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CITY TAX RATE IS 44 MILLS ON DOLLAR

HOCKEY WORLD SERIES OPENS WITH 3 TO 0 VICTORY FOR MONTREAL

Tax Rate 44 Mills This Year and Estimates for 1926 Finally Adopted

Money for surfacing down town streets and tarvia dressing for others to be raised by five year loan

The 1926 taxation rate for the city of Prince Rupert was set by the city council last night at 44 mills made up as follows: General tax rate, 11 mills; schools, 12 mills; special, 21 mills. The proposal for the capitalizing over a period of five years the estimate of $28,000 which will be expended this year on placing tarvia and resurfacing various streets was accepted, with Ald. Stephens and Ald. Jos. Greer voting against it. The policy of making of a direct charge for scavenging also was adopted.

The city's budget of expenditure this year, according to the estimates, exclusive of the tarvia and street surfacing work but providing $700 for interest on its capitalization, amounts to $337,249.31 made up as follows:

General administration	$51,493.84
Public works	76,660.00
Fire department	16,000.00
Police department	14,600.00
Schools	79,650.00
Special	98,845.47

This money will be raised from total estimated receipts of $150,676 and general taxation for $186,573.31, which gives the mill rate of 44.

The total estimated receipts are as follows:

Gov't. school grant	$46,000.00
General revenue	48,850.00
C.N.R. taxes (agreement)	40,026.00
Scavenging	8,800.00
Utilities profits	10,000.00
Debentures	27,000.00
	$150,676.00

The item of general revenue includes trade licenses, poll taxes, police court fines, share of liquor and parti-mutuel profits, motor car licenses, taxation penalties, etc.

General Administration

Under the heading of general administration in the estimates of expenditure come the following items, all based on last year's expenditure: Treasurer's department salaries, $7,469.30; city solicitor and clerk, $3,000; assessor, $600; printing and stationery, $1,547.06; fuel, water, light and phone, $2,003.75; travelling expenses, $280; election expenses, $804.94; auditor, $1,000; janitor, $1,330; legal expenses, $542.07; insurance, $728.85; receptions, $267.38; donations, $528; hospital, $10,133.76; reading room, $705.51; relief, $1,027.87; fire hydrants, $2,000; street lighting, $6,114.95; mayor and aldermen, $3,900; miscellaneous, $1,571.87; revenue stamps, $562.09; postage stamps, $173.44.

The item of $600 for the board of trade is dropped altogether and the city's publicity estimate is reduced from $1,009.71, last year's expenditure, to $500.

The item of $500 for donations includes $250 for the Boys' Band. A request was made for $500.

The estimate for the public library is $2,833, just $1,000 less than was asked for, but greater

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MINING NOW SOUND BASIS

Lieut.-Governor Bruce Tells Canadian Club Why Industry Prosperous

VANCOUVER, March 31.—Mining in the province has never been on such a sound and substantial basis as it is today, said Lieut.-Governor Bruce in addressing the Canadian Club yesterday. There are three reasons for this. First we now have trained engineers, mineralogists and operators. The day of the old prospector is gone for ever. In the second place we have proper machinery facilitating the handling of the ore. The third reason is that the value of metals is doubled.

LOGGERS MUST PAY DAMAGES

Were Guilty of Negligence In Operating During Very Dry eason

VICTORIA, Mar. 31.—In operating a logging plant during the period of drought when the countryside was in an inflamable condition the Comox Logging & Railway Company was guilty of negligence Mr. Justice Morrison ruled in the supreme court in a $15,000 damage action brought by A. L. Higgins and Chan Sing for injuries done their property which was swept by fire from land logged by the company on August 8, 1925. The exact amount of the damage done will be assessed later.

FIRE BRANDON OIL WAREHOUSE

One Man Killed and Another Injured and Much Damage Caused There

BRANDON, March 31. — One man is dead and damage estimated at more than $75,000 was caused by a fire which gutted a warehouse of the Independent Oil Company late last night and destroyed the adjoining building. The dead man is Bert Smith. His body was found in the office of the warehouse where he had apparently been blown by the force of the explosion. Another man was seriously injured.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked
Wheat	1.53¾	
B.C. Silver	1.95	2.00
Consolidated	200.00	
Dunwell	2.00	2.20
Gladstone	.35	.38
Indian	.14	.15
L. & L.	.20	
Premier	2.26	2.28

DUKE HARRIS TAKES OPTION

Mining Property Near Anyox Bonded From Charles Clay of Anyox

PROMISING MINE

Fifty Thousand Dollars to be Paid in Case of Option Being Taken

An option has been taken by W. S. Harris, the well known Hazelton mining man, who is at present a business visitor in the city, on the Saddle property located near the head of Hastings Arm, near Anyox on the west side. The property is owned by Charles Clay of Anyox and the deal was put through by A. Maguire of Alice Arm.

