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OTTAWA NOW SETTLES TO BUSINESS

NEGOTIATIONS CITY AND THE INTERNATIONAL UTILITIES

Tentative Offer Made City for Taking Over Local Power Franchise

Mayor and Aldermen meet in special session with E. W. Bowness of Edmonton but defer action until next year's council is in

The council convened in special session yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock to consider a proposition from E. W. Bowness in respect to the city hydro-electric plant and decided to pass the matter on to the new council of 1927. In the meantime, the city will ascertain all the facts which are already available in the office of the superintendent of utilities.

Mayor Newton expressed his opinion that there was nothing of a sufficiently definite character to submit to the people in the form of a plebiscite at the forthcoming civic election and, from further discussion, it appeared that there was a little misapprehension as to what Mr. Bowness expected from the council.

Mr. Bowness, in describing the position of his company, said that, as far as the present plant was concerned, they were able to make a proposition tomorrow but, having in mind the requirements of the city (which would have to be faced) in three or four years at the most, it was necessary to spend a considerable amount in investigation to ascertain where power was available and the cost of transporting the same to the city. "All the company wanted at the present time is to know whether you desire to deal with a private company so that we may be warranted in making the expenditure," he said.

Alderman Casey thought the council should find out whether it wanted to sell. Although he was a municipal ownership man, nevertheless, it might be necessary for the city, in view of the financial condition, to consider selling rather than attempt large outlays for development.

Alderman Brown said he was also a public ownership man if it could be carried on in the best interests of the city.

After further discussion it was moved by Alderman Casey that the matter lay on the table until the last meeting of the present council. This was seconded by Alderman Perry.

Alderman Brown moved in amendment and Alderman Joe Greer seconded that the matter be left to the new council which was carried.

Further discussion then took place about the council becoming familiar with the facts now in possession of the city as to the Hydro-Electric plant and it was mutually agreed that the matter would come up at the next meeting of the council on Tuesday evening next.

Mr. Bowness' letter was as follows:

"Since my visit to your city in October when I had the privilege of meeting your city council, I have spent some considerable time in studying the power situation in Prince Rupert with a view to making you at least a tentative proposal on behalf of the financial interests whom I represent. You will realize however, that the situation in Prince Rupert is somewhat complicated and, while I have been able to get considerable necessary data from your superintendent of utilities and others, there are aspects of the situation which will require some further study.

"It would not be a difficult matter for us to prepare a tentative proposal at this time on the assumption that, as your city grows and further power is required, we could secure this power by adding units to a power plant in the Shawatlans drainage area or we could get further from other sources at a cost comparable with additions in this drainage area. You will realize, however, that any Company considering the situation—and for that matter the City of Prince Rupert itself — must realize that the time may come in a few years, when it will be necessary to secure power from some other water power development. Under ordinary conditions of city load and revenue, it might be feasible to meet further requirement for power after the Shawatlans' drainage area is fully developed.

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EARLY PEOPLE HERE ASIATICS?

EVIDENCE OF MIGRATIONS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN FOUND ON BERING SEA ISLETS

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—Half-buried mud hovels of primitive design, held upright by ivory tusks, found on uninhabited rocky islets in Bering Sea, have furnished additional evidence that the first inhabitants of America might have come from Asia, by way of Alaska.

The dwellings were discovered by officers of the cutter Algonquin of the United States coast guard's Arctic patrol, while cruising the eastern edge of St. Lawrence Island, midway between Alaska and Siberia.

The islets were off the southeast cape of St. Lawrence Island. In the frozen earth the guardsmen uncovered skulls and bones of humans and lower animals and crude metal implements.

Two of the skulls were forwarded to the Smithsonian Institution. A peculiarity of the skulls found on the island was that one side of the jaws of each appeared to be more developed than the other.

