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PROPOSE UNION WITH CANADA

Alaskan Paper Seriously Discusses Possibility of Two Countries Joining

Following up an editorial in the Daily News on the visit of President Harding to Vancouver the Junean Empire suggests that there should be no thought of annexation of one country by the other, but why not union? The editorial is as follows:

"Of course the question of annexation is a matter that is not to be seriously considered by American or Canadians. But how about union?"

"Perhaps that, too, is a matter that it were futile to discuss. Fortunately, however, Americans and Canadians understand each other well enough to permit its discussion without rancor or fear or sinister thought on either side of the line."

"We believe that such a union, if it could be brought about with the overwhelming approval of those of each of the countries and the blessing of Great Britain would do more to cement the English speaking people of the world than any other eventuality that could possibly occur. We believe it would be the finest thing for the safety and welfare of the world that could possibly take place. We believe that because we believe the union of these two great countries, under the circumstances mentioned, would bring the English speaking people into alliance—not an offensive and defensive alliance such as history has too often recorded—but an alliance for peace, square dealing and world welfare that would set an example and present an authority of power that would make a great war out of the question. Such a union, too, would contribute immensely toward the development of both countries."

"However, whether there shall be political union between the United States and Canada or not there can be no doubt among

thinking people that Destiny has decreed that there shall be such a union of thought and sentiment and such friendly relations between the two countries that the present very desirable status will continue to improve as time progresses."

CONVENTION DEALS WITH RESOLUTIONS

Proposal For Direct Administration of Soldiers' Housing Act Turned Down

A resolution from the South Vancouver council calling for an amendment to the Municipal Act making it necessary that taxes in arrears be paid before an appeal may be made on property at a Court of Revision was accepted by the Union of B.C. Municipalities at the afternoon session yesterday.

Another resolution from the South Vancouver council asking for direct administration of the Soldiers' Housing Act was not adopted on motion of Councillor J. F. Morris of Point Grey and Ald. Buchanan of New Westminster.

Councillor Masters of South Vancouver also put forward a resolution making it necessary that all resolutions to be submitted to the annual convention be in the hands of the secretary at least thirty days before the convention. No action was taken on this because the point is already covered in the constitution. It was suggested, however, that the secretary might send out notices of this rule to the various municipalities two months or six weeks before the convention.

A letter from Hart, Gillespie & Todd of Victoria, submitted through City Solicitor Jones of Prince Rupert, was filed. This letter offered suggestions as to methods of selling bonds.

The Vernon resolution drawing attention of inequitable distribution of provincial tax revenue was referred to the executive for action.

The executive was requested to again submit all outstanding resolutions on which action has not yet been taken by the legislature.

The Art of Spending

Getting the most for your money and conquering the tendency to spend for trifles is possible only through practice and self discipline.

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SHORT SHRIFT RESOLUTIONS ON GOOD ROADS

Number Turned Down Including Gasoline Tax at Convention Here Yesterday

Sectionalism made itself apparent at the meeting of the Union of B.C. Municipalities yesterday afternoon in connection with the consideration of recommendations from the Good Roads League convention approving and urging road work in various parts of the province. A resolution expressing pleasure at the announcement of the provincial government's proposals to make considerable improvements on Malahat Drive, Vancouver Island, and the entire equipment of the boat was read. Reeve Loutet of North Vancouver did not think it was up to the Union to dictate to the government where roads were to be built. A motion for the adoption of the report was put forward by Ald. Sargent of Victoria and the counter motion came from an up-country delegate calling for no action. The latter was carried on a division. Next came a resolution expressing pleasure and congratulating the minister of public works at the completion of the paving of the Pacific Highway on the mainland. Ald. Sargent moved no action be taken but the resolution was carried. A resolution urging the connection of the Summerland and Peachland by a new upper road abandoning the lake shore was not endorsed. Ald. Sargent's motion for no action being adopted. The interior delegates got another crack at Vancouver Island when the no action vote was accorded resolutions asking for an investigation as to the cost of constructing a highway along the west coast for 25 miles between Jordan River and Port Renfrew and urging the provincial government to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to finish the road between Ucluelet and Tofino.

At the outset of the consideration of the Good Roads League resolutions, Mayor Colley of Kamloops said it was the first time the resolutions of the League had not been accepted holus in holus by the Union of Municipalities. Reeve Loutet of North Vancouver did not see the necessity of the Union rehearsing the Good Roads League resolutions and thought it was about time it was discontinued. The Good Roads League should be strong enough to stand on its own feet, Mayor Colley pointed out that the League delegates were here and moved that the resolutions be considered. This was seconded by Ald. Buchanan of Nelson and carried.

The recommendation of the Good Roads League endorsing the principle of a tax not to exceed three cents per gallon providing that, if possible, a pro rata reduction of license fees be made met with short shrift when it was given the no action vote by the Union delegates. Ald. Stephens seconded the motion to this effect. The resolutions committee of the Union had approved the principle of a gasoline tax.

The resolution that representations be made to the proper authorities regarding the excessive price of gasoline in Canada compared with United States prices and that an investigation be asked for was carried with enthusiasm.

