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Unkind Words

Regarding Verdicts.

Judge Morrison made some very unkind and uncalled for remarks to the jury in the Port Simpson attempted murder case but they were as nothing to some of the remarks that are heard on the street every hour in regard to the action of the judge in turning a criminal loose on the community without punishment. Happily these are days when we do not have to take back talk from a judge any more than from any other person, and also a judge has to do the right thing on the bench or he will not long remain there.

While no one here would like to be over severe on any offender, there must be protection for children. Prince Rupert has been known as one of the safest places in the country for women and children and there is no reason why it should be otherwise unless it be the unwise decision of some unwise judge who would encourage such offenses by turning the criminals loose on the community without adequate punishment.

Opinions Differ

On Port Simpson Case.

Judging on the evidence there can easily be a difference of opinion in the Port Simpson case. Throughout the city it is found there are differences in regard to it, and there were differences of opinion among those who sat in the court room. Today Flewin and Keys are not guilty because their peers have said so, but if the jury had not been figuratively clubbed by the judge into giving a decision, possibly contrary to the opinion of a good many of the jurors, the people would have had more respect for the verdict and for the law. The jury disagreed and well they might on the conflicting evidence and it was most out of place for the judge to castigate them because of the fact that they held honest opinions.

As it is British justice is not held in such respect as would tend to discourage lawbreakers.

Other Cases

Are Remembered.

Other cases where the action of the same judge has been open to severe condemnation of the public is recalled today by many people. They remember the trial of Moses Gotsworth where the judge seemed to take the position of crown prosecutor and they look even farther back in the judicial career and find that it is no new thing for evident miscarriages of justice to take place.

The judicial bench must be above suspicion if the law is to be respected.

Attack On Girl!

Unprecedented.

A case of an attack on a girl on the public streets was reported this morning, something that has in the past been almost unknown here. We, as a city, have prided ourselves on the fact that our women could walk unaccompanied and unmolested anywhere at any time. People today are ascribing the crime to the sentence given by the judge yesterday. Once let it be thought that people may commit crime with impunity and the morale of the place has broken down.

It is conditions such as have been practically illustrated here that have caused people in some other parts of the country to have recourse to lawless acts in the punishment of offenders. In Canada we have always trusted the courts to do justice and have been willing to allow them to protect the weak. Any other course is extremely dangerous and especially in a frontier town where the elements which make up the community are often anything but cohesive.

The present situation is one to be very greatly regretted. It is the one topic of conversation wherever people are gathered.

ALL MOUNTAIN IS NOW STAKED

Mining Properties at Smithers Being Investigated by People With Money

About a dozen mining properties in Hudson's Bay mountain are being examined by people with capital today and it is quite probable several good deals will be announced this summer, according to L. S. McGill, solicitor of Smithers, who was in the city for the assizes and who returned home last night. He says that one or two options are already reported and others are likely to be taken soon.

A few weeks ago there was a rush to stake claims on the mountain. Everyone in Smithers has an interest in a piece of rock somewhere and very little of the mountain is now left unblanketed by applications for claims. In the meantime work is proceeding steadily on the Duthie properties and active shipping will commence toward the end of the summer.

LAKELSE HOTEL CHANGES HANDS

Dr. A. H. Bayne and Capt. J. B. Coalthurst Have Taken Over Interior Summer Resort

Dr. A. H. Bayne of this city, and Capt. J. B. Coalthurst of Terrace, have taken over the interests of the Lakelse Hot Springs Ltd., in the hotel and springs at Lakelse Lake and, after making extensive improvements to the property, will operate it this year. Announcement to this effect was made this morning following negotiations which have been under way during the week between the various interests involved in the property. These negotiations, which have been rather complicated, nearly reached the stage of litigation when J. Bruce Johnstone, one of the original owners of the property, placed a writ of foreclosure in the Supreme Court against the defunct Lakelse Hot Springs Ltd. Settlement came through Dr. Bayne and Capt. Coalthurst taking over the agreement of sale for J. Bruce Johnstone's half interest from the Lakelse Hot Springs, Ltd. and leasing the remaining half interest of W. N. Boss, of Victoria.

ENTERTAIN NURSES HONOR OF GRADUATE

Mrs. Simpson Hostess to Party of Young People at Her Home Last Evening

In honor of the graduation of her niece, Miss McLennan, Mrs. James Simpson last night entertained a number of the nurses of the hospital including the pupil nurses and some of their friends. Dancing was enjoyed and refreshments were served shortly before midnight. Those present included Misses McLennan, Roberge, Weller, Franks, Lee McAuley, White, Ludgate and Al-Linson, and Messrs. Norris and Howard Pringle, J. Mitchell, Wrigglesworth, Eddie Smith, Thornthwaite, Webster, Prest, and Mr. and Mrs. Simpson.

HOSPITAL BOARD AND COUNCIL IN DISPUTE AGAIN

The fact that the city council has struck off certain accounts of the hospital in making the per capita grant of 60c. per day reopened the question of the recent agreement between the hospital board and the council on the subsidy for the year at the meeting of the board last night. The accounts in question, it was stated, were those of persons not residing in the city.

D. C. McRae, chairman of the finance committee, stated that his recollection of the agreement was that the city was to pay 60c. per day for all patients on a similar basis to last year. Now it seemed the council was going to pay only for British subjects.

President Stewart said his

recollection was to the same effect.

T. Ross Mackay having a similar recollection, felt it should be pointed out to the council that the hospital board took exception to the council making such a distinction.

A report from the finance committee recommending that the board point out to the council that 60c. for all patients had been agreed upon was adopted.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

June 16, 1913.

On account of the dilatoriness of the provincial government in road building, development of mines on Nine-Mile Mountain near Hazelton is practically at a standstill, the *Omineca Herald* says.

Alex. Manson, D. H. Morrison, Walter Owen and W. G. Dick left this morning for New Westminster to attend the convention of the Masonic Grand Lodge. They sailed on the steamer Prince Rupert.

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The Man in the Moon SAYS--

THERE are all sorts of stories told about the early worm that got himself caught by the cock sparrow about the same time that cock robin was killed, but you can't worm any of the stories out of me. I don't get up early enough, owing to fear.

HERE lies an early riser. Who never more will squirm. He thought he was the early bird Whereas he was the worm.

WHEN an Irishman goes out with a shitateigh he is in pursuit of happiness.

WHEN a woman goes to an afternoon tea she is ditto.

NO Jake, a motorboat engine sometimes goes without giving trouble. While I don't know it, I've heard about it and I still have faith.

JAKE says the worst sinner is the man who stays at home and gossips and gronches on Sunday.

THE peacock spreads its tail but the modern young lady spreads herself all over the community.

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