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COMMISSIONER FOR THIS CITY ASKED

TWO LIVES LOST IN STORM ON SOUTH COAST THURSDAY

Ratepayers Think Time Has Come for Drastic Action in City Affairs

Application Will be Made to Supreme Court for Official To Take Charge—Report on Municipal Finances is Presented by Special Committee

After receiving a report from its executive committee which estimated that there would be a civic deficit by the end of 1933 of $269,171 in addition to $542,456 which the municipality would be carrying on its books in unpaid taxes and interest, the Prince Rupert Ratepayers' Association last night, on motion of Ex-Mayor H. B. Rochester, decided to immediately institute proceedings in the Supreme Court of British Columbia looking to the appointment by the provincial government of a commissioner to take control of local city affairs. Several of the ratepayers present pledged themselves during the meeting to contribute to the fund which will be required to set the desired legal proceedings in motion. It was generally felt that, in view of the present financial crisis, a commissionership was much preferable to a mayor and council in the effort to bring the city back to an even keel financially.

The executive committee's report on financial affairs of the city was presented to the meeting by Ex-Ald. M. M. Stephens who estimated that the actual deficit of the city by the end of 1933, including unpaid taxes and interest which was carried on the city's books as an asset when it was really a liability, would be some $610,000. A commissioner, who would have the authority to exercise the powers of all the present civic authorities without fear or favor, was exactly what this city needed to right its affairs, Mr. Stephens declared. He was heartily in accord with the proposal for a commissioner and he did not think one could be appointed too soon. It was high time that action was taken and, if this were done now, it might be possible to eliminate the expense of the annual civic election next month. It was apparent that the city would get nowhere unless a commissioner took charge and the committee was unanimous in its recommendation to this effect. The cost of the necessary legal proceedings was estimated at $150.

G. H. Arnold stated that it seemed hopeless for the city to go on the way it had been doing. The quicker a commissioner was appointed to conserve what assets the city had left the better.

Fred Lanza suggested that a good city manager might meet the situation. Other speakers pointed out, however, that a city manager would still be responsible to a mayor and council.

Ex-Mayor H. B. Rochester believed that what the city needed was some one with ability, common sense and good judgment with full authority to take control of civic affairs. He (Mr. Rochester) stated that he had been approached by many to again stand for civic office but he knew that would be useless. The only hope for the city now seemed to lie with a commissionership. He moved that the association immediately take steps to put an application before the Supreme Court for the appointment of a commissioner, details of the action to be left with the executive. The motion was seconded by John Murray.

Is Best Course

Ex-Ald. Victor Basso-Bert agreed

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Steamship Office In Vancouver is Moved to Wharf

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23:—Effective this week, the headquarters of the Canadian National Steamships will be located in the new pier at the foot of Main Street, according to an announcement issued by Acting General Superintendent Thomas Louden. For the last 13 years the general offices have been located in the depot.

Arrangements have also been made for the centralization of the telephone connections and in future all calls to the Canadian National Steamships will be through the main switchboard at Seymour 8420. Calls that have hitherto been handled by individual numbers, such as dock agent, dock baggage, dock ticket office, victualling office, etc., will now be handled through the main exchange.

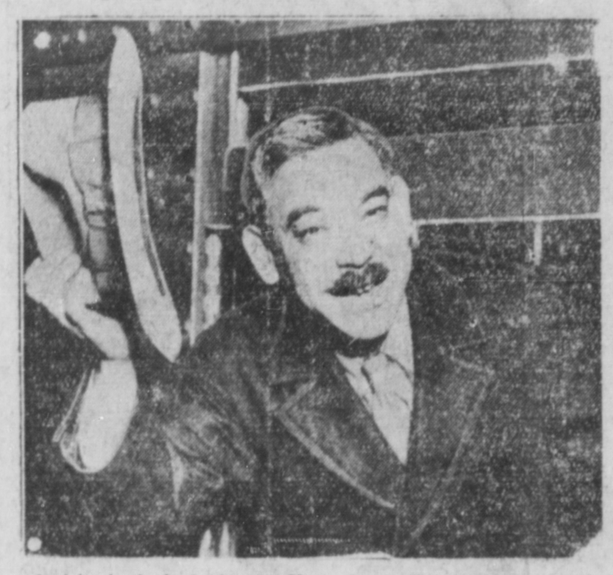
Finns' Appeal For Less Time Is Turned Down

The British Columbia Court of Appeal in Vancouver has refused an application of J. R. Nicholson, counsel for Eino Komo and Jalnor Rissanen, Finns, to have 15-year terms imposed upon them by Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald at the spring session of the Supreme Court Assizes at Prince George for manslaughter reduced by the seven months' time they have been in jail awaiting hearing of their appeals. The application being refused, the sentence thus dates from the dismissal of the appeals a few days ago.

