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GRAND OLD WHITE HEADED LEADER.

Premier John Oliver is an honest man. That statement of fact imparts no now information to the people of British Columbia, but it has been re-impressed upon them by the dishonest action of the members of the Conservative opposition in the provincial parliament during the last ten days, says the North Vancouver Review.

While the walls of the House echoed and re-echoed to "my honor" and "honorable men" until the public feels like a small boy with an overdose of pink-centred chocolate creams, the staunch, white-topped figure of the premier has stood like a monument facing a howling mob, demanding fairness, honesty, calm consideration and, most important of all in the eyes of those who make the present Victoria meeting possible, a cessation of that rank atmosphere of hypocrisy pervading the House since the Conservatives lately discovered campaign funds had been secured from the brewers by the Liberals as well as by themselves.

Some have been unkind enough to say the opposition is angry to find the source of supply for its war-chest has been invaded all along by others, but most know the opposition can afford to be angry at nothing and finds itself on the offensive, if the recent attack on the government can properly be lent the dignity of the term enployed, only by reason of its extended period of non-responsibility to the electorate.

NO FINER SPEECH EVER MADE IN HOUSE.

No finer speech was ever made in the British Columbia Legislature than was made by Premier Oliver last Monday no sword swallower in a travelling carnival ever downed his pointed weapon in better fashion than was the opposition forced to eat its words by the first minister of the province.

"Don't insinuate, don't back-bite, don't deal in generalities," the premier said in effect when speaking of the Conservative move to force a campaign fund investigation.

What could be fairer than the premier's request that if the Conservatives are sincere in their demand for an investigation of political campaign funds they should make charges against the government, any member of the House or any government official?

If such charges are made, the premier asserted, an investigation will follow immediately.

That the opposition had been dishonest with the public and with itself was proved when no charges were made in reply to the premier's challenge, and there have since been no indications that such charges will be made.

Hours before the premier turned aside the onslaught of the members at the speaker's left, it was apparent to every thinking man that the opposition was not sincere.

NO REASON FOR MINISTRY'S DOWNFALL.

There is no good reason why passage of a motion to investigate campaign funds should in itself cause the downfall of the ministry. Yet that is precisely what the motion as framed by the Conservatives as an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, which had been in progress for two weeks, would have done had it passed instead of going down to defeat.

Had the opposition been sincere it would have waited until after the conclusion of the debate and then have moved for the investigation and not for a vote of want of confidence in the government.

Premier Oliver is not given to word wastage. He intimated that an investigation may yet come and that it may surprise "my friends opposite."

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HUMORIST ON ELECTION TIE

ALDERMANIC SITUATION HERE SUBJECT OF SALLIES OF P. W. LUCE IN VANCOUVER PROVINCE

P. W. Luce, who writes the column known as "The Odd Angle" in the Vancouver Province takes the aldermanic tie here as the subject for the following screed:

A recount of the ballots cast in the recent election at Prince Rupert shows that James Black and P. H. Linsey polled a tie vote in the aldermanic contest. As a result, a by-election is to be held to decide which of these gentlemen is to enjoy the dignities and emoluments of aldermanship.

This is most regrettable. It shows a lamentable lack of originality and imagination that ill-befits a port with such a hectic history as Kaien Island. The popularity of Messrs. Black and Linsey is so very evenly divided that the tie vote is quite likely to be repeated at the by-election, and the council will be no nearer getting full than is the case at this moment. The vacant chair will still be there, and the whole year may be spent in a series of contests with Mr. Black representing the irresistible force and Mr. Linsey the immovable obstacle.

It would be far better to let these two doughty opponents share the one seat. The council should give them an extra large desk and a chair made to measure, establish a few common sense rules for the Siamese twins aldermen, and then proceed with the first order of business.

It is true that this two-in-one scheme has never been tried, but that is one of the points in its favor. Two heads are better than one, especially where aldermen are concerned, even when they are of the rare variety known as "hard-headed." The word "alder-man," as every schoolboy knows, is derived from "alder," which is one of the softest woods in this province, though there are some authorities who claim it has some connection with "elder," a tree which is even softer than alder and, furthermore, exceedingly hollow.

NO CAUSE FOR JEALOUSY

So that there would be no just cause for jealousy in the matter of precedence, the mayor could stress the combination alderman as Alderman Black-Linsey and Alderman Linsey-Black alternately. The city clerk could keep a careful check of the mode of address on the margin of the minute book and warn the mayor in a loud whisper if he should happen to play favorites in the heat of controversy.