The owner of the property will be paid $100 per month until such time as an examination may be made. If this examination proves satisfactory, there will be a cash payment of $2,000 and a total sum of $50,000 will be paid for the property on the basis of 25 per cent of smelter returns until the full amount is covered.

The Saddle property, one of the first to be taken up in Hastings Arm, is a promising looking mine. Ore samples have assayed $160.07 per ton in silver and lead with $12 in gold as well as considerable copper.

PRICE RALLY AT NEW YORK

Stocks Forced Down Yesterday Recover Today With Volume of Buying

NEW YORK, March 31.— A sensational price rally took place on the stock exchange this morning when the execution of an enormous volume of buying orders sent popular industries soaring from two to five points and rails from one to four points.

Gigantic blocks of stocks changed hands as bear traders scrambled to cover.

STORM SWEEPS OVER ONTARIO

Is Accompanied by Rain, Snow and Sleet and is Sweeping Eastward

MONTREAL, March 31. — A seventy-mile gale accompanied by rain, snow and sleet swept over Ontario this morning and is working eastward disrupting the wires in its progress.

PORT COQUITLAM IS TO BE POLICED BY THE PROVINCIAL AUTHORITY

VICTORIA, Mar. 30.—Port Coquitlam will be policed in future by the Provincial force as reorganized by Colonel McMuilin it is announced by the provincial authorities.

IMMIGRANTS COMING

WINNIPEG, Mar. 31. — Six C.N.R. special trains are arriving this week bringing about 3,000 settlers from Great Britain and other European countries. The second train arrived yesterday.

FAMOUS TENNIS STARS' ROMANCE — Miss Kitty McKane, the "Lenglen of the English courts," with her husband, L. A. Godfree, in London after their arrival from South Africa, where the marriage took place in secret. Godfree captained the British lawn tennis team during the South African tour.

Montreal Maroons Won First Game in World Hockey Series; Victoria Man Badly Injured

MONTREAL, March 31.— The Montreal Maroons, champions of the National Hockey League, drew the first blood in the battle for the Stanley Cup, emblematic of the world's professional hockey championship last night when they defeated the Victoria Cougars, champions of the western league, by a score of three goals to nothing in the first of a five game series.

The game was marred by a serious accident to Anderson, the Victoria wing man in the second period. Anderson collided with Siebert and fractured his leg and dislocated his hip.

MOUNTED POLICE CHARGED CROWD IN LONDON PARK

LONDON, March 31.— Mounted police charged a crowd of several thousand unemployed demonstrators in Hyde Park last evening, scattering them in all directions.

WEATHER REPORT

(Government Telegraphs)
8 a.m.

Prince Rupert: foggy, calm; temperature 46.

Terrace: clear, calm, temp. 40

Anyox: clear, calm, temp. 50.

Stewart: clear, calm; temp. 48.

Hazelton: clody, calm, temp. 46.

Telegraph Creek: cloudy, calm, temp. 38.

Smithers: cloudy, calm, temp. 42.

Burns Lake: cloudy, calm; temp. 37.

Whitehorse: clear, calm, temp. 26.

Ogilvie: clear, calm, temp. 43.

Dawson: clear, calm, temp. 15.

Average for Yukon temp. 30.

STOCK SLUMP IN NEW YORK

Three Million Shares Changed Hands Yesterday in Reckless Trading

NEW YORK, March 31—For the third time this year trading exceeded three million shares on exchange yesterday when stocks were thrown overboard in enormous volume in reckless regard to quoted values. Active issues crashed from one to fifteen points, establishing new low records for the year.

PER CAPITA GRANT TO HOSPITAL THIS YEAR SIXTY CENTS

On recommendation of the finance committee, the city council last night set the per capita grant to the Prince Rupert General Hospital for 1926 at 60c. If the hospital requires further assistance during the coming year, it will be required to confer specially with the city council.

