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THE GRAND TRUNK ASSESSMENT

Owing to the near approach of the time when the citizens will be called upon to vote on the above question to bind the city to an agreement covering a long period of years, and owing also to the evident reluctance shown in certain quarters to discuss the question with the citizens, the Daily News will print a series of editorial articles dealing with the various aspects of the question.

Article No. 2.—Clearing Away Some Fallacies

The first popular fallacy in regard to the Grand Trunk Pacific assessment is a disposition to regard it as something very profound, and not to be easily understood by the multitude. This is not the case. To the officials of the Grand Trunk Pacific, the simple issue is that which any private citizen confronts when faced with a tax-bill he wishes to avoid, while on the other hand there is no indication that our own negotiators have any extraordinary knowledge on the subject. It would be a regrettable thing if any citizens were to run away with the idea that the principles whereby one would arbitrate a dispute over the assessment of a \$5,000,000 lot are any different than those by which a dispute over a \$500 lot are governed.

A second popular fallacy is that big railway companies are entitled by virtue of the fact that they are big railway companies to some special consideration in the matter. It is true that railway companies usually do get special consideration in these matters, and that the policy of granting reductions to railway companies is usually a good one for cities to adopt. But in the case of the city of Prince Rupert and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway this general custom and policy does not necessarily follow, because the relations of the railway company to the city are the reverse in Prince Rupert to those usually to be found in other cities.

Ordinarily, a city offers inducements to corporations—industrial as well as railway corporations—because their coming will enhance the value of the city property by stimulating trade. In the case of Prince Rupert the property had been enhanced in value before it was sold by the declaration of the railway company that it would make Prince Rupert its terminal on the Pacific Coast. And that enhanced price—the difference between the musk and rock price, and the Prince Rupert city price—went to the company at the time of the sale. That is the bonus the company got for selecting this particular townsite as its terminal.

It may or may not be to the city's advantage to grant exemptions to the railway company: the fact that they are going to make Prince Rupert their terminal does not obligate the city to bonus them for so doing. That bill has already been paid.

A third fallacy, and one very widely current among the mercantile men is that concessions are necessary to conciliate the company and ensure its retention of interest in the city's progress. This spirit of fear has been appealed to by Mr. D'Arcy Tate of the G. T. P., in a statement he made at Vancouver on March 6th last, as follows: "Grand Trunk Pacific development will be arrested until the question of assessment is settled." "Construction will be delayed until it is adjusted."

But in spite of Mr. D'Arcy Tate's statement such a course cannot be adopted. The location of the Pacific Coast terminus is fixed by a number of irrevocable things; by the location of the harbor, by the Federal Government's guarantee of the company's bonds, and by the representations on which the townsite was sold. The continued interest of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company in the development of Prince Rupert is ensured by the profit-demanding urge of British shareholders who want to see the line in working order at the earliest possible date; by the possession of four unsold sections of land on the townsite, and the possession of twenty-three thousand acres of land across the harbor. The interest of the Grand Trunk Pacific in the development of Prince Rupert is much greater than that of all the other private owners put together. It is too great an interest for anyone to fear that development will be arrested, and construction delayed, pending the settlement of a dispute over the railway company's water-front lots.

These are a few of the outstanding fallacies which it is an advantage to have cleared away, before discussing the pros and cons of the assessment dispute.

