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Railway President On Abuse Of Privilege.

For a change the President of the C.P.R. is writing the editorial article for this paper. Here is what he says:

"How many an illness is due to selfish excess? How often the decay of a once powerful company is due to its abuse of privilege and disregard of the interests and opinion of the community it ought to serve? The company or business enterprise that lives for itself and is not conducted ultimately with an eye to its usefulness to the community is an unhealthy business and a source of instability. It incorporates a wrong ideal of conduct, and, sooner or later, is bound to come in conflict with public opinion, to its own ultimate ruin. That business which desires a good old age must be conducted in a spirit of service to the community, and service to the public. It will be conducted all the better if it is virile and progressive, full of initiative and new ideas, free from red tape, official rules, cast-iron precedents and regulations, but it ought always to be conducted in the spirit of good citizenship.

State Ownership Simply Medicine.

"The tendency toward state ownership and control which is now happily passing away, was the aftermath of a too reckless and selfish individualism, both in the Old World and the New, during the first stages of industrial growth. The so-called Manchester School policy of 'laissez faire' or 'devil take the hindmost' was carried to excess and resulted in hardship to large masses of the people, and so in an unhealthy situation in the body politic. In England, for instance, at the end of the nineteenth century it was calculated that one-third of the families did not have enough to eat. Such a condition could only arise in a community where the desire for individual profit had outrun the interest in the prosperity of the community. It resulted in a not unnatural reaction in favor of state regulation, control and even operation of the major industries. The body politic was sick and state socialism was advocated as a medicine.

"Whether the medicine would kill the patient was something these political doctors did not stop to consider. The argument for and against state operation of industry was vaguely theoretical. There was no direct experience to which an appeal could be made to determine the probability as to whether such schemes would or would not succeed.

"In the largest company or in the most complex corporation the driving power of the individual is the keynote of progress. If the history of the last century and a half has recorded greater material progress than half a dozen centuries before, is it not largely due to the fact that in this period the individual was permitted to enter into his own by the breaking down of the fetters which had previously bound him to his class?

Unrestricted Individualism Is Also A Danger.

"There is, however, a danger to the human race in unrestricted individualism. Every man for himself is not only a selfish policy; it may imperil the harmony, indeed, the safety, of the community. Man as a social animal has a duty, not only to himself, but also to his neighbors. The business man or business company in a complex community or state has a similar duty to the public. The work of that man or company is ultimately for the preservation and benefit of his community, and while that work is most energetically prosecuted, if done in the spirit of the individual, it fails of its purpose if it is prosecuted to the detriment of the community or race as a whole.

"That is where the state may be called upon to interfere as a regulating factor in the world of business. Where individual activity is carried on to the obvious detriment of the public, the state, representing the interests of the community at large, is justified in exercising restraints. The individual must above all be a good citizen. But it does not follow that to make him a good citizen he must be first of all transformed into a state official. The exercise of state interference can be just as excessive as business enterprise. It is, as it were, a corrective medicine."

Nerves So Bad That She Would Sit and Cry

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NOMINATION OF GYRO OFFICERS

Presentation Made to Newly Wed Member—Ball to be Held in January

Nomination of officers for the year 1924 took place at the business luncheon of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club in the St. Regis Cafe last evening. The election will be in January.

Nominations were as follows:

For President — Milton Gonzales, A. R. Nichols, Joe Greer and R. F. McNaughton.

For Vice-President — S. K. Campbell, Dr. L. W. Kergin, A. L. Holtby and E. N. Valentine.

For Secretary—E. A. Mann, G. A. Hunter, Joe Greer, Douglas Stork, Sidney-Burrell Jones, and S. W. Taylor.

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The Gyro constitution calls for the contesting of every office.

Presentation Made

A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to Lionel Holtby, recently married, of a beautiful set of designed silver flower vase and candlestick holders. The presentation was made by President Gonzales amid the applause of the members and Mr. Holtby replied suitably.

George V. Wilkinson was elected to membership in the club.

The business of the evening included the receiving of various committee reports.

The first Gyro ball will be held in January. It will be an invitation affair and arrangements are in the hands of the entertainment committee consisting of Lionel Holtby, S. W. Taylor and A. R. Nichols.

