

The Daily News

Formerly The Prince Rupert Optimist

Published by the Prince Rupert Publishing Company, Limited

DAILY AND WEEKLY

SUBSCRIPTION RATES—DAILY, 50c per month, or \$5.00 per year, in advance. WEEKLY, \$2.00 per year. OUTSIDE CANADA—Daily, \$8.00 per year; Weekly, \$2.50 per year, strictly in advance.

TRANSIENT DISPLAY ADVERTISING—50 cents per inch. Contract rates on application.

HEAD OFFICE

Daily News Building, Third Ave., Prince Rupert, B. C. Telephone 98.

BRANCH OFFICES AND AGENCIES

NEW YORK—National Newspaper Bureau, 219 East 23rd St., New York City.

SEATTLE—Puget Sound News Co.

LONDON, ENGLAND—The Clougher Syndicate, Grand Trunk Building, Trafalgar Square.

"The newspaper, with the law, should assume the accused innocent until proven guilty; should be the friend, not the enemy of the general public; the defender, not the invader of private life and the assailant of personal character. It should be, as it were, a keeper of the public conscience."—Henry Watterson.

DAILY EDITION.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

SEATTLE'S HYDRO-ELECTRIC EXPERIENCES

Owing to its geographical nearness, and the similarity of its civic problems, the city of Seattle has a good deal of interest for Prince Rupert. An article on the electric light and water plants of Seattle, by Commissioner L. B. Youngs in a recent issue of the Twentieth Century Magazine, has a very special interest for us at the present time. Mr. Youngs has been in charge of the water department for sixteen years, and of the electric light department for the past six years.

The water department at Seattle was taken over by the city from private parties in 1890, a sum of \$352,289 being paid for the old plant. Since then additions and improvements have been made till now the total investment exceeds \$8,500,000, the income being approximately \$800,000 at the present time.

The bonded debt of the department at the time of writing—in the fall of last year—was \$4,079,000, upon which an annual interest of \$204,000 is paid. Of the \$800,000 revenue, nearly \$500,000 was applied to meet the fixed charges and the cost of operation, the balance being applied to the redemption of outstanding warrants, and new construction.

The fixed rate for dwellings with modern conveniences is \$1.05 per month, the minimum charge for metered water being 50 cents per month. Over 20,000 meters are in use.

In constructing new mains in the business district an interesting policy is in force. It is assumed that a large main is a benefit to the property, so all mains up to 12 in. diameter are assessed against the property it serves. If the main is over 12 in. in diameter, the cost in excess of the cost of a 12 in. main is met by the water fund. The same policy is in force in the residential district, save that the limit of assessment against the property owners is the cost of an 8 in. main.

"We have been very fortunate in being able to secure and retain the confidence and support of the people for the water plant," says Mr. Youngs. "Every proposition to improve the plant has been carried by large majorities. I consider that our plant may fairly and justly be credited with thorough success, and any proposition to revert to the system of private ownership and management would not be listened to for a moment by the people of this city."

In regard to the Lighting Plant, the city was handicapped by the fact that two large electrical companies were in operation and had secured control of the electrical business in the city. Nevertheless, the city plant had had a successful history during its six years of operation. When the plant started, there was an instant drop in the rates for electric light from 20 to 50 per cent. That alone would have justified the civic venture. But at the reduced rates, Mr. Youngs has been able to bring the plant from a point where it made losses in its first years, to a position where its income provides for its operation, maintenance, fixed charges, depreciation, and also for a substantial yearly reduction on its outstanding debt.

The figures quoted show that the investment is \$2,018,000. In its first four months in 1905 there was a loss of \$18,876. For the year 1906 there was a deficit of \$11,025. In the next two years, the earnings paid off \$108,687 interest on bonds, \$84,737 for depreciation, and reduced the total deficit of the previous years to \$5815. In the year 1908 a surplus of \$26,533 was shown. In the following year it grew to \$99,459.

Both plants are of course, very large affairs. The street lighting circuit totals 685 miles; the commercial department lights in addition to 177 multiple arcs and 710 Nernst lamps, a total of 168,250 multiple incandescents. The waterpower is obtained from the Cedar River, a distance of 44 miles away, which supplies both water and light systems.

The heart of the whole matter is touched by Mr. Youngs at the conclusion of his article where he says: "My experience with these two plants convinces me that under proper management, such plants can be thoroughly successful, at any rate where there is a sufficient community to furnish the necessary patronage. I am constrained to add, however, that every city might not be as free as this has been from political interference and political influences."

WHO WILL BUILD THE STEEL BRIDGE

Question of Access to the City's Waterfront Crops Up in Council.

