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LATEST PEACE RIVER PROJECT

The building of a railway from Peace River to Vancouver south from Beaver Lodge and connecting with the Pacific Great Eastern at Quesnel, thus setting aside the claims of both Prince Rupert and Prince George, looks to us like a promotion scheme for the purpose of getting hold of some English capital with whch to play. The very fact that it proposes to use P.G.E. south of Quesnel is enough to condemn it. If it were put through it would mean the total stop of future British investments in this country.

The proposal, we presume, would not interest British Columbia much because it would be for the purpose of developing Alberta and not this province. It would be in line with the proposed Obed Cutoff and would not develop the Peace River Block or the part of this province south and west of the Peace. For that reason it is to be presumed the British Coluumbia Government would refuse to pay any part of the cost. Certainly Prince Rupert would oppose doing so and we imagine all the country through to Prince George would also be opposed to it.

Mind you, we are not opposed to the railway. British Columbia needs railways. What we are opposed to is to British Columbia giving anything to support an Alberta railway. What we need is a railway that will be built through British Columbia to develop the British Columbia Peace River Block. Any line which does not fill that purpose is not in the best interests of the Province.

We see no objection to a charter being given a railway to build, if it wishes to do so without any bonus or help, but if the Province is to pay any of the cost, it should insist that the railway serve that part of the province which is in need of development.

C. P. R. TO PRINCE RUPERT

When Mayor McMordie stated in a public address last week that the C. P. R. was likely to come to Prince Rupert, he was giving utterance to something which had been talked of on the street a good deal and which is generally expected to take place.

In the past the C. N. R. has shown no disposition to make use of the port to the extent to which the people here thought its manifest advantages entitled it. They have simply held on and followed development instead of leading it.

Today there is a change of disposition and it seems as if they planned to try to make this end of the road pay. We hope they will and promise them every possible support, but, at the same time, if the C. P. R. can be induced to come here and help in the development of the port, we are quite sure they would receive a hearty welcome.

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ALDERMAN PRUDHOMME OPENS HIS CAMPAIGN FOR THE MAYORALTY AT PUBLIC MEETING SATURDAY NIGHT.

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would not be recklessly but judiciously spent. He felt that the change in the public works department had already proven beneficial. The man in charge seemed competent and able and one whom every Tom, Dick and Harry could not dictate to.

City Hall Economy

In the end of fair economies, Ald. Prudhomme expressed the belief that the City Hall was overstaffed and that some of the officials could be cleaned out.

He would give all assistance in his power to the movement to make Prince Rupert the outlet for the Peace River district. He believed there would be success in this fight owing to the strategic position of the city.

He would also endeavor to collect outstanding accounts from the provincial government and the Canadian National Railways. He believed that this could be done by the mayor.

In the matter of city employment, it would always be his policy to give the first chance to married men and ratepayers regardless of nationality. It would not be necessary, as it had been, for them to be in the good graces of the powers that be.

Ald. Prudhomme declared that he would be opposed to sale of the telephone system, which was now giving a good return to the city, unless there should be some advantage such as long-distance connection for the city. Even then he would favor the citizens having the final say on the matter.

Regarding the police, he had always been under the impression that there was a saving to the city of some $6000 or $7000 with the provincial force as against the city. He was well satisfied with the present system, but he would not object to a plebiscite being taken nor to abide by the result of such a plebiscite. However, he did not think it was necessary to bring the matter of the police into this campaign. It looked to him like an attempt to draw a red herring across the trail.

In the matter of an allusion by Mr. Newton that he (Ald. Prudhomme) would lose money personally if elected mayor, Ald. Prudhomme said he was not seeking the job for a meal ticket. Nor did he wish to enter any popularity contest. He was not a professional handshaker nor a crib or bridge player, but he thought he could give the city honest and business-like administration. An attempt was being made to make out that he was cheap and that he would run the city's business cheap. It was the first time he had known he was considered cheap.

Favors Day Labor

Ald. Prudhomme made it clear that he was not in favor of contract system in city work as a general principle, since the city had the necessary and extensive equipment. If run properly, the city could do work more cheaply than any contractor, he felt.

In conclusion, Ald. Prudhomme reminded his hearers that they were electing a manager for the city—not a good fellow. They were being offered the choice of a good fellow, a good card player or a good businessman. He promised that he would hold another meeting on January 14, when he would deal in some detail with municipal finances.

