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Horseless Car And Modern Automobile.

It is interesting to compare the early horseless carriages with the modern autos. They were curious vehicles patterned very much on the style of the buggies in use at that time and drawn by horses. Gradually they changed until today there is little variation in type between those built one year and those of another.

Yesterday we were reminded that the first horseless carriage in America was invented by Elwood Haynes in 1894. At that time all road transportation was by means of horses or some other beast of burden. Bicycles of course were used but not motor cycles.

Everyone will remember how horses ran away when they saw the first cars and heard the noise of the engine. They will also remember how gradually but steadily in the face of much opposition the car made its way and steadily improved. The young people of today can hardly realize what the world was like forty years ago.

Canadian Money And American.

Today Canadian money is worth just a little more than American. That is quite a change from the time when it was at ten to twenty per cent discount. We have come back financially, and we are now in as good a position as our neighbors.

Birds Follow Human Migrations.

There are many wild birds that follow human migrations. Places that are almost deserted by feathered songsters before the advent of settlers, are very soon adopted by birds following the human sojourners and the whole character of the country changes, from an ornithological viewpoint. The reason for this is that the country in its wild state produced no food that the birds liked. As gardens are cultivated the robins and thrushes and insect eating birds congregate there to protect the crops against injurious creatures. At present very few birds nest in and around Prince Rupert but once the district is settled it will be found that almost all the common birds of five hundred miles south will come here and remain during the summer. Already some are coming.

THREE ALTERNATIVE SCHEMES PROPOSED BY ENGINEER YUILL IN DEVELOPING POWERFOR CITY.

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ing effectiveness. The same might be said for the relief valve which had been in operatjon for eight years. It was customary to inspect such turbines once a year and overhaul them every three or four years.

The generator was in good condition as might be expected for it had never been worked to the full load.

The switchboard was in good condition but the floor beneath it was giving way.

Two Remedies

It was evident from reports that the performance of the present unit had been far from satisfactory. There were two courses open to remedy this:

(1) The installation of a fly-wheel.

(2) The installation of a surge tank.

With the plant in its present location, Mr. Yuill recommended the surge tank rather than the fly-wheel.

Mr. Yuill, in his report, then went on to discuss the relation of the city plant with the requirements of the sawmill, the dry dock, grain elevator, etc. The arrangement between the city and dry dock, he stated was an excellent one. He drew attention to the fact that the requirements of the elevator would be highest at that time of the year when the general consumption of the city was also highest.

With some replacements such as poles, cross arms and insulators, Mr. Yuill reported that the present wires from the plant to Shawatlans Passage were sufficient to carry the total output of the present plant. He recommended, however, a rearrangement of the transmission line from Shawatlans Passage on to the city. He submitted details of new transformers that would be necessary in connection with the sawmill, elevator, sub-station and dry dock.

Flow of Water

Going on to deal with the flow of water over the Woodworth dam, Mr. Yuill recommended that the dam should be raised 21 feet. The North Fork could be economically utilized also two lakes tributary to Woodworth Lake.

At this point, the report went on to give particulars of the three schemes for future development already referred to.

The North Fork was left optional and the possibility of utilizing Shawatlans Falls was also referred to.

Whether or not anything was done in the way of extension, Mr. Yuill stated that it was necessary that the present turbine should be overhauled and that surge tank should be installed. He had no hesitation in recommending that the present system be extended.

Mayor's Remarks

In remarking on the report, Mayor Newton stated that it showed conclusively that the power was at Woodworth Lake but that the cost of developing it would be heavy. The report, he felt, all would agree was an exhaustive and practical one.

In answer to Mr. Larsen, Mr. Yuill stated that power development at Woodworth Lake would compare favorably with any other hydro-electric installation in the province. Again in answer to Ald. Larsen, Mr. Yuill expressed the opinion that further development of Woodworth Lake should involve no increase in present light and power rates charged by the city to consumers.

The report will be dealt with by committee tonight and there will be another special meeting of the council tomorrow night on the matter.

FORTY MILL RATE SET FOR CITY

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Kechnie and the 42 rate by Ald. McMordie, Ald. Stephens and Ald. Perry.

Ald. McMordie declared that he had not signed the report of the finance committeee as he could not agree with its terms. He thought the rate recommended was too low and asked the council to consider a statement he had to make. First, he asked that the mill rate as compared with assessment in previous yearh be compared with the mill rate and assessment this year. The assessment this year was $4,117,718 and the suggested mill rate—for general expenditure—40 mills.