COMMONS TABLES MAIN ESTIMATES

THEY TOTAL $199,000,000 AND INCLUDE ONLY SUCH MONEY AS IS NEEDED IN RUNNING COUNTRY.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11. — The House of Commons is now down to work after the opening formalities. Estimates for the fiscal year ending March were tabled in the House of Commons. They total $199,000,000. These estimates provide only for expenditures in running the country. Provision for new work, such as the building of fishermen's floats at Prince Rupert, is brought forward in supplementary estimates which will be presented later in the session.

KERGIN BUYS ON FOURTH AVENUE

RECENT DEAL MAKES HIM OWNER OF AMERICAN CONSULATE PROPERTY—H. C. BLACK, VENDOR

An important local real estate deal has been transacted through the office of Williams, Manson & Gonzales whereby the property on Fourth Avenue West occupied by the United States Consulate, becomes the property of Dr. W. T. Kergin, the vendor being H. C. Black, B.C.L.S. The property is subject to a lease as consulate headquarters until June of next year.

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FIRE DESTROYS 2,000 HOMES IN SOUTHERN JAPAN

TOKIO, Dec. 11.—Two thousand homes were destroyed by fire last night at Namazu in Shizuoka prefecture in Southern Japan. It is feared there will be casualties.

UNEMPLOYED XMAS DINNER

SALVATION ARMY WILL AGAIN CONDUCT CAMPAIGN WITH DAILY NEWS ASSISTING

In the past two years, the citizens of Prince Rupert and neighboring towns have made generous contributions which have made it possible for the Salvation Army to give a Christmas dinner to the men of the town who are unemployed and away from home, the balance of the fund being used to help the needy. Already the Army has received donations for this year's dinner, one little girl having given her bank containing 150 pennies while one young man, who was helped last year and now is working, returned a dollar so the Army might help another man.

The Daily News will again assist the Salvation Army in this campaign by receiving donations and publishing the names of the donors.

WEATHER REPORT

8 a.m.

DIGBY ISLAND.—Clear, light N.W. wind; barometer, 29.76; temperature, 32; sea smooth.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Barometer 29.48; temperature, 28.

NOON

DIGBY ISLAND.—Clear, light N.W. wind; barometer 29.90; temperature 32. sea smooth.

DEAD TREE POINT.—Barometer 29.50; temperature 38.

SUBSTITUTES FOR HUSBAND

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Lady Maud Hoare, wife of the British Air Minister, substitutes for her husband, Sir Samuel, when he cannot fill a speaking engagement.

"One of the heaviest duties of the wife of a cabinet minister is listening to her husband's speeches," says Lady Hoare. "As my husband has made as many speeches on air questions as the strike leaders have made on the coal situation I think I know his views fairly well," she explained at a meeting where her husband was scheduled to speak.

SONS OF CANADA FIRST ANNUAL BALL IS HELD

The ball held last evening in the Moose Hall under the auspices of the Native Sons of Canada was a complete success. The hall was very tastefully decorated for the occasion and the large crowd present showed their appreciation of the excellent music by continuing the dance until a late hour.

Refreshments were provided by the members of the assembly.

W. F. Cameron and W. H. McCallum were on the door and the music was supplied by Arthur's four-piece orchestra. Gillis Royer was master of ceremonies and did much to see that the program was carried out to the entire satisfaction of the large number who were present. To the committee who had the arrangements in hand much credit is due for making the dance a complete success. The committee consisted of Frank Fortune, Ralph Smith, C. R. Biggart, Gillis Royer and Capt. Jack Morrison.

Peter Black, who has been confined to the Prince Rupert General Hospital for the past few days, underwent an operation there this morning. Mr. Black is reported today to be doing as well as can be expected.

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NAMU CANNERY IN LITIGATION

SAWMILL OPERATORS CLAIM DAMAGES FROM GOSSE-MILLERD PACKING CO.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 11.— Heavy damages are claimed from Gosse-Millerd Limited in a case opened to a Supreme Court jury by E. C. Mayers on behalf of Andrew Charles Devine and two co-plaintiffs.

