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SIR HENRY AND RAILWAYS

In an article in the Saturday Evening Post of January 23 Sir Henry Thornton has some interesting things to say about railroads. He admits that railroad people have been slow in adopting themselves to changed conditions and suggests as one means of giving service to the people that there should be busses on rails, that there should be much closer co-operation between competing lines, particularly through the standardization of equipment and the joint use and pooling of terminal and track facilities, and the elimination of unprofitable trains when they compete directly with each other.

Sir Henry makes a plea for support of the railroads which are national undertakings as against the irresponsible trucks and busses and suggests that the latter should be used as auxiliaries to the former but not in competition. He shows what a terrible thing it is to a district when the railways go out of business there and urges much closer co-operation between the railway and its employees and also between the railway and the people who use it.

When is a war not a war? See China today for the answer.

OTTAWA SITUATION

Parliament opens next week and it seems that there never has been a time when its meeting was dreaded as much as it is this year. The work of the federal parliament is likely to be as obnoxious as that of the legislature at Victoria. Without speaking politically we should all like to see them both abolished just now. All they can do is to increase the taxes and intimations have been given that this increase will be made ruthlessly.

The budget speech is likely to show a deficit in the Ottawa accounts of something like two hundred million dollars, half of which is in connection with the railways. There has been a tremendous falling off in income from customs dues on imports because the tariff has been raised to a point where it prevents importations.

A retrenchment policy has been adopted but on salaries and such like expenditures only a small saving can be made, just a few millions.

What then will Mr. Bennett do? He will undoubtedly increase the tax on business by means of sales or turnover taxes which will have to be paid by the consumer, for business is already hard hit by the depression and can stand no more levies. Even here in Prince Rupert the merchants are looking forward with fear and trembling to what may happen. When they have time to get their minds off Victoria they turn them to Ottawa with little comfort. If only the Ottawa parliament and the Victoria legislature could be abolished everybody would be pleased just now.

Why worry about the weather. There's plenty of timber on the island if coal is scarce.

PLEBISCITE TO BE PUT BEFORE PEOPLE AS SOON AS REGULATIONS PERMIT.

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not forgetful of the deplorable condition existing here before the provincial police took over the policing of the city. Conditions today, he believed, were infinitely better. The very circumstances of the old system made it impossible to carry out justice without making a lot of bad friends. He did not see that provincial policing constituted a violation of the principles of democracy and he did not look upon the government at Victoria as a foreign government. Before the provincial police had come in there was too much laxity and too little enforcement. As far as the pilamping cases were concerned, Ald. Linzey did not think it was fair to use these as an argument against the city detachment. Finally, the council had already tested the voice of the people on two occasions and twice they had sanctioned the provincial police. The true principles of democracy had been exercised in the taking of these expressions of public opinion. Under the circumstances he was strongly opposed to the motion.

Ald. Macdonald took the stand that, in view of the expression of public opinion when the two referendums had been taken, it would not be in the interests of democracy for the council to decide on a change without at least again consulting the public. As for economy, Ald. Macdonald could not see where a city system could be operated any cheaper than the provincial system and at the same time meet all the requirements.

Ald. Rudderham did not feel justified in supporting the motion at the present time. He, too, was in favor of an appeal to the people. Ald. Rudderham did not like the idea of paying a patrolman but \$117 per month.

Ald. Pillsbury believed that the present system was the most efficient. He did not think the council had the moral right to do away with the system without a vote of the people. He would support a plebiscite but was of the opinion that it was time enough to take it next January.

Ald. McCutcheon, seconder of Ald. Casey's motion, said that he had been always impressed that city policing was the most democratic and best system. There had been retrenchment in all other departments but nothing had been said about the police. He believed in "home rule" and that every department of the city should come under the jurisdiction of the council. He believed \$13,000 was a ridiculous cost for the policing of a city of this size. He was in favor of cutting this by fifty per cent.

