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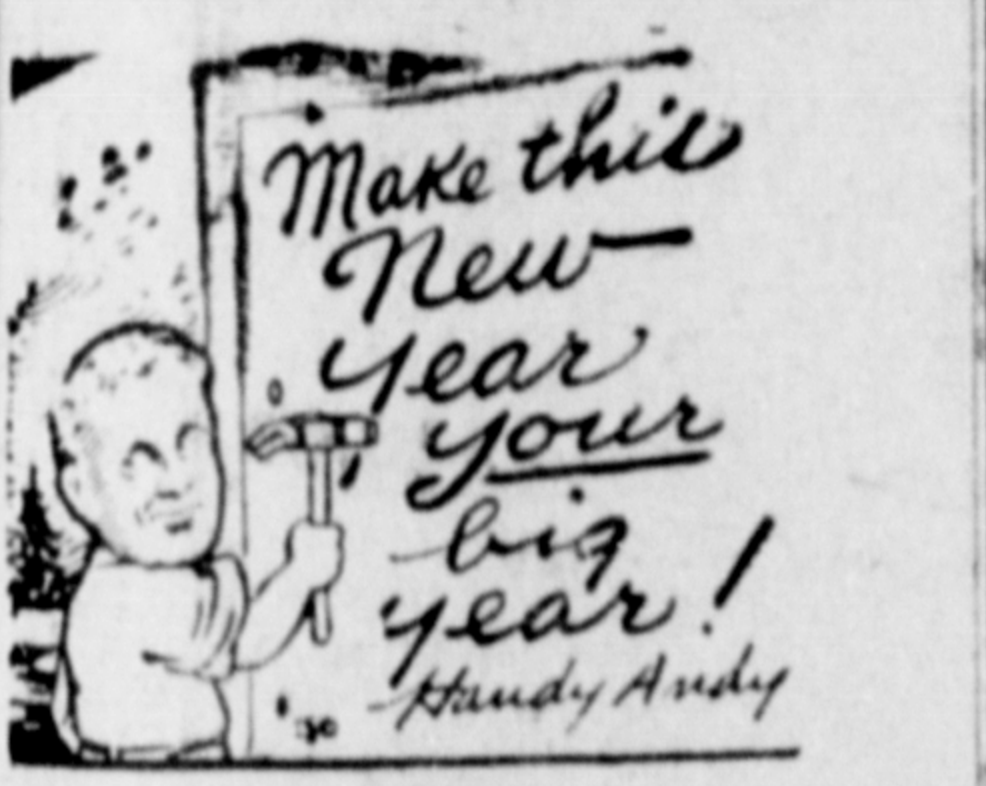
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CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL HONORS HEARD IN EMPRESS THEATRE LAST NIGHT ON TOPICS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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much entitled to hold the reins of government as the business men. Labor men realized the responsibilities involved, he felt, just as fully as did any other class and the affairs of the city would be just as safe in their hands. If the electors felt that he had served them long enough and did not choose to return him to office that was all well and good but he appealed for support, at least, for the other three Labor candidates.

Ald. Casey also dealt at some length with problems that would probably face the 1925 council. With promised industrial expansion in prospect, the question of providing more power would arise and with it the question of whether or not municipal ownership of the electric light utility was to continue. It was stated that, for an expenditure of \$200,000, power production from Woodworth Lake could be increased from one thousand to six thousand horsepower. Expert opinion would have to be sought on this and, of course, such a project would have to be submitted to the people. He was still a supporter of municipal ownership in view of the fact that the utilities had proven themselves a great asset to the city and had piled up surpluses from year to year. If Woodworth Lake power supply could be extended as was stated then, in his opinion, it was a project to be supported. Ald. Casey also referred to the road work that had been carried out during the past year and expressed approval of the decision that had been made to use local rock instead of from Smith Island. In closing, Ald. Casey, urged that support be given the Cow Bay closing plebiscite and the Park Avenue grading and power extension bylaws.

Park Avenue Grading

A. H. McPherson rose to inquire if J. F. Duthie would not benefit largely from the grading of Park Avenue road and, if such was the case, why he was not required to pay a larger share of its cost.

To this question, Mayor Newton replied that he did not believe Mr. Duthie's holdings abutted on the Park Avenue road. It had been deemed by the council that it would be a benefit to the citizens generally to have this work done. In view of the fact that property adjacent to the road was not of sufficiently high value to bear the cost, the decision had been made to relieve them of paying the whole cost by raising the money by debentures and spreading the cost over a number of years on the city as a whole.

G. W. Kerr, after explaining that he had been induced at the last minute to become a candidate, declared that, from his five years' past experience on the utilities committee, he did not think it was necessary to bring in another expert to determine the possibilities of extending Woodworth Lake power supply. Mr. Ross, the Seattle expert, had already reported that it could be enlarged to 6,000 horse power which would meet the requirements this year. While the present council was to be congratulated on the road work that had been done this year, he felt that there was no complaint to make about Smith Island rock. He inquired why slag had been put on the streets during the past summer.

