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RECOGNITION MAY BE OVERDONE.

George Young is a fine specimen of Canadian boyhood, clean of mind and sturdy of body, and all Canadians were proud of him when he won that race from Catalina Island to the California coast. We are not sure that winning a rich prize and a certain amount of fleeting fame will be altogether to the permanent advantage of George. Legislatures of both the United States and Canada, Governors of States and Provinces and Mayors of cities have sent him messages of congratulations.

Hundreds of private citizens have showered blessings upon his illustrious head. The Mayor of Toronto wants the citizens to buy a home and permanently establish him and his dotting mother in it. A prominent citizen of Toronto has started an endowment fund and inscribed his name at the head of a list of donors with a subscription of five thousand dollars.

George Young is a good boy. If he had not been a good boy he would not have been a famous boy today. There doubtless are many boys in Toronto just as good as George, and those boys of exemplary character are probably having just as hard a time making their way in the world as George had.

Thanks to his fine character and magnificent physique, combined with some luck, George Young's future in life is amply secured—if he has the good sense to maintain his moral balance and take care of himself—for there is a danger that all the foolish adulation being showered upon him may "go to his head" and turn his feet from the paths of strict righteousness.

But George comes of stock whose heads were hard and feet firmly planted on solid moral ground. He is said to have been born in a place called Aberdeen, a city which is built of granite. Therefore if George inherits the qualities of his ancestors he should continue to walk in the straight and narrow path and take good care of all the dollars that come his way—for it appears that he is going to sacrifice his dignity as a man and exhibit himself in theatres and pose in the pictures and be well paid for doing so—he will soon be a rich man. Neither the Mayor of Toronto nor the millionaire of Toronto need bother their heads about his future.

Therefore if the hearts of Toronto's wealthy men have been inflamed into emotional spasms by tales that are told about the tribulations of George Young and his devoted mother, let them take all the money they can spare and collect all the money they can and use it for the benefit of other boys in Toronto who are having a hard time and are fighting manfully the battle of life. There are always plenty of boys doing that in every part of the world.

A PROUD DAY FOR SCOTLAND.

Marked the world over wherever Scotsmen are to be found is this day, January 25, the birthday of Caledonia's great bard, Robert Burns, who was born in 1759 and died at the age of 37½ years in 1796. Probably the greatest interpreter of the life of his time, Burns knew his country well. He knew the seamy side of life as well as the bright, the vulgar as well as the elite. If some of his works may approach a point bordering upon the realms of obscenity, the great bulk of them were simply innocent and expressionately natural. The good of the man far overshadowed the bad and even at his worst it may be said that he was at least honest. It is 131 years since Burns, at the height of his career, was cut off in early life. He lived long enough, however, to become one of the greatest poets in history. Scoffed at and ridiculed in life, time intervening has served to justify the man and his works. Now and for a long time hence, his name will be proudly revered and remembered by his kinsfolk.

And so his fierce and tender strain,
Lives, and his idlest words remain
To flout oblivion, that in vain
Strives to destroy
One lightest record of his pain
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Fair Association Adjourns for Week; Then It Will Be Decided Whether or Not It Carries On

Unless a substantially increased measure of public support is at once forthcoming, it is probable that the Prince Rupert Exhibition will be abandoned for the coming year at least. Such was practically the decision of the Northern British Columbia Agricultural & Industrial Association at its annual meeting last night. One group in the meeting expressed the feeling that, if the present general apathy with regard to Exhibition affairs was to continue, it would be just as well to call the project off while another group was of the opinion that, to get the Exhibition out of its present financial difficulty, the only thing to do was to carry on. As a compromise measure, it was decided to adjourn the meeting until next Tuesday night to give all those interested, particularly the creditors of the Association, an opportunity to come out and decide upon a future line of action.

The meeting received reports on 1926 operations but deferred the election of a new board for the coming year. President W. D. Vance was in the chair and eighteen members of the Association, including the president, were in attendance as follows: Harry Breen, Fred Scadden, John Bulger, Bert Morgan, R. M. Winslow, Dan Jabour and Aid. Jos. Greer, last year's directors; David Thomson, manager, and John McRae, G. H. Munro, Hy. Halliwell, A. C. Beatty, Frank Dibb, W. J. Raymond, G. A. Hunter, R. Burney and Percy Cameron.

