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**THE SEWER BYLAWS**

The mayor points out quite correctly that, if the ratepayers fail to pass the money bylaw on sewer over-expenditure tomorrow, next year's council will have to pay the whole sum of \$19,000 out of the 1930 budget, which will mean a very material increase in the tax rate or a serious curtailment of the usual work and services of the year. By approving the money bylaw, the sum would be spread over a period of twenty years, which would be much the easier way of financing it. The work has already been carried out so must be paid for.

His Worship accounts for the over-expenditure with the explanation that the council decided upon a more expensive sewer pipe than was at first planned and also that some of the work was carried out as a relief measure and thus cost more. The matter of relief work may be quite laudable. As for changing the specifications, last year's council may have invited trouble by so doing. It would seem hardly good business, however, for the ratepayers to turn down this money bylaw for spite, because it will be they themselves and not the council that will suffer particularly if there is an increased mill rate next year.

As for the McBride Street pavement and Eighth Avenue water main bylaws, both would provide much needed services and will, therefore, commend themselves to many of those qualified to vote.

There is, no doubt, a considerable amount of opposition to the bylaws. Those who favor them should not allow the measures to be turned down through their apathy. A three-fifths vote is required to carry.

**FINE CONCERT**  
**COLOMBO MEN**

Varied Program Delighted Large Audience Last Night in Moose Hall

Clever and diverting entertainment was given last night in the Moose Hall by the concert party of H. M. S. Colombo under the direction of Lieut. Leighton, the ship's musical officer, before a large audience, who took up all the seating capacity provided. Much appreciation was expressed by the audience which enthusiastically encored practically every number on the program which included selections by the ship's band, comic and popular songs and ballads, female impersonations, monologues, instrumental numbers, vaudeville patter and two sketches.

Assisting Lieut. Leighton in the arrangement of the program were Commissioned Gunner Downing and Signalman Wilson, the latter being responsible for very effective stage decorations. Attractive lighting effects were carried out by P. O. King and A. B. Philpotts.

Before the entertainment started, D. C. Schubert, dictator of the Moose Lodge, briefly welcomed the naval visitors and introduced the company. Lieut. Leighton responded in humorous vein.

Chief features of the entertainment were two comic sketches. The first was entitled "P. C. Parker" in which, Leading Signalman Edwards was seen to good advantage as an inebriated policeman. The second of the sketches depicted in burlesque fashion the arguments of two theatre box parties, several novelty turns being introduced much to the delight of the audience.

The ship's band gave several delightful selections under the direction of Stoker P. O. Clare.

Leading Seaman Nurthen gave two entertaining comic songs, "How Does the Milk Get Into Coconuts?" and "The Firemen's Song" to open the program and Chief Ordnance Artificer Hoile sang in feeling tenor voice "The Kingdom Within Your Eyes" and "Garden of Happiness."

Another Departure Following the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Price, V. Houston, on behalf of the senior choir, members and friends, presented Mrs. Pelletier with a silver butter dish, and voiced the sentiments of all at the departure of Mrs. Pelletier from the Baptist church and Prince Rupert.

Mrs. Pelletier, who was much surprised, after finding her voice, thanked Mr. Houston for his kindly expressions, and those present for the gift she had received. Mrs. Pelletier, who is leaving Prince Rupert to reside in Smithers, recounted her connection with the Baptist Church and the Baptist Ladies' Aid, and expressed her regret at the necessity of leaving.

After the presentation the Ladies' Aid served refreshment under the conensorship of Mrs. V. Houston, assisted by Mrs. S. Currie and Mrs. J. H. Smith.

The Rev. T. H. McAllister, Rupert East United Church, closed with prayer.

Stoker P. O. Hall and Able Seaman Payne's vaudeville patter was delightful and Leading Seaman Edwards, in female impersonation songs, was very good. One of his numbers was the popular "I Wonder How I Look When I'm Asleep."

Able Seaman Ridgewell's tenor solos, "My Gypsy Lady" and "Six Little Chicks" were in line with the general excellence of the program.

The audience was delighted with and took part in the odd community singing number "The Picture Book" which was led by Lieut. Leighton.

Many members of the company took part in the sketches including Alfred Stacey who has the distinction of being the smallest boy in the British Navy on the North American and West Indies station.

The program opened with the singing of "O Canada" and was brought to a close with "God Save the King."

Proceeds from the concert will be applied to a local charity.

**PRESENTATIONS LAST NIGHT**

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friendships she had formed in Prince Rupert.

