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THIS YEAR'S FAIR

Is there to be a fair this year or is there not? All depends upon the people of Prince Rupert. If they want it, the thing to do is to attend the meeting called for Thursday of next week. If they think it better that it should be permanently dropped, stay away from the meeting. If the work is to be carried on, it is clear that someone must do it. The fair will not run itself and the same people cannot be expected to carry on year after year.

It is not uncommon for fair meetings to be poorly attended. The same thing has happened here before on several occasions. At Terrace this year several meetings were called before a sufficient number turned out to warrant proceeding. It looked as if the fair then would have to be dropped.

The fact that the attendance last night at the meeting was so poor, does not mean anything except that the people are indifferent, thinking that someone will carry on the work anyway and they need not worry. Now it is known that if there is not a good attendance the fair will be allowed to lapse altogether and doubtless those interested will be on hand to see it goes on.

TWO KINDS OF INTEREST

There are two kinds of interest in the local fair. There are those who make money out of the people who come here and there are others who take a civic pride in the event and would like to have it succeed from a sense of loyalty to the city and its institutions. The help of both is necessary. This year it is hoped that there will be an effort to carry on the excellent work of the last board of directors and make the fair worthy of the city.

INTERESTING SUGGESTIONS

The retiring president of the fair makes some interesting suggestions in his report. One of these is the suggestion that Sixth Avenue should be continued to the fair grounds. At any rate a good road, wide enough for cars to operate, should be constructed if it is possible to do so.

Another suggestion is for a thorough renovation of the midway arrangements for the fair. Either it must be improved or wholly banished. Whether it should go in front of the building is a question for the directors, but at any rate it should be brought up to date and made as respectable in appearance as the other sections of the fair. We cannot afford to have it continue as at present.

LIBRARY CUT DOWN

It seems a pity that in its pruning process the city council should have found it necessary to cut the Library estimates to a point where it will interfere with the purchase of the usual number of books for patrons. Last summer it was found desirable to slightly increase the salary of the Librarian and it was expected that the city would at least allow for this increase in their estimates for this year. Instead of that they have cut the estimate slightly lower than last year.

The Library is an institution that gives more service to the citizens than any other public institution and when readers realize that the council has pared the appropriation to such a point that the number of new books this year must be considerably less than last year, they will undoubtedly make a protest.

EXCELLENT WORK OF COUNCIL

We have no intention of being critical of the general work of the city council. It is so good that it is with hesitation any criticism is made. The taxpayers of the city will be grateful to them for their efforts in keeping down the costs and consequently reducing the taxes. It places the city in a better financial condition than has been the case for several years past and will reassure the purchasers of securities, thus making it much more easy to dispose of city bonds.

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Suggestion Made to Close Down Fair but Another Chance is Given at Meeting Called for Next Week

Only Nineteen Persons Out to Hear Reports and no Action Taken Except to Meet Again for Election of Officers March 29

After some pointed remarks had been made by those present as to the lack of public interest which was apparently being taken in the welfare of the Prince Rupert Exhibition, the Northern British Columbia Agricultural & Industrial Association, at its annual meeting last night, decided to adjourn until Thursday, March 29, in the hope of obtaining a larger attendance of members to participate in the election of officers for 1928 which is postponed until that time. The meeting heard and adopted the report of President Frank Dibb on operations of the year 1927 as well as the financial statement for the past year. General gratification and congratulation was expressed at the splendid showing that had been made by the 1928 board in not only wiping out a large deficit of nearly $3,000 handed down to it from 1926, but also, after meeting all 1927 expenses which included a rather extensive building and improvement program, having a small cash balance on hand of some $14. Nineteen persons showed sufficient interest to attend last night's meeting. They were Ald. Frank Dibb, 1928 president; Olof Hanson, vice-president; W. D. Vance, who acted as secretary; S. E. Parker, Dan Jabour, George B. Casey, Ben Self, Joseph Brown, W. H. Sherman, Fred Scadden, E. B. Baker, N. Mussallem, P. C. Miller, J. O. Williamson, H. F. Glassey, Malcolm McLeod, D. McD. Hunter and O. A. Johnson.

The report of the secretary was adopted on motion of S. E. Parker, seconded by D. McD. Hunter.

VOTE OF THANKS

In moving the adoption of the president's report, D. McD. Hunter proposed that a vote of thanks be also passed to the president and the directors for the splendid showing that had been made. The motion was seconded by N. Mussallem and carried. It was one of the best reports he had heard in the fifteen years' history of the Fair, remarked Ben Self.

A lengthy discussion preceded the making of the decision to defer the election of officers until there should be a more substantial attendance.

It was surely little appreciation that the citizens had to show for the efforts of a board which had pulled through to such success, Olaf Hanson felt. There were two daily newspapers in the city but he noted that but one was represented at this meeting. This was but typical of the lack of interest which was being taken and which he felt was anything but fair to the retiring board of the Association itself. The 1927 board, and it was not his wish to include himself in the remark, had worked hard to make a success and he was proud to see, handicapped as it might have been at the start, that it at least had enough left over to provide postage stamps for an incoming board. Appreciation of the work should be shown by a much larger attendance of citizens. If the spirit was such that even the press did not care, then he would say it would be better to close up.

