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### ASSESSMENT OF CITY

There is a discussion going on in regard to the city assessment. It is claimed that assessments are too high in the city but it is counterclaimed that this is no time to try to set values for real estate when everything is abnormal and there is little sale for anything. As long as the values are equitable it matters little whether or not they may be above or below actual selling prices.

In Edmonton the city is asking for a revision of the charter to provide that instead of it being necessary to assess at actual value the assessment must be in proportion to the respective value of other properties. It is also suggested there that the court of revision should be composed of three experts whose decision should be subject to appeal to a judge of the supreme court.

### THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The public library has just completed another year of service to the community. It is housed in a small and rather dingy building but the number of books handled exceeds that of any other of its size or with a similar staff. With eight thousand books on the shelves, including most of the classics and a number of the modern volumes, the demand is steady and good reading is encouraged.

During a time like that through which we are passing when some people have not even the price to attend a movie, the library is particularly useful in providing recreation for the people. The newer books are watched for eagerly and many also read the books which have stood the test of time.

Possibly the greatest work the library does is in providing reading matter for the young people of the city. During the year seventeen thousand books of a juvenile nature were borrowed and the groundwork of a classic education was thus laid.

The hope of the library board is that sufficient funds will be provided during the coming year to enable the good work to proceed without check. With half of the total population actually using the library it has become one of the greatest factors for progress in the life of the community.



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## OFFICERS FOR BAND

E. F. Dudoward Named President of Port Simpson Musical Group

PORT SIMPSON, Jan. 13.—The Port Simpson Concert Band has elected officers for the year 1932 as follows:

Grand President, Phillip Green sr.  
President, E. F. Dudoward.  
Vice-president, Jno. Sankey.  
Secretary treasurer, Peter M. Wells.

Recording secretary, David Hayward.

Conductor, E. F. Dudoward, Jas. Henry and George Sankey.  
Custodian of instruments, Isaac Sankey, A. Price, M. Green.

Librarians, David Musgrave, Paul Price and Wm. Alexcee.  
Manager of athletic department, Wm. Green.

## The Letter Box

### REPLY TO ENGINEER

Editor, Daily News.—

I wish to comment on the acrimonious statement issued by the city engineer, W. K. Owyer, which was published in your periodical last Saturday. The insolence of his attack on the workless workers is matched by the other extreme of his attitude the sympathy appearing as sort of crocodile tears. Instead of answering questions asked civilly he replies with a sneer and indulges in autobiographical containing mixture of cheap morality and playing up to the vulgar egotism of big business.

Looking up federal statistics on income taxation we find:

Thirty-three thousand, eight hundred and eighty-one individuals with income of under \$2,000 paid \$501,146.00, omitting intermediate groups we find that 294 individuals having income of \$50,000 and over paid \$4,712,291.00.

As all property taxes and others would bear the same proportion as the income taxes it is safe to state that the workers, or the majority of Rupert's population are paying comparatively small amounts into national and provincial revenues.

However, additional taxation respecting unemployment relief expenditures is and will be levied not only on the property owners in this city but on all the imports in the form of duties and other taxes methods, manufacturing products and all types of commercial transactions.

All these taxes are passed on by the pillars of our society to first, the workers engaged in the productive and distributive industries of the country and second, to the consumers.

Any importer, manufacturer or banker finding himself additionally taxed and being a shrewd business man immediately provide themselves with relief assisted, of course, by lawyers, which amounts to simple arrangement whereby the amount taxed is considered as additional operating cost item and as such is passed on to the consumers. Furthermore since this additional outlay of financial capital to meet these taxes is regarded as investment our hard boiled businessman raises the price of commodity handled by him by such amount plus the interest of, perhaps, 10%.

The workers in the case of Prince Rupert mostly fishermen will be required to accept smaller wages, or smaller price on their fish and in this way the fishermen who are on relief would pay not only for relief expenditures on themselves but also would contribute towards the salary of our engineer.

By the word "workers" is meant here all those who participate either in the productive or distributive industry and incidental to them professions and also public servants administering the law in vogue. This definition is given to prevent misunderstanding as to what is meant by this word.

Workers of Prince Rupert, unite. You have nothing to lose but exploitation and its supporters and you have your share of the world to gain.

Yours for socialism,  
M. ANDERSON.

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# Prince Rupert

## THE FRONT DOOR OF THE PEACE RIVER COUNTRY

Economy is the keynote of all activities today. No money is expended unless it is looked upon as an absolute necessity.

It is at a time like this when the advantages of the Pacific outlet to the sea should be recognized by all Canadians. It is the hope of a very large section of the country, particularly of that new and rapidly growing young empire through which the Peace River flows.

## PRINCE RUPERT WAS BUILT TO BE THE WESTERN OUTLET

the logical point from which the grain of the Peace should be shipped. There are other points which might be made available but the railway is already built into Prince Rupert from Edmonton by the best grade of any line on the continent. The port is already here and a fine elevator ready to receive the grain. No expense is necessary except for the piece of railway connecting the existing Peace River railways with the main line of the Canadian National at some point between Hansard and the coast. With that operated jointly by the two big railway companies and with the C. P. R. granted suitable running privileges over the C. N. R. to enable them to do business on an equality with their competitor, the business of hauling grain to the Pacific by the best possible route can commence.

While this is a time when strictest economy is being practised everywhere, it is a time when the employment of labor in a large way is eminently desirable. Men are out of work and must be fed. The reasonable thing would be to set them to work on big undertakings of a productive nature and this Peace River Pacific outlet is one that lends itself to the purpose, especially if one of the longer and more economical routes such as that to Hazelton should be adopted.

## SETTLERS ARE STILL POURING INTO THE PEACE COUNTRY

The towns are growing into cities and the villages into towns. The people are a unit in demanding a western outlet and they have adopted the Prince Rupert attitude which is that it be built by the most feasible route to the coast.

The location of this route means everything to the country. If it should be built south instead of west and should go by a tortuous route with mountain grades instead of by way of a perfect water grade to the sea, it would mean that high freight rates would be set to enable the railways to earn dividends under the difficult circumstances. A case in point is that of the C. P. R. which was built through the difficult Kicking Horse Pass and as a result of which a mountain differential had to be established.

It would be little short of a crime to place a permanent embargo on all western shipments from the Peace River country, especially at a time when people are looking for the most economical way of carrying on the business of the country and enabling the farmers to compete with grain growers in other countries to the best advantage. The interests of the grain growers should be paramount. Any line that is built should be for the purpose of serving them and not to advantage any particular port or district.

## PRINCE RUPERT IS THE PORT OF THE WESTERN ROUTE

for the products of Northern Alberta and British Columbia. The port has one of the finest harbors in the world, open all the year round and easily accessible from the ocean. It has one of the most up-to-date elevators suited for terminal shipping purposes. It has docks suited for deep sea shipping, a large dry dock and shipyard and other conveniences that go to the making of a port, such as a quarantine station, wireless and radio telephone stations. Nothing is lacking. The port is ready for business, the railway is ready to carry the grain and all that is needed is the western connection with it from the Peace country.

It would seem the part of statesmanship for any government to enable such modern facilities to be used for the benefit of the Peace River farmers and at the same time to provide employment for that army of men who today are clamoring for honest jobs to enable them to live as decent citizens of Canada.

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