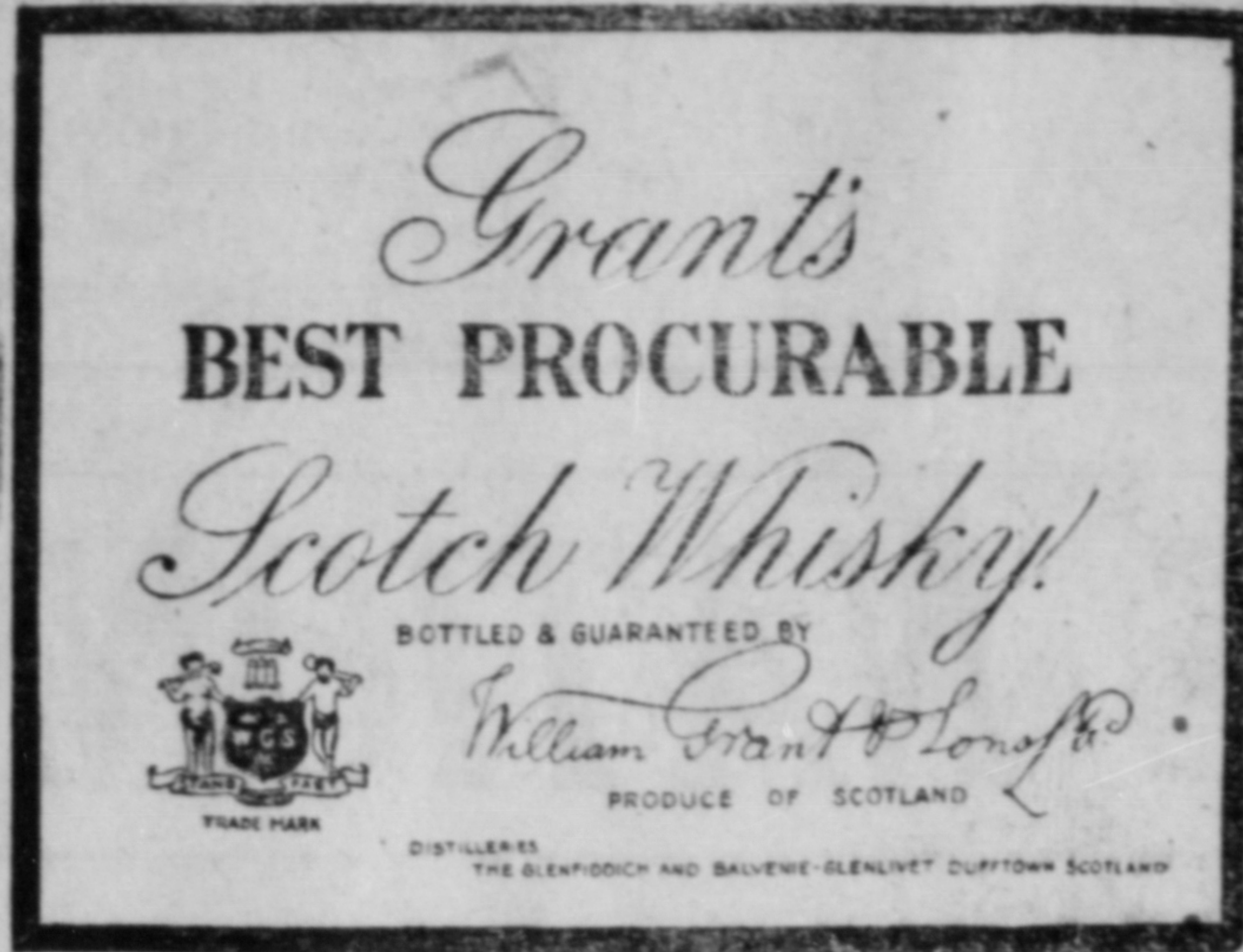


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START OWN INDUSTRIES

W. J. Alder, who is well known here and who now lives in Victoria makes a suggestion that Prince Rupert should have a flour mill. He says that in Victoria they have come to the conclusion that, if they are to have industries they must start them themselves and with that in view they have recently given encouragement to an elevator, a moving picture scheme and other industries for the purpose of providing a local payroll.

SEEMS TO HAVE JUMPED INTO POPULARITY

Hon. J. D. MacLean, Premier of British Columbia, seems to have suddenly jumped into a position of popularity in this province. He set out by carrying on in a modest and retiring manner without in any way usurping the honors which were due the late Premier.

CANADA A REAL NATION

Canada is now a nation, so recognized throughout the world. She has been elected to a seat in the League of Nations. It is only for a three year term but that is a minor matter. It places this country in the position of being recognized as a factor independent of Great Britain or the rest of the Empire.

CHOOSING OF CUBA

The choice of Cuba as a member of the League is rather an interesting one. That country is almost a dependency of the United States. At any rate the country attained her liberty through the intervention of the United States and was started out in life as a nation under the protection of the same country and is still to some extent considered in that light.

COPPER MINING SEEMS HOPEFUL

Head of Britannia Mines Tells Mining Congress of Present State of Industry

VANCOUVER, Sept. 15.—The copper industry was never in a more flourishing condition than at present, and with the opening up of new districts, particularly in northwestern Quebec, there is every prospect that present production will soon be greatly exceeded.

