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HIGH PRAISE FOR MANSON

Address of Attorney General is Approved by Vancouver Newspaper

WAS CONSTRUCTIVE

Says No Need to Fear Jealousy of Prince Rupert in South

Under the heading of "A Tonic for Pessimists" and with the sub-head "Attorney General's Speech to Laurier Club Good Medicine for Calamity Howlers," the World in a recent editorial article spoke appreciatively of the address delivered in Vancouver in which Prince Rupert and the north country generally were prominently mentioned. The article reads:

"British Columbia needs more addresses of the kind delivered by the Hon. A. M. Manson, K.C., since 1913: thousands of farmers to the Laurier Club of this city, breaking the soil in the great After weeks and months of political revilement of which no George, farmers who have solved party has been innocent, it is the seasonal occupation problem refreshing to hear a speech which by working their lands in sundials with the constructive side mer and tie-making and logging of the affairs of the province and in the winter; creameries establishes that the government delisted but a year or two ago that participants are doing something measure their butter production more useful than playing politics, by thousands of pounds a month;

"Mr. Manson had a subject worthy his best efforts, the re-markable development of north-ern and central British Columbia during the last few years, and it year, and a lumber industry that is safe to say that when he sat down after delivering his eloquent preparation there were few among his audience who would not have confessed that for the first time they had begun to realize that there was developing a greater British Columbia in the hinterland of Vancouver's friendly rival, Prince Rupert.

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ousy of the northern port here, nor of the older port on the Island, while as to the Fraser River, to which he also made allusion, we regard that already as part of the port of the Greater Vancouver and his prophecy that docks will one day line its banks up to New Westminster cannot be too soon fulfilled in the view of the residents of this city.

Fine Record

"Mr. Manson was right, when he went on to quote facts and figures respecting northern British Columbia in telling a gathering of Vancouver men that these facts and figures would strengthen their optimism, for Vancouver holds itself the commercial metropolis of the whole province, and knows no corner of it the prosperity of which will not in some degree enhance its own.

"And what facts and figures those of the north were! Schools and school population more than doubled in the last seven years; knows no corner of it the prosperity of which will not in some degree enhance its own.

Calamity Howlers
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than in 1920, a record year; timber exported in 1916 less than fifty million feet, and in 1923 over five hundred millions; forty-five per cent of the fishery products of Canada obtained in British Columbia waters, and, as against the cry that the population of the country is leaving it, a school enrolment of 61,779 in 1916 and 91,888 in 1923.

Blow Pessimism Away

"That was not all the story. Mr. Manson had not time to tell it all. But it is enough to refute the pessimists, if there are any pessimists left in a city with a harbor full of shipping, with a grain elevator making world records, with lumber pouring out of the port in millions and with even the great new Ballantyne pier unable to furnish space for all the increased commodities pouring in—a city that which none on the face of the globe has at this present moment a brighter outlook in the immediate future.

"Pessimism? If there were any Mr. Manson's array of statistics should blow the last of it away."

CAUSE FOR ALL DELINQUENCY

D. Brankin Speaks to Rotary Club on Duties Toward "The Handicapped Boy."

That the cause of delinquency in a child could often be traced back a long way, even to pre-natal days was one of the many interesting things told the Rotary Club yesterday afternoon at their weekly luncheon by David B. Brankin, head of the provincial industrial school for boys. He said that for over twenty years he had been engaged in work among boys and he told the members of the club of many of the problems which presented themselves. The 137 boys in the home over which he presided were largely the victims of circumstances or conditions. The home was one of the largest factors but there were many others and one of these mentioned particularly was the prenatal influence. In the case of these boys the home, the schools, the church had all failed. In the industrial home the lads were taught vocations.

Physical or Mental

Boys, Mr. Brankin said, were often found to suffer from some physical or mental disability. This was a contributing cause for the delinquency. The first thing done, when a boy entered the home, was to have him examined by a doctor. Diseased tonsils, adenoids, defective hearing or sight and sometimes in the case of a moral degenerate the lack of circumcision was a contributory cause. By removing the disability the child got a new outlook on life. While the home cost a good deal it was money well spent.

The speaker told of a great many cases where injustices had been done children by placing them in foster homes. When a person takes a particular fancy for a child and it does not develop according to expectation, the child has an unhappy life. Under the new law of inheritance the foster child is given the rights of parentage. In 120 cases of adoption under that law he knew of only five that had proved unsatisfactory.

