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Making Bids For Progressive Support.

Hon. Arthur Meighen scores the Mackenzie King government for making a bid for Progressive support. Here is what the Victoria Times has to say of Hon. Hugh Guthrie's bid for the same support:

On Tuesday the Conservative party in the House of Commons through the Hon. Hugh Guthrie, who declared he spoke on the authority of Mr. Meighen, made the following bid for the support of the Progressive group:

"Honorable members who form the Progressive group in the House will realize their position would be just as strong under a new administration as it is under the present one. They would occupy the same dominant position in the councils of this House which they do today. If a new government were formed and legislation satisfactory to them introduced and proceeded with, there is no reason why such a government should not continue until the end of the parliamentary term. But we have the safety valve. Should legislation be introduced not acceptable to them, then on account of the peculiar position they occupy they would have the remedy in their own hands."

That was a pretty high bid, so high that it must have sent shivers down the backs of certain interests which have been supporting the Conservative party and which are looking for payment in legislative favors. It must have been exquisitely irritating to the Tory newspapers which have been taunting the government with its dependence upon the Progressives as something humiliating and degrading.

Why Should British Government Aid Canada.

Is it not about time we got away from the idea that the British government is likely to extend financial aid to building railways or otherwise developing Canada. Already the British government is paying practically the whole cost of protecting Canada with her navy. She bore the brunt of the war both financially and with her man power. As a result she is much more heavily taxed than is Canada. For us to ask that she expend money here does not seem reasonable. Let us forget it. If there is any helping to be done, let us help them. They need it most.

Today Canada ought to be strong enough financially to carry her own burden. If she requires money she can borrow it from those who have it to lend and can pay interest on the debt giving good security. By doing it that way she is independent. If rich people of Great Britain wish to send money here to look after our spiritual welfare, that is their business. If they like to invest money in this country on a business basis, we shall welcome it. What we object to is making proposals that Britain shall aid us to build railways in order to provide an outlet for her people. We should do that. We want those people here and we ought to be able to put up the money to make it possible for them to come. How can we expect to be looked on as a nation if we still have to go whining to our mother for aid to build our railways and to get us out of a nasty financial mess which our foolishness has brought upon us. Where is our dignity?

Premier Oliver And General Odlum Wrong.

Our opinion is that both Premier Oliver and General Odlum are wrong in their attitude toward the Old Country. A similar proposal was made recently that the British government should aid in the establishment of steel works in this province. We want the steel works and we want railways but we do not want to ask Great Britain to put money into anything that we cannot guarantee as a straight business proposal. No one expects the proposed railway to pay dividends on the bonds for years, especially if it remains under government ownership. Money has been fooled away on the P.G.E. by the people of British Columbia and British Columbia will have to stand the loss. To try to slough it off on to anyone else would injure our standing and bring the country into discredit.

If the Imperial Government were in fact an imperial government in the same sense that the government of Canada is a federal government, we might go to them and ask for aid. What we are asking is that the poor oppressed tax payer of Britain tax himself yet more heavily in order to relieve us of the duty of paying our share of imperial commitments.

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FINAL MEETING LIBRARY BOARD

Report Adopted and Rough Draft of Estimates Prepared For Use of Incoming Board

At the final meeting of the Prince Rupert Library Board held last night in the Library with H. F. Pullen presiding, the report of the work of the past year was submitted and approved, rough estimates for the coming year were prepared as a recommendation to the new board and library affairs generally were discussed. At the close the chairman thanked the members for the manner in which they had attended to their duties and for the loyalty they had shown. The work of the library had made good progress and he hoped the new members of the board would carry on and make it a still greater success than it was at present. The official report signed by the chairman and secretary follows:

The Report

This board held twelve regular meetings during the year, a record of the attendance of the members is attached.

The library was open 290 days and 34,503 books were loaned, an increase of 2,476 books over last year. The daily average for the year was 119. The number of borrowers on the active list at the end of the year was 2,105, a gain for the year of 365.