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Letters to the Editor - Praise for the Hospital - Dear Sir,—Having just recovered from a serious operation, performed in your City Hospital, I wish to bear testimony to the efficiency of the institution and the unexcelled skill of the medical and surgical staff in your city. There are, I understand, eight doctors here. Among these are specialists in all branches of medical science. My own physician was Dr. Kergin, of whom I cannot speak too highly. His skill and courtesy it would be hard to equal. I think the directors of the Hospital Board are to be congratulated on having such an excellent staff of nurses and such a capable and kindly matron as Miss McTavish, who is well known in this Northern country. It would be impossible to get together more capable nurses than those in the hospital of this city. These ladies have graduated from the hospitals of London and Boston and other large cities, consequently they have had a most valuable experience. Sir, I have great pleasure in stating that I think the Prince Rupert General Hospital is one of the city's greatest assets. I beg to remain, Very truly yours, CHAS. P. BARNES Mile 125, Skeena River.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, Clara May Little of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation farmer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Lot 1735, Range 5, Coast District, thence east 40 chains, thence north 25 chains, thence west 31 chains, thence north 29 chains, thence east 10 chains, thence south 45 chains to point of commencement, containing 1112 acres more or less. Dated April 4, 1911. CLARA MAY LITTLE Pub. April 15.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, John L. Mitchell of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation farmer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about (5) five miles south of the forks of the White and Flat rivers, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, containing 320 acres more or less. Dated April 17, 1911. JOHN L. MITCHELL, Francis S. Preston, Agent Pub. May 6.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, John L. Mitchell of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation farmer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about (3) three miles south of the forks of the White and Flat rivers, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, containing 320 acres more or less. Dated April 18, 1911. ALFRED KYTE, Francis S. Preston, Agent Pub. May 13.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, Lauchlan John Shanahan of Victoria, B. C., occupation farmer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted 65 chains south from the southeast corner of Lot 3060, thence 40 chains south, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains east to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less. Dated April 17, 1911. LAUCHLAN JOHN SHANAHAN, Pub. May 6.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, Mrs. L. C. Putnam of St. Paul, Minnesota, occupation married woman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, containing 320 acres more or less. Dated March 20, 1911. MRS. L. C. PUTNAM, Agent Pub. April 15.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, Swan Hallen of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation carpenter, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about (5) five miles south of the forks of the White and Flat rivers, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, containing 320 acres more or less. Dated April 18, 1911. SWAN HALLEN, Francis S. Preston, Agent Pub. May 13.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, Fred W. Bohler of Kitsumkalum, occupation farmer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Lot 1116, Harvey Survey, Coast District, Range 5, thence 20 chains south, thence 10 chains east, thence 20 chains north, thence 10 chains west to point of commencement, containing 20 acres more or less. Dated April 21, 1911. FRED W. BOHLER, Agent Pub. April 22.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, Lettie McTavish of Vancouver, B. C., occupation married woman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot 1116, Harvey Survey, Coast District, Range 5, thence 20 chains south, thence 10 chains east, thence 20 chains north, thence 10 chains west to point of commencement, containing 20 acres more or less. Dated May 2, 1911. LETTIE McTAVISH, Agent Pub. May 6.

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LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, William John Corley of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation rancher, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot 3068, Range 5, Coast District, thence north 20 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 80 acres, more or less. Dated April 8, 1911. WILLIAM JOHN CORLEY, Pub. April 22.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, George W. Arnott of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation real estate broker, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about seven miles and one-half mile west and one mile south of the forks of the White and Flat rivers, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, containing 320 acres more or less. Dated March 17, 1911. GEO. W. ARNOTT, Numa Demers, Agent Pub. April 22.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, John Heburn of Kitsumkalum, occupation farmer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of Lot 3068, thence east 20 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 80 acres, more or less. Dated March 18, 1911. JOHN HEBURN, Pub. April 15.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, Henry Macartney of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation farmer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the south side of Exchumskis River, about 2 miles and 1-2 miles west from Exchumskis rapids, thence 80 chains north, thence 40 chains east, thence 80 chains south, thence 40 chains west to point of commencement, containing 320 acres more or less. Dated March 17, 1911. HENRY MACARTNEY, Pub. April 22.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, Mary Martin of Stewart, B. C., occupation married woman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted two (2) miles south and two miles west of the forks of the White and Flat rivers, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, containing 320 acres more or less. Dated April 18, 1911. MARY MARTIN, Francis S. Preston, Agent Pub. May 13.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, Alice M. Knouge of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation married woman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about two miles south and two miles west of the forks of the White and Flat rivers, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, containing 320 acres more or less. Dated April 13, 1911. ALICE M. KNOUGE, Francis S. Preston, Agent Pub. May 13.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, John Ivan Peters of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation clerk, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about three one-half miles distant from a north-south line from a bluish river to an observatory, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, containing 640 acres more or less. Dated April 14, 1911. JOHN IVAN PETERS, Pub. May 13.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, Sydney Hodgkinson of Kitsumkalum, B. C., occupation clerk, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about a quarter mile north east from Glacier Hill and on the east bank of the Naas River, thence north 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less. Dated April 17, 1911. SYDNEY HODGKINSON, C.A. Tervo, Agent Pub. April 22.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, H. Murphy of Vancouver, B. C., occupation commercial traveler, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about seven miles west and one mile south from the mouth of Stanley Creek, Naden Harbor, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, containing 320 acres more or less. Dated April 22, 1911. H. MURPHY, Numa Demers, Agent Pub. April 22.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE - Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 - Take notice that I, Paul Brendler of Porcher Island, occupation farmer, intend to apply for permission to lease the following foreshore: Commencing at a post planted about 12 feet from the location post of lot 1901 on Porcher Island, thence in a southerly direction following high water mark 1200 feet; thence west to low water mark; thence northerly following low water mark 1200 feet; thence east to point of commencement. Dated March 7, 1911. PAUL BRENDLER, First insertion March 11.

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