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# PEOPLE TO DECIDE POWER CONTRACT

## KING GEORGE GROWING WEAKER AS HE FIGHTS DISEASE

### Ratepayers to Decide Which Company is to Get Power Plant and Franchise for Prince Rupert

Vote to Be Taken December 20 When Two Questions Will Be Answered by Property Owners of the City

The ratepayers of Prince Rupert are to decide whether they want to sell their light and power plant and franchise and if so what company is to be the purchaser. A vote is to be taken December 20, following which, if the vote is favorable to selling, a bylaw will be passed and submitted to the ratepayers for their endorsement, when a three-fifths vote will be necessary to carry it.

The city council decided on this line of action last night after hearing the whole situation reviewed by Mayor McMordie, who strongly recommended that the matter be left to the people to decide, as the members of the council were divided among them selves.

The two companies whose bids are to be voted on are the American States Public Service Company of Los Angeles, whose cash bid was \$400,000; the Power Corporation of Canada, whose cash offer was \$375,000.

Backers of the Canadian company claim that the difference of \$25,000 would be easily made up through the ability of the big concern to bring industries to this district in order that they may sell their power, they having a special department to deal with this.

There was a large attendance at the city hall last night to hear the matter dealt with, including the representatives of the two companies and their respective solicitors. The outcome, which came on a motion of Alderman Dibb, seconded by Alderman Tinker, came as a surprise.

**Mayor's Statement**

In his statement to the council the mayor reviewed the negotiations which had been carried on since the very beginning. He explained that he and all the members of the council had been unanimous up to the time the tenders were opened. He thanked them for their support and also thanked the people for their patience while the negotiations were being carried on in private.

The mayor said they were now prepared to place their cards on the table and acquaint the public with what had been taking place. No such important matter had been before them in many a year as this. The halibut industry, on (continued on page 5)

### CELTIC STILL FAST ON ROCK

CORBIE, Ireland, Dec. 11.—The Celtic was still fast on the rocks this afternoon. Moderating weather and calm seas, however, considerably lessen the danger of breaking up.

**BALDWIN MEETING PRINCE OF WALES**

LONDON, Dec. 11.—After a brief speech Premier Baldwin hurriedly left the House of Commons this afternoon for Dover where he will meet the Prince of Wales.

No flowers by request.

At her residence, Fourth Avenue on Tuesday, December 11, Stella DuVernet, widow of the late Most Rev. F. H. DuVernet, Archbishop of Caledonia, the funeral service will be conducted in St. Andrew's Cathedral on Thursday next at 3:30 p.m. No flowers by request.

### DEATH NOTICE

### Provincial Liberal Executive to Choose House Leader for Session

VANCOUVER, Dec. 11.—One cannot give any idea at this juncture, Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith, president of the provincial executive of the British Columbia Liberal Association, said, in discussing the possibility that Dr. J. D. MacLean might be named Liberal leader, following her announcement that the executive would meet on January 21 to choose a house leader. "It is a matter for the provincial executive to decide," she said. Dr. MacLean's position, she pointed out, was not clear, pending the outcome of the re-count in the by-election.

### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET RALLIED

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The market rallied impressively in the last hour of trading yesterday after sinking for a spell around noon. Radio closed at \$350.

### NEW FEDERAL JUDGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Justin Harding, of Alaska, was nominated by President Coolidge to be the federal judge of the first division of Alaska.

BRITISH STEAMER ROSSINGTON COURT DUE EARLY IN WEEK

Prince Rupert's fourth grain ship of the season will be the British steamer Rossington Court which is due December 16-18 from the Old Country to load a full cargo of wheat for the United Kingdom or Continent it was learned this afternoon at the offices of the Alberta Wheat Pool's Prince Rupert elevator. The Rossington Court will be lined when she arrives and will go on berth immediately after arrival to start loading.

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The daughter, her mother and a young brother fled from the house, followed by Dominico who fired two more shots, one at the girl and the other at the boy, but both went wide.

Later Dominico was arrested on Seymour Street. The police say that he made a long statement during which he is alleged to have confessed to the shooting.

Nasco Dominico appeared before police court this morning charged with the murder of Tony Agostino. He was remanded until December 18.

### BURY ELECTED AT EDMONTON

EDMONTON, Dec. 11.—Mayor Bury was re-elected with a majority close to 3000 over Captain Bowen in yesterday's civic election.

This afternoon's train, due from the east at 3:30, was reported this morning to be on time.

