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Municipal Election

PRINCE RUPERT civic electors have a clear-cut field for expression of their preferences at the election to be held this Thursday. On the one hand they have the Labor slate for mayor and four aldermanic seats, on the other the independents. There is a good offering of able candidates any of whom are capable of satisfactory service. They are to be thanked for their public spiritedness in coming forward and offering themselves.

As for the mayoralty, both candidates have been tested. Mrs. Arnold, during the past year, has made a good impression. She has been as capable and hard-working a chief magistrate as many of her male predecessors. During her term of office she has made many new friends to add to those she had before. Mr. Daggett, who served three years prior to this year, has his record of conscientious service to submit and the voters can compare his and that of Mrs. Arnold. He has the official Labor blessing and, apart from that, may have some outside support.

Half of the aldermanic candidates have had previous experience on the council. The others are well known and provide a good block of talent. It may be that some new blood might be considered desirable.

As we have so often before reminded the electorate, the city is a large and important business organization. The electors would do well not to be blindly partisan in their preferences but to consider seriously who are best fitted to be entrusted with the responsibility of carrying on the management of their business.

Above all, there should not be indifference but all those who have the vote should show their interest by getting out and voting. It is not only their democratic privilege but is also a duty. Certainly those who do not even take the trouble to vote have no right to criticize loudly as they sometimes do.

FARE INCREASES

COASTAL steamship lines, which increased their freight tariffs a few months ago, have found it necessary now to advance their passenger fares and thus contribute further to the inflationary spiral. People living on this part of the coast, from the point of financial outlay, found it difficult enough to make the odd trip to Vancouver even under the old fares. Now it is that much harder and the increase will, no doubt, have the tendency of further curtailing travel. Anything that may be gained from the increase in fares may quite possibly be lost in a shrinkage of volume with little decrease in the general overhead.

When operating costs in every line of business are increasing and prices are advancing all along the line, it is difficult to criticize the steamship companies for their action. However, these increased prices are not the answer to the economic maladjustment which is becoming greater. There is no doubt that those who are forced to increase charges for goods and services do so reluctantly and even with a feeling of futility. The levelling off must come soon so that stability may be brought about.

TWILIGHT FOR LOUIS?

THIS MAY BE twilight time for Joe Louis as world's heavyweight boxing champion. He was close to defeat in New York last Friday.

A huge crowd of fans watched the unfolding of surprise after surprise. They were astounded. An obscure boxer, it seemed painfully plain that the brown bomber was on the way out. Louis was no longer the calm, masterful man who for years had the fight world at his feet. Within a few rounds he betrayed signs that all was not well and, not long after, he was battling for his professional life.

The reason? Some say the increase of years, soft and all that. These could contribute.

There is now an active controversy as to whether Louis actually won.

Whether or not the bomber will attempt a comeback is open to question. He has certainly been robbed of prestige. And when a celebrity suffers that, the general outlook is far from cheerful. The world loves a winner. What happened on Friday will stand as one of the outstanding stories of ring history—a rare event in the cauliflower industry.



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PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

December 9, 1923

The Prince Rupert Liberal Conservative Association was formed with Hon. Arthur Meighan as honorary president and Hon. W. J. Bowser as honorary vice-president. Active officers were R. W. Cameron, president; W. W. Wright, secretary-treasurer; W. E. Fisher, first vice-president; Miss E. M. Earl, second vice-president. Executive members were D. C. Stuart, William Reid, A. W. Edge, Mrs. J. Howe, Mrs. M. M. Stephens and W. R. Love.

The destroyer H.M.C.S. Patricia reported by wireless that she would arrive in port at 3:50 p.m. Mayor Rochester, Fred Stork, M.P. and Major J. H. McMullen were to meet her on arrival. The vessel was scheduled for a two-day visit.

Three names were struck off the civic voters' list by the Court of Revision. The list stood at 2,113 as revised. The Court of Revision consisted of Mayor Rochester, Aldermen Dybhavn, Collart and City Clerk E. A. Woods.

December 9, 1912

The Canadian Bank of Commerce was installed in its permanent quarters on Second Avenue. The establishment was moved from its former Third Avenue site.

The court of revision held its first sitting in preparation for the next municipal election.

The News carried a story saying that the government would be asked to purchase the official bonds of the G.T.P.

The B.C. Gazette, which arrived in the city, carried notice of incorporation of a company being organized to build a \$10,000 hotel at Granby Bay.



Betty Joyce White, 16-year-old Winnipeg high school girl, who sent Princess Elizabeth a pair of nylons when they were scarce, and who received an invitation to a royal wedding reception party in London but missed it because the plane was four hours late. Her trip was sponsored by the Winnipeg Free Press.

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THIS AND THAT



"Gosh, honey, cigars are getting expensive!"

What City Council Did

Approved the following land sales as reported by the finance committee:

Lots 26, 27 and 28, block 9, section 1 (Second Avenue at Ninth Street) to Clifford L. McDonald for \$1,900.

Lot 7, block 19, section 1 to W. A. Armstrong (Second Avenue at Second Street) for \$850.

Lot 47, block 34, Section 1 to W. A. Armstrong (Third Avenue near First Street) for \$1,750.

Lot 13, block 4, section 8 (Ninth Avenue East) to Helen M. Marchildon for \$75.

Lot 26, block 33, section 8 (Eleventh Avenue East) to George B. Casey for \$95.

Decided to replace the sidewalk on the south side of Third Avenue between McBride and First Streets with wood planking at an approximate cost of \$800.