Provincial Cheaper

Ald. Black said he would be the last to get up and support a motion which was contrary to the expressed wishes of the people. He gave figures to show that in the last three years of city policing the net cost to the city had been \$26,889.29 while in the first three years of provincial policing the net cost had been \$23,168.28 or a saving of \$3,722.01. Even if the city wanted to economize, it could on the agreement with the provincial police, he believed.

The matter of cost could be taken up with the provincial government, Ald. Collart felt. He was in accord with the views which had been expressed by speakers who were opposed to the motion.

Mayor Orme stated that he had taken the matter up before the end of last year with Commissioner J. H. McMullin from the financial angle. Major McMullin had stated that the city could have just as expensive or just as cheap a force as it wanted. It could have as many or as few men on the force as it please. At present the city was actually paying \$9200 per year for four men and a sergeant. In the first nine months of 1931 the force here had operated at a loss of \$1100. In 1930 there had been a profit of \$447. He thought it was up to the people to decide which system they wanted. As far as he personally was concerned, he was contented with either.

In the course of supplementary remarks, Ald. Casey expressed the opinion that it was easy to find excuses if one wanted to. As matters were at present, the chief of police not only ran the police force but the police court as well, Ald. Casey charged.

On the motion being put, all the aldermen but Ald. Casey and Ald. McCutcheon voted against it.

Ald. Casey immediately moved that a referendum be placed before the people on the question of policing at the earliest date legally possible.

Man in the Moon

Keep happy and saw wood.

Quite a number of local amateur woodcutters are out getting fuel to keep back the onslaughts of Old Jack Frost.

Eddie Clapp of Beaver Bottling Works fame is said to have joined the noble order of woodsmen of Prince Rupert. He was seen on the highway with Jim Batt, popular local halibut boat skipper looking admiringly and longingly at a big spruce tree. While they are said to have been wanting wood badly, a still, small voice whispered: "Woodman, spare that tree."

What a skate it has been! Quite a lot of the boys and a large number of girls not to say married folk have been braving the cold and enjoying the sport at Morse Creek. No noses were frozen but some are said to feel sore astern after their experiences.

Talking of slipping they say that even mayors of cities slip sometimes.

Yes, and talking about being sore, they say the city employees are about as sore as anybody must feel when some of the luxuries of life are suddenly slipped from the daily menu.

I should feel sore if someone told me I must eliminate the flapjacks and hereafter live on corn mush!

People here may sometimes be rather hungry but down on the prairies customers are said to be eating the paper plates that go under the pie.

Politicians seem to have been crowded off the front page by the little playlet being staged by Japan and China.

Some people think there's going to be war but it takes two sides to make a fight.

Japan is just telling China that if she doesn't buy her goods she'll knock the skids from under her.

Terrace United Church Has Its Annual Meeting

TERRACE, Feb. 2.—C. Finter, D. L. McNeill, G. E. Beveridge, T. E. Brooks, W. W. Olsen, O. T. Sundal and C. L. M. Giggie have been elected to the board of managers of the local United Church.

Healthy progress of church work was indicated in reports presented at the annual meeting held recently.

Twenty Years Ago
In Prince Rupert

February 2, 1912

F. H. Mobley has been elected president of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade recently. Other officers are: vice-president, G. R. Naden; secretary, J. Lorne MacLaren; council—A. J. Morris, W. J. M. Sandals, H. P. Wilson, J. J. Sloan, J. H. Pillsbury, L. W. Patmore, R. A. White, F. G. Dawson, J. H. Thompson, W. P. Lynch, Fred Stork, W. E. Williams, George D. Tite and J. C. McLennan.

The city council discussed the advisability of appealing the Watson and Kelly contract cases in which Mr. Justice Clements in Supreme Court decided against the city.

A police commissioner and prominent businessman of standing is accused by James Matthews, superintendent of the city light system, with getting electric light for his premises through another man's meter. Ald. Montgomery has demanded a full investigation of the matter.

able and that nominations be called at the same time for police commissioners. This was seconded by Ald. McCutcheon and carried with only Ald. Collart voting against it. City Solicitor Jones stated that it would require 15 days' time to get the referendum before the people and the cost would probably be about \$50.



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