Following the presentation to Mrs. Price, the chairman, Mr. Linzey, addressed the departing guests and in a forceful and masterly manner recounted the work of Mr. and Mrs. Price in Prince Rupert, referred to their untiring energy and devotion in the work of the church, as well as in various other ways.

On behalf of the members and friends of the church, Mr. Linzey then presented Mr. Price with a fountain-pen-and-pencil set and expressed the hope that they would often be used in the writing of "Prince Rupert" on many an envelope. Mr. Price in accepting the gift expressed his regret at the severing of the many friendships he had formed here, and expressed the hope of again having the pleasure of returning to Prince Rupert.

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**The Letter Box**

**THE BYLAWS**

Editor, Daily News:— Tomorrow the ratepayers of this city will be asked to vote on two money bylaws, one for \$19,000.00 in connection with the main sewer, and one for \$12,000.00 spent in building the road from Ninth Avenue to the bridge to connect up with Eleventh Avenue. You will not be voting this money for the council to spend, because the money has already been spent from general account, but simply furnishing the council with an order which they can cash at the bank, and reimburse the treasury. When the city engineer was asked to figure on this sewer, he turned in an estimate of \$35,000.00. This money was spent, and he was allowed to overdraw from general fund to the extent of \$19,000.00 to complete the work. This money was also spent, and the sewer is not completed yet. Just how much it will cost, nobody seems to know. He certainly made a bad "guess" when he could not come within 50 per cent of the cost, and it is high time that a stop was put to this squandering of the ratepayers money.

So far as Eleventh Avenue is concerned, a few hundred dollars would have put that road in shape for the handful of people who are residing over there, without going to the expense of building a brand new road when the city is so hard up for money. Eleventh Avenue could have been closed from beyond Jim Lee's residence to Conrad Street without inconveniencing a single soul, and this end of the avenue put in shape so that residents there could carry on, allowing joy riders to travel by some other route. City work has been carried on in a most extravagant manner for over a year now, and if allowed to continue they will have us bankrupt. Just why the mayor and council do not put a stop to this extravagance, and gross display of incompetence, I am at a loss to understand. However, if they are content to stand idly by and see the city swamped in debt, then it is up to the property owners to use their prerogative, by our voting power, and turn down these bylaws tomorrow. The writer has spoken to several scores of people on this subject and when the matter was explained to them, one and all declared that they would certainly vote against any money bylaw until there was an investigation, and matters were properly adjusted.

**TAXPAYER**

**PRUDHOMME ON BYLAWS**

Editor, Daily News:— I am reluctant to discuss civic matters in the press, but feel that as an alderman I have a duty to discharge to the people of the city and when certain matters should be brought to their attention.

In reference to the vote to be taken tomorrow on the money bylaws, I wish to state clearly that I intend voting against the bylaws as a protest against the extravagant manner in which public money is being spent, fearing that the continuation of such policy will not long delay the appointment of a receiver.

**Re Main Trunk Sewer**

In reference to the excuses made by the mayor for the excessive cost of this work I wish to point out that heavier grade of pipe was discussed by the board of works and the city engineer and I specifically asked what amount the engineer had estimated for pipe, but he would not state any particular amount, but assured the Board of Works that he would have plenty in the estimates to complete the work, even with the heavier grade of pipe, and as a matter of fact no lighter grade of pipe should ever have been considered. As near as I can now remember the difference in cost of the lightest and the heaviest pipe was less than 5,000.00. The amount you are asked to vote for over expenditure is \$19,000.00. The mayor also claims that a considerable portion of the over expenditure was due to the caving in of part of the trench, but the total cost

of work on this trench up to the time laying of pipe commenced was only a little over \$3,000.00. Surely this could not have all been lost, and even had this whole work been destroyed to that time would it excuse such an enormous over expenditure.

The amount of money spent by the engineering department to May 25 of this year is \$54,183.83. Some of this has been charged in the following manner:

Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 914.82
Macadam Roads	2264.21
Tools and Equipment Purchased	1006.25
Tools and Equipment Expense ac.	1940.13
Maintenance of Sidewalks	3617.72
Quarry, Dunsuir St.	1495.54
McBride St. Extension	6374.88
Dunsuir St. Grading	1641.79
Main Sewer No. 1	29306.94

Is comment necessary on the above, more than to ask how and when since the first of January was over \$900.00 spent in Cemetery maintenance, more than \$2200.00 on macadam roads, nearly \$3000.00 on tools and equipment, maintenance of sidewalks amounting to more than \$3600.00, more than \$6000.00 on McBride Street extension? If any one is in doubt go and see the amount of work done for this money on McBride extension. Need I say more?