The number of books has been increased by 471 but the number of books donated to the library has dropped to 144 as against 251 the previous year. This means that more books will have to be purchased.

The library has been painted and varnished inside and the roof has been made watertight by a coating of "Protex" roofing material.

The estimates for the year 1926 are attached for your approval, a larger amount will be required for rebinding this year as there are between three and four hundred books requiring attention in this respect at once, but we have cut down on repairs and fuel to effect this.

Important Factor

That the library has become an important factor in the recreation and education of the people of this city is evident from the figures quoted above and we earnestly urge the members of the finance committee of the city council for 1926 to pass our appropriation for books in full this year so that the library board can carry on more efficiently and supply the insistent demand that is being made on them for more books.

Miss V. Mortimer resigned her position as librarian at the end of August and was succeeded by Miss A. D. Cruikshank.

The retiring members of the board for 1925 are H. F. Pullen, G. G. Hacker, and James Black.

At the close of the meeting the members were entertained for a short time by the chairman at his flat.

THE MAN IN THE MOON says:

IT makes a person feel rather lonesome when he reads that everybody else in the country had a good year, even the railways.

THE truth will out. I had wondered why Central was sometimes a little slow last year and now I find she had over a hundred more phones to watch than during 1924.

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AHA, the days are already getting longer and pretty soon I shall be able to struggle with my collar button by daylight.

WHAT is worrying a lot of people this winter is whether they will have a chance to doff their b.v.d.'s this year or not.

SINCE it costs two million dollars to fight an election, I suggest that the country do without the election and give the two million to me.

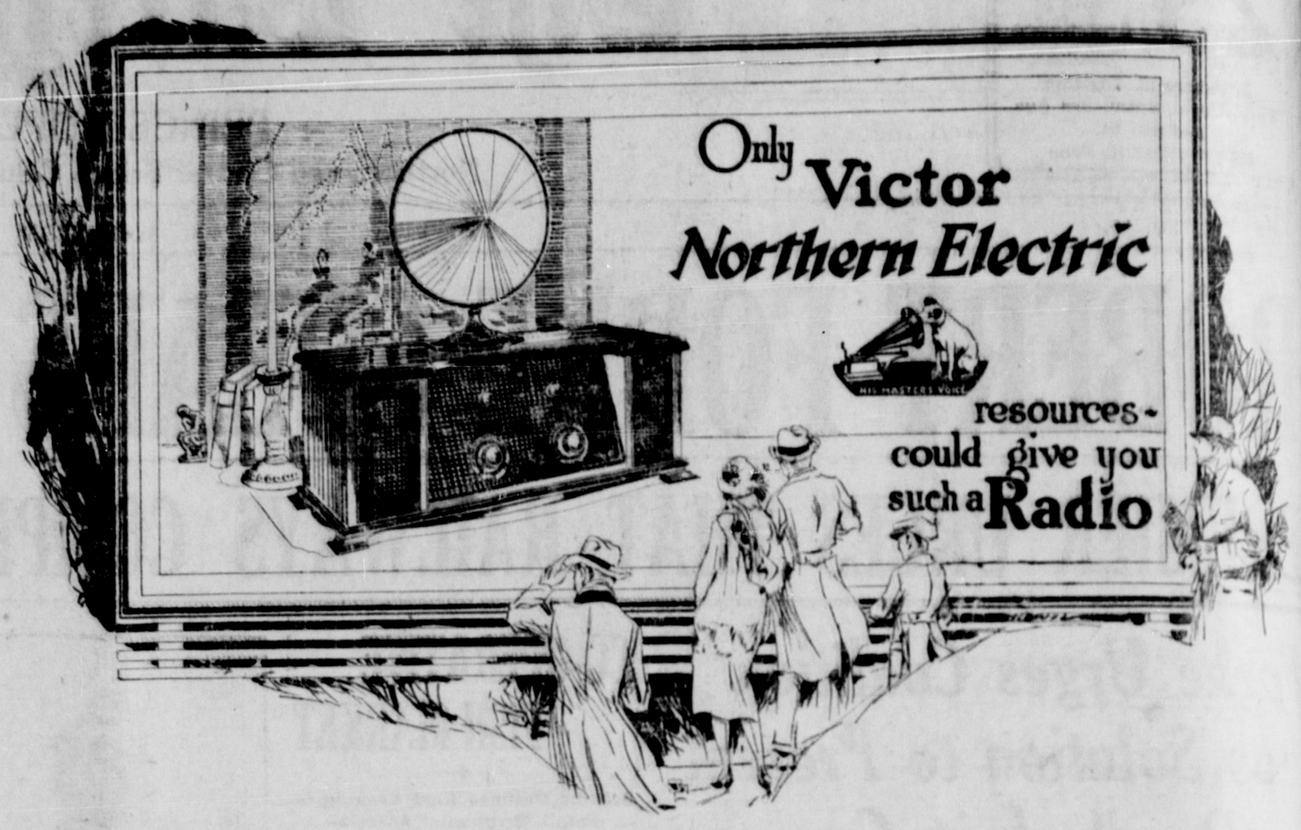
A WINNIPEG newspaper has a department salled "Sitting in with the City Council." If all the readers were reporters that heading would scare them, for if there's anything in the world a reporter detests it's sitting in with the city council.