BISHOP URGES ALL SHOULD HELP CHRISTMAS CHEER

Bishop Rix in his address to the Prince Rupert Rotary Club yesterday afternoon at the regular weekly luncheon drew attention to the fact that there was much need in the city of help for those who lacked the ordinary comforts of life. He hoped and expected that members of the community who were able to do so would see that none were lacking by making provision for them. This was a splendid way of interpreting the Christmas message.

Japanese Delegate to League



—And he had plenty to say. Here we see Yosuko Matsuoka, Japanese delegate to the league assembly, snapped as he left Tokio to follow the Siberia route to Geneva.

RESULT IS REVERSED

Supreme Court Judge Finds That J. H. Shinnick Was Winner in Vancouver Contest

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23: (Canadian Press)—After examining spoiled ballots cast for aldermanic candidates in Ward One at the civic election on December 14, Chief Justice Aulay Morrison decided in Supreme Court yesterday that J. H. Shinnick had won the seat by a majority of two votes.

On election night, Daryl H. Kent was declared the winner by a margin of one vote. Mr. Shinnick immediately asked for a recount.

The seat was formerly held by Ald. E. W. Dean, who came third in the voting last week.

Vancouver Wheat

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23: (Canadian Press)—Wheat was quoted at 40¾c on the local exchange yesterday.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23: (Canadian Press)—Wheat was quoted at 41⅜c on the local exchange today.

BIRTH

There was born this morning shortly after midnight, at the Prince Rupert General Hospital, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Finn, Graham Avenue

RESPONSE IMPROVING

Number of People Sending in Donations But More is Yet Needed

Money is coming in better for the Salvation Army fund but more is yet needed and the offiecrs of the Army are much worried as to how to meet the numerous calls being made upon them. They do not wish to refuse any reasonable requests or to see any family without the means of enjoying the holiday. Following are the receipts since yesterday:

Previously acknowledged	$152.00
Mrs. T. C. Wilding	1.00
A. J. Lancaster	5.00
Dr. Maguire	5.00
H. T. Cross	5.00
R. T. J. Rose	5.00
W. & T.	2.00
Mary and Allen	2.50
A Friend	5.00
Rotary Club	25.00

J. B. Miller, 2 dozen pairs socks, 2 sweaters, 2 dresses.

Mussallem's Grocery, 1 sack potatoes.

Watts' Grocery, groceries to value of $20.

W. H. Malkin Co. Ltd., 1 pail candy and paper bags.

Stewart & Mobley, 1 case milk, 5 sacks rolled oats, 30 pounds sugar and 42 pounds flour.

Swift-Canadian Co. Ltd., front quarter of beef.

Burns & Co., Ltd., front quarter of beef.

Philpott Evitt Co., 2 tons coal delivered.

President-Elect Roosevelt Wishes Free Hand on Debts; Hoover to Respect His Wish

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 23: (Canadian Press)—President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, in correspondence made public at the White House yesterday, declined "to accept any joint responsibility" in the appointment of a commission to explore war debts and other international problems, telling President Hoover, in effect, that he wished a free hand, after he takes office on March 4.

The President, in a statement to the press, said: "I will respect his wishes," and indications were that he would not appoint the commission proposed by him in a recent message to Congress.

Worst Tempest in Forty Years Lashed Vancouver Island With Death and Destruction in Wake

VANCOUVER HAD BIG STORM YESTERDAY

VANCOUVER, Dec. 22: (Canadian Press)—A southeast gale, which attained a velocity of fifty miles per hour in gusts, swept over Vancouver and the Lower Mainland yesterday, blowing down billboards, telephone and electric light poles and causing minor damage throughout the city. The wind was accompanied by heavy rain which turned to snow for a short time during the morning. Telegraphic communication in the southern interior was interfered with by the storm. Automobile traffic was blocked on Marine Drive by numerous fallen trees.