PROPOSES RESIGNING

Ben Self did not wish to see another series of postponements of the annual meeting such as there had been last year. It was his opinion that the present board of directors should resign and leave it in the hands of the president and secretary to call another meeting at such time in the future as the citizens might feel like getting together and supporting the Fair. "I say that is the time to stop when we do not owe anybody," continued Mr. Self. "After having gone through the ordeal myself for seven years now, I have come to the conclusion that it is not worth while to bother and I think that there are others of the directors who feel about the same as I." Mr. Self moved that the present board resign and the nomination and election of directors be postponed until such time as the president and secretary might see fit.

Dan Jabour seconded Mr. Self's motion.

President Dibb felt that it was not necessary for the board to resign. Its term of office had automatically expired. He would like to hear an expression of opinion on Mr. Self's proposal. The meeting was not a representative one and he felt that the board was deserving of better support. As a matter of fact, the most of those present were retiring directors.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT

G. B. Casey felt that there was truth and merit in the remarks that had been made by Mr. Self. There was no use, however, in the board feeling that the public was not interested and leaving the matter as suggested by Mr. Self. Perhaps, there were some good reasons for the seeming lack of interest. The people of Prince Rupert were not used to taking much active part in the Fair. The work was usually carried out by the small group of men constituting the board of directors and the people possibly forgot that they were a part or the main body of the Association. Instead of Mr. Self's motion, he suggested that the meeting adjourn until some fixed date in the future and that the people be brought to realize that it was up to them to elect a board of directors and start the work going. "I do not feel that it is right to say that we are through. We as citizens, still have some responsibility in the matter and I say that another attempt should be made to interest the people. Further, this board should feel grateful to the people for the support they have given without which no success such as has been achieved could have been attained."

TWO ALTERNATIVES

It was up to the people either to turn out and elect a new board or allow the Fair to lapse, S. E. Parker felt. The support of the public which had made the 1927 fair a success was fully appreciated. Such a small attendance at the annual meeting, however, was both disappointing and discouraging. Mr. Parker moved in amendment that the annual meeting be adjourned for the election of officers.

Olof Hanson seconded the amendment. Though such a small attendance might warrant the board in quitting, still some responsibility must be realized in the matter and it was possible people might have had some good excuses in not attending on this occasion.

As long as the public was stirred up, Ben Self expressed willingness to withdraw his motion, especially since it was evident that it was the wish of the meeting. He pointed out, however, that it was already two months late. There was much detail work which should have been organized and gotten under way in January. It was important that there should be no more delay than was necessary.

H. F. Glassey expressed concurrence in remarks which had been made by the retiring directors. The 1927 board was to be congratulated on the success it had attained. There should be a greater measure of public support than was now being shown.

FAIR POSTPONEMENT

W. H. Sherman favored the postponement of the meeting and agreed that more general interest should be taken.

Possibly it was not generally understood that holders of tickets on the lot which had been raffled last year were entitled to participate in the annual meeting, suggested Mr. Casey.

Fred Scadden stated his surprise at the splendid financial statement. It was the best annual report he had ever heard.

D. McD. Hunter had also been somewhat surprised at the showing. Still, however, it had been an excellent board and success might have been expected from it. The present attitude on the part of the people was not unusual nor was it malicious. He felt that another appeal might meet with better response. The report was very gratifying and one upon which the board might be congratulated.

The report had been a real pleasure to N. Mussallem. Good work had been done for which there would be due appreciation. There should be no thought of discontinuing the fair, he thought. It was, in his mind, the most effective means of advertising the city to the district. It was about the only time the city became tempting to residents of the district. He regretted to see the small attendance but felt that postponement might bring better results.

After some further discussion, in which the necessity of getting as early a start as possible was stressed, it was finally decided to adjourn for the election of officers until March 29.

Capt. H. Calderwood of the Digby Island ferry boat Rhona sailed by the Camosun last night for Victoria on his annual holiday trip. Returning to the city in a fortnight, he will be accompanied by Mrs. Calderwood and family who have been south for some time.

Financial Statement of Fair Shows Considerable Surplus Used to Liquidate Old Debts

The financial statement of the auditor of the accounts of the Northern B.C. Agricultural and Industrial Association presented at the meeting last night and adopted shows a surplus on hand of $2,593.39. This amount was used by the directors in paying debts incurred the previous year so that the association breaks even with all debts paid. The receipts and expenditures follow:

REVENUE

Grants—Provincial Government	$ 480.00
Indian Department	300.00
City of Prince Rupert	1,500.00
Membership Fees	1,943.00
Donations	2,380.70
Advertisements in Prize List	668.00
Admission Receipts	4,207.00
Concessions and Booths	847.50
Entry Fees, $27.35. Rents of Building, $155	182.35
Empire Day Drawings	65.61
Sundry Receipts	31.30
	$12,605.46

EXPENDITURE

Prize Money	$ 1,315.99
Advertising	484.61
General Expenses	337.92
Printing Prize List, Stationery, etc.	613.14
Sports and Attractions	682.37
Salaries and Wages	1,332.30
Fire Insurance on Building	78.77
Repairs and Maintenance of Building	833.54
Grandstand, $183.84. Fire Escape, $135.28	319.12
Cost of bringing in exhibits	564.97
Light, Phone, Water and Power	191.93
Membership Drive Expenses, $56.55. Postage, $18.01	74.56
Stampede	2,047.01
Fence and Corrals	1,135.84
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SURPLUS for 1927 carried to Surplus account	2,593.39
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