

VANCOUVER CITY HELD TO BLAME MANSON AND WRINCH RESPOND TO SHELLY ALLEGATIONS

"Just Another Case of Failing To Understand Simple Thing" 'Tis Said

Repayment of \$700 Was Skeena Member's Long Outstanding Right, It Is Clearly Explained to Legislature

VICTORIA, March 19:—Dr. H. C. Wrinch and A. M. Manson replied in the Legislature Wednesday to the accusations made by Hon. W. C. Shelly Tuesday that they combined to repay \$700 taxes to Dr. Wrinch illegally in the last days of the former Liberal government. "This is just another case where Mr. Shelly has failed to understand a simple transaction," declared Mr. Manson, who described the accusation as "twaddle." In calm, simple language Dr. Wrinch laid before the House the whole facts of the transaction under fire. "The minister does not read the whole order-in-council on which he made his personal attack on my character," said Dr. Wrinch. "I wish to read it so the House may have the full information. The order recited that, through an error by the crown, not by Dr. Wrinch, the crown found itself un-

able to convey to him five blocks of land to which under the Land Act, he was lawfully entitled when the subdivision on the area in Hazelton was cancelled. It had taken a period of seven years for the matter to be straightened out, during which Dr. Wrinch bought the land which was rightfully his from the crown for \$586, and paid townsite taxes for seven years on land that, but for the crown's error, would have reverted to an agriculture status seven years earlier. The order-in-council set out that this was an injustice to Dr. Wrinch and returned to him \$700 of \$786 which he thus unjustly was compelled to pay.

Dr. Wrinch stated that he had desired to get this area reclassified to be available for settlers and, in doing so, had incurred greater costs than the proceeds of the sales. There had been no personal gain. He had sold the land to settlers before the matter was cleared up and found himself unable to give the purchasers their title. He quoted his own letter to the deputy minister of finance asking as a personal favor, that the question of title be cleaned up with all speed so he could satisfy the settlers, but stating he was willing to accept any reasonable settlement of his own claims. "Surely that was not unreasonable when I had been waiting for seven years," he said. "If this statement is not enough to convince any fair-minded person of my integrity, the hours of talk would not do so," he concluded.