Property Loss as Result of Gale is Estimated at $100,000; Youth Killed When Rescuing Rowboat; Captain Lost Overboard From Ship

VICTORIA, Dec. 23: (Canadian Press)—Two lives were lost and property damage that may approximate $100,000 was the toll of the worst storm in forty years which swept over the lower area of Vancouver Island yesterday. The gale, which at times reached a velocity of seventy miles per hour, lashed the waters into a fury, created havoc along the waterfront from William Head to Cordova Bay, wrecking boat houses and small craft and disrupting telephone and electric light services.

Boland Girling, aged 20, was swept to his death while attempting to retrieve a rowboat from destruction at McNeill Bay.

Capt. Soderburg of the American freighter Point Brava was washed overboard and lost off Cape Flattery.

Numerous chimneys toppled over during the storm.

At the Victoria Yacht Club damage estimated at $20,000 was done when the boat house was swept from its moorings, carrying with it several sailing dinghies which were wrecked.

At Cadboro Bay summer homes were damaged and boats torn from their moorings were crushed in towering combers which reached a height of fifty feet.

High tides at Cowichan Bay swept away several hundred feet of road, blocking traffic on the Island Highway which runs along the beach for two or three miles at that point.

The fury of the storm was also felt along the Washington and Oregon states.

At Bellingham roofs were torn from several large buildings.

STEAMER VENTURE GETS DUSTING IN BIG STORM

The worst storm in his recollection on this coast was reported by Capt. J. E. Boden, master of the Union steamer Venture, which arrived here at noon today from Vancouver and waypoints more than twelve hours late. Off Boulder Point in Milbank Sound yesterday, Capt. Boden reported, the sea was so rough from high winds that waves could be seen rolling over trees on shore. In spite of delay, the Venture came through without any damage.

Lest They Forget

Just in case one forgets who led the Fascist march on Rome, this six-foot face of Mussolini confronts visitors to the decennial exposition.

ENROUTE TO ALPS

Amy Johnson Mollison and Her Husband Arrive at Paris on Way to Switzerland

PARIS, Dec. 23: (Canadian Press)—Amy Johnson Mollison, British aviatrix, and her husband, Capt. James A. Mollison, arrived at Le Bourget field yesterday from London as passengers in a plane piloted by Jacques Codos, Frenh speed flyer. They were on their way to Switzerland. c

C.P.R. steamer Princess Adelaide, Capt. S. K. Gray, is due in port at 6:15 this evening from the south and will sail at 10 p.m. on her return to Vancouver and waypoints.

City Council's Answer is Filed By Ratepayers

The Prince Rupert Ratepayers' Association, at its meeting last night, filed a letter from the city clerk announcing that the city council, at its meeting Monday night, had not considered it advisable to accede to the petition of the association that the city council be reduced from eight to four members.

"It makes little difference what the ratepayers propose," remarked President F. W. Wesch. "It is always thrown out by the city council anyway."

D. Cameron, who teaches school in the Bella Coola valley, arrived in the city from there on the Venture today to spend the Christmas and New Year holiday season visiting here with friends. W. Maxwell, also a Bella Coola school teacher, was a passenger aboard the the same vessel going through to Vancouver for the holidays.

SINGLE MEN WANT MORE

Norman Watt, Government Agent, Replies to Unemployed Who Visited Court House

Addressing a body of some two hundred unemployed from the Court House steps yesterday, Government Agent Norman A. Watt undertook to meet any case of destitution among single men which was supported by investigation.

Such was the Government Agent's reply to insistent representations on behalf of unemployed single men that $9 per month was an inadequate allowance on which to live in Prince Rupert. The unemployed single men had insisted upon hearing some definite assurance from a government official in regard to their relief.

Spokesmen for the men were Charles Chapman and T. W. Murphy.

Investigation of supposed destitute single men is now going on.

COMMISSIONER IS GRANTED

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23: (Canadian Press)—With no opposition from the municipality, Chief Justice Aulay Morrison, in Supreme Court yesterday, made an order authorizing the British Columbia government to appoint a commissioner for Burnaby, the municipal council of which this week invited action along this line following the refusal of the provincial government to guarantee its bank loan.