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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.

In so doing, there is no desire to sway the minds of the electors either for or against the proposed settlement. The aim will be to state the case fairly, without prejudice, without exaggeration, and without rhetorical appeal, letting the issues be clearly seen, and allowing the facts to make their own appeal to the individual mind. Our chief concern is not which way the electors will vote, but that the electors may know what it is they are voting for or against.

Article No. 3.—How the General Assessment is Affected.

The first and most obvious effect of any alteration in the assessment of the Grand Trunk Pacific property is upon the assessment of the private lot-owners. At present the lands within the city limits are owned by three classes of ownership, viz., the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company, the Grand Trunk Pacific Town and Development Company, the Provincial Government and the private lot-owners. For practical purposes of civic revenue, there are only three classes, for the Government-owned lots are exempt from taxation. Later on, there will only be two classes, for the Development company is formed not to hold and develop the lots, but to sell them to private lot-owners. The permanent sources of taxation will be the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company, and the private lot-owners. The question at issue in the assessment dispute is, "In what proportions shall the burden of taxation be divided."

According to the opinion of the Assessor appointed by the Provincial Government, the proper proportions in which the taxation should be divided, taken on a basis of the relative value of the property owned by the railway company and the private lot-owners (including the Development company) was in the ratio of \$7,129,500 for the railway company and \$5,043,142.50 for the private lot-owners, (including the Development company). This at last year's rate of taxation meant a tax bill of \$101,497 for the company and \$75,657 for the private lot-owners. This gave the city, after the Court of Revision was over, and the assessment records signed, an estimated revenue of \$177,154.

In other words, out of a total revenue needed of \$177,154 the independent assessor, appointed by the Provincial Government, declared that a just division based on the value of the holdings of the parties, would require the railway company to contribute \$101,497 to the citizens' \$75,657.

Now it is evident that if instead of a contribution of \$101,497 the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company is only to make a contribution of \$5,000 a year as President Hays proposed, or \$25,897 as the Board of Trade suggested, or \$30,000 a year as the late city council proposed, or \$15,000 a year as the present city council proposes, that the private lot-owners will have to pay the difference.

Assuming that the financial needs of the city are no greater this year than last—and this fiscal year has twelve months in it to the seven of last year—then in order to raise a revenue of \$177,154, the citizens will have to raise in addition to last year's share, the difference between the amount of the settlement arrived at, and the amount levied on the railway company last year.

Thus if the suggestion is adopted by the citizens that the Grand Trunk Pacific's assessment be reduced to \$15,000 a year for ten years, in order to raise \$177,154, the citizens will have to contribute \$162,154 instead of \$75,657 as last year. As the city grows and larger revenues

are needed during the currency of the ten year agreement, the proportion of taxation would grow larger for the citizens and smaller for the railway company, for the reason that the citizens' share would increase, while the company's would remain stationary.

That this first and most obvious outcome of the proposed agreement is realised by the city authorities, is indicated in the recently issued assessment for the present year. In some cases the assessor has doubled and trebled the assessment of the privately owned lots to prices exceeding even the speculative value of the properties. On the whole area of privately owned lots the total assessment has been increased from \$4,700,822.50 to \$7,820,830.

That this is not the result of any general advance in values is seen by the fact that the Grand Trunk Pacific's property is now reduced from \$7,291,000 to \$2,819,500. Even this sum is being protested by the railway company, which in its notice of appeal states that its properties are "grossly over-assessed."

This may be taken either as an honest expression of belief that its lands are not worth that figure, or it may be an effort to still further compress the assessment so as to be prepared in the event of the proposed agreement being voted down by the citizens.

The citizens have a right to vote to reduce the company's assessment. If a sufficient inducement were offered them, it might even be good policy so to do. But it should be clearly explained to the citizens by those who submit the agreement to the people, that every dollar so exempted will have to be made up by the private lot-owners.

BABY VICTIM OF SWEATSHOP

Works for His Living by Hooking Eyelets on a Card

A baby aged two and a half years, who "works" for his living by hooking eyes on a card for his poor, working mother, has been discovered in London.