Only Thing to Work on

The council could not alter the school rate as based on the estimates of the school board; neither could it alter the special rate of 19 mills which was necessary to cover interest and sinking fund on various debenture issues. The only rate the council had to work on then was the general rate. It provided the money for the city's general operations.

Last year the general mill rate had been 14.83 and the assessment $4,554,000; in 1923, 19.524 and $4,942,000; in 1922, 19.5668 and $6,000,000; in 1921, 19.19 and $5,800,000.

Last year there had been considerable reductions effected in the operating expenses of the city but he considered the rate recommended at the present time was not high enough to pay the expenses that would have to be met. He believed that sufficient money should be raised to take care of these expenses. Even this year reductions had been made in the estimates. General administration had been reduced from an estimate of $62,240.66 to $59,500; the engineering department from $5,050 to $3,500; health and building by $200. The public works department had asked for $32,645 but was being given $28,000. The fire department had been reduced $4,000 and there were other items.

Utilities Situation

In spite of all this a general levy of at least 12 mills would be necessary, he felt. This did not take into account a possible deficit in the water department which it was presumed profits from light and power would take care of. There might, however, be no such profits for it had been found that the connection to the elevator would cost perhaps $20,000 more (for transformers) than the money bylaw passed by the people provided for. "I do not see much hope for profits from the utilities this year. It may be necessary, even to advance them money."

Reductions Made

"Last year great reductions were made in operating expenses," continued Ald. McMordie, "and this year further reductions may be carried through. I think, however, the cut in the mill rate proposed is too drastic and may leave us with a deficit." There had been surpluses from past years which now aggregated some $70,000. It was a good thing to have such a surplus. Already it had made it possible for the city to avoid borrowing. He did not think it was fair for this year's council to dig into that surplus to pay the operating expenses for the year. It should be kept intact against an emergency such as if the assessment were attacked and reductions made necessary. He urged that the council give the situation its serious consideration for he was of the opinion that there would be a deficit if the general rate was placed at 10. He moved an amendment that it be struck at 12 for a total mill rate of 42. The year before it had been 42.7 and last year, 40.

Ald. Stephens

In seconding the amendment, Ald. Stephens confirmed what had been said by Ald. McMordie. He further directed the attention of the council to the fact that, in spite of reduced assessments in recent years, there had also been gradually reduced mill rates. If this year's general rate was struck below 12, it would be necessary to neglect the streets which the city had been building in the matter of maintenance. There were at least two blocks on Third Avenue which it was agreed would have to be rebuilt. Further he believed that the Municipal Act was very explicit in that it permitted only the revenues of the year being expended. The surplus of $70,000 referred to did not belong to the finances of this year. He believed it was sound financing to preserve this surplus as it helped the credit of the city. "I have no hesitation in recommending that the mill rate this year be set at no less than 42 and, at that, I expect to see a deficit."

Ald. Casey

Ald. Casey thanked the other members of the finance committee for their assistance in getting the estimates this year as low as they were. It had only been through the closest scrutiny that it had been made possible to have the rate even as low as 42. However, he disagreed with the last two mills being imposed. He realized that the city would be sailing close to the wind with a rate of 40 and he would urge that all those who voted for that rate be careful throughout the year when it came to the matter of expenditures. The rate of 40 mills he did not think would embarrass the city but it would constitute a charge upon the council in the matter of spending.

Mayor Newton

One reason for his supporting the rate of 40, Mayor Newton said, was because the city engineer himself had not recommended that anything be done this year with respect to rebuilding Third Avenue, but that it be first allowed to wear. As for other streets, he had been over them all and was of the opinion that they were standing up excellently without the application of tarvia.

"The city has some $70,000 or $80,000 to the good in the way of surpluses," continued His Worship. "This year a good part of the city will be up against its new local improvement taxes. In view of this and with a reserve available, I think it would be a pity to increase the mill rate if it is at all possible not to do so. The question I see is whether or not the taxpayers will be able to stand the increase in taxation. I feel they cannot and that if we do increase the taxes the tendency will be only to have more lots revert to the city. Summing it all up I feel that the city can meet all its obligations on a 40 mill rate and that is my reason for hoping that rate will be put into effect.

The vote was then taken with the result as recorded.