Police Commissioners

Robert McCarthy briefly explained that, at the request of a large number of citizens, he had decided to become a candidate for the police commission. His policy would be clean, moral civic administration and on that platform he asked for support.

Alexander Mackenzie declared that, if elected to the police commission, he would faithfully serve the city and do his best for the community as a whole. Last year, when he sought election as an alderman, he was a few friends short. He hoped that he would renew their acquaintance on this occasion.

James Coombes said that it was the first time in the history of the province that fisherman had had the nerve to stand for public office. He had no criticism to offer the present administration and felt that good work had been done with the number of men at hand. He felt, however, that the fishermen, who meant

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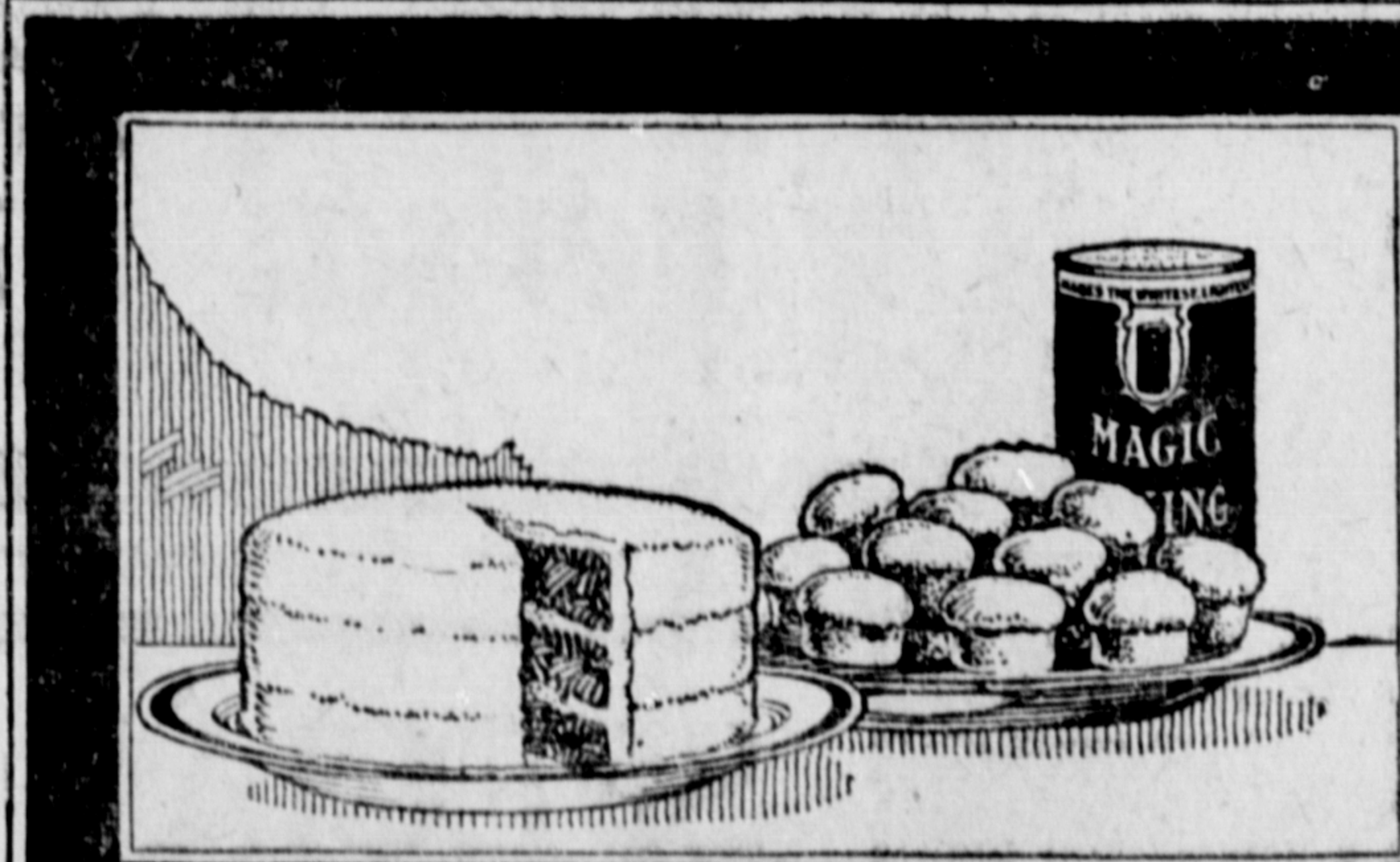
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so much to this city, should get at least a small measure of protection. There was a great area along the waterfront and he had been here since 1912 but never once had he seen a policeman there except to meet a boat or answer a call. The fact that he had some police experience himself was one reason that he was offering himself as a candidate for the commission. His policy would be sound administration of police affairs with the endeavor to do his best to carry out the laws. He would make no promises in view of the fact that Prince Rupert was not a "Sunday School" town and it would hardly be possible to make it such. He felt highly honored at being the endorsed candidate of the Trades and Labor Council and urged that the four candidates for the council also be given support.

