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## DELEGATES WERE HIGHLY PLEASED

Reeve Lockley Writes Letter Warmly Thanking City for Reception to Union

If a letter of appreciation for the reception tendered the delegates to the Union of B.C. Municipalities convention in the city recently from Reeve A. Lockley of Esquimalt, president of the Union, may be taken as any indication, the benefit of the convention to the city will be of lasting effect. Reeve Lockley is very warm in his thanks.

The letter, which was submitted to the council last night by Ald. Collart, was received with applause. It follows:

Acting Mayor T. Collart, Prince Rupert.

Dear Sir:—

I had decided to write to you immediately on my return to Esquimalt but I found it impossible on account of having so many things to attend to, nevertheless I take the first opportunity of writing you a few words of appreciation of the manner in which you and those who worked with you so successfully assisted the officers of our Union in making the 1923 convention such an outstanding success not only from a business viewpoint but also in the manner in which the delegates and their wives were entertained during the intervals of the business sessions, and if only you could have heard the kind words expressed by everyone on the return journey I feel sure you would have felt partly repaid for your labors. We all felt that the time we had to spend in your city was too short and everyone was sorry to have to leave so early after becoming acquainted with your citizens whose enthusiasm and optimism for the future of their city is splendid.

I can assure you that everyone of us hold very different ideas regarding your city than we did before our visit and I am sure we will prove to be the greatest advertising agency your city ever had. Personally I feel my return visit cannot come too soon when I hope to have more time to spend in your city.

I am sure from every viewpoint that the Kamloops convention made no mistake when they decided to hold their 1923 conven-

tion at Prince Rupert, and I can assure you that when your turn comes again and should you decide to invite the Union to your city once more, there will be no difficulty in getting the consent of the delegates, for the warmth of your reception and the very many kindnesses that were extended to the delegates are not very easily forgotten.

In conclusion may I again thank you and your co-workers and the citizens of Prince Rupert generally for all that was done to make our short stay amongst you so very happy and kindle so strong a desire in our hearts to make an early return to your wonderful city. We shall watch your future with very great interest.

Sincerely wishing your city and citizens all that is good and praying for your future prosperity,

I beg to remain,  
REEVE A. LOCKLEY,  
President U.B.C.M.

### Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

September 5, 1913.

A suggestion that the provincial government build a large wharf for the general use of fishing concerns was laid before Hon. W. R. Ross, minister of lands, at a conference with the Board of Trade yesterday afternoon. The impossibility of local industries getting waterfrontage at present was impressed upon the minister. George R. Naden presided in the absence of F. G. Dawson, president.

H. C. Magee, well known Stewart mining operator, is spending a few days in the city. He says that the Montana group on the Marmot owned by himself and George Bruggy show silver values as high as \$300 a ton.

H. B. Berdée, W. A. Complin and A. W. Brown, well known Dawsonites, were passengers going north on the American freighter Jennie this morning bound for the Shushanna gold strike.

George C. Leslie, assistant superintendent of the Granby Coke plant at Anyox, arrived in the city on the Cardena last evening and is registered at the Hotel Prince Rupert.

## SCHOOL BOARD AND COUNCIL

Met Last Night in Connection With Condition of Borden Street School

CITY ENGINEER TO MAKE REPORT

Before taking any action on the school board's request for funds to make repairs to the Borden Street School, the city council last night decided to obtain a report from the city engineer on the condition of the building and an estimate on the cost of repairs. The school board will also be requested to turn in the reports from George Scott and Peter Lorenzen which it has taken steps to obtain. A delegation from the school board consisting of Dr. W. F. Kergin, chairman, and Trustees J. C. McLennan and S. E. Parker waited on the council last night and this was the answer it received.

Dr. Kergin explained to the council that the school board had decided to have certain repairs made to the Borden Street School during the summer vacation. It had been learned that the sills had been affected by rot. The extent of this condition had been difficult to ascertain at first. Mr. Scott had been employed. The further they went in, the more they discovered until it was ascertained that some of the sills and joists were rotten but, what was more serious, it was found that the concrete piers and wall were unstable and unsafe. Apparently the concrete had never been sound. It appeared that, when the school was built, it had been poured into trenches of muskeg and had never properly dried out. Mr. Scott's report was that none of the present piers were safe and that a new concrete wall and some new sills and joists would be needed. In addition to this the walls of some of the rooms had buckled in and were unsafe.

