

### THEATRE AGAIN IS UNDER FIRE

STRUCTURE MUST BE STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH BYLAWS BEFORE PERMIT IS GRANTED, COUNCIL DECIDES

No permit will be granted for the new theatre which it is proposed by Misak and Paul Alvasoff to erect on Third Avenue near the corner of Fulton Street until proper plans have been deposited with the city engineer. The city council last night confirmed itself in this decision following the reading of the minutes of a previous meeting which, ambiguously, left the impression that the permit had already been granted on recommendation of the building commission. The matter was brought up by Ald. Brown who questioned whether the roof was in accordance with the bylaws.

City Solicitor Jones stated that the plans and specifications must be submitted to the city engineer. The city council had no power to divert from any existing bylaw except by passing another bylaw. There was no intention of granting a permit until the bylaw had been complied with.

**MUST FILE PLANS**  
When plans and specifications complying with the bylaws were submitted, the permit would be given stated Mayor McMordie. It would be desirable to see the building proceeded with but, until there was compliance with the bylaw, it could not go ahead. The mayor stated that Mr. Pillsbury had come to see him and he (the mayor) had given permission for the piling down of an old building to be proceeded with, pending submission of the plans. No further building would be allowed to proceed, however, until proper plans and specifications were submitted. The city engineer had no authority to issue a permit for a building not in accordance with the bylaws. The minute stated that, while the roof was not strictly in accordance with the bylaw, there was, in the opinion of the engineer, a sufficient factor of safety.

Ald. Collart stated that the plans had been submitted today and he saw nothing wrong with them. They had been approved by the fire marshal.

Ald. Brown was of the opinion that the fire marshal had nothing to do with it as far as the bylaws of the city were concerned.

**FIRE MARSHAL'S DUTY**  
Mayor McMordie confirmed this view. The fire marshal only passed on the moving picture machinery and the fire protection. He had nothing to do with the city bylaws.

An amendment to the minutes providing that the roof should be in accordance with the bylaw before a permit should be granted was passed with Ald. Collart voting against. "I won't stand for that kind of thing," he asserted.

**CITY LINEMEN GIVEN RAISE**  
WILL BE PAID \$7.50 PER DAY, THE SAME AS VANCOUVER SCALE, COUNCIL DECIDES

On recommendation of the utilities committee, the city council last night decided that linemen of the local department shall henceforth be paid at the rate of \$7.50 per day, this being the Vancouver rate, that the operators shall remain at their present rate, Samuel Massey to be returned to his original rate of \$208 per month.

Speaking to the recommendation, Ald. Brown, chairman of the utilities committee, explained that three years ago the linemen had asked for a raise but the council had deemed the time inopportune so the request had been gracefully withdrawn. Meanwhile the Vancouver rate had advanced and the committee felt that the local men were entitled to the same scale. A sum of \$729 per year would be involved in the increase. Mr. Massey's salary had originally been \$208 but had been cut two or three years ago to \$200.

Ald. Collart did not see what Vancouver had to do with Prince Rupert in the matter of wages. In Vancouver, linemen were frequently laid off when there was no work to be done but here they worked steadily. He could not quite see the object of making a raise under present conditions. Perhaps, Prince Rupert linemen on the present scale were better off than those in Vancouver. Had the utilities committee gone thoroughly into this aspect of the case?

Ald. Brown stated that the committee had dealt with this phase of the matter and had approved of the raise. He pointed out that the most of the line trouble occurred here when the weather was stormy and it was then that the men were called out. Only extra gangs were laid off in Vancouver, not the permanent staff of linemen.

Mayor McMordie saw no justification for turning the recommendation down, particularly since it had been recommended by the superintendent of the department.

The recommendation was then adopted without a dissenting voice.

Reading of an agreement between the city and the Brotherhood of Electric Workers in connection with the matter was deferred, the city solicitor not being certain as to whether the council had the authority to enter upon an agreement such as that which was submitted.

**NEW COMMITTEES FOR LOCAL ROTARY CLUB**  
Change in Constitution Causes Change in Apportionment of Special Duties of Members

Recently the Prince Rupert Rotary Club adopted a revised constitution and this called for a revision of the committees. The following are the result: Aims and Objects—The President, Secretary and the Chairman of the three Service Committees, namely George Woodland, John Dybhavn and George Bryant.

Club Service—George Woodland (chairman), J. L. Lee, D. C. Paterson, Norman Watt, Archdeacon Rix and H. F. Pullen.

Vocational Service—John Dybhavn (chairman), T. Andrew, Fred Dawson, S. P. McMordie, J. H. Thompson, and T.

### WHAT I MIGHT HAVE BEEN

As Told by Harold C. Burr  
By JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

"My life has been like a fairy tale. Everything I've wanted I've got."

"I always wanted to be a musician. I was born in a musical atmosphere. The Civil War was still on when I was about 6 years old, and all Washington, my birthplace, was an armed camp. Bands were continually passing our house, day and night. One day I followed one so far I had to ask some boys where I lived and bribe them to take me home.

"Then, too, my father was a trombone player in the United States Marine Band. And I used to carry my violin into the kitchen and saw away at it for my mother's edification. She raptly said it was beautiful, but, of course, it wasn't. My mother wasn't musical.