No action was taken on the resolution from the City of Vernon urging that the connecting link of the interprovincial highway be built via the Fraser and Thompson Rivers. The resolutions committee of the League held that the matter of choice of route was for the government to decide while the Union committee had urged completion of the highway without delay.

Resolutions calling for the provincial government to establish primary highways as pound areas, that the rule of the road and the law regarding juveniles driving cars be strictly enforced, that the use of two headlights be compelled, that horse drawn and other vehicles be compelled to carry lights, that the parking of cars on highways except in set out areas, and that speed and other motor car regulations be made uniform throughout the province were approved.

No action was taken on the resolution recommending that rules in regard to passing schools be suspended out of school hours or in holidays. This rule should not be tampered with, it was felt,

HALIBUT BOAT SAMPSON BURNS

Capt. Rosenvold and Crew Had to Jump Into Dory to Save Lives

LIVED ON BERRIES

Ketchikan papers just to hand tell of the loss by burning of the halibut boat Sampson. The Chronicle says: "Capt. E. N. Glascock, master of the Fred-erick, C., arrived at 2 o'clock this morning from Waterfall with the crew of the Sampson, a 40-foot halibut boat owned by Capt. Isaac Rosenvold, that is a total wreck as the result of a fire that started Sunday at Waterfall Bay on the west coast of Dall Island, where they were setting out their gear to commence fishing. The gear and entire equipment of the boat was burned."

The men believe an electric wire caused the fire. They left the engine room and in a few moments the boat was in flames. The other two men had to jump into a dory in order to save their lives. They did not have time to save any of the equipment or clothing and were without any food. They lived on the wild berries they could find and reached Waterfall last night half starved and almost exhausted. Captain Glascock, the commander of the S. S. North-western, brought the men in to Ketchikan this morning. The boat is reported to be fully insured."

INTERMEDIATE GRADE ESSAY

Second Prize Forest Competition by Dennis Nicol, Aged 10, Ocean Falls

A country is benefited by having forests because they attract hunters, fishermen and tourists. They make good places for camping for picnics; they give shade and purify the water we drink; they also give hiding and roosting places for animals; but the most important thing of all is that our forests supply timber for the mills.

To manufacture the products of British Columbia forests there are four hundred lumber and shingle mills as well as several pulp and paper mills. Nearly twenty thousand people who work in British Columbia are in some way connected with lumbering and they receive one third of all the wages paid in British Columbia. Every year two billion feet of timber is cut down for the use of mills. This amounts to the total value of ninety million dollars.

Among the trees of British Columbia are hemlock, spruce, fir and cedar. During the war spruce was shipped to England to make aeroplanes because of its strength and lightness. When the British Government saw what excellent quality it was, men were sent out to gather seeds which were sent to England to be planted there.

People thought the forests of British Columbia were too big to ever be destroyed but now they find six hundred and fifty billion feet of timber have been destroyed already. We have left of our forests three hundred and fifty billion feet of timber and at one time there was three times as much as there is now.

Why We Should Protect Them Some fires were started by lightning or sparks from passing trains but the majority of them are started from the carelessness of people.

Though it may take many years to grow a tree it takes only a short time to burn it down. In 1922 fires destroyed \$1,500,000 worth of forests and \$700,000 of other property. Fires destroyed young trees that would be turned into paper in after days and trees that are ready to be cut down.

If our forests were destroyed men would be put out of work and the money invested in our forests would be wasted. There

would be poverty and misery throughout British Columbia.

VISITING DELEGATES AT ROTARY LUNCHEON

Yesterday a number of visiting delegates to the big convention were guests at the Rotary Club luncheon and Ex-Mayor McHardy of Nelson gave a short address in which he extended to the Prince Rupert Club greetings from Nelson, the Queen City of the Kootenays.

Mr. McHardy said it was unfortunate that citizens were not more closely in touch with municipal matters. The Union which was meeting here was a loose organization of municipal officers meeting to discuss the needs of the municipalities. They dealt largely with taxation as being a subject of vital importance. Here the provinces had not the same right to levy as elsewhere in Canada with the result that the land had to carry all the burden. They were asking that the provincial government assume part of the load. The liquor profits were not a sufficiently stable source of income.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Steel Highway Bridge Over Skeena River at Terrace, B.C. Prince Rupert District. Substructure. Sealed Tenders superscribed "Tender for Terrace Bridge Substructure" will be received by the Honourable the Minister of Public Works for the Province of British Columbia at the Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., up to twelve o'clock noon, standard time, on Saturday, the first day of September, 1923, for the substructure of a Highway Bridge over the Skeena River at Terrace, B.C.

Plans, specifications, contract and form of tender may be seen on and after the twentieth day of August, 1923, at the Department of Public Works, Prince Rupert, Victoria and Vancouver, or the above may be obtained upon application to the Department of Public Works, Victoria, on and after the above mentioned date upon payment of fifteen dollars, which amount will be refunded when the plans are returned in good order. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank of Canada made payable to the Honourable the Minister of Public Works for the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) which shall be forfeited if the tenderer declines to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. The cheques of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them upon execution of the contract. Tenders must be made out on the form supplied and signed with the actual signature of the tenderer. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

P. PHILIP, Public Works Engineer, The Department of Public Works, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., August 16, 1923.



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