Plaintiffs allege that officers of defendant company conspired to cause them financial loss in the operation of a sawmill at Namu. They further contend that defendant had been guilty of misrepresentation and breach of contract.

A sawmill at Namu, where Gosse-Millerd operated a cannery, had in March, 1925, been leased to Andrew Charles Devine, Mary Elizabeth Devine, and Devine Spruce Company Limited.

Mr. Justice W. A. Macdonald is conducting the trial, which is expected to last several days. E. P. Davis, K.C., and R. L. Reid, K.C., are counsel for defendant.

Gosse-Millerd Limited instituted the action by a claim of $2,317 for rent, goods sold and delivered, work and services done, advances, and lodging in connection with the Namu sawmill.

When the trial opened, Mr. Mayers, counsel for plaintiffs, admitted this claim; and the action, thereupon, proceeded on defendants' counterclaim.

DEATH RATE IS GROWING

RISING TIDE OF HEART DISEASE IS SUBJECT FOR WARNING BY SPEAKER BEFORE INSURANCE PRESIDENTS

HINTS FOR HEALTH

MORE PEOPLE KILLED BY AUTOS THAN AT WAR IS ONE AMAZING STATEMENT MADE BY H. S. NOLLEN AT NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—With a warning against the rising tide of deaths from heart disease, this year's life insurance mortality records were made public by Henry S. Nollen of Des Moines, President of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Iowa, at the 20th annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents here yesterday. An increase in the death rate among insured lives from 836 per 100,000 in 1925 to 868 in 1926 is indicated, said Mr. Nollen in presenting the combined mortality experience of 52 leading life insurance companies covering 37,000,000 lives — nearly one-third of the population of the United States—for the first 10 months of 1926.

Mr. Nollen said that the death claims paid by these companies during the first 10 months of 1926 show an increase in the rate of mortality, which, if continued through November and December, will result in 75,000 more deaths in the country at large in 1926 than in 1925. The total of all deaths in the United States in 1925 was 1,357,000; in 1926 the figures point to 1,432,000. Of this increase, 22,000 is due to the normal growth of the population, while 53,600 more people will die in 1926 it is estimated, as a result of the increase in the current year's mortality, which is 3.9 per cent higher than last year.

Heart disease, responsible for more deaths than any other cause, is still on the increase, said Mr. Nollen. Deaths from Bridght's disease, cancer and apoplexy, other leading causes of mortality, likewise increased during the year. Pneumonia and influenza showed the most marked increases as causes of deaths among adults during 1926 and measles and whooping cough among children.

Gains are being made in saving life from the fololwing diseases which decreased as causes of death during 1926; Typhoid fever, tuberculosis, scarlet fever, diphtheria, meningitis, diarrhea and enteritis.

ASTONISHING FIGURES

More Americans were killed by automobiles during the last two years than met death on the battle front during the World War, declared Mr. Nollen, who estimated that the total number of deaths from this cause for the present

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KIFUKU MARU IS IN PORT TODAY

The "K" line freighter Kifuku Maru, which is to load grain here, arrived in port shortly after noon today from the Orient, having been brought in from Triple Island by Capt. Larry Thomson. The Kifuku will remain anchored in the stream and will be fumigated this afternoon, moving into the dry dock tomorrow for lining. The Ypres Maru will then go to the ocean dock to complete lining before starting to load at the elevator on Monday or Tuesday. The Bank line freighter Yoseric is now loading at the elevator and will get away about the middle of next week for the United Kingdom or continent.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA LUMBER COMPANY IS MILLION DOLLARS IN

Trustee Not Yet Appointed to Take Charge of Sitka Spruce Company's Affairs

VANCOUVER, Dec. 11.—Creditors of the bankrupt Southern Alberta Lumber Company Limited, Superior Spruce Mills, Limited and Sitka Spruce Mills Limited which controlled the Queen Charlotte City sawmill, met at the Courthouse this week to appoint trustees and inspectors.

Creditors' claims against the Southern Alberta Lumber Co. approximate $800,000, and it is anticipated that this total will increase to a sum in the neighborhood of $1,000,000.

