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## Investigation Into P.G.E. Charges.

Definite charges have been made against the management of the P.G.E. both in the legislature and outside and the provincial government has at once taken the matter in hand and appointed an independent auditor to investigate. Last year when the matter was mentioned in the legislature, the premier stated that any definite charges would be met but the government could not act upon rumors. There had to be some definite indication that there was something wrong before the government would be justified in putting the country to the expense of an investigation.

It is satisfactory that the charges made by General MacRae and others are being met without delay. It is to be hoped and expected that the investigation will proceed immediately and that if there are any wrongdoers they will be punished.

## Proud Gray Fleet Still Important.

The peace of the world to a very large extent still depends upon the proud gray fleet of Britain. While it sails the seas injustice and wrong will to a large extent be forced to hide its head. While mistakes are made in any human enterprise, the British fleet has generally stood ready to back the right against the wrong and has proved a powerful civilizing influence.

## Free Trade Within Empire.

Premier Baldwin's scheme for free trade within the Empire is a most attractive one. It is described by some to be a seductive plan. At any rate it is following along the lines of the example set by Canada which has established a British preference that has been in force for many years, being first started during the Laurier regime. Laurier was often accused of toadying to Britain for extending the preference.

Should Great Britain and Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, and the more dependent parts of the Empire all enter into an arrangement for preferential trade relations, it would form a strong financial tie for imperial relations. Many people, however, fear that once the tie of finance is made to supersede the tie of sentiment, the Empire would be in danger.

The progress of the movement will be watched with much interest here for Canada would be vitally affected by any such arrangement as that proposed by Premier Baldwin.

## Speed Mania Continues.

The despatches at the week end announced that all former speed records had been broken by a New York aviator who made the wonderful speed of 265 miles an hour. This speed mania is affecting us everywhere. Not only have we speeded up in our business methods, in our social life, in our general travel, but everywhere is seen advancement along these lines. The telegraph, telephone and radio have speeded up communication until it becomes almost instantaneous and travel promises to be expedited to such an extent as to excite wonder. It was only a few years ago when the fastest means of crossing the seas was by windjammer which took weeks or months to sail from one continent to another. Now we are promised a two day service across the Atlantic by airship.

## GIVEN CHANCE PROVE CHARGE

## CITY AUDITOR IS CRITICIZED

Former Provincial Employee Will be Haled Before Public Accounts Committee

## FARRIS TAKES HAND

VICTORIA, Nov. 5.—J. Rossiter, former employee of the railway department of the provincial government, who has been making alleged sensational charges in an affidavit in the "Searchlight," in the interest of General A. D. MacRae's Third Party, is to be haled before the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature to prove some of his charges.

This was given out at the Parliament Buildings.

The Third Party attacks have been made against both the old parties of the Province.

In preparation for the lively time that will develop the public accounts committee is being strengthened by the addition of Mr. Farris, former Attorney-General, who is familiar with all railway affairs.

The battle over the railway question is likely to prove as bitter as that over the liquor.

Preparations are being made for the waging of some big battles this session before the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature.

## Makes Big Play

It is before this committee that a big play is always made by opposition forces to gain campaign material. Mr. Bowser and R. H. Pooley, who are leaders of the Conservative probing forces on the committee, said today that the committee, according to plans they are making, would likely prove more lively than it was last year. Mr. Pooley said that he had gathered all sorts of liquor facts, both in Victoria and Vancouver, and on his trip north with Mr. Bowser, and he intends to start something if he can find anything to start.

It was explained at the Parliament Buildings today that rumors of an approaching election are acting as an incentive to fireworks before the committee.

The battle will be waged chiefly over liquor board affairs.

## The Man in the Moon SAYS—

TIME hangs heavy on the man who wears a wrist watch.

THERE'S one thing about Prince Rupert, no young man resident here has yet dared to appear wearing sideburns.

CONSIDERING the way people act, you would never imagine hundreds of books on etiquette in this province were sold every year.

IF you wish to know what a girl thinks of you, marry her. Then she'll tell you.

VICTORIA people saved a lot of daylight last summer and they intend to live on it during the coming winter.

IF Henry goes to the White House will he take Lizzie with him. That is one of the fool questions people are asking.

