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CITY IN GOOD FINANCIAL POSITION

RIDING TO GET \$27,000 FOR ITS PUBLIC WORKS THIS YEAR

City Has Surplus on 1928 Operations and Bond Debt Reduced

Auditor's Report Is Very Satisfactory, Indicating That Finances of City Are in Excellent Condition

General revenue of the city for the year 1928 exceeded expenditure by \$1724.12, according to the report of the auditor, George Rorie, C. A., which was presented to the city council last night. The report was tabled for two weeks in order that it may be studied by the aldermen before being finally accepted. The surplus was in spite of the fact that taxes levied during the year for general purposes amounted to \$229,210.43, as compared with \$259,122.75 in 1927. Current taxes collected during 1928 amounted to \$273,258.35 while arrears were collected in the sum of \$57,989.20, making an aggregate collection for the year of \$331,247.55. The percentage of collections of current taxes for the year was 86.4. The amount of credit of the sinking funds had been duly accumulated during the year and appeared to be in order.

In regard to the revenue accounts of the city's utilities, the auditor's report showed that the surplus of the electric light department for the year had amounted to \$15,966.32 while the telephone department surplus was \$12,699.87. The annual deficit on the waterworks had been reduced to \$2,708.06, leaving a net surplus on the utilities operations amounting to \$25,058.13.

OILS SWAMPED THE EXCHANGE

Engine and Six Cars of Yesterday's No. 6 Off Tracks—Traffic Is Delayed

YANCOUVER, March 5.—Oil issues again swamped the trading facilities of the stock exchange yesterday, all opening exceedingly strong, but profit-taking in the afternoon reduced the gains somewhat. Home netted a \$1.25 advance, A. P. Consolidated 32, McDougall Segeur \$1.25, Clamont 90, Illinois Alberta 28, and Dalhousie 70.

TRAIN DERAILS AT ROSE LAKE

Yesterday's eastbound No. 6 express and passenger train was held up for several hours this morning near Rose Lake as a result of a derailment at 12:45 midnight when the engine and six express refrigerator cars containing fresh halibut left the tracks. The only injury was that sustained by a trespasser who was riding the engine tender and who had his leg broken. Equipment is reported to have not been seriously damaged. It was expected to have the line clear by noon today and trains moving east and west again. Meantime, this afternoon's train, due from the east at 3:30, is reported as seven hours or more late.

LOUIS AUGER IS IN COURTS

OTTAWA, Mar. 5.—Louis M. Auger, member of Parliament for Prescott County was committed for trial today charged with a serious offence against a seven-year old girl. Mr. Auger pleaded not guilty.

MORE PHONES NEEDED HERE

Two Hundred Lines to Be Added to Local Switchboard, Council Decides

There has been such an increase in telephone users in the city that it has become necessary to add another section of 200 lines to the municipal switchboard. This was decided upon by the council last night at the suggestion of the utilities committee. The section will be purchased from the Stromberg-Carlson Co. at an estimated cost of \$4000 and will be installed by the telephone staff.

Ald. Macdonald, chairman of the utilities committee, explained that about 1600 telephones were now in use in the city and the switchboard was up to its full capacity. It had been necessary to turn down telephone orders because the city did not have the necessary equipment. The proposal was to add a fifth section to the switchboard which would probably mean about 300 phones. The new numbers will be 800 to 999.

THOMAS WILSON RE-APPOINTED

Will Resume Duties as Bandmaster of Prince Rupert Boys' Band

The provisional committee on the Prince Rupert Boys' Band, at a meeting last evening with Ald. Theo Collart, chairman, presiding, reappointed Thomas Wilson to be bandmaster of the band. Mr. Wilson will resume his duties at once and the first practice of the band is called for tomorrow night. The drive for members will now be started and, when sufficient have been enrolled, there will be a general meeting of the new association.