L. C. Thomas, of the Vancouver Lumber Company, was unanimously chosen trustee of the Southern Alberta Lumber Company and the Superior Spruce Mills, but Sitka Spruce Mills appointments were deferred until December 13, after a contest developed between Mr. Thomas and Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association over the trusteeship.

H. R. McMillan, custodian, who has been succeeded by Mr. Thomas, stated that the company's books were kept in Seattle, that none were in Vancouver, and that a statment of affairs would be ready in from ten to fourteen days. Ht said that it did not appear that there were many assets and these would be slow realizing. A complete statement of all claims had not been prepared, and it was impossible to forecast definite assets and liabilities.

Nine ships were under charter by the company at the time of its assignment, he explained, and he estimated a profit of $50,000 from four of these vessels. He had borrowed $37,000 to pay expenses in connection with the ships and $7,500 was due to the Golden Gate, which was in Japan. Of 17,000,000 feet of lumber ordered, only 3,000,000 feet had been confirmed by the buyers, he said.

A thorough examination of Messrs. Sereth and officers of the Southern Alberta Lumber Company will be conducted at the proper time, in accordance with a resolution of the meeting.

SERIOUS TRAIN WRECK IN CHINA

TWENTY FIVE KILLED AND FORTY INJURED IN IMPACT ON SOUTHERN MANCHURIAN RAILWAY

HARBIN, China, Dec. 11. — Twenty five were killed and forty injured in a collision near here between a passenger and freight train on the Southern Manchurion Railway. Both trains which sustained the impact while running at high speed, were practically demolished.

BUYS DOUBLE CORNER

The double corner at the northeast of Second Avenue and Second Street on which the building occupied by the B.C. Undertakers is situated, was purchased this week by Frank Morris from the Royal Bank of Canada.

SIX CANDIDATES FOR MAYORALTY

EDMONTON WILL ELECT CHIEF MAGISTRATE, ALDERMEN AND SCHOOL TRUSTEES ON MONDAY

EDMONTON, Dec. 11.—There will be six candidates for the mayoralty on election day, December 13.

J. J. Duggan, who had announced his candidate early in the campaign, did not file nomination papers, although late last week he had declared that he was not withdrawing from the contest. Ill health is said to have caused him to change his mind.

THREE ACCLAMATIONS

Three candidates were elected by acclamation. All were for the Separate School board, as trustees. They are Joseph O. Pilon, telegraphist; Edouard Carrigan, insurance agent; and Walter D. Trainor, wholesale lumber and coal dealer.

Ooutside the withdrawal of J. J. Duggan from the mayoralty contest, there are no surprises in the nominations, which now stand as follows:

FOR MAYOR

Ald. Will Werner (C.G.A.)
Ald. D. K. Knott (Labor).
Ald. J. M. Douglas.
A. U. G. Bury.
J. A. Clarke.
Rice Sheppard.

FOR ALDERMEN

(Six seats)

Herbert Baker (C.G.A.)
L. S. C. Dineen (Labor) south side.
C. H. Grant (C.G.A.)
Ald. C. G. Robson.
Ald. C. L. Gibbs (Labor).
Ald. A. Farmilo (Labor).
George W. Hazlett (C.G.A.) south side.
Robert Muir (C.G.A.).
E. E. Owens (Labor).
E. J. Thompson (Labor).
R. D. Tighe (C.G.A.).
N. C. Wilson (C.G.A.) south side.

SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. E. T. Bishop (C.G.A.).
S. A. G. Barnes (Labor).
James Herlihy (Labor) south side.
D. B. Lake (C.G.A.).
G. Teviotdale (Labor).
W. W. McBain (C.G.A.) south side.

PUBLICITY MAN FOR WHEAT POOL

W. A. McLeod, Commissioner of Publications in Saskatchewan Government, is Appointed

REGINA, Dec. 11. — W. A. McLeod, Commissioner of Publications for the Saskatchewan Government, has been appointed as director of publicity for the three provincial wheat pools, with headquarters at Winnipeg, at what is known as the Central Selling Agency of the Canadian Wheat Pools.

