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MUNICIPAL DILEMMA

Aspirants for public office in the city find themselves in a curious dilemma just now. In view of conditions, they do not know whether a mayor and council will be needed this year and if elected whether they will have more than a few weeks of the troubles of office.

Another dilemma facing a good many is the question whether they could be elected if they offered themselves. There are a number of factions in the city and factions are always difficult to manage. The Ratepayers' Association is stronger than it has ever been in the past owing to the burden of taxation and the desire of the people to find relief. They are willing to try anything new, arguing that it could not be worse and it might be better. Labor groups are badly split up and many labor supporters find themselves without votes this year owing to failure to register.

Should there be no commissioner appointed it will be necessary to have a strong mayor and council to place the city once more on a sound financial basis but there is an evident reluctance among prominent citizens to place themselves at the service of the city.

Sir Herbert Holt is a director of 57 companies in Canada, nearly twice as many as any other individual. Coming next to him on the list is Edwin Mack Sanderson of New York who is tied with J. H. Gundy but running these close is Sir Charles Gordon, president of the Bank of Montreal with 34. Such diverse interests call for anything but a one track mind.

PROBABLY A FEELER

The announcement that the provincial government might increase the special revenue tax from one to possibly three percent is probably just a feeler to see how the people would take such a change. It would be difficult to understand such a law going into effect. Under it a man with a salary of \$100 who now pays one dollar a month would have to pay three dollars a month.

We all realize that money must be raised but there is a limit to which taxation can go and we think there would be very strong opposition to any considerable increase in the special revenue tax.

In a letter published in the Daily News yesterday from President Wesch, of the Ratepayers' Association, the inference is made that a report made to the association may have been misquoted by us. This is not correct. The Daily News published the full report as handed to its representative by President Wesch and it was not in any way misquoted by this paper.

"Sponging" a Living



When we say this man is sponging a living, we mean just that. With the aid of a glass-bottomed bucket the fishers of Havana, Cuba, seek their quarry. The sponges are hauled to the surface, taken to an island in the Caribbean and shipped to America.

Badminton Tourney Is Played by Ladies

Rupert East Defeats Ranger Company Five Games to Four

On Wednesday the Prince Rupert Ranger Company played its first badminton tournament with the Rupert East Ladies' Badminton Club. The ladies won five games while the Ranger girls won four.

Players for the Rupert East Club were Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Lambly, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Barclay.

Playing for the Rangers were Capt. N. Rogers, P. L. E. Brewerton, P. S. B. Capstick, P. S. E. Wilkinson, Ranger I. Courbould, Ranger V. Wrathall, Ranger N. Gibson and Ranger A. Peachy.

Nurses Entertain At Dancing Party

Following a Christmas dinner for the nurses, Miss Jean Harrison R.N., lady superintendent, and members of the nursing staff of the Prince Rupert General Hospital entertained their friends at a delightful dancing party last night in the Nurses' Home. There were about sixty persons in attendance at the affair which was highly enjoyable. Music for dancing was furnished by Mrs. J. S. Black's orchestra. Delicious refreshments were served.

Man in the Moon

Those people who live at Dorreah on relief pay are proving quite keen.

They resent the idea, Which seems very clear Things are anything else but dam lean.

Now that Christmas is over and most of the pills have been swallowed, we are getting ready for a real Scottish celebration at New Year.

There's a rumor around town that Bill Stone is trying to engage the mayor and aldermen to meet the executive of the Ratepayers' Association to put on a New Year show at the Empress gym.

Jake says he is going to apply for relief pretty soon. He says he's down to the last thousand dollars and he hates to spend it when there is a hand-out in sight. The only thing that holds him back is the idea of having to work for it. Jake never did like work.

Among the things that won't get you anywhere in Prince Rupert is wondering if we are to have a commissioner.

Other things that won't help much is speculating as to what a commissioner will do if he is appointed, wondering who is going to run for mayor and if there is going to be mayor, urging a four-man council, arguing with a member of the Ratepayers' Association, trying to collect I.O.U.'s, trying to collect anything, trying to keep up with the Jones, putting on style without either money or credit, putting on style at any time and under any conditions, trying to live off your wits, trying to live.