A. J. PRUDHOMME

**TRUNK SEWER BYLAW**

Editor, Daily News:— In supplement to my letter of the twenty-ninth inst., published in your issue of yesterday, I wish again to emphasize what I stated therein as to what would be the financial result if the bylaw for the completion of the trunk sewer and the pavement of McBride Street are defeated. It will simply mean that the ratepayers will have to pay their portion of the cost when they pay their next year's taxes instead of having the amounts spread over a term of twenty years and ten years respectively.

In regard to Ald. Prudhomme's statement at the last meeting of the council that he intended to vote against these bylaws as a protest against the engineer, I would point out that what was pointed out to him by Ald. Brown at the council meeting, is true. That he voted as a member of the board of works and the council to substitute the more expensive pipe for that recommended by the engineer, and also concurred in the policy of excavating in the autumn of 1927 and the winter of 1928 as a measure of relief, and so cannot relieve himself of the responsibility of the increased cost of the sewer involved by these two facts.

I would further point out that Ald. Prudhomme, since the beginning of this year and, indeed, a greater part of last year, has consistently attacked almost every work emanating from the engineer's department and has exhibited a degree of personal feeling against the city engineer which it seems to me, to say the least, shows distinct bias on his part against the engineer.

Yours truly,  
S. P. McMORDIE...

**NAVY WINNER OF SOFTBALL**

H. M. S. Colombo Players Beat C. N. R. Representatives by Score of 19 to 13

A softball game was played last night between H. M. S. Colombo and Canadian National Railway representatives, the navy winning by a score of 19 to 13. The navy men played a fine game all through and much of the credit was due to the battery consisting of McDonald, pitcher, and Tracey, catcher.

The players were: H. M. S. Colombo—McDonald, p; Tracey, c; Johnston, 1b; Taylor, 2b; D. Scott, ss; Weatherley, 3b; Jeffries, rf; Fields, cf; P. Scott, lf.

C. N. R.—Harold, p; Halroyd, c; Stalker, 1b; McPhee, 2b; Tulloch, ss; Horton, 3b; Smith, rf; Skattebol, cf; Peterson, lf.

**TENNIS TOURNAMENT WITH H. M. S. COLOMBO**

Canadian National Courts to Be Used For Playing of Games This Afternoon and Sunday

Tennis tournaments have been arranged to take place this afternoon, commencing at 4 o'clock, and Sunday afternoon, between players from H. M. S. Colombo and the Prince Rupert Tennis Club. The courts of the Canadian National Recreation Association, having been loaned for the occasion, are being used for the games.

**HIGH SCHOOL ANOTHER WIN**

Beat Booth 4 to 1 in Junior Game But No Walkover

High School yesterday recorded another win over Booth School by four goals to one after a game in which the Booth team had rather the better of the play. The first half saw Booth attack early and Wingham beat Smith with a high shot from the wing. Booth continued to press but Stiles and Pyle cleared. In a breakaway High nearly scored but Nelson cleared when all seemed lost. Smurthwaite at last put the teams even.

Booth began the second half with a dangerous raid but were sent back. High pressed occasionally and were always dangerous round the goal. Smurthwaite added another and Wicks scored two to give their school a safe lead. Smith saved splendidly from Tobey on one occasion but Booth forwards were unable to score.

**Teams**

High—Smith; Stiles and Pyle; Morrison, Franks, Forbes; Wicks, Armstrong, Smurthwaite, Thomas and Bacon.

Booth—J. Murray; Nelson and Cross; Bartlett, Colusi, Greer; Walters, Tobey, Cameron, Iverson and Wingham.

F. Hardy and T. Bussanich were linesmen. Booth had much more of the game than the score would indicate, while lapses by Murray in goal gave High a couple of undeserved goals. Murray saved well at times but was nervous. Nelson turned his best game so far while Cross was safe as usual. Colusi played a clever game at centre half distributing the play well and tackling keenly. Greer and Bartlett were good. Wingham, Walters and Cameron played nice football but found Stiles a tough man to pass. They were always plucky in spite of many knocks. Tobey nearly beat Smith towards the end.

High were well served by Smith in goal and Pyle and Stiles were reliable. Franks, Forbes and Thomas played neat football. Smurthwaite and Wicks were always very dangerous and shared the goals. Armstrong intercepted many passes and played a more than useful game. Morrison and Bacon did well at times.

**TOM HEENEY WON IN FIGHT AT MONTREAL WHEN RIOUX FOULED**

MONTREAL, May 30.—Tom Heeneey, New Zealand heavyweight, won from Elzear Rioux, local heavyweight, on a foul in the eighth round of a scheduled ten-round bout here last night. Heeneey led in every round.

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