Mr. McLeod, who is an ex-homesteader and former newspaperman, has always taken an interest in the co-operative movement, and in fact was the first man to ever write an advertisement for the Saskatchewan Pool, which appeared in 1923, in all the papers of the province. The appointment is a popular one. Mr. McLeod being well-known throughout the province among the farming community, where he has always taken a keen interest in the different farmers' organizations.

PASSION PLAY CAST EREDUCED BY DEATH

OBERAMMERGAU, Dec. 11.—With the death of Gregor Breitsamter at the age of 71, the cast of the Passion Play has lost one its most valuable impersonators. In 1900 Breitsamter was the Nathaniel, in 1905 the speaker of the prologue and in 1922 he impersonated the character part of King Herod.

ELLEN TERRY RETURNS

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Dame Ellen Terry, Queen of the English stage, ventured from her close retirement of the last few months to take a seat in the Royal Box at the Haymarket Theatre. In spite of her increasing deafness, she heard Robert Atkin pay tribute to her lovely voice. She sat with her face and snow white hair almost hidden by a wide black hat. She is 78 years old.

RAILWAY LINE SUFFERS TIEUP

EXTENT OF TROUBLE EAST OF KWINITSA, WHICH IS DELAYING TODAY'S TRAIN, NOT KNOWN THIS MORNING

LEAVES AT 2.30

Due to slides and washouts up the line, the extent of which had not been ascertained at railway offices this morning owing to all the telegraph lines being out of order since yesterday's storm, the Canadian National train, which was to have left this morning for the East at 11.20 will not get away until 2.30 this afternoon at best. Because no definite information could be ascertained as to the extent of the trouble, the offices could not say how long the tie-up would last. The grain movement is being temporarily tied up on account of the trouble which is east of Kwinitso where a washout yesterday was cleared out.

LOG SCALING IN NOVEMBER

REPORT OF DISTRICT FORESTER SHOWS RECORDS ARE SLIGHTLY DOWN WHEN COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR

Log scaling in Prince Rupert forestry district during the month of November just past totalled 12,551,713 board feet which shows a slight decrease when compared with 13,522,549 feet in November, 1925. The total for the year to date is 123,367,073 feet as compared with a total of 127,073,502 for the first ten months of 1925.

Following are some of the details of the November report issued by T. A. Clarke, assistant district forester:

	Board feet
Douglas Fir	577,796
Red Cedar	1,790,494
Spruce	4,634,682
Interior Spruce	237,734
Hemlock	3,617,679
Balsam	1,618,188
Cypress	463
Jack Pine	9,784
Birch	86
Cottonwood	64,807
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Poles, lineal feet	305,695
Cedar Piles	66,754
Cordwood, cords	63
Shingle bolts	34
Hemlock Ties, number	380
Pine Ties	1,236
Fence Posts, cords	20
Pulpwood	245

FOREST FIRES IN AUSTRALIA

ENORMOUS DAMAGE BEING DONE TO BUILDINGS AND CROPS BUT NO FATALITIES YET

SYDNEY, New South Wales, Australia, December 11.—Forest fires over vast areas in New South Wales are being accompanied by gales. The temperature is extremely high and enormous damage has been done to buildings and crops. There have, however, been no fatalities as far as can be learned.

It is now approaching midsummer in Australia and in the central and northern portions it is proving to unusually torrid.

GENEROUS DONATION STARTS CHARLOTTE CITY RELIEF FUND

Wilfrid Gratton started the public subscription list for Queen Charlotte City relief with a generous donation of $10 which he presented at the Daily News office this morning. Donations of the United Church Sunday School and High School children will be announced shortly.

Wilfrid Gratton $10.00

A. W. Edge, J. H. Hamilton and G. F. Morris were passengers for the south on the Catala this morning.