Halibut Landings Less Than Last Year but Prices Better; Canadian Boats Ahead So Far

Halibut landings at this port since February 15, when the close season was lifted, have totalled 3,721,400 pounds as compared with a total of 4,927,000 pounds for a corresponding period in 1925. Unfavorable weather has been the main cause for the smaller amount of fish being landed this year, many vessels having come in with broken catches, but, as far as the fishermen have been concerned, the shortage of the catches has been made up for in a large degree with a much more favorable markt. Prices did not drop at any time to the levels that were prevailing at that time last year although they were rather low around March 1. Toward the end of this month, bids were exceptionally high.

Of the total of 3,721,400 pounds landed here so far this year, 2,871,600 pounds was from American bottoms and 849,800 pounds from Canadian. Last year, 4,287,200 pounds had been landed by American boats and 640,200 pounds by Canadian.

During the month of March a total of 3,159,700 pounds was landed, 2,395,900 pounds from 113 American vessels and 763,800 pounds from 108 Canadian. Prices for first class fish went as high at 21c on March 23, and as low as 10c on March 1. The total of 3,159,700 pounds landed here this March compares with 3,810,800 pounds landed in March, 1925.

PHEASANTS TAKEN TO KITSUMKALUM FOR PROPAGATION

TERRACE, Mar. 31.— Constable McMillan brought brought with him from Prince Rupert this week six pairs of Chinese pheasants which are being sent to Kalum Lake. They are supplied by the Game Board for propagation purposes.

The stocking of the Kalum Lake district is an experiment, the success or failure of which will be watched with interest.

TRIAL PROCEEDING BALLOT STUFFING

"Baldy" Robb Arraigned and Has Nearly 100 Witnesses Giving Evidence in Case

EDMONTON, March 31.— The trial of P. A. "Baldy" Robb on charges of putting in the ballot boxes other than authorized ballot papers and with fraudulently initialing papers purporting to be ballot papers is proceeding here. Nearly one hundred witnesses have been subpoenaed in the case and in the ones against Ray H. Winter and J. H. Griggs which are to follow.

JOSEPH T. SHAW MAY BE LEADER ALBERTA LIBERALS

CALGARY, March 31.—While Liberal politicians who visited Calgary, Charles S. Pingle, M. L. A., Medicine Hat, and W. T. Henry, M. L. A, Edmonton, former mayor of the capital city, display only a casual interest in the subject when questioned, it is indicated that a strenuous effort is being made to persuade Joseph T. Shaw, of this city, to allow his name to stand for election as leader of the Liberal party in Alberta.

CONSTABLE IS NOT GUILTY

Judge Scores Drumheller Policeman For Fotal Shooting of Man in February

CALGARY, March 31. — Constable Albert McKean of Drumheller town police was acquitted of the charge of manslaughter by a jury yesterday afternoon.

The charge was the result of the fatal shooting of Mack Nolan, heavyweight boxer, miner, and Miners' Union organizer, on February 26.

McKean was soundly scored by Mr. Justice Boyle before he was discharged from custody.

B.C. PACKERS REORGANIZING

President Resigns and New Head Will be Appointed on April 8 at Toronto

VANCOUVER, March 31.— At the annual meeting of the B.C. Fishing and Packing Company yesterday, W. H. Barker, the president, resigned. A successor will be chosen at a meeting of the board of directors to be held in Toronto on April 8 when a new board of directors will be elected, seven from eastern Canada and five from British Columbia.

DIED WHILE PLAYING PIANO

Victoria Lady Collapsed and Died Before Assistance Could Reach Her

VICTORIA, March 31.— While she was playing the piano in her home last night Mrs. Emma Hood collapsed and died before assistance could reach her.

Mrs. Hood was a candidate at the municipal elections of 1921-22 for the city council and in 1924-25 contested a seat on the police commission but was in each case unsuccessful.

FIVE KILLED IN NEW YORK

Accident Mars Early Stages of Work on Christian Mission Building

NEW YORK, March 31.— Five laborers were killed and three injured when a stone cliff here today collapsed into an adjoining excavation where a foundation was being blasted out for a proposed 65 storey Christian Mission building. The structure will be the highest in the world.