IN Winnipeg, the city that is contesting the right of Vancouver to call itself the third city, a sixty mile gale blew last week. The snow was heavy and wet and then to cap the climax the electric lights went out. We have had all those things happen here but never all at once.

SINCE they have that minimum wage bill passed, how about a bill to compel people to stay in bed until daylight.

THE other day I was asked why I did not say a few funny things about the editorials in this great and handsome family journal. The difficulty is that the editor reads my stuff and sometimes takes all the ginger out of it. That's the difficulty of being a columnist. But it's better than being an editor for I have only him to jump on my neck, while he has all the old cranks in town chewing pieces out of his anatomy.

BORN—Three sons and five daughters to Nebucadnezer, our tabby cat, that we thought wouldn't ever have any kittens because he was a he, we was told. Poor old Neb went wrong!



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HIS MASTER'S VOICE

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

January 20, 1916.

Charles Gustafson, 353 Ninth Avenue West, is in the hospital suffering from injuries after having shot himself in the lower part of the body while hunting at Cloyah Bay yesterday. After having suffered severely from exposure and intense pain for some hours, he was finally brought to the city by his companion.

There will be a grand concert in the Presbyterian Hall tonight. Thomas CeClymont will act as chairman and, among those contributing to the program will be Miss Stephen, Miss Margaret McColl, C. A. G. Armstrong, A. Clapperton, Mrs. Jarvis McLeod, Mrs. James Carmichael, Mrs. G. A. Bryant, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Edmunds, Miss Barnsley, Miss Lillian King, Miss Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Patterson, Meth Davies, C. D. Jones and W. Vaughan Davies.

The Trades & Labor Council has elected officers for the year as follows: President, S. D. Macdonald; secretary, W. Thompson; vice-president, D. McLean; financial secretary, George Rudderham; treasurer, J. J. Anderson.

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HEAVY DEMANDS ON LIBRARY IN MONTH REPORTED TO BOARD

Librarian's Report Shows 3,303 Volumes Loaned in December of Which 800 Were Juvenile

The regular monthly report of the librarian to the library board submitted last night showed a total circulation for the month of December of 3,303 volumes which for the 25 days the institution was open, was an average of 132.1 a day. Of the total, fiction made up 2,105 volumes and juvenile, 800. New borrowers registered numbered 46, of which juvenile numbered 17. Eighteen cards were cancelled, leaving a total borrowers' cards out as 2,100. Of 73 books added to the shelves during the month, 61 were obtained by purchase and 12 by gift. Fourteen were discarded leaving a total number of volumes at 4,661.

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