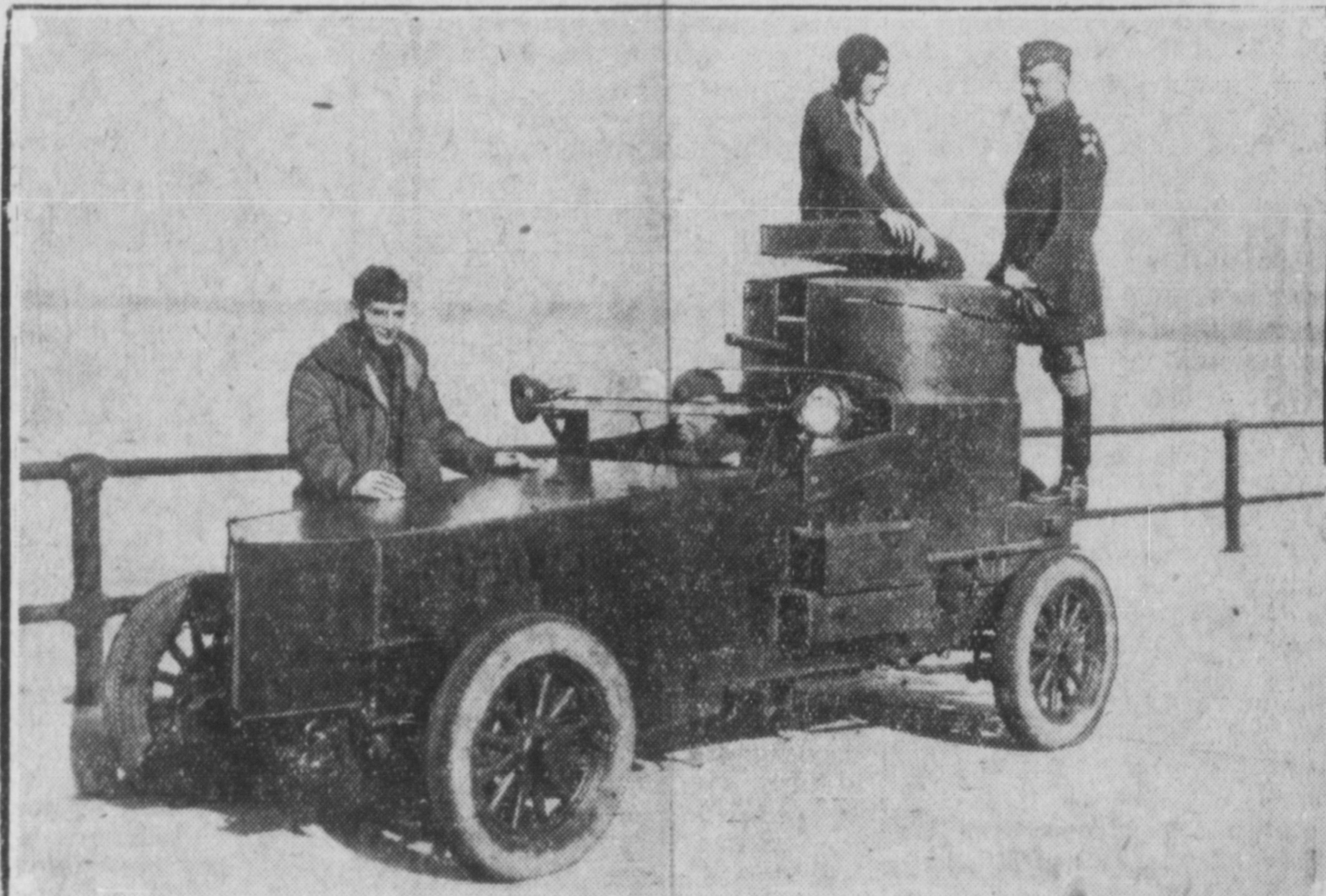
A. M. Manson said that, in putting through the order-in-council, he was convinced that the course taken was the only honorable one for the crown to take. The crown should be the last to commit an injustice upon the subject.

(By Canadian Press)
VICTORIA, March 19:—Replying to charges made in the Legislature on Tuesday by Hon. W. C. Shelly, A. M. Manson, Liberal, Omineca, made a lengthy statement yesterday. He declared that "the original blunder had been made in the Lands Department more than 20 years ago" and that "an order-in-council was prepared reciting all the facts very fully and appended, being made part of it was a memorandum made by the surveyor of taxes showing that, through an error of the department, Dr. Wrinch had been put to an outlay of \$786." Mr. Manson said that the whole file had been tabled in the Legislature two years ago, adding that "it would seem to be just another case where Mr. Shelly did not understand a comparatively simple matter."

ONE BOAT IN

The local boat Pair of Jacks was the only halibut vessel in with a catch today. She disposed of 7,000 pounds to the United Pacific Fisheries on the usual terms.

United States' Latest Type of Armored Car



This latest type light armored car was recently tested at Fort E. is, Va. Car is operated by three men, has road speed of 60 miles per hour, cruising radius of 200 miles on one filling of gasoline, and carries two machine guns

Manson, Wrinch and Pattullo Make Plea in Legislature For Central Interior Seed Grain

VICTORIA, March 19:—It took nearly an hour's pounding by A. M. Manson, Dr. H. C. Wrinch and T. D. Pattullo to elicit from the government Wednesday night any stronger statement than a promise to consider the application of settlers in Central British Columbia for seed grain. Hon. W. A. Atkinson, minister of agriculture, said the Dominion had been asked to include Central British Columbia in its seed grain provisions. Mr. Manson said that the Dominion had already turned down the direct applications of the Farmers' Institutes, saying it was a provincial matter.

LOG CAMP REOPENS

Goodly Number of Men Already in Employment at Cumshewa in Morgan Operations

Word brought to the city from the Islands on the Prince John today is to the effect that the J. R. Morgan Logging Co.'s camp at Cumshewa Inlet is resuming operations on quite a substantial scale and that a goodly number of men are already in employment there. The company, it is understood, will dispose of its logs to mainland pulp mills. John R. Morgan, head of the company, arrived in the city yesterday, after a trip to Vancouver, and is now at his sawmill at Billmor before proceeding Saturday night on the Prince John to Cumshewa. Mrs. Morgan came north from Vancouver to Cumshewa on the present trip of the Prince John.