Reviewing the progress of the copper mining industry in Canada, Mr. Browning placed the world's production at approximately 1,650,000 tons annually, the United States being by far the largest contributor, with 53 per cent, besides controlling a further 17 per cent produced from mines in South America.

Mr. Browning cited figures to the effect that the consumption of copper per capita in the United States (and this would apply approximately to Canada also) was 15.20 pounds per annum, whereas in England, France and Germany it amounted to only about seven per cent or a little higher, while in China and India it was relatively negligible.

GREAT POSSIBILITIES

It would seem, therefore, he said, that there are great possibilities for increased consumption of copper in all parts of the world. Canadian production in 1926 amounted to 133,094,942 pounds, valued at \$17,490,300. This is the largest output ever attained, and the fact that the total has been increasing steadily each year since the slump following the war augurs well for the future of the industry.

ANYON REFERRED TO

Mr. Browning referred to the forward strides that have been made in recent years in the metallurgical process for treating low-grade ores, and pointed out that Canada has not been backward in this advance of technique.

In The Letter Box

TAXATION AGREEMENT.

Editor, Daily News. On September 20 the ratepayers will be called upon to vote on the proposed Tax Agreement with the C.N.R.

Very little interest appears to be taken in one of the most far reaching pieces of business that has been before the city in recent years and it is plainly the duty of every taxpayer to become informed of the effects of the agreement, should it pass, before voting upon it.

1. Why should the Company offer to pay \$65,000 taxes for 1927 when the Court by revision of its property assessment left the C.N.R. taxes several thousand dollars less than the \$65,000 proposed?

2. If the agreement is confirmed by the taxpayers will it increase or reduce our taxes while the agreement is in force?

3. Will such an agreement prevent or delay the necessity of taxing improvements?

4. Would the C.N.R. be paying its proper share of taxes under the agreement, and if not what has the company done to merit the advantages of another agreement?

5. When does the company purpose making good its covenants of former agreements?

6. Is the company playing the game with the City in its operation of the drydock when major repairs such as those necessary on its ss. Prince Rupert are being done by private concerns in or near Vancouver?

Just why the company's taxation officials are able to offer the city more in taxes than was awarded in court for the present year may be a mystery but I have a suspicion that they are clever enough to see that their victory was so sweeping that it is bound to force down the land assessment of the entire city, making it necessary for next years council to tax improvements. By having company improvements exempt under the agreement it would be making a very timely and advantageous agreement.

If the agreement is confirmed the advantage to the city this year would be less than two mills on the assessment which the council should have had the courage to impose in this

year's mill rate to meet the necessary expenditures. But what will the mill rate be next year? Very much higher than this unless improvements are made to pay. The fixed charges cannot be avoided in taxation and street, sewer and sidewalk improvements are imperative. While our taxes are climbing the C.N.R. is "sitting pretty."

I believe the agreement will make it absolutely necessary to tax improvements, for unless they are taxed the rates on land alone would create a much more serious problem than the one we have today through unimproved property reverting to the city for taxes. Every tax sale leaves the city with a few more lots which are not taxable, leaving the burden greater for those who cannot let go.

I cannot think the C.N.R. is trying to pay more than its rightful share of the taxation, and that its past record in the keeping and performing of its covenants does not entitle it to another.

The drydock is exempted from nearly all taxation, and if properly operated should be in a position to execute repairs to the company's ships as cheaply as any other concern on the Pacific Coast, and whether drydock books showed a profit or a loss on the work it would be done at cost in any event since both drydock and ships are under the same ownership. Then why not repair the ships at Prince Rupert in its own drydock? If not so operated why give tax exemption and are we satisfied that such operation of the drydock merits its burden of taxation being placed on local taxpayers? Privately owned drydocks are profiting on the repairing of the ss. Prince Rupert. Pay rolls are created in Greater Vancouver and Prince Rupert, "holds the sack."

Note carefully clause 5 of the proposed agreement, which provides that "The Railway Company shall annually receive from the city as a credit on account of the said sum of Sixty Five Thousand Dollars from the taxes collected on any railway lands so alienated, sold or occupied otherwise than by the Railway Company a sum of money computed on the basis of the revised assessments for the year 1927 at the mill rate for the year in which such credit is due." Note that the mill rate is for the year in which the credit is due and the assessment is based on 1927. Could anything more clearly show that it is expected that the mill rate will rise?

After all why should this year's council be so bent on passing the agreement? This year's assessment and taxation was settled by the Court and is no longer in dispute.

Finally, remember that if this bylaw is to be defeated you must vote against it. Staying at home will not defeat it and it will take the vote of every opponent to preserve the city's interest.

Yours very truly, M. M. STEPHENS

Man in the Moon

IT is pointed out to me that a man is something like a match. When he gets lit up he loses his head and his usefulness is gone.

Time was when the mechanic always took his tin can to work but today the tin lizzie takes him to work.

What is wickedness in a poor man is an amusing eccentricity in a rich one.

TALKING of the modern methods of education I sometimes wonder if I'd been really as clever as you see me



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