It would never do, of course, to give the double-headed alderman any undue advantage over his fellows. If the Black section chose to make a speech the Linsey part would have to maintain a solemn silence. Otherwise there might arise the embarrassing situation of Alderman Black-Linsey favoring a license for umbrellas and Alderman Linsey-Black clamoring for a bonus for more rain.

The logical thing, therefore, would be to establish a rule that whenever Black spoke to a motion Linsey should cast the vote, and vice-versa. Naturally this would tend to cut down the speeches of the tied aldermen very appreciably when their views did not happen to coincide. While this would be hard on them, the excellent example set the other city fathers would be of great benefit to Prince Rupert as a whole.

ONE HALF OF DOUBLEHEADER

If by chance only one-half of the double-header combination showed up at a council meeting, then Demi-Alderman Black (or Linsey) could talk but not vote, or vote but not talk, depending on the ruling of the chair, subject, of course, to the usual appeal to the majority.

There might be occasions, presumably, when the Siamese twins aldermen would find themselves involved in minor difficulties and would have to go into conference with themselves in the back alley to decide certain points too technical for the city clerk to rule upon. Such incidents would add a spice of gaiety to the council meetings which they sorely lack at present, and would in no way detract from the amenities of public life after a while.

The city charter does not permit the paying of a double indemnity for a double service, unfortunately. Prince Rupert aldermen do not get as big a salary as they would like and this, divided between two, is scarcely worth carrying to the savings bank. Messrs. Black and Linsey might, if they wished, split the cheque, but, as they are good sports, they would most likely shake dice for the lot. Provided, of course, that shaking dice is not illegal in the good city of Prince Rupert.

UNANSWERED QUESTION

By the end of the year, working thus arm-in-arm for the good of the community, the tied aldermen would get to know each other very well indeed. They might even fall in love with each other, though this seems unlikely, judging by the way they have been glaring at each other since the tie vote was announced. Whatever their feelings, it is more than probable that the voters would have watched their work so closely throughout the year that at the next election Messrs. Black and Linsey would discover a huge majority electing them—but whether electing them to return to the council or to stay at home is a question which it is better to leave unanswered.

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CANADA IMPORTS BRITAIN'S COAL

MUCH MORE WAS BROUGHT INTO DOMINION THAN WAS SENT OUT

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Canada's total importation of coal during the calendar year of 1926 was 17,520,000 tons, and her total exportation was about 900,000 tons. Of the total of imports 17,120,000 tons came from the United States, and the remaining 400,000 tons from Great Britain, Germany and the Netherlands. The Dominion's production for 1926 was 16,105,000 tons, showing that Canada produces about one-half of her coal requirement.

The total amount of coal available for consumption in the Dominion during 1926, according to the latest compilation of the Bureau of Statistics, was 32,725,000 tons, divided as follows: Soft coal, 24,960,000 tons; hard coal, 4,020,000 tons; lignite, 3,344,000 tons, and sub-bituminous coal, 401,000 tons.

Coal imports into Canada last year from the United States consisted of 13,000,000 tons of soft coal, and 4,120,000 tons of hard. Ontario's part of the imports for last year were estimated at about 12,000,000 tons of hard and soft coal, and Quebec's total at about 3,000,000 tons of all grades of hard and soft coal.

Ontario imported 9,880,000 tons of soft coal from the United States and Quebec brought in 1,700,000 tons of that variety; Ontario imported 2,100,000 tons of hard coal from the United States, and Quebec, 1,000,000 tons, and Quebec brought in, in addition, 250,000 tons of soft coal from Great Britain, the Netherlands and Germany. While most of the totals given above respecting Ontario imports relate only to central or older Ontario, there was a certain amount brought in at the head of the lakes, which bring Ontario's aggregate importation up to the 12,000,000 mark.

Final production figures for the year 1926 are now available. The 16,105,000 tons produced in Canada are distributed as follows: Nova Scotia, 6,810,000 tons; Alberta, 6,117,000 tons; British Columbia, 2,634,000 tons; Saskatchewan, 376,000 tons; New Brunswick, 168,000 tons.

REGIMENT HAS ITS INSPECTION

MAJOR GENERAL J. M. ROSS SEES SMART MILITIA PARADE—PRESENTATION MADE

There was much activity at the local armory last evening when the North British Columbia Regiment was inspected by Major General J. H. Ross, C.M.G., D.S.O., general officer commanding Military District No. 11., from Victoria, accompanied by Major G. D. Edwards, district paymaster.

The regiment paraded in the drill hall over 80 strong and presented a very smart and creditable appearance.

