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MORE TELEPHONES USED

The steady growth of the telephone service resulting in the necessity to extend the plant indicates a steady normal growth in the city along permanent lines. We are making progress, although not as rapid as might have been desired. Possibly in the near future there will be an acceleration of the rate of progress. We all think there will and that is the first step toward securing it.

ELEVATOR MEN GOING

The staff of the elevator is being moved south and the big plant here has ceased to function. While it may not be that the delegation to Calgary will secure the re-opening of the elevator this year, it is hoped to prevent any repetition of the action taken by the Pool. That organization exists as a result of its appeal to public opinion on the prairies and cannot afford to make itself obnoxious to Prince Rupert.

LOCAL BOYS' BAND

The re-organization of the management of the Boys' Band and the re-appointment of Bandmaster Wilson should result in renewed activity on the part of that organization. Prince Rupert cannot afford to lose so valuable an asset as the band, which has been built up largely as a result of the excellent work of the bandmaster.

BEYOND THE LAW?

(Edmonton Bulletin)

The bill to reconstruct the charter under which the Wheat Pool operates was the subject of a lively debate in the legislature on Monday. Interest centred naturally in provisions of the bill which deprive, or appear to deprive, a member of the pool of the right to take action in the courts, and to thus demand an accounting, should he be dissatisfied with the treatment he has received from the management. All such complaints, it is stipulated, must be settled by arbitration. This restraint upon the civil liberty of the pool member is a new one. As the bill is retroactive, the provision is in the nature of a new condition imposed upon all who have been members of the Pool at any time since its inception, and of particular importance to those who signed the new contracts during the recent campaign for members. So far as known, no steps were taken to inform the signers before-hand that they were to be thus dispossessed of the common right to appeal to the courts and to secure their assent to that restriction. How the Wheat Pool runs its business is the business of the Wheat Pool. The outsider has no concern with the manner in which a complaint made by a member against the management is to be settled. The bill is one which relates solely to the internal economy of the organization. If the Pool members are content to be legislatively denied the right to seek protection by law, that is their affair. If any of them are not content, it is not very clear what they can do about it, unless the legislature adds a rider that these clauses shall become operative only when they are accepted by the locals. The proposal is certainly unusual enough to justify the house in taking such precaution, alike in the interests of justice and the interests of the Wheat Pool. When a provincial legislature undertakes to deprive a British subject of the right to appeal to the courts it is undertaking a somewhat large order for an institution of the kind. And, while the rule may not work that way in the case of the Wheat Pool, any other organization which undertook to sweep away the civil rights of its members would be due to suffer a slump in membership.

COLONEL PECK ON PATRONAGE

Former Prince Rupert Man's Speech Described by Gallery Reporter

REFERS TO ELECTION

Tells How Heads of Some of His Opponents Rolled in the Basket

In describing the speech of Colonel Peck, V. C., in the Legislature the other day, Bruce Hutchison, writing to the Vancouver Province from the Press Gallery at Victoria said in part: First he turned his attention to the opposition. He called Mr. Manson a young Napoleon upon whose lofty brow was the troubled look of a man yearning to lead the opposition. He also called him a restive political jack-in-the-box who found it irksome to keep his seat for many minutes at a time. Colonel Peck has heard that Dr. Sutherland would shortly be translated to an important federal post, while in Mr. Ian Mackenzie he found a fiery Scot who was burning to draw his claymore and lead the whole Liberal party.

After that Colonel Peck turned his attention to a former government, whose name he would not mention, and gave the House what he called a few "rough reminders of yesterday." Before doing so, however, he first gave it a classical discourse on political patronage, swept aside sickly hypocrisy, and boldly declared that politicians would appoint to jobs men who were their friends. They would not search for appointees in the ranks of their enemies, he declared, but this was not news to the house.

