

## With Fishermen Against Co-**Operative Marketing Plan**

By a large majority on standing vote, halibut boat own-ers and fishermen of Prince Rupert, at a meeting last night in Moose Hall with some two hundred men in at-tendance, voted against signing up with the United Pacific Fisheries of Seattle for co-operative marketing of halibut this season. The vote followed talks by F. J. Kwa-

acific Fisheries, and Mr. Prins, accountant of the company, who explained the details of the reorganized co-operative company. Following the speeches, questions were put to both Mr. Kwapil and Mr. Prins.

W. E. Drake, local manager of Edward Lipsett Ltd., presided over the meeting which lasted about an hour and a half.

Following the meeting, Mr. Kwapil and Mr. Prins sailed by the steamer Cardena on their return to Seattle via Vancouver.



and Arnold Tell Why thought that there would prob-

## Route of Radio Telephone to Vancouver



When talking by radio telephone with Vancouver, the voice is carried through the

## Financial Situation In Review by Orme In Speech Last Night

Chief Magistrate Is Heard By Large Gathering of Ratepayers—Tells of Prospects For Year—Co-operation **Between Council and School Board** 

"If we accept the situation as it exists and govern ourselves on a basis of strict business and economy, there is no question but that the municipality will come through the present crisis safely," declared Mayor Cyril H. Orme last night in an address before the Prince Rupert Ratepayers' Association on the affairs of the city. Speaking in a general way and explaining that

he could hardly commit his council as far as definite matters of RUPERT IS policy were concerned at this early date in the year, the mayor touched on many matters of municipal interest and referred more particularly to the financial situation. His Worship made a plea for the assistance and co-operation not only of the Ratepayers' Association but of the citizens generally in New the crisis with which the 1932 council would have to deal. Strict economy would have to be the watchword of the year, the mayor intimated.



Coast-to-Coast Line to Be **Opened Monday Enabling Conservation** With

They Prefer Low Valuation and High Tax Rate

In response to an invitation by Ald. G. B. Casey, M. M. Stephens and G. H. Arnold explained at las night's meeting of the Prince Rupert Ratepayers' Association why they were in favor of a system o low valuation and high tax rate in the city assessment rather than a policy of high valuations and low tax rate.

The principal reason given by MOTIONS BY both Mr. Stephens and Mr. Arnold in support of the policy they favored was the fact that the Canadian National Railways had the benefit of a low assessment where. as the citizens still had to pay taxes on the basis of high assessment. This it was felt was eminently unfair to the citizens who. thereby, had to pay more than their fair share of taxes.

The low assessment and high tax rate also had the tendency of being a preventative of extravagance on the part of city councils, Mr. Stephens felt.

Mr. Arnold referred to the fact

ably be no real necessity for a tax on improvements. It would be a sad state of affairs and one of the worst things that could befal the city should the person who

TAXATION

Ratepayers' Association Passes

**Resolution Opposing Improve-**

ment Tax Move

On motion of Ex-Mayor H. B.

Rochester, the Prince Rupert

Ratepayers' Association, at its

meeting last night, passed a reso-

lution protesting at any move

which may be made by the city

council of 1932 toward the impo-

If the economy which was be-

ing talked about was actually

put into practice, Mr. Rochester

sition of an improvement tax.

made improvements to his property be penalized for so doing by the imposition of an improvement tax. The last thing the city should do was to discourage improvement of property.

RATEPAYERS Finances and Assessments Subject of Resolutions Passed at Meeting Last Night

The Prince Rupert Ratepayers'

Railways assessment from \$2,800.- taxation which other businesses

air to Campbell River 400 miles, then over 100 miles of land wire, 32 miles of submarine cable and 13 miles of ordinary cable.

Provincial Government To Seek Completion of Railway Line To Peace River and N. Vancouver tions were dealt with. In opening, the mayo

Premier Tolmie Will Meet Representatives of One of Bid-INJUNCTION ding Concerns at Victoria Today But Declares Sale ding Concerns at Victoria Today But Declares Sale Is Not Imminent as Yet

VANCOUVER, Jan. 23:-Completion of the Pacific Association, at its meeting last Great Eastern Railway both into the Peace River area on Workmen's Compensation Board night, passed several resolutions the north and to North Vancouver on the south will dehaving to do with civic affairs. One finitely be one of the terms under which the railway will resolution expressed opposition to be sold, Premier S. F. Tolmie declared here last night. The the Canadian National Railways Premier will meet representatives of one of the several whereby the dry dock, being a com- bidders for the railway in Victoria today but the governhad cut the Canadian National petitive business, is exempted from ment, he declared, is by no means on the verge of a sale.



The meeting itself was one of the | Prince Rupert is now a part of a largest gatherings of ratepayers huge conversational system, acthat has ever been seen here. Even cording to the publicity manager of extra seating accommodation which the B. C. Telephone Company. had been provided in the council Thirty-two million telephones are chamber was taxed. President F. at the command of any Prince Ru-W. Wesch was in the chair. After pert citizen through the Northwest the mayor's address, comments Telephone Company's radio, land were offered by some of the tax- line and cable system and its conpayers present and several resolu- nection with other systems.

On Monday a trans-Canada tele-In opening, the mayor expressed phone line will be opened by the the belief that every member of the Governor-General which will encity council and school board was able people here to talk with Halifully seized with the seriousness of fax and other eastern centres. The the situation and was prepared to B. C. Telephone Company has spent carry out a policy of the strictest a million dollars on its line through economy. He referred to the con- the mountains where 25,000 poles ference which had been held be- have been erected. ween council and school board on

IS GRANTED financial affairs of the year. General tax collections in 1931, the mayor revealed, had amounted Patterson Elected General tax collections in 1931, **Restrained From Imposing** 

Levies on Logging

Concerns

anterior service size

to 80% and local improvement, 50%. Relief expenditure had totalled \$12,415 and exchange had cost the city \$10,668. These were expenditures over which the city had no

VANCOUVER, Jan. 23:-Declaring that they would be unable to control and which could not be an-|carry on if assessments for 1931 ticipated, particularly the ex-

which total 9.75 of the payroll change. In addition to this a bond issue

In Prince George

Mayor of Interior Town Will Serve Sixth Term-Opie Heads Aldermanic Poll

PRINCE GEORGE, Jan. 23:-

Halifax