This little victim of sweated child labor—surely the youngest in the country—is mentioned by a writer in the Empire Review for April on "The Problem of the Child."

"I have seen a baby of two and the writer, 'so unchildlike at thirty months that he had not the curiosity to look up from his work as we talked with the mother.

"Gravely and industriously this baby toiler placed hook after hook in its place on the card, saving a few minutes every hour to the mother who earns 3s. a week at the most monotonous, weary, treadmill type of 'woman's work' that exists. There are twelve hooks and eyes on each card, and the worker is paid 10d. for every gross of cards. First she sews the hooks on to the cards and the child links each hook with an eye. Then the eyes are stitched in.

POLICE RECORD IS EXCELLENT

Prince Rupert's Behavior Has Been Exemplary of Late

From the police point of view Prince Rupert is in a most satisfactory state. At the meeting of the Police Commission held yesterday afternoon in the City Hall Chief Vickers presented his report showing no formidable list of serious offences for the past month, but only the usual list of minor lapses.

The report showed the city to be orderly and law-abiding under Chief Vickers' administration of police matters, and Mayor Manson complimented the Chief on this condition of affairs. Chief Vickers mentioned in his statement that a keen watch is kept upon the movements of all classes of undesirable, and that they have little chance of obtaining a foothold in Prince Rupert, as they are kept on the move continually.

Amongst other matters of minor importance, dealt with were the estimates of the cost, some \$650 in all, of the new police offices and court room. It is noteworthy that this new building has not yet been the scene of any trial

for a serious offence, though it has been occupied now for several weeks.

Present at the meeting which was over in less than an hour, were Mayor Manson, Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Commissioner M. M. Stephens, and City Clerk Woods, Secretary of the Commission.

Letters to the Editor

Sir,—With your permission I would respectfully ask the attention of the authorities to the following:

Could they see their way clear to continue the plank road on Fourth avenue around Hays Cove Circle to meet the road to the bridge.

I believe it would be about 440 feet, and to people over the creek coming to town it would land them on Third avenue with about the same amount of walking, as at present it takes for them to reach McBride and Sixth streets.

Even a plank walk would be something, if a 16-ft. drive cannot be afforded.

I write this for the sake of the many residents over the creek, and if in the middle of the large work on hand it could be carried out; I know it would be appreciated by a large number of the people.

Yours truly,
"A Resident."

It is recorded that George Katter, the Cleveland pitcher, who was once a football player, has an instinctive desire to tackle a base runner as a means of stopping his career for a base. This is not strange. Did anyone ever observe a rugby player in action in a soccer game. When the ball comes to him he instinctively starts to catch the sphere and he is lucky if he recovers in time to save a foul.