COMPULSORY TO PAY POLL TAX

This Levy Due from all Male Persons Over 18 Years of Age with Certain Exceptions

Apart from the questioned necessity of the payment of the tax in order to qualify as a householder at the municipal election, payment of $5 poll tax yearly is compulsory for all male persons over the age of 18, resident in the province for one month, with the exception of persons over the age of 60 whose last yearly income was less than $700, persons adjudged medically unfit or invalided on account of military service, persons engaged in military or naval service, persons who have been enrolled in an active militia corps for six months preceding registration or persons who have paid assessed taxation to the city of $5 or over.

As far as can be learned at the city hall, no active steps were taken this year to collect the $5 poll tax other than having larger industrial concerns such as the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., Canadian National Railways and Canadian National Dry Dock deduct same from the wages of their employees.

In connection with the list of those who registered as householders on the municipal voters' list, city officials are not certain as to how many persons registered without paying the poll tax although paying the $2 road tax. It would be necessary to check over the list of declarations to obtain this information and this has not yet been done. It was at first intended to keep a supplementary list of those who paid only $2 but, owing to congestion of work during the absence of the city clerk in Victoria recently, it was impossible to do so.

The $5 poll tax, originally a provincial government levy, now goes to the municipality in which it is collected.

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SAYS PARTY VICTORY SURE

T. Ross Mackay Returns from Vancouver Most Enthusiastic as to Outlook for Provincials

T. Ross Mackay, who returned yesterday from the Provincial Party convention at Vancouver, says he is convinced that there is a tremendous force behind the newly formed political organization and that there is no doubt of its being the next governing party in the province. This impression he gathered partly through conversation with business men in the south whom, he declares, are behind the movement. Mr. Mackay also says that General McRae made it clear that he would not be the leader of the party either before or after the next election. The name of John Nelson seems to be much in favor at the present time.

It was a most harmonious convention, Mr. Mackay states, and over 200 of the 326 delegates were present most all the time. All sessions were very orderly and the business was conducted in a very sensible manner. General McRae was a marvel in controlling the gathering and showed himself to be a very fair-minded man. He was unanimously desired as leader but remained adamant in his decision not to take the post.

Vice Chairman

Mr. Mackay was elected second vice-chairman of the convention and was a member of the nominating committee. He also served on two special resolution committees.

Robert Mackay, the other delegate from this city, proceeded from Vancouver to Chilliwack and Lulu Island. He is securing two car loads of cattle which he will bring by rail to the Woodcock dairy farm, which he recently purchased. C. R. Gilbert, who was elected a district vice-president, returned with Mr. Mackay yesterday and proceeded by train to his home in Terrace.

Mr. Mackay saw many old Rupertites in Vancouver and he says they are all wishing they were back in this city. There was more sunshine in Prince Rupert yesterday afternoon after three o'clock than there was in Vancouver the six days he was there, Mr. Mackay says.

MISS STONE RESIGNS FROM CITY SCHOOLS

Is Leaving For England and Will Also Visit New Zealand Very Soon

At the schoolboard meeting last night Miss Stone, a teacher in the Booth School, tendered her resignation which was accepted with regret. Miss Stone, who was present at the meeting said it was her wish to return to her home in England and also to visit New Zealand. Her sudden decision to tender her resignation was influenced by a letter she had just received.

Trustee Parker suggested that she remain until a satisfactory teacher was secured to take her place. He did not agree that teachers should resign at any time when the law provided for specific times at which this might be done. This also was the view of Dr. Kergin. On motion of Trustee Montgomery, seconded by Trustee Casey, the resignation was accepted. They said they did not think there would be any difficulty in securing another teacher. Miss Stone had done good work, and they were sorry to lose her. This sentiment was echoed by all members of the board.

The acceptance of the resignation of Miss Loudon was confirmed and also the appointment of Miss Marion Weatherhead to take her place. This was necessary as action had been taken at a minority meeting.

DAILY NEWS ACCOUNTS

At the meeting of the schoolboard the question of the non-payment of accounts due the Daily News dating as far back as May, 1922, came up for mention. A letter had been written by the business department of the paper to each member of the board telling of nine accounts that were unpaid.

Secretary Vance, in reply to a question, stated that the accounts were all correct.

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