By this time, Colonel Peck was thoroughly warmed up to the job of telling all about the government whose name he would not mention. This government, he roared, and waved his arms, had never purchased a pound of nails without considering the political effect of the purchase. Why, Mr. Speaker, in his own constituency, in twelve years, a Liberal firm had received \$22,259 in government business and a Conservative firm only \$1930. Even that revelation did not knock this hardened House unconscious.

Only a direct quotation can do justice to Colonel Peck's classic statement of his own political philosophy. Pounding his desk with a mighty fist, he cried: "I said in my campaign that any government employee who had played politics would have short shift from me. That's what I said, Mr. Speaker, and that's what I did! I demanded their heads and they rolled in the basket!"

Made House Chuckle

These sanguinary executions, it turned out, removed the heads of six road foremen and one assessor, and even that did not make the house shudder. Indeed, it chuckled with delight as Colonel Peck went on to give details of this moral butchery. He told how eight men had been dismissed from the government rock crusher in 1924 because they voted for him. He told how a Liberal family had reigned over Salt Spring Island like a hereditary dynasty. He gave the House a colorful account of the great game of politics as it is played, unknown to the rest of the world, in the dark recesses of those other islands which dot the Gulf of Georgia. Finally he told how Mr. Manson, as attorney-general had come to Ganges to rescue the islands from Colonel Peck.

Mr. Manson, said Colonel Peck, had come to Ganges with a provincial policeman, with a corps of spellbinders, and with his famous magic lantern. But the young bloods of Ganges, growing tired of the magic lantern and looking forward to the dance which was to follow it, had ruined the whole meeting by blowing the horns of scores of automobiles parked outside.

COY AND SUSCEPTIBLE

Employer (critically)—This letter has a good many incomplete words, Miss Pounder.
 New Stenog—Well, you see, sir, whenever I take dictation from a handsome man, I lose my 'e's' and drop my 'p's'.—Tit Bits.

APPRECIATION OF LOCAL SPEAKER AT VANCOUVER AFFAIR

Official comment on the address of Colonel Nicholls at the luncheon of the foreign trade bureau of the Vancouver Board of Trade recently appeared in the bulletin issued by that organization as follows:

"It was gratifying to see such a good attendance at our last luncheon, when we were favored with a highly interesting address by John W. Nicholls, comptroller of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. Ltd. at Prince Rupert. In the limited time at his disposal he presented in a very pleasing manner some facts well worth knowing concerning the halibut trade, and we are much indebted to him for obliging us during his holiday here. Mr. Nicholls was presi-

dent of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade last year, when our Board of Trade excursion visited that port. As pointed out by the speaker, Vancouver benefits considerably from the halibut fisheries through the sale of supplies, etc., and it is desirable that some of their problems be more clearly understood and closer co-operation with our northern ports will be increasingly necessary as time goes on."

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The distribution from our Provincial hatcheries of millions of salmon eggs to renew the harvest that goes into the nets; the Treaty between Canada and the United States for the protection of the Pacific Halibut (March, 1923) providing a close season from November 16th to February 15th; modernized canneries, 83 in number, and sane Federal Fishing Laws, carefully administered, are the foundation of an industry that will continue to grow.

The fame of British Columbia's Whaling Fisheries is of long standing, and has materially increased the value of the products from this industry. The yearly catch, now about 400, is taken between one station on Vancouver

Island and two stations on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Much as has been done to develop and conserve our fishing industry, there still remains a great deal to be accomplished. The vastness of our waters and the extent and ruggedness of our coast make organized protection and administration extremely costly.

But the safeguarding of our fisheries is a matter which now commands the earnest attention of our government, who realize the importance of conserving this basic industry.

As the oldest industry of our Dominion, fishing has been one of the largest revenue producers, and it is significant that Canada's youngest Province, in less than twenty years, should secure a leading position in the world market. This aggressive search for foreign business has been an asset which undoubtedly has created one of the most amazing records of our basic industries. Well may we be proud of our Fisheries!

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