After the financial report which showed a deficit on 1926 operations of \$2,771.05 had been presented and accepted, the report of the president was read. With reference to the deficit, Mr. Vance's report stated that it had been essentially due to lack of support that had been accorded the fair. He gave figures to show that donations during 1926 had been \$535.75 less than in 1925; city grant, \$450 less; advertising in prize book, \$233.90 less; and concessions and booths, \$345.85 less, these figures giving a total decrease in revenue of \$1,574.50. Paid admissions during the 1926 fair were \$67.65 in excess of 1925 but this was not a fair comparison as the 1925 scholarship contest had netted \$1485 whereas the drawing for the automobile in 1926 had netted but \$309. Taking all these figures into consideration, the deficit was more than accounted for. The carnival queen project had been abandoned in 1926 on the ground that it had been overdone in past years but, the report stated, as a money raising means it might in another year again be given serious consideration. There might be a cutting down on outdoor sports, the report suggested. They had cost \$841.75 last year whereas the gate was \$828.50.

MIGHT EFFECT SAVINGS

Pointing to savings that might be effected in connection with future fairs, Mr. Vance stated that there had been a good deal of permanent improvements made during the past year which would not be necessary again, thus saving that expense to future operations. Two Indian bands had been engaged in 1926 but the number of Indian visitors had been disappointing. The Boys' Band, he thought, would fill the bill in this connection during the coming year.

The Fraser Valley exhibit had come in for considerable criticism but Mr. Vance pointed out that it had been brought here for educational purposes with a view to raising the standard of local district exhibits. Principally on account of the general election and early frosts, the tributory districts had not responded. Mr. Vance suggested that district exhibits here might be subsidized as was done in New Westminster.

Supplementing Mr. Vance's report, David Thomson, fair manager, told of having seen Hon. E. D. Barrow, minister of agriculture, and W. J. Bonavia, secretary of the department, who were in favor of giving the Prince Rupert Exhibition an additional grant on the strength of the Westminster exhibit having been brought here.

Commenting on the report of the president, George Munro remarked that nothing had been said in the report as to ways and means for meeting the outstanding accounts.

Mr. Vance, in reply, stated that the Fair Board had called on the civic finance committee with reference to the matter but had been advised by the committee to first hold its annual meeting and select the 1927 board before proceeding with negotiations. To cover the outstanding accounts, Mr. Vance suggested that the Board borrow the money from the city and stand good for it. Such Mr. Vance thought was the proper course to follow and he had no doubt that the city would support the Board. He referred to the fact that the city of Kamloops had carried the deficit of the Exhibition for three years.

Supporting the suggestion that the money should be borrowed from the city or at least from one source as soon as possible, Bert Morgan declared that the city council of Vancouver had carried a large deficit of the Exhibition there for thirteen years, the fair only last year having been put on its own feet. He thought that the president's report covered the ground very well.

Mr. Vance stated that the present board had propositions to put before the 1927 board with a view to raising money.

Mr. Munro inquired as to what security the board had if it went out to raise money in the usual way. "Only the building and fixtures," replied Mr. Vance, the manager remarking that the building was valued at \$7,000.

MORE CENTRAL LOCATION

Mr. Munro felt that it would be much better if the Fair building were located downtown. He suggested that the present building might be sold to the Dominion government as an armory and the Exhibition Association establish itself downtown. It involved extra expense to have the building in its present location and there was little chance to derive revenue from it.

The benefit that would accrue from having the building downtown was generally recognized in discussion that followed.

The president's report being accepted, the agenda then called for the election of directors for 1927. Harry Breen questioned the advisability of proceeding with this part of business immediately.

"I question very much whether it is advisable to have a Fair this year," asserted Bert Morgan in opening the discussion which featured the evening's proceedings. "Possibly, if it were decided not to have one, it would make people sit up and take notice and express themselves as to whether they really wanted one or not."

Mr. Morgan explained how directorship of the Fair had been foisted upon him against his will last year and declared that he had absolutely decided to quit. A city should be ashamed of itself that gave such little support to its Fair as Prince Rupert did. In every other town or city, there was enthusiasm about the Fair but here there was not a solitary business man on Third Avenue who had made an effort to support the Fair. "My store," declared Mr. Morgan "was the only one that was even decorated." Results could not be obtained that way. The people that derived the most benefit from the Fair turned the directors down cold when assistance was sought. He did not believe in giving his own time and neglecting his business when everybody else maintained a strictly mercenary attitude toward the Exhibition. It was impossible to have a successful fair without the support of all. This town was still a small place and a fair should be staged accordingly on a small basis.

