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CITY TAX RATE HARD NUT TO CRACK

The payment of a fifty mill rate is going to be a hard nut for some people to crack, but it seems as if it has to be done this year. Happily there is promise of better times ahead when some of the outstanding bonds are retired. It is to be hoped that fifty mills is the peak in local taxation and that from now on there will be a gradual reduction. There is a limit to everything and the local tax rate has certainly got there today. However, we today have roads where we formerly had none and our city looks all the better for the work done.

Personality is the quality that makes it possible for a city official to look dignified when taking a ridiculous attitude.

THE REAL ISSUE IN CHINA

A great many people have been anxious for some time past to learn what is the real issue in China. A little booklet sent out from Shanghai called the Constitutionalist aims to give the issue as follows:

The many minor aspects of the Chinese problem are of such great personal interest to those who live in China that the one large and important issue involved has, by many, been entirely overlooked. The less important events may be summed up in a few sentences. Some hundreds of peaceful foreign residents of China have been forcibly driven from their homes, their property destroyed and themselves compelled to flee for their lives. For every foreigner who has suffered, a thousand Chinese have suffered. Certain legally established foreign concessions have been overrun by mobs and forcibly seized. In a few days the orderly government of these areas was destroyed and replaced by no adequate substitute. While only a few spots controlled by foreigners have been affected, there are hundreds of Chinese cities, towns and villages which for centuries prospered under their own semi-autonomous government which today find themselves under a rule alien and hateful. Many foreign firms which in the conduct of their business have contributed to the industrial development of China, given employment to thousands of Chinese and have raised the standards of living are now facing ruin—and an even greater number of Chinese firms are facing ruin as complete and inevitable. It is almost unbelievable that so quickly a wreck of established things could be brought about so quickly

The annual flitting of the parsons would make a subject for an interesting speculative essay.

CRUX OF SITUATION

But these are really trivial matters. If the foreign residents never return to their homes in China, if the mission schools and hospitals remain in ruins, if China's foreign trade is cut in half or destroyed entirely, if all the treaties are scrapped and not replaced, the world will still move on much as before and the suffering and hardship involved will be individual and local.

What is important in the China situation today is the fact that it is a struggle between civilization which humanity has been building up for centuries and forces which would destroy that civilization. The destruction of lives and property, the mob violence, the callous disregard for legal rights, the many individual instances of suffering and injustice—all these are only incidents—the pattering rain drops that may precede a tempest.

It is the avowed aim of the communist plotters of Moscow to make a Soviet state of China and all of the disturbing events of the past few years have contributed directly or indirectly toward that end. They have been as alert in taking advantage of spontaneous events as they have been clever in creating situations. No one can deny that they have made great progress. Let us assume that this progress is not arrested and that in the course of a few years all of China is communistic as now a large part of it undoubtedly is. Russia contains one-tenth of the world's population—China one-fifth. Together the two countries embrace a total population of six hundred million or about one-fourth of the earth's total. Russia and China have more than six thousand miles of contiguous border. As one political unit the area would stretch from the Arctic circle to the tropics, from the Pacific to the Black Sea. It would be in population, area and potential wealth, the greatest political unit the world has ever seen.

One of the modern political axioms is: Don't elect anyone to public office who makes a success of his own business.

HAMPERED BY NO SCRUPLES

And this great unit would be dominated by a political idea, whose avowed aim is to destroy the present world civilization. It would be hampered by no scruples of conscience in carrying out its program, no regard for established rights, customs, usages.

The world revolution. The dictatorship of the proletariat. The destruction of religion. These are only a few of the catch phrases with which the Moscow dictators describe the program—which they are tirelessly plotting to put into effect. That is the real significance of the situation of China and it is a consideration so important that other issues dwarf into inconsequence beside it.

This is the front battle line of the conflict between communism and world civilization. If communism wins here, the battle line moves forward with new resources, greater courage and enhanced prestige to aid the enemy. Defeat communism here and the battle front moves back with the enemy defeated and a world struggle possibly averted.