Ex-Mayor Newton said that, owing to the festive season, he had come to the conclusion, however, that, rightly or wrongly, there were many people today who were not satisfied with the manner in which municipal affairs were being handled. Therefore, he would ask the people to reflect back on his former years of service and conclude whether or not they would be better satisfied were he returned to office. He was still confident as to the future of this city. That was why he had remained here, although he had sold out his business a year and a half ago. Mr. Newton took credit for most of the roadways in the city which were now spoken so well of having been constructed during his regime. As a matter of fact, no one else than his humble self had been at the helm when the most of the large municipal expenditures had ben made. No matter who might be returned as his colleagues on the council, he thought he would be able to work with them.

Mr. Newton congratulated Ex-Ald. Casey for having gotten out reliable data and figures on the matter of policing the city. Now that he had completed buying his Christmas presents, he had intended going to the City Hall to get that very information. Since he had said recently that he favored a new plebiscite being taken on the matter of policing, some of the citizens had jumped to the conclusion that he was an absolute opponent of the provincial police system. Though in principle he was opposed to the introduction of an outside mode of local government, he was satisfied to abide by the result of a plebiscite on this particular matter and to choose his line of policy accordingly.

Mr. Newton asked why Ald. Prudhomme should make a martyr of himself in having to engage a manager for his hotel while he devoted his entire attention to city affairs. He (Mr. Newton) believed he could fill the job as well as Ald. Prudhomme and, since he was out of work, but willing to work, why should he not be given the job? Later in the campaign he would call a meeting of his own, Mr. Newton promised.

Ex-Ald. Casey

Ex-Ald. Casey believed that each portion of the city should be represented on the city council. Therefore, he asked that support at least be given to his running mate from Rupert East—Fred Wesch, an industrious and conscientious citizen.

Mr. Casey criticized the present city council for carrying on its business in secrecy and behind closed doors. The council had forgotten, apparently, that it was a public body but thought it was a closed corporation. In the east end of town pressing work that required attention was being neglected.

Mr. Casey suggested that the city council could do something to see that more consideration was given Workmen's Compensation Board cases in the Prince Rupert General Hospital. He was opposed to the sale of the municipal telephone system.

Mr. Casey spoke at considerable length on the matter of policing. He quoted figures taken from the city's financial statements to show that the provincial police was costing the city much more than the old city force had. The idea that it was costing less was quite erroneous. He claimed that it would be the duty of the 1930 council to seriously consider making a change by which much money could be saved. He felt that the city could get along nicely with a force of four men. With many improvements needed on which the money could be spent, he believed the city could ill afford to throw away $4000 a year on policing as it was now doing. Furthermore, he felt it was a reflection on the citizenry that the mayor could not be entrusted, as chairman of the police commission, with the responsibility of the city's policing.

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Canadian Legion Christmas Tree Great Success

Santa Claus paid a visit to the children of local ex-service men on Saturday afternoon when the annual Christmas tree of the Canadian Legion was held in the club rooms on Third Avenue. There were about 250 children in attendance and the affair was a great success.

Games were played until Santa's arrival on the scene and James Kelly entertained the youngsters with piano selections. Refreshments were served. Gifts and sweets for all were distributed from a heavily laden tree.

James Smith was in charge of the affair and Jock Watt acted in the important role of Father Christmas.

MOOSE XMAS TREE HELD

Three Hundred and Fifty Children At Highly Enjoyable Affair Yesterday Afternoon

Some three hundred and fifty children were in attendance at the annual Christmas Tree of the Moose Lodge in the Moose Hall yesterday afternoon. The affair was a great success and very enjoyable particularly as far as the younger element were concerned.

After "O Canada" had been supg. D. C. Schubert, dictator of the lodge, gave a welcoming speech and several selections were played by the Premier Orchestra. Then all the lights in the hall were extinguished and a spotlight played on a fire place from which Santa Claus emerged amid the cheers of the young folk after having come down the chimney. The distribution of presents and sweets from a beautifully decorated and heavily laden tree on the stage was then proceeded with by Santa.

During the afternoon, refreshments were served to the children with Mrs. Einar Larsen, Mrs. P. J. Ryan, Mrs. F. M. Crosby and Mrs. Jack Preece in charge.

The committee in charge of the Christmas Tree consisted of Ted Rorvick, chairman, Buster Russell, Olof Etegavig and Einar Larsen.

Gasoline Tractors For Expedition Into Chinese Desert

PEIPING, Dec. 23:—Gasoline driven tractors are to replace camels on a desert expedition being organized by French and Chinese scientists to cover unexplored parts of North China and Indo-China next year. The purpose of the trip is to carry on scientific research and is to be conducted jointly by the National Scientific Union of China and the Citroen Motor Car Company of France.

The Chinese expedition is to start from Peiping in February and plans to meet up with the French explorers, now in Persia, after the tractor brigade has crossed Russian Turkestan.

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She—Why the big laugh?
He—Chap just turned the corner.
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