In the presence of the troops on parade, the General presented the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration to Hon. Lieut. Colonel Archdeacon Rix, V.D., for 20 years service in the Canadian Militia Chaplain Service. The Long Service Medal was also presented to R. V. G. LePine for his long and meritorious service in the Royal Garrison Artillery Militia of Halifax.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

Mayor McCaffery received a wire yesterday from H. S. Clements, M.P., announcing that the greater part of the request for alterations in the fishing regulations in District No. 2 had been granted.

The Board of Trade went on record last night recommending that merchants and shippers of the city route their steamship and general freight by some other line than the G.T.P.

S. E. Parker and Alderman T. McClymont have been appointed police commissioners for the city. Alderman John Dybhavn and George Frizzell have been appointed license commissioners.

Mrs. G. R. Naden was guest at the Manse yesterday afternoon of the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Naden will be leaving shortly to join her husband in Victoria.

W. E. Williscroft has accepted a position with the Booth Fisheries.

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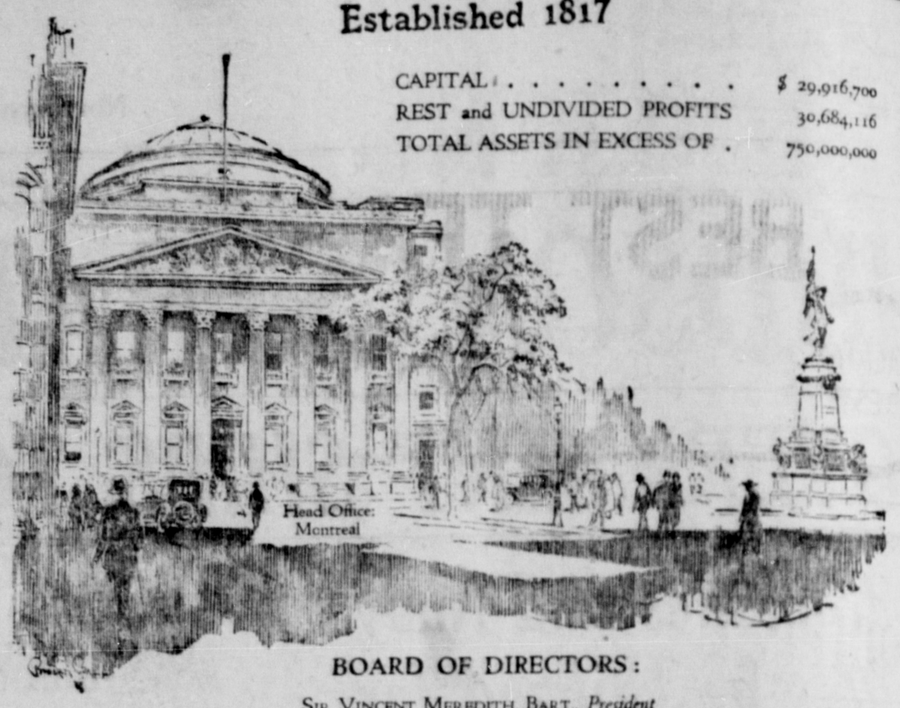

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the Matter of the Administration Act; and
In the Matter of the Estate of William T. Mitchell, Deceased, Intestate.

TAKE NOTICE that by order of His Honor, H. E. A. Robertson, the 18th day of December, A.D. 1926, I was appointed Administrator of the estate of William T. Mitchell, deceased, and all parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified, to me on or before the 22nd day of January, A.D. 1927, and all parties indebted to the estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith.

NORMAN A. WATT,
Official Administrator,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

IN PROBATE.

In the Matter of the Administration Act; and
In the Matter of the Estate of Vagn E. Theisen, Deceased; Intestate.

TAKE NOTICE that by order of the District Registrar of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the 18th day of January, 1927, I was appointed Administrator of the estate of Vagn E. Theisen, deceased, and all parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified, to me on or before the 19th day of February, A.D. 1927, and all parties indebted to the estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith.

NORMAN A. WATT,
Official Administrator,
Prince Rupert, B.C.
Dated the 20th day of January, 1927.

IN PROBATE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the Matter of the Administration Act; and
In the Matter of the Estate of Alberta Daniels, Deceased, Intestate.

TAKE NOTICE that by order of His Honor, Judge Robertson, the 15th day of December, A.D. 1926, I was appointed Administrator of the estate of Alberta Daniels, deceased, and all parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified to me on or before the 16th day of January, A.D. 1927, and all parties indebted to the estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith.

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