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Unfair Rates On The Railways.

Northern and Central British Columbia are suffering from unfair transportation rates just as much as they are in the south. We have been given a measure of relief as the result of efforts of John Oliver and others, but there is more coming to us yet. The Daily News has said before and repeats it now that we are not worrying about just how high that rate shall be. If the Crow's Nest rate is not high enough to make carrying the grain profitable to the railways, let it be raised. All we ask is that Prince Rupert shall have just as good a rate, mile for mile as does Fort William. We are often told what an excellent railway grade we have to this coast and we know the climatic conditions are not unfavorable to operating a railway. Let us then have equal rates with the East. We are often told we should not raise a sectional cry and try to set the West against the East. The way to cure the evil is to remove the injustice. We are not asking for favors like the Maritime provinces. All we ask is an even break with the others. If the Maritime provinces are given a very low rate, we shall ask for the same so that we shall not be under any handicap.

Every Place For Itself.

In this country it is a case of every man for himself and every place for itself. Here we want everything that is justly coming to us but we have never asked for anything which is not our due. There are just two ways of removing the injustice under which we labor. One is to decrease the high rates and the other to increase the low.

Railway Commission To Visit This Port.

While Prince Rupert may not have any special plea more than they have at Vancouver, it seems as if it would be a good thing to secure a sitting of the commission here so that the objection may be registered as coming from this place. We all suffer from the discriminations and it would seem to be wise to place them as forcefully as possible before the powers that be, which in this case are the railway commissioners. The commission will visit this new port to see for themselves, if they have not already seen, what port facilities there are here and what a fine railway leads to it. Hon. Frank Oliver has never been here or at any rate not in recent years. He is a friend of ours and we should like to see him and let him see for himself that the railway leading to the port is even better than that leading to Vancouver.

Invite McGeer To Deliver An Address.

G. G. McGeer, K.C., is an excellent speaker and he knows railway rates from A to Z. It would be interesting to have him address a meeting of the Board of Trade or possibly a public meeting under their auspices on the freight rates question. Until the people become seized of the importance of this subject and get to a position where they can express themselves we shall have no change. We must be able to speak out and a public meeting could forward a resolution formulated along the lines of the demands being made. We all are in favor of lower freight rates but we do not all realize just what an important thing it is to this port, especially since the Wheat Pool has taken over the elevator.

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MASQUERADE WAS SUCCESS

Boys' Band Will Benefit as Result of Fine Affair Held by Knights of Pythias

About 200 persons attended the masquerade ball held last evening in the Boston Hall under the auspices of Skeena Lodge No. 45, Knights of Pythias. There were a good number of costumes both novel and amusing and the prize winners were: Most original men's costume, Jack Cobb as a negro; most original ladies' costume, Mrs. J. Field as "Canadian History"; most comical ladies' costume, Mrs. L. C. Wilson as "Peter Pan"; most comical men's costume, F. O. Gole as a clown. The judges were John Bulger, J. McLellan, Ben Self, Mrs. E. A. Morgan and Miss Mary D. Sim. The Grand March, unmasking and presentation of prizes took place at midnight with the serving of refreshments following.

The affair, which proved most enjoyable, opened at 9 o'clock and closed at 2, music being by Arthur's Orchestra. Total receipts were about \$150 from which, after expenses are deducted, the proceeds will be turned over to the worthy cause of the Boys' Band.

The committee responsible for the success of the evening consisted of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Blake, Mrs. T. J. Shenton, Mrs. G. W. Johnstone, Mrs. J. Rowatt, M. L. Stepp and J. McLellan. Mr. Stepp was master of ceremonies and Mr. McLellan presided at the door.

THE MAN IN THE MOON

says:

WISHING for better times is all right but it does not help much.

THERE'S one advantage in getting married. It keeps you from being spoken of scornfully by married folks as "one of those old bachelors" or "just an old maid."

MOST of us let someone else take our exercise and Jake says we also let others do our thinking.

AN intellectual bum is one who never has had an idea in his life. I know a lot of bums of that kind.

A GIRL has a lot of weapons she can use against a man. For instance, she may shoot him or she may marry him.

REMOVE egg stains by passing the hand over the edges of the mouth. The sleeve is also useful at times.

