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CONFERENCE AT OTTAWA

For the first time in history a British Imperial Conference is being held outside of London. Ottawa has been chosen for the honor and Canadians will all take a very keen interest in the proceedings.

The British government has appointed its delegates to the conference, Ex-Premier Baldwin being leader of the group. Doubtless Premier Bennett will lead the Canadian delegates and the other British nations will have equally prominent men to represent them.

The importance of the occasion is accentuated by the fact that since the last meeting the Canadian proposals made through Premier Bennett have been accepted by the British government and now the various parts of the Empire are ready for reciprocal action. Britain has not been slow to move since the recent change in government there and when the coming conference is over it is likely that Canada will be in a position to benefit largely by the improved financial condition of Britain and by the fact that she is a member of the commonwealth of nations.

Premier Bennett can rest assured that in any steps he may take for the benefit of Canada, the whole country will back him irrespective of party allegiance. The people of Canada are not in a position today to allow their political feeling to interfere with their support of any beneficial measures. What we need today is more business and less politics. Measures which will make for genuine progress are being demanded by all the people. We must not live too much in the past. Conditions are changing every day and a forward policy will meet with general approval.

SENATOR ROBERTSON'S WORD

It seems that we have the word of Senator Robertson, until recently minister of labor in the Bennett cabinet, that it was on the advice of the government of the province of British Columbia, the amount of relief money had been cut from five millions to slightly over three millions. Yet all this time the members of the provincial government were blaming the federal government for being responsible for the shut-down of work.

We have carefully avoided anything that might be considered partisan criticism of the government in connection with the relief work this winter. It is too serious a matter to be made a political football. Now everyone must be satisfied that the Tolmie government was responsible and not the Bennett government.

RESULTS ALMOST NIL

A good deal of money was expended in and near Prince Rupert in relief but very little results have been obtained. The city went to work in good faith expecting to get the support of the government in completing the works that they started. When the improvements were getting pretty well advanced there was a sudden shut-down owing to the cut-off in the supply of money and the result is that in various parts of the city may be seen streets partly graded and left in such a condition that in some cases residents are seriously inconvenienced.

On the highway, camps have been erected and men kept there in idleness and practically no work done. In a season when the highway work could have been advanced considerably at low cost, no advancement has been made.

This is not a party criticism. It is a serious wrong that has been done the city and district, one that will militate against us in future years.

PUBLICITY TEST

Roger Babson has made a test of the rival advantages of publicity through the newspaper and by means of radio broadcasting, says the Victoria Colonist. He appropriated $6,000 for the advertising of his agency; half to be spent on newspaper publicity and half on broadcasting. The radio publicity brought him 14 replies; that through the newspapers resulted in 4,000 requests for information. The comparison is an illuminating one.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup

Tickling In The Throat And Coughing Spells

Mrs. James McGann, Kinmount, Ont., writes:—"Some time ago I had a very bad cold, and the tickling in my throat would cause long spells of coughing.

I was advised by a friend to use Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, and after taking the first bottle my cough had all gone.

I can recommend 'Dr. Wood's' to everyone with a cold or cough."

Price 35c. a bottle; large family size 65c.; at all drug and general stores; put up only by The T. Milburn Co., Ltd., Toronto, Ont.

Scenes of Opening of New 'Phone Service Here

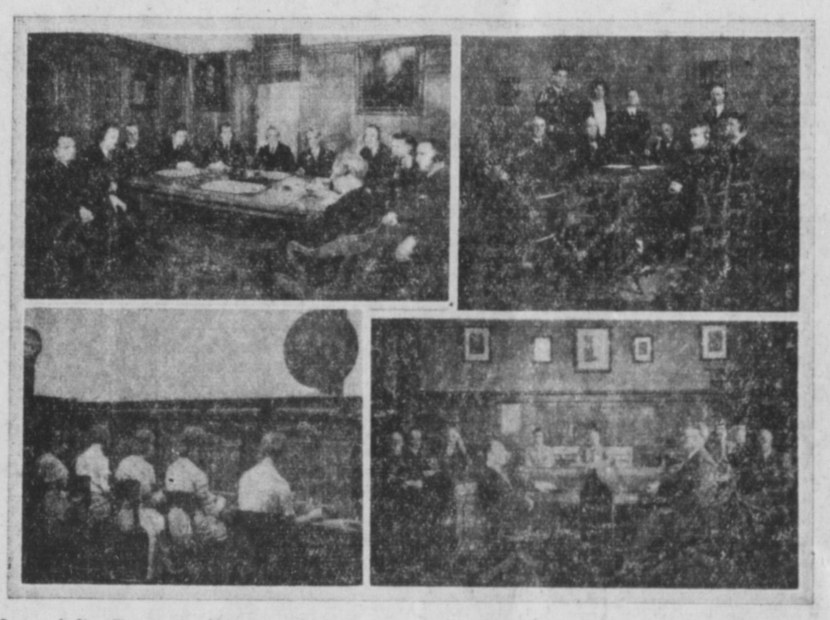
Mayor C. H. Orme

Tests During Installation

Left—H. R. Tupper, construction engineer. Centre—C. H. McLean, chief construction engineer. Right—Joe Co ture, skipper of Belmont.