We have been wondering how Canada got along all these years without having a jubilee celebration. No wonder she is only a second class nation.

INSTITUTION OF SCHOLARSHIP

One or two scholarships are needed to aid in sending boys and girls to the university who cannot otherwise go there. Here is a chance for those who wish to make a name for themselves. A few hundred dollars would do the trick and the donor would feel that he was making it possible for a young person to make a mark in the world.

Now, the next job we have to face is how to get rid of those fifty-two millstones that hang around our necks.

INFORMATION IS NEEDED ON PEACE RIVER

STEPS WILL BE TAKEN SOON TO DECIDE ON BEST ROUTE TO BE TO COAST

RUPERT IS MENTIONED

EDMONTON, May 16.—Steps are to be taken, presumably in the near future, to secure further and exact information about the alternative routes for a new railway line that will serve as an outlet for the Peace River country to the Pacific coast. Assurance to this effect was given by Hon. C. A. Dunning, federal minister of railways, to A. Chard, supervisor of freight traffic for the Alberta government, who has returned from a prolonged trip to Ottawa in connection with the railway freight rates case.

Mr. Chard had an interview with the minister just before leaving Ottawa and learned from him that while the Dominion government will positively not commit itself at the present time to any further undertaking in the north, nor to the purchase of existing lines, it is proposing to make a thorough survey of the situation, with a view to ascertaining whether the Pine Pass or some other route is the most suitable for the purpose.

It is not yet certain whether these surveys will be made this summer or left over to another year, but Mr. Dunning stated definitely that attention will be given to the matter and that the exact facts will be obtained as a step toward whatever action may be taken later. The interview in which this assurance was given is the latest word in the case, coming after the recent conference with the Dominion authorities by Premier Brownlee.

DUNNING MAY COME

The federal minister of railways may himself make a visit to the Peace River country. Mr. Chard, in behalf of the province at large, invited him to do so, suggesting that a trip into the Alberta northland in his official capacity would be appreciated by its people and would prove to him, as nothing else could, the importance of giving this vast new region the better transportation service it is now seeking. Mr. Dunning intimated that he might find it possible to make such a visit.

In the meantime there is positively no ground for believing that there is anything in the sentiment at Ottawa favoring early construction of a new railway in the north, says Mr. Chard. Whether from lack of information about the country and its possibilities or from a feeling that there are enough railways on the map already, there is a pronounced apathy in the air back east on the question of providing the much desired coast outlet, and it may be taken as definite and certain that it isn't going to be built in the very near future. The most that will be done this year or next will be to survey the mountain routes—and perhaps Mr. Dunning's official trip to Peace River.

A CASE OF WAITING

It is quite evident, Mr. Chard points out, that the government's program in connection with the Hudson Bay Railway is having something to do with the reluctance to tackle the Pacific outlet problem. To that project the government is already committed, which is taken to mean that other schemes must wait.

So far as Alberta is concerned, with a good piece of the west side of Saskatchewan, the logical outlet for the grain crop and the only one in which that part of the wheat country is greatly interested, Mr. Chard told the people at Ottawa, is the Pacific coast routes via either Vancouver or Prince Rupert. His arguments weren't disputed—but the Hudson Bay scheme is going on and the Peace River scheme must wait.

A good impression was made at Ottawa by the presentations of the Alberta case by Premier Brownlee and John Callaghan, says Mr. Chard, and the facts furnished by both will yet bear fruit. But for the present it will be a waiting game.

EMBARASSING IGNORANCE

Griggs—You didn't seem to enjoy your wife's musicale. Briggs—No, I got confused, as usual. I never can remember that a cello isn't something you eat and a meringue isn't something you play.