THOMAS WILSON

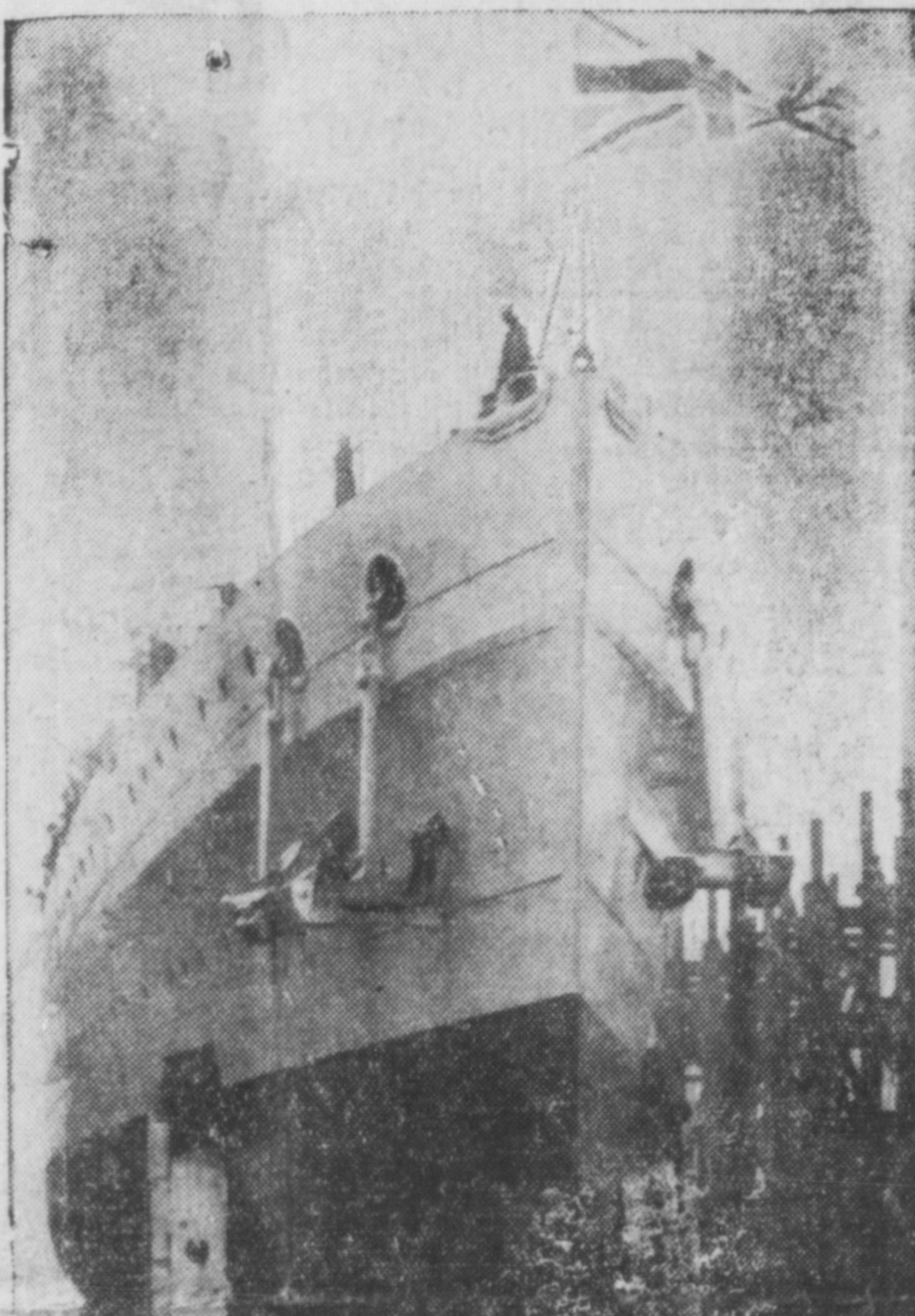


Bandmaster of the local Boys' Band who was last night reappointed by the newly formed committee.

OLD TIMER PASSES

CORDOVA, Mar. 5.—Charles H. Hill, resident of Alaska for the last 30 years, died today after a stroke, aged 69. He made and lost fortunes in Dawson and Nome.

LAUNCHING THE BRITISH CRUISER DORSETSHIRE



Above is a picture of the new British cruiser, H.M.S. Dorsetshire, being launched from the slipway at Portsmouth after being christened by Lady Shaftsbury. The vessel, which is of the 10,000-ton class, cost approximately \$11,000,000 to construct.

Manson Makes Charges Regard to Report of Auditors but is Voted Down by Party Majority

VICTORIA, March 5.—A. M. Manson failed in his effort to have the interim report of the auditors, Helliwell Maciachlan & Co., referred to a selected committee of the legislature on public accounts on Monday. His motion to this effect was defeated in a straight party vote of 30 to 11. Tom Uphill, Labor member, was voting with the Liberal opposition.

