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JOHN REDPATH DOUGALL

Sixty-four years the editor of his million-dollar paper which paid him neither salary nor dividend was the record of John Redpath Dougall, M.A., LL.D., of the Montreal Witness, who died in Montreal this week at the age of 98. Doyen of Canadian Journalism and for 63 years editor-in-chief of the Witness, he was the last surviving editor in Canada whose term of service dated back to pre-Confederation days. Indeed, in his case, it dated back to 1860, when, fresh from the university, he joined the Montreal Daily Witness, started in that year by his father, John Dougall, a Scottish-born Montreal merchant and fur trader.

Under J. R. Dougall, the Montreal Daily Witness was nothing less than an effort to be in fact what practically every paper claims to be, an independent journal devoted to the public interest. In an intensely Protectionist and Conservative city, the Witness espoused free trade and liberalism; in a city dominated by brewing and distilling interests, it was a strong temperance and prohibition advocate; in an area where strong sectarian feeling flourished, it opposed inter-credal barriers between Christians; and in a province overwhelmingly Roman Catholic, it was an upholder of Protestant rights and a defender of complete civil and religious equality. To have all political groups lined up at once in opposition was no uncommon experience for J. R. Dougall and the Witness.

What gave John Dougall's editorials their unparalleled moral authority in journalism was the recognition of his fellow-citizens that they were totally disinterested—the work of a man whose loss of the sight of his own personal interests had endowed him with undimmed vision to discuss the questions of the day purely from the view of the highest good. His perennially youthful outlook was well illustrated by his vigorous advocacy during the past three years of an intelligently managed currency in place of an outworn gold standard.

ITALY PREPARES FOR WAR

Any idea that Italy is not actively in the forefront of the nations which are preparing for war can be abandoned with receipt of news of the latest decree from Rome, making military service compulsory for all Italians from the age of eight to thirty-three. Such an edict means that Italians are not only to be educated for war from a tender age but are expected to devote their lives to military service.

Whether the decree has been made in the spirit of offensive or defensive makes it none the more or less significant. Italy expects war and is not going to be left behind if war comes. Her latest move can be construed in no wise as a gesture of peace but places her on record as one of the leaders in the promotion of armed conflict and the education of man for war as a business. Unfortunately, too many nations seem to be similarly inclined today.

RELIEF SCRIP PLAN ABANDONED; ORDERS ON STORES COMING

Effective October 1, there will be a change in the system of distributing relief from the City Hall whereby the scrip plan will be abandoned and a system of issuing orders on various stores instituted. The change is being made on instructions from the provincial government at Victoria. Details of the operation of the new plan have not yet been finally worked out.

Rest of Bowling Matches Likely To Be Cancelled

With D. A. MacPhee's rink having cinched honors for the season, it is likely that, if the remaining scheduled matches cannot be played off within the next few days, they will be cancelled altogether. Recent rains have interfered considerably with the activities of the league. It is hoped to be able to finish off the single-handed elimination competition this week-end.

The Letter Box

OUR TAXATION

Editor, Daily News:—

Is this a subject that interests Prince Rupert property owners? We have paid the general taxes. Now we have the improvement taxes confronting us. These two taxes surely make a colossal load and very severe drain on our earnings.

Two years ago a commissioner was put in charge of our affairs. He did a lot of necessary house cleaning which could have been done long before by councils with backbone and common sense but we have learned by bitter experience that these are two qualities lacking in city councils. The last two years have been eye-openers and taught us that commission government is the only workable one for Prince Rupert. A reversion to the comic council meetings would be a most backward step. The commissioner is to be congratulated at getting the city free of immediate debt with wages and bond interest paid up. But the taxpayer has had no relief yet and those who have stood by it and kept the city on the map are much overdue for consideration. Our earnings have greatly decreased during the past several years but we are still taxed as heavily as ever. True, the millage was reduced this year by five. The tax on buildings was increased five percent which made it about a stand-off with Mr. Ordinary Citizen Taxpayer. Are we satisfied with this state of affairs? If we are there is no use doing anything about it. There is quite a lot of complaining on the street but no definite steps are taken to remedy the situation. It is, therefore, to some extent our own fault that we are taxed so much. There is something wrong when a residence owner has to pay as much in taxes, fire insurance and repairs as he could rent a place for.