Was So Nervous The Least Noise Made Her Jump

Mrs. W. H. Yates, Ashern, Man., writes:—"I was bothered very much with my heart and nerves, and the least noise would make me jump and almost stop my heart beating. I told my mother about it one day, and she said that she had been bothered the same way and told me to get a box of



When I had taken the one box I felt quite a lot better and by the time I had taken three boxes I got relief." Price 50c, a box at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL IS NOW BEING BUILT AT THE B.C. CAPITAL

VICTORIA, May 17.—The new Anglican Cathedral is now under way here. The contract was let a few days ago to Parfitt Brothers and work has already commenced. Under this contract the nave without the western towers, will be built at a cost of approximately \$300,000.

The nave will be constructed of concrete, reinforced and faced with local sandstone. Practically the only wood-work in the building will be the massive oak doors and furnishings.

When this work is completed the nave will have a seating capacity of 1,000. A temporary chancel will be erected at the east end until the remainder of the building is completed. When the cathedral is finished the nave will have a seating capacity of 1,400.

The towers at the west end of the cathedral will not be constructed until funds are available; the central tower, transepts and east end of the church will be built after the necessary money has been raised.

It is the intention ultimately to join the cathedral with the Memorial Hall so that there will be one continuous building stretching from Vancouver Street to Quadra Street, having a length of 570 feet.

Plans for the new stone cathedral were sought in 1891 from architects in Canada and Great Britain. Sir Arthur Blomfield, a famous English architect, was appointed adjudicator, and to him all drawings were submitted.

The design of J. C. M. Keith was given first place, that of a London architect second, and that of a Glasgow architect third. From that time to the present, Mr. Keith has continued to be a resident of Victoria, and has given his best thought and study to improving the plans and preparing them for the work of erecting the cathedral.

SHRINERS AND WIVES HAVE DINNER-DANCE

Fifty Persons Present at Enjoyable Function in Commodore Cabaret

The regular monthly meeting of the Prince Rupert Shrine Club took the form of a dinner-dance in the Commodore Cafe last night at which fifty nobles and their wives were present as well as the entertainers. The event was presided over by R. V. G. LePine, president of the Shrine Club.

Music for dancing between the courses and after the dinner was furnished by Mrs. R. P. Ponder and Dave Eastman. Contributing to a program of vocal solos were Mrs. F. W. Allen, Morris Bliot, Frank Moore and Mrs. J. P. McMillan, all being accompanied by Mrs. Bliot except Frank Moore for whom Mrs. Ponder played.

The function opened at 7.30 and closed at midnight.

DAILY TRAIN SERVICE TO START NEXT WEEK

Schedule Will be Similar to Last Year Both for Trains and Mails

Effective at the first of next week, daily train service on the Canadian National Railways will be resumed to and from Prince Rupert. Trains will arrive every day at 3.30 p.m. except Tuesday and will leave for the East every day at 11.30 a.m. except Sunday. Pending the adjustment of the schedule, there will be no train under the new schedule next Monday or Tuesday.

Receipt of mails but not despatch will be changed with the inauguration of the new train service. Mails will arrive on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and will be despatched, as at present, on Mondays, Wednesday and Saturdays.

SURPLUSES REPORTED FOR CITY UTILITIES DURING MONTH APRIL

The electric light and telephone departments of the city showed respective net surpluses of \$1,256.14 and \$1,181.80 during the month of April according to reports presented to the council last night by the superintendent of utilities, J. J. Little. The total revenue of the electric light department was \$9,592.67 and the telephone department, \$3,633.10.

OFFICIAL OPENING ESQUIMALT DRYDOCK

VICTORIA, May 17.—The Songhees drydock at Skinner's Cove, Esquimalt Harbor, built for the Dominion government at a cost of \$6,000,000, is to be officially opened on Saturday, July 2. The opening will be part of the Diamond Jubilee celebration. The ceremony is to be held at the instruction of the Dominion government. J. P. Forde, district engineer of the Dominion Public Works Department here, is representing the government in this matter.