Mr. Brankin urged the need of an educational campaign in order to do the right thing by the boys. In that way many of the wrongs could be prevented. He thought a school for parents would be a good thing to teach them how to look after their children. The duty of the father to the boy was just as great as that of the mother. The boy would grow into a boy and not a girl. Parents were often guilty of sins of omission more than of commission.

MEETING OF POLICE BOARD

Fines for February Totalled \$311.75; Patrol Light System Again up; Fraser Street Discussed

The regular monthly meeting of the police commission was held yesterday afternoon in the city council chamber. Mayor Newton and Commissioner R. W. Cameron were in attendance, Commissioner Montgomery being absent.

The report of Chief Vickers for the month of February showed there had been nineteen cases in the police court resulting in fifteen convictions, three dismissals and one pending. Collections totalled \$311.75, \$56.75 being for keep of provincial prisoners and the balance fines. The payroll totalling \$788.84 and several small accounts, were passed for payment.

Mayor Newton asked if any of the women who had been sent to Okalla last fall for liquor selling and who later were released had returned to the city. The chief reported that one was back.

A letter from Thomas A. Long, chief of police, Nelson, describing the working of a patrol light system in that city was read and the matter was laid over until next meeting so that Commissioner Montgomery may have an opportunity of saying something about it. The system, which Chief Long stated was satisfactory, was operated from the telephone exchange. There were white and red lights respectively for day and night use. Officers could thus be called immediately from their beats when a called was lodged at the telephone exchange.

Chief Vickers reported that his officers would soon be needing new uniforms. It was decided to have the chief and the purchasing agent prepare specifications and call for tenders.

Inquiry was made by Commissioner Cameron as to how conditions were on Fraser Street. Mayor Newton told of a Comox Avenue house owner complaining that his houses were empty. It was suggested that the occupants might have gone to Fraser Street. The mayor urged the chief to keep a tight grip on the Fraser Street situation.

A letter from "Julius Caesar," making fun of the dog tax collecting system, was handed to the commissioners by the chief and caused considerable merriment.

The meeting adjourned after a session of less than half an hour.

TO TAKE STEPS TOWARD RELIEVING CREDITORS

Question of Defunct Northern Polytechnic Institute to be Taken up with Department

The co-operation of the Department of Education towards making settlement of accounts against the defunct Northern Polytechnic Institute is to be sought by the Prince Rupert school board. This was decided upon by the board last night after a letter from Rose, Cowan & LaJla, which firm is a creditor of the institute to the amount of about \$500, was read. The letter stated that the firm had been under the impression the school board and department of education had been behind the institute when credit had been extended it.

Trustee Casey felt that the board might have a moral if not a legal obligation. He was in favor of going to the extent at least of bringing the matter to the attention of the department of education. Mr. Kyle, the department's representative, had been an active factor in launching the institute.

The agreement between the board and the institute whereby all financial responsibility of the former was relinquished was read. It was the general opinion of the board, however, that the board might do something to relieve the creditors. Accordingly it was decided to take the matter up with the department. Outstanding accounts against the Institute total about \$1,000, Secretary Vance reported.

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The opening number was an instrumental trio in two parts, the Intermezzo from Cavalliera Rusticana being the first selection and the Angel's Serenade, the second—by Mrs. Wallstedt, Miss Wilma Wallstedt and Miss Gertrude Wallstedt of Juneau. Other numbers were: saxophone solo by A. A. Ensson; piano solo "Gay Butterflies," by Miss Gertrude Wallstedt; recitation by Mrs. Fred Scadden; violin solo, Dreda's "Serenade," Miss Wilma Wallstedt; piano duet, "Military Road," by Mrs. Wallstedt and Miss Gertrude Wallstedt; step dance by Margaret Ratchford and D. Christenson; violin solo, "Allegro movement, fantasia appassionato, Miss Wilma Wallstedt; song, "The Great Red Dawn," Mrs. J. Field; instrumental trio, "Cavatina" and Schubert March, by Miss Wilma Wallstedt, Mrs. Wallstedt and Miss Gertrude Wallstedt.

Fred Scadden was chairman, Gillis Royer was convener, James Bacon and Chas. Whatman were at the door, Jack Judge had charge of the box office and Sam Antons, Frank Cameron, Harry Jackson, Thor. Johnson and Ralph Kiefhaber were ushers.

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