We understand that the commissioner is employed in the interest of the bondholders. Therefore, we cannot expect him to do anything detrimental to their interests. Everyone is getting less now except the bondholders. So far, they have been an ultra-privileged class, protected by law. But now a change is coming about. The provincial government is enacting legislation that can be used to relieve the municipal taxpayer, provided action is taken by them to take advantage of it. But if we sit still and appear satisfied, we will never get any relief. This is a workingman's town just as much as Burnaby and the two North Vancoverters. We learn from the press that they are likely to get relief from bond interest to the extent of paying only one percent for a few years. We are just as badly in need of the same assistance. We really cannot pay anything more than that. But we will never get such a concession by asking the bondholders for it. Note what they told Port Moody when they approached them. It will have to be done by government legislation. If we are bound for larger payments, in a few years, when another thousand lots have reverted to the city at tax sales, we will again have to call for a new agreement and subject ourselves to a lot of unfavorable publicity while other defaulting

municipalities are sailing right ahead. A good job should be made now and the property owners of Prince Rupert given a new and better deal. We have been persecuted long enough.

There is still a lot of juggling can be done with our taxation. Two years ago the provincial legislature amended or rather demanded the statutes to permit taxation on buildings up to 75% of their assessed value or three times as much as what we pay upon at present. Previously the limit was 50%. In other words our millage can be reduced considerably while the levy on buildings is increased and a big majority of those living here will pay more than they are doing now. Such a change would benefit mostly those who own our downtown dilapidated business section who mostly live outside of Prince Rupert and never did anything more for the city than build those shacks from which they have drawn enough rents to pay their value and the lots they are built on many times over. On the other hand such an increase in the levy on buildings would penalize those who have stood by the town all this time.

While some levy on buildings is fair and necessary to make all property owners tax conscious, a further increase in Prince Rupert would be disastrous and a catastrophe. There are a lot of buildings in Prince Rupert which should be demolished and new ones erected in their places but, under present conditions, this cannot be done. Who is going to construct new ones knowing that scarcely enough can be produced from them to pay taxes, fire insurance and repairs, never mention taking care of depreciation. The records of our last two years' building operations prove this point. Outside of the new cold storage, there have been only an eye-fel of repair jobs.

Some action should be taken without further delay. The premier and his cabinet would not refuse to take notice of some responsible body of Prince Rupert citizens. There is not an organization here now that can take care of this matter. One needs creating. Such an organization would strengthen the hands of the commissioner and should be able to count upon his support. It should endeavor to obtain terms for Prince Rupert on a parity with Burnaby and the North Vancoverters. Also see that there is no juggling between millage and the levy on buildings but that there is an actual substantial reduction in taxation to all property owners alike. It is now Prince Rupert citizens' turn for a break.

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SPORT CHAT

T. H. Johnson, manager of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co., who presented a cup for bridge competition last winter, has been honored by the Prince Rupert Whist, Cribbage and Bridge League by being chosen honorary president. It was indicated at the annual meeting Thursday night that there would be league competition in whist, cribbage and bridge this winter. Another meeting will be held on October 4 to receive entries and complete arrangements for the season's play. Satisfactory reports covering last winter's activities were presented to the meeting over which A. A. McEwen, retiring president, presided.

Old Country Soccer

ENGLISH LEAGUE

First Division
Birmingham 1, Blackburn 0.
Everton 4, Huddersfield 2.
Grimsby Town 2, Wolverhampton 1.

Leeds 0, Liverpool 3.
Leicester 1, Manchester City 3.
Preston 2, Chelsea 0.
Sheffield Wednesday 0, Arsenal 0.
Stoke City 2, Middlesbrough 0.
Sunderland 1, Derby County 4.
Tottenham Hotspurs 0, Aston Villa 2.

West Bromwich Albion 4, Portsmouth 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

First Division
Airdrieonians 0, Clyde 0.
Ayr United 5, Queen's Park 1.
Celtic 4, Aberdeen 1.
Dundee 2, Hamilton Academicals 1.

Dunfermline 1, Aiblon Rovers 3.
Falkirk 3, St. Johnstone 0.
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