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Majorities And Not Parliamentary Groups.

J. S. Ewart, K.C., who is considered an authority on Parliamentary practice, answering a query from a Progressive member of parliament in regard to the present situation, states:

"Constitutional practice takes notice of majorities in the Commons and not of groups. Ignore the word 'groups' as irrelevant and difficulties disappear. As long as the government is sustained by the majority of the members it remains in office. The largest 'group' may think that the majority is wrong, but if in opposing the government it is only a minority in the division lists, it is an opposition and nothing more.

"If the Governor-General were advised to bring on another election, he would not consult with the opposition and the fact that the largest 'group' sat on opposition benches would not affect him. If the government should resign, the Governor-General would almost certainly ask Mr. Meighen to form an administration, but he would do that not on the principle that the leader of the largest 'group' has, as such, any right to priority, but because Mr. Meighen would, under the circumstances, have the best chance of obtaining support in the Commons. Should Mr. Meighen, after being called upon, propose another appeal to the electors, His Excellency would almost certainly give his sanction."

Doukhobors And Prosecutions.

Dougald MacPherson, member of the Legislature for Grand Forks-Greenwood, in an address, said:

"There must have been some merit in the government action or it would not have changed an adverse majority of 438 at the general election to a majority in my favor."

The Doukhobors had not hesitated to enter the courts and denounce the laws of this province as man-made laws, contrary to the laws of God, and to openly declare their intention of setting them at naught.

"Such things make my British blood boil," the member declared. Ordinary punishments had failed to suppress their activities in burning schools, he said. There was no secrecy about the government's proposed plan of seizing the Doukhobors' goods and selling them in satisfaction of unpaid fines, but the Doukhobors had chosen to believe that the warnings were mere bluff, such as they had encountered from this and the preceding government in times past.

Congratulations On New Abattoir.

P. Burns Company have erected a new abattoir and cold storage plant in connection with their business, which should prove of value to them and also be worth a good deal to Prince Rupert. Being situated on the waterfront and also on rail it can be used for shipping off-shore and for supplying inland places.

The company is to be congratulated on the successful carrying out of their scheme. It was badly needed as an aid to the farmers of the interior who wanted a market for their cattle. From now on it is to be hoped the farmers will find it easier to carry on, while Prince Rupert will benefit from having the abattoir here.

Why Be Always Worrying Politically?

Why be always worrying about political situations? We are strong believers in every man taking part in a political contest and studying political questions, but between elections, it is disastrous to a country to be always trying to cause turmoil. It is bad enough to disturb the business of the country every four years without keeping it up all the time. Let us rest between elections and give the respective administrations an opportunity to carry on the business of the country in the best possible manner.

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PLAYERS CLUB SCORE VICTORY

Amateur Artists Give Most Enjoyable Play in Westholme Theatre Last Night

APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE.

Many Attend Performance and all Pronounce it a Most Successful Affair

The Prince Rupert Players scored their first victory last night when the three act farce "Jane" was put on before a large and appreciative audience at the Westholme theatre last night. It was a notable event in that it was the first appearance of representatives of the new club, and all who were there seemed to enjoy it hugely and went away happy.

The young folks had been trained by Alex. A. Connon, an expert in that particular line. Some of the actors had never been on the boards before but they carried out the rather difficult production in excellent style. While it was a farce of the screaming type there was none of that rough and tumble that usually goes with such a play. It was carried out so well that the applause was general and the appreciative remarks after the show came from practically everyone. Any little losing of the lines was well covered up and it went without a break to a fine climax.

The Characters

Possibly the feature of the evening was the splendid acting of W. H. Walton as William Tipson. Wally was a scream from start to finish. As an English man-servant, who was continually trying to keep his master out of difficulties, he was great. His accent was above reproach and his imperturbable manner proved most effective.

The leading lady was "Jane," played by Miss A. Donaldson, who had just become Mrs. Tipson but in the course of the play was supposed to be married to Charley Shackleton. Miss Donaldson has had some experience on the stage before and this stood her in good stead. Her acting was beyond reproach especially in the love scenes.

George Mitchell had the difficult part of Charley Shackleton and he did it well. George has been on the stage before but never so effectively as last night. He knew his lines well and kept up the part throughout to perfection.

Claude was difficult to recognize as Miss Beatrice Burke, known to her close personal friends as Billie. Her nonchalant manner, her bright retorts and her splendid acting brought many admiring comments. There could not have been a better Claude.

Miss D. Laxton had possibly the most difficult part in the play although not the longest. She was wonderful as the old maid who wanted to marry Charlie but failed. Her pretty niece Lucy was Miss P. Creighton. Her part was a small one but it was done well and her eventual success in winning the hero and the money was popular.

Miss Florence Aitcheson acted the part of Polly Pixton with plenty of vigor and enthusiasm and was well up to the standard set by the others. Her husband, for the time, L. D. Jameson, was exceedingly funny as was intended. There was not a dud in the cast.

An account of the work of the club would not be complete without mention of the work of W. H. P. Pleming, stage manager; William Watt, prompter and Mrs. Larson who aided with the makeup. The ushers were Misses Johnson, Davidson, Francis and Lillian Cross, Worfold and Armstrong. Harold Thompson was cashier.

While no exact record can be given of the proceeds yet as a number of tickets are not accounted for, it is thought it was about $400, so there will be a nice little sum for the museum fund.

After the play, the club entertained the ushers and other friends who had helped at a little informal dance at which Miss Aitcheson and Miss Stewart, vice-president and organizer of the club, superintended the serving of refreshments.