MY radio is on the bum and static no longer will come. To smash the insides of my ears I am so pleased I'm shedding tears.

SINGING is all right as long as the artist knows how.

WHEN I was young I learned to sing. My friends began to take them wing. But now my voice is gone, alas! My old friends all are coming back.

I KNOW a man who is keen for educational reform, moral reform, and a dozen other reforms. The only thing he lacks is a dose of chloroform.

YOU can usually tell if a girl likes painting. You can see it in her face.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

April 24, 1916.

The guests of the Bayview Hotel staged a farewell party on Saturday night for two of their number, Harry Welford and Geo. W. Carpenter. The former is going south to join the artillery for overseas service and the latter leaves at the end of the month for Juneau.

The first baseball game ever played in Alice Arm took place yesterday when the home team defeated Anoxy by 13 to 9.

Mrs. John Phillipson, aged 39



The Menace of Forest Fires

OUR forest industries rank second only to agriculture in importance. They employ thousands of men—they add \$500,000,000 annually to the nation's wealth—they help all Canada to prosper.

The assets of these vital industries are threatened by devastating forest fires, caused in nine cases out of ten by "fire outlaws"—careless campers, tourists, hunters and smokers. In 1925 the damage done totalled over \$6,600,000. In the past five years the toll was \$76,000,000.

Saving our forests is the duty of every Canadian. With the entire world facing a shortage of timber, Canada's forests are a source of untold

wealth, employment and prosperity. By preventing forest fires you add to the national revenue, and receive indirect benefits through improved business conditions.

The Dominion and Provincial Governments and business organizations which suffer by this wastage are co-operating in a preventive and educational campaign to save Canada's woodland heritage. To make this program effective they ask your support in reducing the fire hazard. You can help by extinguishing all camp fires—by throwing away no lighted match or cigarette—and by exercising unremitting care when burning slash or debris in or near the forest.

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SAVE THE FOREST WEEK

In The Letter Box

POLICING OF CITY.

Editor Daily News,

The agreement entered into by the city and provincial government whereby the government undertakes to police our city for twelve months for \$10,000, this amount is for salaries for officers only, the city to bear all other expenses pertaining to the department of justice.

It cost the city for its police officers during 1925 \$11,025.00. The city received \$8,282.00 in fines. The government will take half the fines under their agreement. On last year's results it will amount to \$1,141.00. Therefore it will cost the city \$3,116.00 more under our new agreement.

Our council gives their reason for a change to a saving in expenses. If that is the case a serious mistake has been made. It is up to our mayor to refer this matter back for their consideration. As a ratepayer and a citizen of Prince Rupert I disagree with the council's policy.

Such a serious question should have been referred to the ratepayers with our other bylaws on the 29th for their approval or disapproval.

RATEPAYER.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR SEVEN YEAR OLD LAD

Walter Graham Remembered by Many Young Friends on Seventh Anniversary

A birthday party was held yesterday afternoon at the family home, 210 Sixth Ave. East to celebrate the natal anniversary of seven year old Walter Graham.

The afternoon and evening was spent in games and music. The tea-table was prettily decorated in pink and white with a three tier birthday cake in the centre. Mrs. Graham assisted by her daughters, Mrs. A. McDonald and Mrs. R. Arthur, Jr., served refreshments and ices.

Walter was the recipient of many gifts from his little friends. Those present were Bobbie El-

kins, Albert Love, Helen McDonald, Harold Ivarson, Tom Arthur, Harry Lundquist, Alex Arthur, Alex McDonald and Ernest Parsons.

FALLING OFF IN WHEAT SHIPMENTS THIS WEEK

Only Five Vessels Took on Cargo at Vancouver for World Ports

VANCOUVER, B.C., April 20.—There was a falling off in wheat shipments this week, partly to the difficulty in securing bottoms. Among vessels loading here were as follows: Gossu Maru for Yokohama 833 bushels, for Moji 162,000 bushels.

Taiyu for Shanghai 257,500 bushels.

Dietator for London 37,200 bushels, for Liverpool 93,200 bushels.

Loch Katrine for Rotterdam 64,764, for Liverpool 18,666, London 84,568 bushels. Benmoir for Antwerp 243,100 bushels.