THE ideal husband is one who knows just when to tell the truth.

IN the good old days there were no banana google songs. No wonder people were happy then.

## Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

Many new industries will likely be established here when the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is completed next year. They will include shipbuilding at the dry dock and a shingle mill at Port Edward.

Mayor T. D. Pattullo formerly opened the Catholic bazaar last night. Father Bunoz presided and William Manson, M.P.P., also spoke.

A first prize essay on "Prince Rupert," written by Miss Grace Shockley, is published in the Daily News today.

Too Much Emphasis Laid on Matter of Little Importance, Ald. Stephens Avers

Exception was taken by Ald. Stephens at last night's council meeting to a certain suggestion in the report of George Rorie, city auditor, urging again that accounts of the city utilities department should be reconciled with the other city books. Ald. Stephens defended the treasurer's department against the claim that the reconciliation was behind and expressed the opinion that the auditor was unduly harsh with the present staff, particularly when it was remembered that this particular work in past years had always been so far behind.

He felt that the criticism of the auditor should be of a constructive instead of a destructive nature and should lead to a better and simpler method of book-keeping. He would like to have figures at the end of the year showing what the reconciliation of these accounts had meant and how much had been saved to the city thereby.

Besides making this suggestion, the auditor's report stated that an audit had been completed up to September 30 and the cash and books had been found to be up to date. The auditor also urged the taking of an inventory of the city's stock at an early date to assist in getting out the annual report.

City Treasurer Matheson felt that, although the matter of reconciliation seemed big in this report, it really did not amount to very much. It was questionable if the cost of making the reconciliation was warranted in the results that were obtained by means of it. It entailed a great deal of clerical work for the elimination of which some method might be devised.

The report was referred to the finance committee with power to act.

## HALF BURNED LETTER REACHES DESTINATION

Dynamited and Burned by Train Robbers But Eventually Comes Back to M. M. Stephens

The efficiency of the United States postal department is indicated in the delivery of a letter recently sent from this city by M. M. Stephens & Co. Ltd., local realtors, to one of the firm's clients, Dr. A. A. MacIntyre, a former alderman of this city who is now practising dentistry at Glendale, Oregon. The letter in question went through mail robbery on the Ashland and Gerber train at Siskiyou, Oregon, on October 11. The car was dynamited and fired and the letter was half burned, the envelope coming through with only the name of Dr. MacIntyre and his street address on it. The name of the city had been burned away as had also been the address on the letter inside. The letter went on to postal headquarters at San Francisco from whence it was forwarded to Dr. MacIntyre. It was returned to the local firm by Dr. MacIntyre as a curio.

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## OFFICERS OF MUNICIPAL CHAPTER HAVE RESIGNED

Mrs. S. P. McMordie, Regent, is

Away on Holidays and Miss

Mills, Secretary, Has

Other Demands on

Time

As she expects to be away from

the city for some time on an ex-

tended holiday trip, Mrs. S. P.

McMordie has resigned as regent

of the Municipal Chapter, Im-

perial Order Daughters of the

Empire. On account of other

duties demanding her time, Miss

S. A. Mills has resigned as secre-

tary. At the meeting of the

chapter last evening, Mrs. A. T.

Parkin, first vice-regent, presid-

ed and Miss Clara Orchard was

acting secretary.

A resolution from the city

council of Kamloops asking the

provincial government to take

over the operation of isolation

hospitals in municipalities was

referred to the finance commit-

tee for report by the local city

council last night.



## TWO CASES IN COUNTY COURT FOR NOVEMBER

Light Docket For Hearing Before Judge Young This Month — Dates Are Set

Only two cases are set for hearing in the County Court before Judge Young this month. They are as follows:

Prince Rupert Feed Co. vs. Canadian National Railways, damages to wagon. Williams, Manson & Gonzales for the plaintiff and Patmore & Fulton for the defendant, November 13.

R. Cunningham & Son vs. B. Bennett, balance on goods sold and delivered. Williams, Manson and Gonzales for the plaintiff, and Patmore & Fulton for the defendant, November 9.

For Vancouver via Queen Charlotte Islands, Oct. 17, Nov. 3, 17 at 8 p.m.

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J. Barnsley, Agent.

Prince Rupert, B.C.