During supper time H. F. Pullen, honorary president of the club, on behalf of the members thanked the director, Mr. Connon, for the excellent work he had done and congratulated the performers on the success they had achieved. He said he hoped that after Christmas they would put on another play and he was sure those who had attended that night would carry the good news and there would be no difficulty in getting an even larger audience in future.

Mr. Connon replied, thanking the actors and others for their excellent work and expressing appreciation of their response to his humble endeavors. He was pleased to think the first work of their organization had been a success and he prophesied that it would eventually develop into a "Little Theatre" such as they had in other cities.

The popular William Tipson (Wally Walton) made a few remarks and was greeted, as was Mr. Connon also, with the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The party broke up shortly before one.

ELEVATOR WILL BE READY FOR GRAIN BY END OF THE MONTH BUT WILL NOT SHIP FOR MONTH LATER.

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proofing—Dan McPhee, Edmonton.

Plumbing and heating— Barr & Anderson, Vancouver.

Painting—L. O. Larsen, Prince Rupert.

Gravel—Vancouver Salvage & Dredging Co., towing by the Marpole Towing Co.

Drier room — Strong & Scott Manufacturing Co., Winnipeg.

Plastering and tiling — John Bremner, Prince Rupert.

Cement finishing — Thomas Watt, Edmonton.

Elevators—Otis Fenson Elevator Co., Vancouver.

Material Suppliers

Companies supplying material in connection with the work have been as follows:

Transmission and elevating machinery— Dodge Manufacturing Co., Toronto.

Structural steel — Dominion Bridge Co., Lachine, P.Q.

Scales— Gurney Scale Co., Hamilton.

Cleaning machines— Huntley Manufacturing Co., Tilsonburg Ont.

Conveyor belting — Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

Drier manufactured by Strong & Scott Manufacturing Co., Winnipeg.

Reinforcing steel— Burlington Steel Co. and Steel Co. of Canada.

Electric motors — Canadian Westinghouse Co.

Cement — B. C. Cement Co., Bamberton, B.C.

Lumber and timber— Premier Lumber Co. of Vancouver and Prince Rupert Spruce Mills Ltd., Prince Rupert.

Equipment

The elevator plant equipment includes six track receiving hoppers, six pairs of shovel machines, nine elevating legs, five 2,000 bushel hopper scales, twelve garners, twelve receiving separators, two screening machines, five wheat and oat separators, one drier unit (500 bushels per hour capacity, one 100 horse power boiler, 17 belt conveyors, three screw conveyors, nine self propelling trippers, one three drum car haul, passenger elevator, ticket elevators, sliding pole, four man hoists, three sets of sacking scales, two car loading spouts, nineteen boat loading spouts, complete dust collector system, air compressor system, complete substation and transformer equipment and light, horn and telephone signals throughout the plant.

Test Shipment

The grain due to arrive here on Friday will go through the garners and over the scales, the purpose being to test the scales. Mr. White of Fort William, head government weighman for grain elevators, will arrive in the city this week to conduct the tests.

After the tests have been made work will be continued until the elevator is ready to receive grain in force about the first week in December. Then grain may be delivered in train loads to the plant.

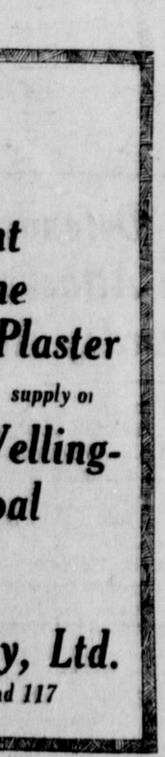
The plant will not be ready for shipping, however, before the end of December or the first of January. Dock galleries and wharf equipment will not be completed before that time. The 1,000 foot length of the wharf and the four belts and 19 shipping spouts to be erected on it will permit of two large ships or three or four smaller ones being loaded at the same time.

It was reported on the work at the end of the week that the wharf galleries were now 45 per cent up with installation of machinery to follow. The transmission, etc., machinery throughout the building is now 60 per cent placed.

Staff of Twenty

With the completion of the dock about the end of the year, the contractors will commence to clean up their equipment and, with their discharge, the next step will be the appointment of a management by the government to take charge. With the elevator in operation, a government staff of at least twenty persons will be required.

This week it is expected the city's power connection with the elevator will have been made and final tests carried out.



TIMBER SALE, X 7475.

There will be offered for sale at Public Auction, at 4 p.m. on the 12th day of December, 1925, in the office of the District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C., the Licence X7475, to cut 2,896,000 feet of Spruce, Hemlock and Cedar on an area situated on the south side of Tanoo Island, Richardson Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands.

Two (2) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Provided that any one unable to attend the auction in person may submit a sealed tender to be opened at the hour of auction and treated as one bid.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C.

The Purchasing Agent, Victoria, B.C.

TIMBER SALE, X 6491.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands at Victoria not later than noon on the 17th day of December, 1925, for the purchase of Licence X6491, to cut 4,881,000 feet of Spruce, Hemlock, Balsam and Cedar on Coste Island, Douglas Channel, Range 4, Coast District.

Two (2) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

Further particulars of the Chief Forester, Victoria, B.C., or District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C.

LAND ACT.

Notice of Intention to Apply to Purchase Land

In Prince Rupert Land Recording District of Prince Rupert and situate on the east shore of Barnard Cove, Princess Royal Island, Range four, Coast District.

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