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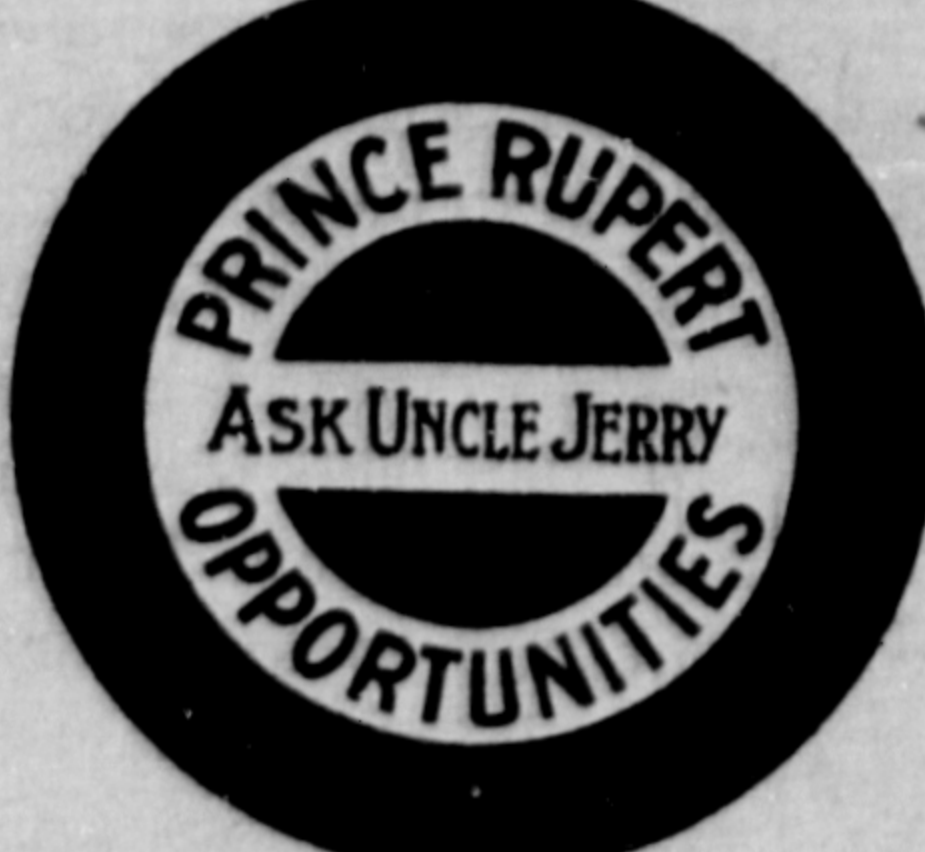
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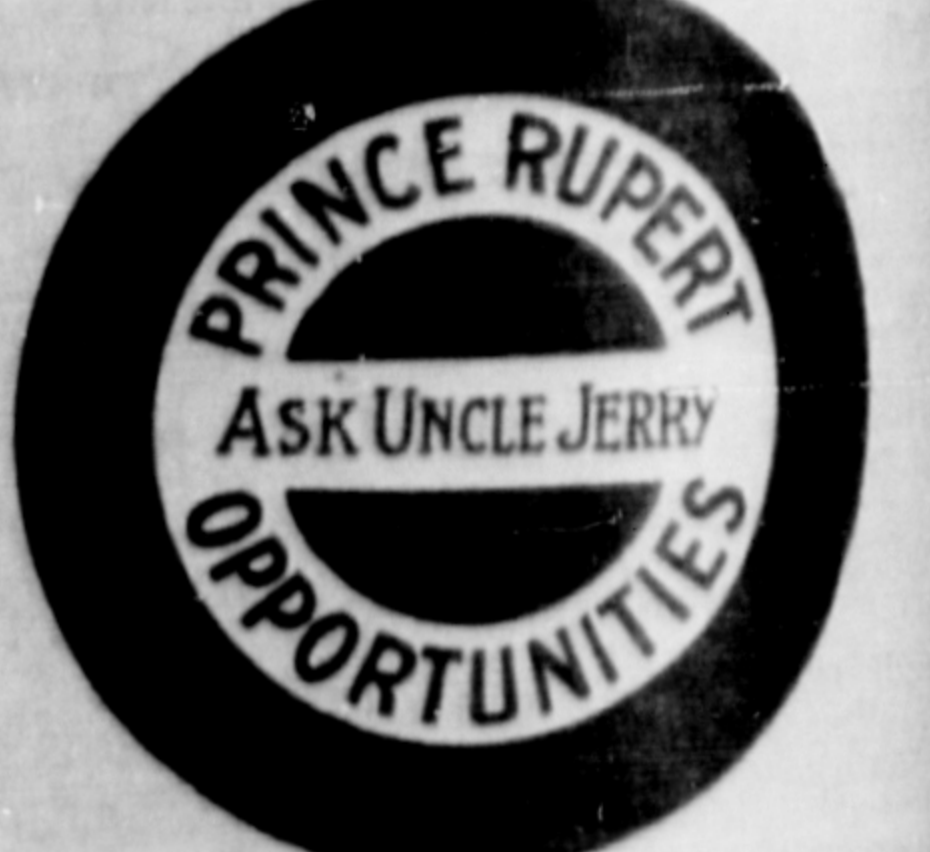
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Uncle Jerry's New List



Carpenters are getting busy on residences all over town but even with this building activity it will be some time before the demand for dwelling houses and apartments can be supplied if it ever is, because of the number of new people arriving with the object of making homes here. My correspondence upon this subject with parties now on the outside is constantly increasing so I make an especial appeal to those having apartments and houses to rent or for sale to immediately list them with Uncle Jerry.