The question of access to the civic waterfront across Morse Creek came up in the council on Monday night. It was pointed out by Alderman Morrissey that originally the idea for the construction of the bridge was to have three parties to the work, viz., the city, the government, and the G. T. P. It was to be a costly steel bridge.

The Mayor said that he and Alderman Kirkpatrick had walked out that way recently, and believed access to the waterfront for the city might be had temporarily along the railway property, but Alderman Morrissey has his doubts about this. The committee will begin work pending the decision of the people on the assessment agreement.

WANTS \$25,000 FOR FIVE LOTS

Provincial Government Offers to Sell City a Site for City Hall at Market.

From the Deputy Minister of Lands a letter was read in council on Monday night stating the price asked by the government for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 15, Section 1, to be \$5000 per lot. This property is at Market Place, and the idea is that it is a suitable site for the City Hall. This letter has been filed, and meanwhile the Mayor has instructed the committee looking after City Hall sites to prepare their report for submission to the people with the forthcoming by-laws, etc.

If coal dust is piled on a piece of paper and then put in the fire it will burn without deadening the fire.

Martin O'Reilly's
MID-SUMMER
CLEARING SALE

Sooner or later you are going to find out that it is to your own best interest to buy your Clothing and Men's Furnishings here. Try it now. Our Mid-Summer Clearing Sale offers you the best in Quality, Latest in Style, for THE LEAST MONEY—Prices that are convincing.

All Fancy Tweed and Worsted Suits and Pants to be Cleared Regardless of Cost

Men's Suits

Regular \$25.00, Now \$15.00

Regular \$30.00, Now \$20.00



Men's Pants

Regular \$5.00, Now \$4.00

Regular \$7.00, Now \$5.00



Men's Soft Felt and Straw Hats, regular \$3.00

NOW \$1.50

Men's Black and Tan Shoes, all sizes, regular \$6.00

NOW \$4.00



Working Men's Shirts in plain or fancy Duck, Drills or Buckskin, Regular \$1.50 - - - - NOW \$1.00

MARTIN O'REILLY

Phone 23

Second Ave.

CAUGHT BY A ROCK SLIDE

Charlie Lager Laborer on Larsen's Cut Near the Cold Storage Plant Injured about the Head this Morning.

This morning a laborer named Charlie Lager was injured about the head by a fall of rock down the face of Larsen's Cut on the G. T. P. line near the Cold Storage Works. Lager was shovelling, and the fall of stones just missed burying him. His injuries were attended to at first by William Lake, book-keeper at Larsen's camp, and he was then brought along by George Newcombe in the launch Dixie to the wharf. He was able to walk up to Dr. Eggert's office where his head was dressed.

Death of S. J. Fox

Lindsay, Ont., July 4.—(Special)—S. J. Fox, M. P. P. for West Victoria, died here today.

Read The Daily News

POLICE CHIEF AND CURTAINS

Recommends that Private Box System in Restaurants be Abolished Entirely.

Chief Vickers has instituted a campaign against the "private boxes" in licensed premises in the city, and is even inclined to crown upon those in unlicensed restaurants. He regards them as undesirable, and thinks that if done away with the standard of the hotels in the city would be better maintained. As Chairman of the Police Commissioners May-Manson thinks this matter had better be dealt with by the city council with any recommendation from the commission.

Chief Vickers gave the city a good reputation for the month of June. Two serious crimes were mentioned in the report, the Homer Wood's case, and the case of the Chinamen, Dr. Law and Mah Hong. Otherwise the police report was a good one on the whole.

The police officers in the city

will have uniforms and helmets just like the pictures. Messrs. Sweder Bros. will do the uniforms at \$175 for the five. Chief Vickers will select helmets and capes at an extra price to be left to his judgment.

STRANGE TRAGEDY AT VANCOUVER

Charles Giser Fatally Shot by an Italian on Prior Street Last Night.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Vancouver, July 4.—Charles Giser was probably fatally shot by an Italian on Prior street last night following a quarrel the men had earlier in the day. Giser called at his assailant's house during the evening, and the Italian shot him down as he stood at the door. The bullet entered his left side below the heart.

The Italian is now under arrest and Giser is not expected to live.

For row boats and launches telephone 320 green. Davis' Boat House.

WE - HAVE - FOR - SALE
(CROWN GRANTED)

Section 9 Township 1 Range 4 **NECHACO VALLEY**

PRICE:—\$15.00 PER ACRE, EASY TERMS

This is an excellent section and was one of the first to be staked in the Valley.

Samuel Harrison & Co.

Brokers and Financial Agents, Prince Rupert

The Daily News
50c PER MONTH