It is proposed to hold the ceremony on Saturday morning. A vessel will be secured to enter the dock so that the public can witness the huge graving basin in operation.

The Songhees drydock is the largest in the British Empire and the second largest in the world. The Commonwealth drydock at Boston is the only one of greater size.

The drydock is already in use, several vessels having already been docked there for repair or overhaul.

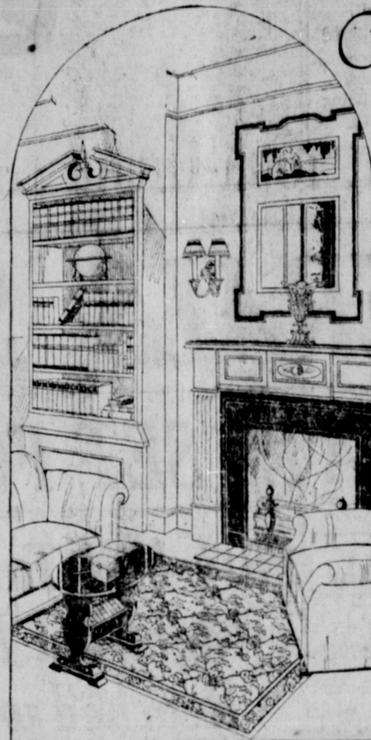
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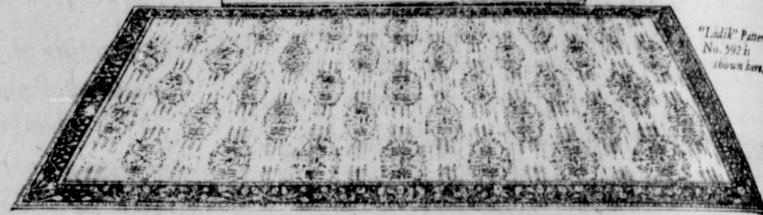
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NOTICE.

IN THE MATTER of an application for the issue of a Provisional Certificate of Title for Lot one hundred and sixty (160), Queen Charlotte District, said to contain one hundred and sixty (160) acres, more or less, excepting thereout twenty-one (21) acres and five (5) acres thereof. Satisfactory proof of the loss of the Certificate of Title covering the above land having been produced to me, it is my intention to issue, after the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof, a Provisional Certificate of Title to the above land in the name of Pacific Mills Limited, the original Certificate of Title is dated the 6th April, 1922, and is numbered 14592 I. Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, B.C., 5th May, 1927. H. F. MACLEOD, Registrar of Titles.

LAND ACT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO LEASE LAND.

In Range 4, Coast Land District, Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate in vicinity of Captain's Cove, Pitt Island, B.C. TAKE NOTICE that Gosse Packing Co. Ltd., of 325 Howe St., Vancouver, B.C., occupation Fish Packers, intends to apply for a lease of the following described lands:— Commencing at a post planted about 1/2 mile distant in a northerly direction from Lot 1283, Range 4; thence north 5 chains; thence east 20 chains; thence south to shore; thence west along shore to point of commencement, and containing 10 acres, more or less. GOSSE PACKING CO. LTD., Applicant. Per Chas. L. Roberts, Agent. Dated April 7, 1927.

LAND ACT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO LEASE LAND.

In Range 3, Coast Land District, Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, and situate on the south shore of La-Bouchere Channel, B.C. TAKE NOTICE that Gosse Packing Co. Ltd., of 325 Howe St., Vancouver, B.C., occupation Fish Packers, intends to apply for a lease of the following described lands:— Commencing at a post planted at the southeast corner T.L. 10590, Range 3, Coast Land District; thence south 5 chains; thence west 10 chains; thence north 5 chains to shore; thence easterly along shore to point of commencement, and containing 5 acres, more or less. GOSSE PACKING CO. LTD., Applicant. Per Chas. L. Roberts, Agent. Dated April 7, 1927.

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