Mail Schedule

For the East—
Monday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

From the East—
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 8 p.m.

For Vancouver—
Tuesday 12:30 p.m.
Thursday 9 p.m.

From Vancouver—
Sunday p.m.
Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
Friday p.m.
Dec. 14 and 15 a.m.

For Stewart and Anyox—
Sunday 7 p.m.
Wednesday 3 p.m.

From Stewart and Anyox—
Tuesday 11:30 a.m.
Thursday 8 p.m.

For Queen Charlottes—
Dec. 16 and 30 9 p.m.

From Queen Charlottes—
Dec. 14 and 28 a.m.

The following is the scale of charges made for reading notices.
* Marriage and Engagement announcement \$2.
* Birth Notices 50c.
* Funeral Notices \$1.
* Cards of Thanks.
* Funeral Flowers 10c. per name.

District News

NEW HAZELTON

Mr. and Mrs. William Grant have spent Christmas at Smithers with their son-in-law and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Kilpatrick.

E. Perrin, a well known traveller from Prince Rupert, left on Tuesday of last week to make the trip from Hazelton to Vancouver by motor.

W. W. Anderson, who is in charge of the Hudson Bay Co.'s fur buying branch at Prince Rupert is spending the Christmas season at his home in Hazelton.

As a result of the break-up following the recently extremely cold weather, there is a great deal of drift ice in the Bulkley River and some bridges appear to be in danger. At several points water has backed up over the banks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Haan and son of Smithers motored down recently for a brief visit to Hazelton.

Miss Dora Jamieson, teacher of the Chilco school near Vanderhoof, is spending the Christmas holiday season at Hazelton as the guest of Rev. and Mrs. S. V. H. Redman.

PORT SIMPSON

Members of the Young People's Educational Association displayed their skill in the art of pie-making at a social they sponsored here last

week. The affair was very enjoyable and the gratifying sum of \$30 was realized.

The Christmas Band of Workers held a successful bazaar here last week. A very enjoyable evening was spent and the sum of \$20 was realized.

Basketball teams from Metlakatla and Ketchikan are mid-week visitors here to engage in a series of hoop tilts with the local teams.

Frank Wilson of Interiors cannery was a recent visitor here on cannery business.

Steamship Sailings

For Vancouver—

Tuesday—ss. Cardena 1:30 p.m.

Thursday—ss. Prince Rupert 10 p.m.

ss. Venture midnight

Friday—ss. Prin. Adelaide 10 p.m.

From Vancouver—

Sunday—ss. Cardena p.m.

Wednesday—ss. Prince Rupert 9:30 a.m.

Thursday—ss. Venture p.m.

Friday—ss. Prin. Adelaide p.m.

Dec. 29—ss. Prin. Norah a.m.

For Naas River and Port Simpson—

Sunday—ss. Cardena 8 p.m.

Wednesday—ss. Prince Rupert 4 p.m.

From Stewart and Anyox—

Tuesday—ss. Cardena 11:30 a.m.

Thursday—ss. Prince Rupert 8 p.m.

For Ocean Falls—

Tuesday—ss. Cardena 1:30 p.m.

Friday—ss. Prin. Adelaide p.m.

From Ocean Falls—

Wednesday—ss. Prin. Rupert 9:30 a.m.

Thursday—ss. Venture p.m.

Friday—ss. Prin. Adelaide p.m.

For Queen Charlotte Islands—

Dec. 16 and 30—ss. P. John 10 p.m.

Studies Engineering



Meet Jessie Forgiveon, New York university co-ed, who is studying engineering this year. When she graduates Jessie will become the 1,001 woman engineer in the world. She does not intend to build bridges and such, but will seek to become a "Technical Secretary."

Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—Bathing, light southerly wind; barometer, 30.16; temperature, 39; sea smooth.
Dead Tree Point—Overcast, calm; barometer, 30.12; temperature, 34; heavy swell.
Langara Island—Overcast, moderate southwest wind; sea moderate.

"Cookie" Likes This Game



When "Cookie" the cocky ockatoo wants a cracker it's a "moving" spectacle. The bird has been trained by Donald Mappin of Catalin to play checkers as long as the cookies hold out.

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