RESIDENCES FOR RENT

\$60 per month. Seven furnished rooms with store below. A bargain.
\$15 per month. Two room house, unfurnished, with basement. Plastered. Water.
\$27.50 per month. Five room cottage, plastered. Water.
\$35 per month. Cabin, 18 x 12. Stove

\$25 per month. Five room cottage, plastered. Water.
\$40 per month. Four rooms, bath and toilet. Furnished \$50 per month.
\$15 per month. Four room cottage near McBride. Running water.
\$25 per month. Two story, four rooms. Partly furnished.
\$25 per month. Five rooms. Water not laid on.
\$22.50 per month. Four rooms in a double house. Papered and well finished.
\$30 per month. Two story, seven rooms. Bath room but not connected.
\$20 per month. Three rooms. Partly furnished.
\$25 per month. Two story, five rooms. Partly furnished. Garden.
\$35 per month. Six rooms and bath.
\$35 per month. Seven rooms and bath.
\$35 per month. Bungalow, four rooms. Bath. Hot and cold water.

WHY PAY RENT?—BUY A HOME

\$2,500 Buys five room house in Section 6. Easy terms of payment can be arranged.
\$6,000 Buys double apartment house in Section 6. Terms can be arranged.
\$5,500 Buys nine room house with basement. Hot and cold water. Modern conveniences. Time payments arranged.
\$5,180 Buys elegant eight room bungalow. Four fireplaces. Bath. All modern conveniences.
\$300 Buys five room house on Reserve.
\$2,700 Buys four room house in Section 6. Modern conveniences, including bath.
\$3,000 Buys seven room house in Section 5. Modern conveniences.
\$2,625 Buys two story house, seven rooms, in Section 1.

\$3,500 Buys house and shack in Section 1. Three rooms, kitchen, basement.
\$3,000 Buys two story nine room house in Section 6. Bath. Telephone. Price \$5,575.
\$1,000 Buys two story five room house in Section 7. Price \$2,250.
\$1,000 Buys two story, seven room cottage in Section 6. Bath. Price \$3,000.
\$1,000 Buys five room house on Seventh Avenue. Price \$2,500.
\$800 Buys well finished four room house in Section 5. Bath, closets. Price \$2,700.
BUY A LOT AND GET RICH
\$100 Buys two lots in Section 8. Price \$600.
\$400 Buys six lots at Seal Cove. Price \$1,200.
\$400 Buys four lots near Seal Cove. Price \$225 each.

\$100 Buys two lots in Section 8. Price \$500.
\$200 Buys two lots in Section 8. Price \$475.
\$800 Buys lot in Section 1, easy terms for balance. Price \$3,750.
\$545 Buys lot in Section 5. This is a snap for cash.
\$550 Buys two lots in Section 5. Easy terms for balance.
\$600 Buys lot in Section 6. Price \$1,025.
\$400 Buys lot in Section 6. Price \$850.
HOW ABOUT ROOMING HOUSES?
\$500 Buys furniture and lease for two years of ten room house. Toilet and bath.
\$800 CASH. First payment on \$4,200 rooming house, 20 x 100, 2 story and basement. Balance payable \$100 monthly.
\$725 Buys furniture and 3 1-2 years' lease of rooming house in Section 1. Rent \$45 per month.

\$700 Buys rooming house on Third Avenue. Nine furnished rooms, full rented. A snap.
\$1,800 Buys large rooming house. Close in. Finest place in city. Should clear \$100 to \$150 per month. Investigate this.
"ASK UNCLE JERRY"
We have also a hotel proposition worthy of consideration, several business opportunities, stores to rent, boats for sale and so forth.
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Jeremiah H. Kugler

\$1600 Cash Buys Planing Mill and Carpenter Shop

"Ask Uncle Jerry"

\$425 Buys Two Lots in Section 8. This is a Big Snap.

Second Avenue