CANADIAN ACTRESS MAID OF ORLEANS

TORONTO, April 15. — Bernard Shaw's latest and by far his greatest play, Saint Joan, with the famous Canadian actress Julia Arthur as the Maid of Orleans presented by the Theatre Guild of New York, opened their Canadian tour of Ontario here before a fashionable and distinguished audience. The Shavian opus created the same profound sensation as it did on its previous engagement earlier in the season.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the "Companies' Act, 1924"; and
In the Matter of an Application by the Rocher de Boule Copper Company to be restored to the Register under Section 168 of the said Act.

TAKE NOTICE that an application will be made to the Presiding Judge in Chambers at the Court House, Prince Rupert, B.C., on Tuesday the 28th day of April, A.D. 1925, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon or so soon thereafter as the motion may be heard on behalf of the above mentioned Company for an order that the said Company be restored to the register of Joint Stock Companies.

AND TAKE NOTICE that in support of said application will be read the Petition of the Company issued herein and the affidavit of Lewis W. Patmore sworn on the 30th day of March, A.D. 1925, and filed herein.

DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 30th day of March, A.D. 1925.

W. O. FULTON,
Solicitor for the Petitioner.

NOTICE.

IN THE MATTER of an application for the issue of a fresh certificate of title for Lots nineteen (19) and twenty (20), Block thirty-two (32), Section five (5), City of Prince Rupert, Map 923.

Satisfactory proof of the destruction of the Certificate of title covering the above lands having been furnished to this office it is my intention to issue, after the expiration of thirty (30) days from the first publication hereof, a duplicate Certificate of Title covering the said lands in the names of PETER M. CASSIDY and FRANK CASSIDY, which Certificate of title is dated the 12th August, 1913, and numbered 42221.

H. F. MACLEOD,
Registrar of Titles.
Land Registry Office,
Prince Rupert, B.C.
March 27th, 1925.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF MINERAL CLAIMS. IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

William E. Maloney, versus Anthony McGuire.

By virtue of a warrant of Execution issued in the above action, and directed to me, I have seized the following mineral claims, situate near Alice Arm, adjacent to the Kitsault River and the North Fork of the Kitsault River: "Waverly Group," consisting of "Waverly" and "Kitty"; "War Dance Group," consisting of "War Dance," "Betsey," "Grouse No. 3," "Whistler," "Badger" and "Bute."

All of which I will offer for sale, by Public Auction, for cash, on Tuesday, the fifth day of May, 1925, at 2.30 in the afternoon, at my Office, Government Building, Prince Rupert.

The "War Dance" will be offered for sale subject to two mortgages, approximating $7,500.00.

JOHN SHIRLEY,
Sheriff of the County of Prince Rupert.
Prince Rupert, B.C.,
April 3, 1925.

LAND ACT

In Prince Rupert Land District; District of Prince Rupert.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Merill Des Brisay, of Vancouver, B.C., occupation salmon broker, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted ½ mile south of the southeast corner of Lot 6709, Billie Creek, Range 4, Coast District; thence north 20 chains; thence west 20 chains; thence south to shore line in an easterly direction to point of commencement; containing 40 acres, more or less.

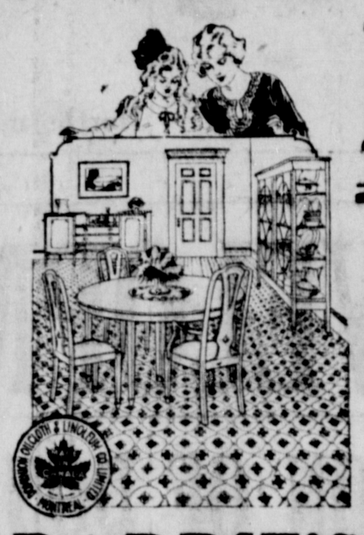
MERILL DES BRISAY,
Applicant.
Edwin Elroy Barnum, Agent.
Dated April 3rd, 1925.

NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that the partnership between Alexander James Prudhomme and Alma Victoria Fisher, in connection with the operation of the Savoy Hotel, Prince Rupert, B.C., is dissolved by Agreement as of the 6th day of April, 1925. All accounts receivable will be paid to and all accounts payable will be paid by Alexander James Prudhomme, who continues the business.

Dated at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 6th day of April, A.D. 1925.

A. J. PRUDHOMME.



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