"But there was an interlude when I wanted to be a baker. It happened before I reached my teens. I was taking violin lessons at the Washington Conservatory of Music, one afternoon, when my teacher told me to draw a longer bow. I couldn't—I was standing too near the wall, and told him so.

"He flew into a rage at being contradicted and came at me yelling, 'I'll kill you!' I clubbed my violin and dared him, in a frightened stammer, to touch me. Somehow I ducked away from his rush and ran home to my father.

"I don't believe you want to be musician, after all," he said. "What do you want to be, Johnny?"

"I was mortified. I wanted to bury myself deep in degradation. A baker!" I bawled at the top of my lungs. He didn't say anything more. He just took me by the hand, and we went down the street to Charlie's bakery. I stuck it out for a couple of nights, loading bread on the wagons. But two were enough. Father knew they would be. I was glad to return to my music.

"What would I have done for a living if there was no music in the world? I can't conceive of such a thing. Music has been with us ever since the first singing of the spheres. But I would have had my writing. Otherwise, I might have had to shovel coal—or go back to Charlie's bakery.

"I carried the idea for a novel, 'The Fifth String,' around in my head for twenty-five years. When I told Edward Bok, then editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, I would write a book for him

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he rudely bade me stick to my high and low notes. After a while I persuaded him to listen, and he wanted to know if I'd put it down on paper yet.

"I wrote the story and offered it to Bok for \$5000. He wired back to submit the manuscript. I, imperious author, said I never did that. I didn't—with my music. However, a book publisher accepted it within five hours and it sold, I think, through twenty-nine editions. Afterward I wrote other books and several librettos. But music's my first love.

"Jim Hall, the prize-fighter, and I occupied the same smoker while I was on one of my tours. I'd just composed some marches, and he was riding the crest, the only man up to then to whip Fitzsimmons.

"Our cigars going nicely, he recited some of the gory, strenuous details of his ring battles. I remarked I guessed I didn't want to be a prize-fighter. Hall rose in great dignity. 'Young man,' he said severely, pointing a finger at me, 'you're placed!'

"And I've been placed ever since."

Tomorrow—James Montgomery Flagg.  
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**WOULD ADD TO PARKS BOARD**  
ALD. COLLART SUGGESTS C.N.R. AND G.T.P. DEVELOPMENT CO. BE REPRESENTED

At the suggestion of Ald. Collart, it was decided at last night's council meeting, if it is possible to do so, to add W. H. Tobey, C.N.R. divisional superintendent, and M. A. Burbank, divisional engineer, to the personnel of the civic parks board as representatives of the Canadian National Railways and the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Co.

Ald. Collart felt that, as the parks board had to work in connection with the railway and development companies, the companies should be represented on the board. Already Mr. Tobey and Mr. Burbank had done good work in connection with the beautification of the railway company's grounds and they could probably give the city valuable advice and assistance in its work such as that at McClymont Park.

Mayor McMordie approved of the suggestion although he felt it would hardly be fair to ask the officials referred to to give a great deal of their time. As citizens, he felt that it was proper that the railway and development companies should thus be represented on the parks board. If the number of the board was not limited, he would be pleased to take action as suggested.

In the matter of civic beautification, Ald. Tinker handed on the suggestion

that had been made to him that, as the view from Acropolis Hill was advertised to the tourists coming here, a foot-path be put in there instead of the present dilapidated board walk. Ald. Greer stated that the board of works had under consideration the putting in of a cinder path to the reservoir.

**CITY ASKED FOR CENOTAPH GRANT**  
MATTER REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE LAST NIGHT AFTER FAVORABLE COMMENT IS MADE

After favorable remarks in connection therewith had been made, the city council last night referred to the finance committee an application from the cenotaph committee for a grant to wards the cenotaph in commemoration of the dead of the Great War which it is proposed to erect shortly here. The letter from the Canadian Legion briefly drew attention to the drive which is about to be launched, stating that any financial assistance the city might give would be appreciated.

Mayor McMordie drew attention to the fact that it was now nearly ten years since the war had ended. Prince Rupert had done nothing yet to commemorate the dead of the conflict, being possibly the last city in Canada to thus fail in its duty. He hoped that the council would give the application its most favorable consideration.

Ald. Brown moved, seconded by Ald. Rudderham, that the matter be referred to the finance committee for report.

"Do you think that is necessary?" asked the mayor.

Ald. Brown explained that he felt the finance committee would be in the best position to know just how much of a grant it would be possible for the city to make. That was the reason for his motion. He was in full sympathy with assisting the project.

Ald. Collart felt that it would be proper to refer the matter to the finance committee.

The mayor then ordered accordingly. A letter from the cenotaph publicity committee in regard to the matter was also read.

The sum of \$500 has been mentioned as an appropriate civic grant. The cenotaph, it is estimated, will cost \$5,000.

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In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph William Christian, Deceased, Intestate.  
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NORMAN A. WATT,  
Official Administrator,  
Prince Rupert, B.C.  
Dated the 14th day of March, 1928.

**MINERAL ACT**  
(Form F.)  
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