### Waging Fight Against Death King George is Growing Much Weaker

Infection of Lung Is Spreading to Rest of System and Much Anxiety Felt; Prince Sped Through Europe and Is Expected Home Tonight

LONDON, Dec. 11.—King George's physicians were waging a fight against death this morning. Unofficially, it was said that chances of his recovery were slight.

King George's physicians at 1:15 a.m. this morning issued this bulletin on his condition: "His Majesty the King has had several hours of sleep. The temperature remains high, but there is no further impairment of strength."

A later announcement says it is stated authoritatively today that although the doctors were able to say there was no further impairment of the King's strength, today's bulletin was not regarded in palace circles as satisfactory. Anxiety remained unalloyed owing to the continuance of high temperature. It was pointed out that the infection, which returned in some measure yesterday, still existed and although the fever was not worse, the position regarding the infection had not improved.

That the King's powers of resistance have been ebbing for days under the strain of the lung infection, which spread to his general system, was evident from the physicians' recent reports.

The King's physicians issued the following bulletin at 8:30 p.m.: "His Majesty had a quiet day. There is no increase in the exhaustion and his pulse remains steady."

### Prince Rushing Home

The Prince of Wales is expected to reach London tonight, fully 12 hours in advance of the best time previously estimated. Racing steadily toward Boulogne with all the facilities of three countries, Italy, Switzerland and France, at his disposal, the prince this afternoon was speeding through France. The British destroyer Torch, it was arranged, would take him from Boulogne across the channel.

The Duke of Gloucester, en route from Capetown to England on the steamer Balmoral Castle, is not expected to reach home until December 24.

Prince George is still serving aboard H. M. S. Durban at Bermuda.

The Press Association was reliably informed at 3:45 p.m. that there has been no change in the King's condition since morning.

BOULOGNE, France, Dec. 11.—The Prince of Wales arrived here at 6:45 this evening.

FOLKESTONE, Eng. Dec. 11.—The Prince of Wales landed here from Boulogne at 8:44 p.m., taking special train immediately. He is due in London at 10:22 p.m. He crossed the channel in the mail boat Biarritz.

HON. FRANK OLIVER GETS POSITION WITH RAILWAY COMMISSION

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—The Hon. Frank Oliver has been appointed advisory officer to the board of railway commissioners.

## Boston Grill

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### LORD BYNG STARTS WAR ON NIGHT CLUBS



Lord Byng of Vimy, in his new capacity of Chief Commissioner of Scotland Yard, has announced that he is going to clean up London night clubs, whose proprietors are mostly foreigners, in an effort to purge the metropolitan police from alleged corruption. It is claimed that certain large sums of money in the possession of various members of the force have been obtained to a startling extent from alien managers and proprietors of night clubs. Lord Byng is here seen sitting at his desk at Scotland Yard.

### Shot Girl's Father Because His Attentions to Daughter Were Not Favorably Entertained by Him

VANCOUVER, Dec. 11.—Unrequited love, and the refusal of the father of 20-year-old Mary Augustino to entertain the suit of Nasco Dominico for his daughter, is believed by police to be the cause which led to the shooting to death in his home here yesterday of Tony Augustino, 44 years of age, an Italian, allegedly by Nassi, who is held at police headquarters charged with murder.

Nasco, who arrived Monday morning from Nordegg,

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## RADIO SURVEY IS TO BE MADE

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—Preliminary survey of the radio broadcasting stations in Canada will be undertaken immediately, it was announced by Sir John Aird, chairman of the newly formed Royal Commission on Radio. Following that, the commission will visit broadcasting centres in the Eastern United States then go to Britain and probably France and Germany.

## MISS BOWRON INVESTIGATOR

Appointed by Government Make Inspections For School Teachers

VICTORIA, Dec. 11.—The social conditions under which women teachers carry on their work, especially in rural districts, will be investigated by Miss Lottie Bowron, who has been appointed by the minister of education to perform the duties.

Miss Bowron is available on application by any inspector to proceed to such districts as may be deemed necessary. She is to be a free agent, to carry out such inspections as she thinks desirable.

The initiation of this plan is the outcome of the recent death of Miss Mabel Jones, a young teacher at Cowichan Lake, who took her own life as a result of persecution by the trustees.

## DINNER FUND STILL GROWS

The interest taken in the Christmas dinner fund is very gratifying. While money has not been coming in as fast as might have been expected, there is no doubt the required sum will be forthcoming, because it is unthinkable that Prince Rupert people will allow any to go without a good Christmas dinner when they are enjoying their own. The following is the present status of the fund:

Previously acknowledged	\$53
Mrs. George Bushby	5
A friend	1
Anonymous	1