Referring to the lack of enthusiasm and support in connection with the Fair here, Mr. Vance compared Prince Rupert with Ketchikan where everybody entered into the spirit of any celebration that might be held. People here did not take enough interest in their own town to make it attractive. There was some reason a lack of public spirit.

"We are in a hole," continued Mr. Vance "and the only way I can see of getting out of it is to carry on. But we must have the support of all the citizens, more particularly businesses that derive direct benefit such as the taxis and hotels."

John Bulger mentioned a rumor that was current that \$1700 had been spent by the Fair Board this year on taxis. This item was turned up and it was shown that only \$82.50 had been expended for this purpose.

CAN'T QUIT NOW

Mr. Vance said, if the Fair was dropped now, the Association could not clear up its accounts. There would be no civic or government grant.

If the Fair was continued, the price list would have to be revised, asserted Mr. Vance.

IN PROBATE.

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.

LAND ACT.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO PURCHASE LAND

TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Arthur Robertson, Massett, B.C., occupation Millman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described land:

Commencing at northeast corner of Lot 1960, G.C.I. District; thence south fifty chains; thence east forty chains; thence north to shore; thence following highwater mark to point of commencement, containing one hundred acres, more or less.

Located this 30th day of December, 1926.

ARTHUR ROBERTSON.

NOTICE.

All accounts due the Pioneer Laundry Ltd. and the Canadian Steam Laundry, up to and including December 31, 1926, are payable to the above firms. All liabilities owing to the above firms are assumed and payable by the new organization known as Prince Rupert Laundries Ltd. (Signed)

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Manager Thomson. Too much money was spent on prizes.

The meeting then discussed the paucity of exhibits in many sections. One suggestion was that no prizes should be awarded unless there were two or more exhibits. Another suggestion was that prizes should be (continued on page five)

"GOVERNMENT LIQUOR ACT."

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR BEER LICENCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on the 10th day of February next, the undersigned intends to apply to the Liquor Control Board for a licence in respect of premises being part of the building known as Seal Cove Hotel, situate at the City of Prince Rupert, Province of British Columbia, upon the lands described as all that portion of Waterfront Block "I," Bay of Prince Rupert, City of Prince Rupert, Province of British Columbia, Map 923, Prince Rupert Land Registration District, and being more particularly described as follows:

"Commencing at a point which lies in a straight line of bearing north 69 deg. 23' 8" east a distance of 767.20 feet from the centre of circle as shown on said Plan 923, section 7, thence south 1 deg. 35' 25" east a distance of 90 feet to a point, thence north 88 deg. 24' 35" east a distance of 100 feet to a point, thence north 6 deg. 35' 25" west a distance of 60 feet to a point, thence south 83 deg. 24' 35" west a distance of 100 feet to the point of commencement."

For the sale of beer by the glass or by the open bottle for consumption on the premises.

DATED this 12th day of January, 1927.
H. A. DODD,
Applicant.

"GOVERNMENT LIQUOR ACT"

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR BEER LICENCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 1st day of February next the undersigned intends to apply to the Liquor Control Board for a licence in respect of premises being part of the building known as Central Hotel, situated at the corner of First and Seventh Streets, in the City of Prince Rupert, Province of British Columbia, upon the lands described as Lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), in Block Ten (10), Section One (1), City of Prince Rupert, Province of British Columbia, according to a registered map or plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at the City of Prince Rupert aforesaid and numbered 923, for the sale of beer by the glass or by the open bottle for consumption on the premises.

DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 3rd day of January, 1927.
COIRA E. BLACK,
Applicant.

LAND ACT.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO LEASE LAND

In Oona River Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, B.C., and situate on an island in Oona River approximately opposite Block One and Two of Lot 2199, E. & Coast District (mostly tide flat surrounding small island).

TAKE NOTICE that John Bergman, of Oona River, B.C., occupation Fisherman, intends to apply for a lease of the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted 300 feet north of northwest corner post of Lot 2199; thence 1000 feet southeast; thence 200 feet westerly; thence 1000 feet northwest; thence 100 feet to post planted, and containing ten acres, more or less.

JOHN BERGMAN,
Applicant.
Dated October 30, 1926.

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