Finally Premier, Tolmie said the Dominion seed branch was the proper agency to provide the seed but agreed with Mr. Manson that experienced settlers should not be allowed to leave the country for want of help. He said there was no reason to believe this would be allowed to happen.

This being the strongest statement that could be elicited from the government the vote was allowed to pass. Formal denial was made by Dr. Wrinch that he had in any way benefitted wrongfully.

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, March 19:—Wheat was quoted at 57c on the local exchange today.

Manson Queries In Legislature

Wants to Know About Activities of Attorney General's "Sleuth"

A. M. Manson, M.L.A. for Omineca, had questions to ask in the Legislature last week regarding a Mr. Cox, a "sleuth" of the attorney general's, who had gone up into a small town to "get" a provincial police constable because he was a Liberal, incidentally carrying on political work in country constituencies. Attorney General Pooley replied that he would have some interesting and valuable information to give out on this matter shortly.

KEELEY RESIGNS

VANCOUVER, March 19:—It was learned today that B. C. Keeley, Pacific Coast manager of steamships for the Canadian National Railways, had, on the advice of his medical advisors, submitted his resignation to take effect as soon as the company could relieve him of his responsibilities.

Colonel Ham, executive representative on the Pacific Coast, Canadian National Railways, when seen today, expressed his deepest personal regret at the necessity for Mr. Keeley's decision and added that he and his fellow officers hoped that a complete relaxation from duty would result in a speedy recovery.

It is understood that Mr. Keeley intends to spend some time in the south. It is further rumored that Mr. Keeley, upon his return to Vancouver, will become associated with local shipping interests.

The Weather

Prince Rupert—Southeast wind; raining; barometer, 29.23; temperature, 50; sea moderate.
Triple Island—Raining, fresh southeast wind; sea moderate.
Langara Island—Raining, light easterly wind; sea choppy.
Dead Tree Point—Raining, fresh southeast wind; barometer, 29.38; temperature, 43; sea moderate.

MORE THAN 50 MILLS

City Tax Rate Will be Higher Because of Lower Assessment and Relief Charges

MEETING LAST NIGHT

Whole Field of Municipal Finance is Carefully Canvassed by Mayor and Aldermen

For over two hours last night the city council, with the mayor and all the aldermen present, wrestled with the estimates for the present year with the purpose of keeping them down to a level where the mill rate will not be so high as to be prohibitive. Before adjourning it became clear that the rate would have to be higher than last year owing to the ten percent reduction in the assessment and to the fact that the direct unemployment relief for last year is not yet paid for and must be provided in this year's estimate.

It was impossible to arrive at any definite conclusion, owing to the fact it is not yet known how much extra, if any, will be paid by the provincial government this year in the school grant. In the past, Prince Rupert has been rated as a city of the second class but, now that the number of pupils attending the schools is over a thousand, it is probable that the city will be rated as of the first-class and therefore entitled to a different basis of pay.

Efforts are being made to prune the estimates to the very limit, holding back desirable improvements until a time when there is more money available. The question is just how much more than fifty mills it will be necessary to levy in order to carry (Continued on Page 2)

FINED \$50

Found guilty on a charge of keeping a common bawdy house, Mabel Tibbitts was fined \$50, with option of 30 days' imprisonment, by Magistrate McClymont in city police court this morning. Cases of Babe O'Reilly and Andrew Hanson, charged with being inmates, were adjourned until March 26.

+ BIG ADVANCE IN PRICE OF SILVER +
+ NEW YORK, March 19:—Silver has made a sensational jump of three cents to 31 3/4c per ounce on the New York Exchange today from 28 3/4c on Monday. Copper held firm at 10 1/4c per pound.