During the address Mr. Manson made serious charges and allegations in connection with the report, declaring portions of it as "falshoods" and "but political animus."

The bill to amend the Municipal Act, introduced by Pooley, proposes to give power to the municipalities to assess as improvements a tax on oil and gasoline storage tanks, also to give the councils power to appoint an acting mayor or reeve at the beginning of each year. This was to overcome certain legal doubts as to the validity of the cheques signed by the acting mayors as appointed under the existing system. It also gave power to dispose of the works for producing or supplying electric light, power, gas works or water works.

DIED RESULT KNIFE STABS

NEW WESTMINSTER, Mar. 5.—Stabbed several times with a knife, John Andrew Bodaly of Glen Valley, Langley, died today while being brought here to the hospital.

It is reported that Bodaly was stabbed during a quarrel over a bull. E. Pronik, a Russian farmer, has been charged with the murder.

BLOODSHED IN MEXICO

NEW YORK, March 5.—The first bloodshed in the Mexican revolution is reported from five states as the government and revolutionists settled down today to what appeared to be a life and death struggle. The revolutionists captured Monterey, strategic railway and munition centre in state Nuevo Leon with severe casualties. Loyal troops claimed victory in state Vera Cruz. States of Coahuila, Sonora, Sinaloa reported fighting.

WHEAT TAKES DROP

VANCOUVER, Mar. 5.—Wheat took a drop here today to \$1.25 1/2.

CARD OF THANKS

On behalf of the family of the late H. D. McIntyre, the staff of the Prince Rupert Elevator desire to convey their sincere thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy received on their sudden loss.

Burning of Mortgage Proved Interesting Event to Members of I.O.D.E. Municipal Chapter

The burning of the \$1000 mortgage on the hall owned by them was the feature of the annual meeting of the I.O.D.E. Municipal Chapter, held last night, with Mrs. Sheiford Darton presiding. It was a memorable occasion, the actual ceremony being carried out by Mrs. A. T. Parkin, past municipal regent, during whose regency the hall was erected. The mortgage has been hanging over them for the past three years and the final payment was made possible through receipt of the proceeds of the

ELEVATOR MEN MOVING SOUTH

Seven Members of Local Staff Going To Vancouver This Afternoon

Transferred to the Vancouver house, seven members of the staff of the Alberta Wheat Pool's Prince Rupert elevator will sail for the south on the Camosun this afternoon. They are: Malcolm McLeod, shipping weighman; Gordon Hitchcock, receiving weighman; Alex Murray and D. McDonald, scale men; Tommy Hughes, cleaning man; A. Murray, storage man; and Frank Biggin, foreman.

"I am sure you all feel this to be one of the proudest moments of our lives as Daughters of the Empire in Prince Rupert. We have reached another milestone in the history of our chapter. The dream which many of our older members had of owning our own home has at last come true. It has been a long, hard pull, but I trust that a straight and level road lies ahead of us."

"The hall is renting well, especially so this last year, and should be able to pay its own expenses and also pay us a little interest on our money, thus relieving the chapter considerably. We all feel that this is a very good way to celebrate our chapter's birthday."

FUEL OIL FOR ASSAY PLANT

Subject to the usual conditions, the city council last night granted permission to G. W. Dunn to install a 100-gallon fuel oil tank under the sidewalk on Eighth Street, adjoining the Clements building, which has been taken by the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. for use as an assay office. Such a tank would give gravity for the fuel oil feed to the assay furnaces.

DAUGHTER OF FORMER MINISTER IS DEAD

VANCOUVER, March 5.—Mrs. Mara Samantha Brown, daughter of the Hon. William Madougall, member of the government of Sir John A. Macdonald, is dead here, aged 80.

CUSTOMS INSPECTOR DEAD

NEW WESTMINSTER, Mar. 5.—John Stillwell Clute, aged 88, customs inspector for British Columbia and the Yukon is dead.

Scottish Humor

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AN INVESTMENT

A young blood of Aberdeen gave his girl a tipstiek for her birthday. He knew he would get it all back.

ONE-WAY TRAFFIC

The most perfect written account of one-way traffic is an Aberdonian's pass-book.

"An Aberdonian went into a hotel and ordered two glasses of Worthington. He drank one, and left the other to settle."

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