Confirmed the action of the licensing committee in granting the following trade licences:

E. H. Lattery, F. Sokoraky and E. LaSota, roofing contractors; T. M. Christie, retail licence; Fred Moller and A. Anderson, manufacture toys and novelties; Michael Moslenski, building contractor.

Referred to the incoming council a request by the Prince Rupert Public Relations Council for information on the city zoning bylaw and a town planning commission.

Adopted a resolution from the health committee that the Prince Rupert Fire Fighters' Recreation Association be paid for long trips in driving the ambulance at the rate of \$10 for the first 10 miles and 25 cents for each additional mile of the one-way mileage involved in ambulance trips, with the exception of Miller Bay and local trips.

Referred to the incoming council a request by the Civic Employees' Federation for revisions in the present working agreement. The requests will be dealt with by the new council along with similar requests from other unions. The request asks for installation of the "check-off" system of dues collection; three weeks holiday with pay for employees of more than 10 years standing and an increase of 25 cents an hour in wages.

Authorized the installation of a new street light on Thompson Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues.

Terrace Sawmill Changes Hands

Ernest Sande recently took over control of the Giggey mill at Terrace. C. L. M. Giggey the owner and operator for a good many years is retiring.

COCOA'S BIRTHPLACE
The cacao tree was first known in Latin America.

AGED INTERIOR PIONEER DIES

John Meagher, who will be remembered by old timers in Central B.C. died recently in Haney. He had reached the great age of 96 years. He passed away in Alleo Infirmary.

NOVEL FLOWER CLOCK

The famed Swedish botanist Linnaeus built a flower clock that told the time by the opening and closing of the flowers.



OVER THE FENCE
By W.L. MacTavish

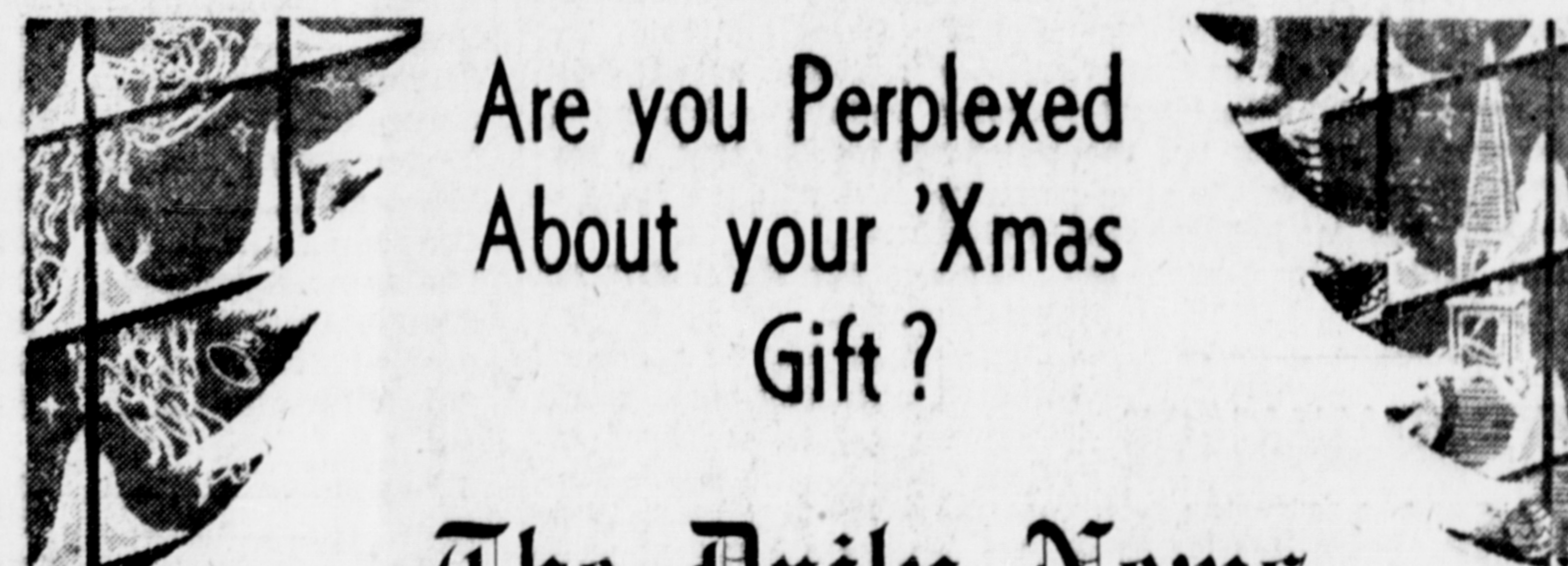
"You know," said the Old Timer this morning, "it is a little funny to read some of the expressions of labor leaders and politicians in the Old Country just now.

"Everybody is scolding the workers for what they call 'the universal reluctance to do a hard day's work.' Yet I wonder if some of that universal reluctance doesn't stem from the things the same labor leaders and politicians have been telling them in the past?

"In the past they were told that they were the victims of the planlessness and exploitation by monopoly capitalism. All they had to do to attain ease and luxury was to put the socialists in power, so that everything could be planned and there would be no more exploitation. And now when they tell them they have to work harder and longer hours and do without more than ever, it doesn't sound much like the pie in the sky they were promised so often.

"Maybe our present system isn't perfect. I'm not saying it is, and I think the government, and industry, and labor unions, should be working together all the time to improve it and make it work better and produce more and give everybody a better share of what is produced. But I think it is a better system than anything the planners can dream up, and if you keep your eyes open to what is going on around the world you are not likely to come to any other conclusion."

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