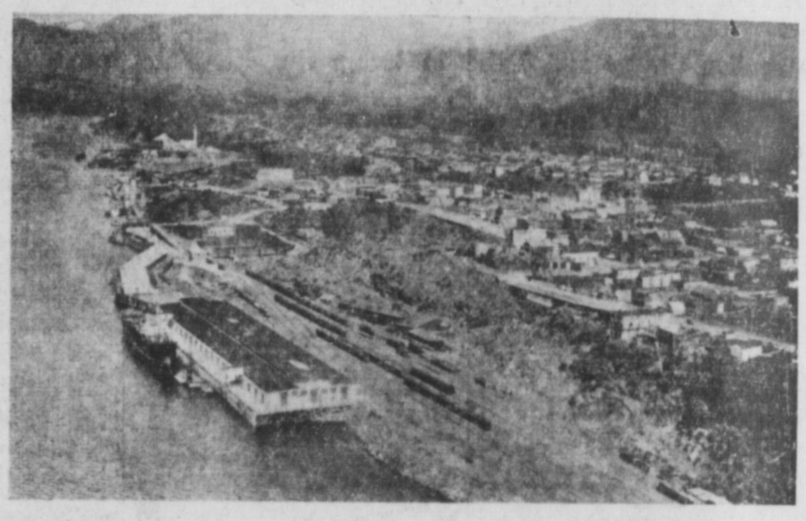
Superintendent Sam Massey

At Official Opening of Service



Upper left—Group in Vancouver during opening. Upper right—Victoria group. Lower left—Prince Rupert switchboard. Lower right—In Prince Rupert council chamber.

Prince Rupert From Air



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IN THE LETTER BOX

RE VOTERS' LIST

Editor, Daily News:—

Apropos of your very timely editorial in today's paper concerning the necessity of British subjects seeing to it this month that their names are on the voters' list, I find from an examination of the provincial list that there are literally hundreds of people in this riding entitled to be on it, whose names are not now thereon, and if there should be an election this summer they will not be entitled to vote unless they attend to the matter this month.

It is always a matter of the deepest regret to the person concerned when, on election day, he finds that he cannot exercise his franchise because he did not take sufficient interest beforehand to see that his name was on.

It will take only a few moments for an applicant to go into the government agent's office and have his or her name put on the list. Or, if that is impossible it will be attended to gratis by any law office in the city or at Dybhavn & Hanson's office, or before any election commissioner.

Yours truly,
L. W. PATMORE.

SCHOOL FINANCING

Editor, Daily News:—

I have been interested in reading from time to time, the various articles and letters appearing in your paper on civic and school finances. The collection of inaccuracies which appears in today's paper over the name of George Rorie, however, so disgusts my sense of fair play, that I feel called upon to draw the public attention to certain facts regarding the financial situation.

Let me draw your attention to Sec. 66, paragraph 1, of the Public Schools Act which states: "The treasurer of each municipality shall set apart and keep in a separate account, to be called the 'Board of School Trustees' Account'—(a) So much and such proportion of the moneys from time to time paid into his hands on account of rates and taxes as will in the aggregate equal the amount ordered to be assessed and levied for school purposes in the school district in which the municipality is comprised; (b) All moneys received by the municipality under the grant paid to the municipality by the Minister of Finance pursuant to this act; and the municipal treasurer shall, whenever requested, exhibit to the Board of School Trustees the state of the account; and the moneys so set apart, or that should be set apart, shall not be applied to any other purpose whatsoever by the municipal treasurer."

And also Sec. 67, which says, "Every surplus, however accruing, remaining at the credit of the board of school trustees at the end of the fiscal year, whether appearing in the board of school trustees' account or in any separate account of moneys raised or provided for extraordinary expenses, shall be carried over and appear at the credit of the board for the ensuing fiscal year, and may be applied by the board for ordinary expenses."

Last year the school board submitted estimates of $93,930 upon which amount the school mill rate was based. According to Mr. Rorie's letter only 85% of this levy was collected which would amount to approximately $79,800. The provincial government grants totalled $20,800, and High School fees collected amounted to $1135. Then there was $800 donated by the teachers of the city towards unemployment relief to be kept in trust by the city, bringing total receipts for the year to approximately $102,000. The actual expenditures of the school board totalled $89,000, so that the last year's operations should show a balance with the municipal treasurer of $13,000. According to Sec. 67, already quoted, this amount is to be applied to this year's estimates.

Now, Mr. Editor, the point I wish to make is this, that actually no such surplus exists, and that in direct contravention of Sec. 66, the city council would seem to be making a practice of utilizing surplus school monies, to cover deficits in civic finances. If such is not the case, let us have a statement from the city treasurer showing the accumulated surpluses of school board money during recent years.

In view of this state of affairs, why should our children be deprived of the advantages of manual training, domestic science, and commercial courses, just to supply the city council with a larger surplus of school funds to carry on with their own extravagances. I am a taxpayer and a father of school children and I protest against these unfair proposed economies. Let the city council do their own economizing and if necessary do away with aldermanic and mayoralty remuneration for this year, to show that they really mean all they say about retrenchment.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I am,
Yours truly
"A TAXPAYER".

TELL THE PEOPLE

"Tell 'em quick and tell 'em often. Explain to folks plainly and sincerely what you have to sell. Keep everlastingly coming at them. Advertising is pretty much like shovelling a furnace. Once you stop stoking, the fire goes out."—Wm. Wrigley jr. (tf)

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