#### Funds Used Up.

The school board had practically used up all its funds for the purpose of repairs on work that had already been done. It was known now that the Borden Street School was not safe for occupancy. This had not been known at the first of the year and, consequently, no provision had been made for it in the estimates. Mr. Scott estimated that the work of repairs would cost not over \$5,000 and that it would take two months to do. There was no architect in the city and the school board had sought the advice of Mr. Lorenzen to confirm Mr. Scott's report. Mr. Lorenzen had given practically the same opinion. In view of the fact that the school board was unable to expend the required money, the council was being asked to provide it.

Trustee McLennan said the board would be glad to have the council or as many members as possible inspect the building. Work would have to be started soon or weather would prevent it being done this year.

Trustee Parker said that he considered the condition of the Borden Street School serious and repairs would be expensive. It had been difficult to obtain advice in view of the fact that there was no architect in the city. The city engineer and Ald. Perry had made an inspection, however, and they could give their opinions. Repairs were absolutely necessary and would cost more than the school board had funds to provide for.

Mayor Newton suggested that the council comply with the board's invitation to make an inspection. Ald. Perry felt that the council should be given at least a week to make further investigations and decide what should be done.

#### Wants All Reports

Ald. Stephens felt that reports of Mr. Scott and Mr. Lorenzen should be submitted to the council and until such time as they were the council should take no move. The matter should be given most careful consideration before any money was voted. There would be difficulty in raising the required funds since no provision had been made for them. Especially should care be exercised since the council and board were apparently operating on different standards of business ethics. The city engineer was the council's advisor and his opinion should also be obtained in order to satisfy the council that the work was necessary and the amount of expenditure was

correct.

Ald. Macdonald agreed that the caution was necessary. He did not feel, however, that the school board was endeavoring to rush the matter unduly. Bad weather was coming and it was realized that something must be done out of courtesy, have attended the meeting of the city engineer and he might, quickly. The board had shown a spirit of co-operation when it given his opinion. He (Trustee) had invited the city engineer and the board of works to inspect the building.

In answer to Mayor Newton, Dr. Kergin said that the board was ready to turn the reports of Mr. Scott and Mr. Lorenzen into the council.

Ald. Perry did not see why it was necessary to go to the expense of having a report from Mr. Lorenzen. The city engineer could furnish a report instead.

#### Engineer Criticized

Trustee Parker explained that

the city engineer and Ald. Perry had made an inspection of the building and had been invited to attend the meeting of the school board. He thought that the school board was coming and it was realized that something must be done out of courtesy, have attended the meeting of the city engineer and he might, quickly. The board had shown a spirit of co-operation when it given his opinion. He (Trustee) had invited the city engineer and the board of works to inspect the building.

Ald. Collart thought that it was rather a late date for the school board to find out the condition of the Borden Street School.

Ald. Munro felt that the school board should be entitled to the services of the city engineer but he was a very busy man and he might be well excused for declining to take on outside work such

as this without special instructions from the council. He (Ald. Munro) thought the school board had acted wisely in getting Mr. Lorenzen's report.

Ald. Collart moved that the city engineer be instructed to give a written report showing the work that was necessary and the estimated cost and that the school board be requested to turn in the reports of Mr. Scott and Lorenzen. This was seconded by Ald. Perry and, after discussion in which it was shown that Mr. Lorenzen's report had already been ordered by the school board, carried.

#### HOTEL ARRIVALS Prince Rupert

E. Rousseau, Lowe Inlet; Geo. C. Leslie and W. Griffith, Anyox; R. L. Brown and G. C. Moxham, Vancouver; J. S. Brooks, Stew-

art; J. O. Stenbraten, Alice Arm; Dr. William Sagar, Port Simpson.

#### Central

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