possible cost to the city, the classes are to be continued this year, and the experience of last winter will be extremely valuable to the director in organizing and carrying on the work. If he can make it succeed, as he doubtless will, it will prove of great value to the young people who use the classes and indirectly to the city as a whole. Any institution which induces young people to become more efficient and to do better work is worthy of all the support citizens can give it.



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