Mayor Newton

Mayor Newton felt that, after having given the citizens two years of good administration, he had no apology to offer in seeking re-election. Apparently there was general satisfaction with the administration during the past year and little or no serious criticism had been directed against him personally. At the solicitation of scores and scores of citizens who had pleaded with him to continue the work that had been started by the councils of the past two years he was again appearing as a candidate. He only asked for re-endorsement if it was felt that his past services warranted a renewal of confidence and that the interests of the city would be further enhanced by returning him for another year.

His Worship went at some length into the difficulties that had been met in coping with police affairs. It was easy for citizens to make complaints but it was seldom that those making such complaints would come forward to give their evidence in court. The police was governed by certain laws and it was a dangerous policy to proceed with prosecutions if there was no concrete evidence to back them up. The city solicitor had been giving the police good advice on such matters, and wherever there had been tolerably fair evidence



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to support charges, he (the mayor) had not once fallen down in having them laid. He would continue such a policy. "I would like to ask you," continued His Worship, "if we really have such a vicious city after all? With the limited police force can you expect that much better results can be obtained?"

Mayor Newton then launched into a defence of the action taken by the council in reducing light and power and telephone rates. Whatever conditions might arise, assurance had been given that surpluses would still be shown even with the reductions. This being the case, he felt that there was justification in giving at least a part of the benefits derived to those people who were residing here and developing the city, especially in view of the fact that rates had been higher here than in almost every other place in the province. There would likely be a howl raised that the small resident property owners would suffer through an increased tax rate. He would state, however, that, with the reduced charges for light, the small property owner would still come out at much the better end of the deal as against any increased tax rate that might be imposed.

Cow Bay Plebiscite

After briefly recommending that the cemetery road and power line extension bylaws be approved, Mayor Newton at some length gave his reasons for asking that the Cow Bay closing plebiscite be also approved. There was a need for landing facilities for district residents coming to the city and for those engaged in the fishing industry. The provincial government had agreed to obtain from the federal government for the city 200 feet of waterfront just east of the Yacht Club in return for permission to fill in Cow Bay. He (Mayor Newton) had been willing that the portion of Cow Bay inside of the railway bridge be filled but had only recently ascertained that the proposal of the government was to fill in across the mouth of the bay from the Georgetown wharf. This being the case, 450 feet of waterfront would be secured by the government. In view of this, he felt that the city should be given more than 200 feet in exchange but recommended that the plebiscite in the meantime be supported, leaving negotiations for more waterfront to the incoming council. It was his desire, however, that the issue should be fairly and squarely laid before the electors so that none could later say that he had neglected to explain it.

"I have always striven to be straight with the people who elected me," concluded His Worship, "and that will continue to be my aim. I have always striven to do my best, to be true to the trust that has been imposed in me and you can depend that my future endeavors will be along that line."

Bob Hanna Questions

Robert Hanna inquired if the decision was made to fill in Cow Bay where other adequate protection for the fishing fleet was to be obtained. Mayor Newton

replied that the city would endeavor to take care of this on the waterfront it would obtain. A log break water would likely be put in to be followed later by a more permanent structure when finances permitted.

Walter Shaw inquired if it was the intention for the city to give up its rights in Cow Bay for a promise from the provincial government that it would obtain something from the federal government? To this, Mayor Newton replied that it was hardly likely, the new council would sign anything away before it had finally obtained the waterfront age promised.

Ald. Macdonald

Ald. S. D. Macdonald was the last speaker of the evening. He thanked the electors for having on two occasions returned him at the head of the polls and asked that support this year be given his four colleagues from the Trades and Labor Council. He was not running this year but he was not disappearing and would probably be a candidate again at some future election. It was a case of "au revoir" and not "goodbye."

Ald. Macdonald then added his voice to the defence of the decision that had been taken to reduce light and telephone rates. Both light and phone departments were in splendid running order now and there was no danger of deficits despite anything that might be said. Private corporations in other cities were able to charge lower rates and still declare dividends. Were the citizens of Prince Rupert, therefore, as stockholders in the utilities not also entitled to some benefit from the surpluses? Ald. Macdonald pointed out that the council had been unanimous in reducing the light rates with the exception of Ald. Collart, Ald. Clapp and Ald. Perry.

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