Son of Bert Gagne, Formerly of Prince George, Is Dead

PRINCE GEORGE, March 19:—Quinton Gagne, 13-year old son of Bert Gagne of Kamloops, formerly well known local railwayman, died recently in Kamloops after a brief illness with pneumonia, according to word received here. About the same time as Mr. Gagne's son died, word was received that his nephew, Ray Morin, aged 12, had lost an eye while playing hockey at Assiniboine, Sask.

HIGH GRADE ON NORANDA

Report of Gold Discovery is Confirmed by President of Company

TORONTO, March 19:—Discovery of high grade gold ore in drilling operations on the Noranda property has been confirmed in a statement which has just been issued by President Murdoch of the Noranda Mines Ltd.

+ PRINCE RUPERT REPAIR BIG JOB +
+ VANCOUVER, March 19:—It is understood that repairs to the steamer Prince Rupert, which sank at Yarrow's dry dock wharf in Victoria two weeks ago, will cost \$100,000 and will require eight weeks to carry out.

CITY IS BLAMED

Coroner's Jury Holds Corporation Responsible for Georgia Street Tragedy

VANCOUVER, March 19:—Holding that "insufficient precautions are provided in case of the bridge undergoing repairs" and that "the evidence also shows that the parapet failed to provide sufficient protection to the party," a coroner's jury yesterday placed the blame for the quadruple fatality early Sunday morning, in which four people lost their lives when their car skidded and plunged over the Georgia Street viaduct, upon the Corporation of the City of Vancouver.

Vancouver Stocks

(Courtesy S. D. Johnson Co.)

Big Missouri	45.47.
Cork Province	1. nil.
George Copper	nil. 80.
Georgia River	3. 3 1/2.
Grandview	6. 7.
Indian Mines	nil. 2.
Kootenay King	nil. 1 1/2.
Lucky Jim	2. 3.
Morton Woolsey	3. 3 1/2.
National Silver	3. 3 1/2.
Noble Five	6 3/4. 8 1/2.
Oregon Copper	8. 9.
Reeves Macdonald	40. 45.
Pend Oreille	1.40. 1.47.
Premier	70. 73.
Silverado	nil. 50.
Snowflake	3. 4.
Topley Richfield	1 1/2. 2.
Whitewater	4. nil.
Bluebird	2. 2 1/2.

OILS

Freehold	5 1/2. 6.
Hargal	7. 10.
A. P. Con.	19. 20.
Calmont	12. 14.
Dalhousie	30. nil.
Devenish	5. 7.
Fabyan Pete	3. 3 1/2.
Home	1.05. 1.10.
Royalite	10.50. nil.
United	18. nil.
Mercury	16 1/2. 17.
Merland	12. nil.

Eastern Stocks

Noranda	23.75. nil.
Int. Nickel	19.00. nil.
C. P. R.	41.50. nil.

Further Allegations Are Made Against Former Government of Province by Attorney General

VICTORIA, March 19:—Confidential reports which Hon. R. H. Pooley, attorney general, stated had been delivered to A. M. Manson K.C., former attorney general, were introduced in the Legislature yesterday. Mr. Pooley said that startling disclosures had been made in reports of Andrew Blygh of Vancouver, who is said to have been Mr. Manson's confidential agent when the latter was attorney general.

CONTEMPLATES AN ADDITION POWER PLANT

Mr. Pooley charged that the former administration had spent \$650,000 in one year for "secret service" and that there had been nothing left to show for it. Mr. Pooley said that in March, 1927, when two commissions were investigating conditions in connection with government liquor stores, Blygh had reported to Mr. Manson in respect to an inquiry before Mr. Justice Murphy that "it is very gratifying to me to see how very little of the real conditions came to light." Mr. Pooley also charged that the former government was a party to liquor transactions with bootleggers.

The Financial Post of Toronto has a list of power installations in 1930 which includes 6,000 horsepower at Falls River for the Northern B. C. Power Company. Another list of "Hydro Developments Contemplated" includes 10,000 horsepower for the Northern B. C. Power Co. at Falls River.

Annual Liberal Meeting

Annual meeting Prince Rupert Liberal Association will be held in the Metropole Hall, Friday, March 20, at 8 p.m. Business: Election of officers. Ladies especially invited to attend.