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CITIZENS AROUSED AGAINST THE NEW BY-LAWS

LIGHT PLANT TROUBLES ARE AIRED IN COUNCIL

**Superintendent Love Complains of Interference From
An Alderman—Says That Relying on Aldermanic
Support One of His Staff is Working
Against Him**

There was not a large audience at the weekly meeting of the City Fathers last night, nor much of any public interest in the discussions that took place.

But there was one subject into which was injected by Alderman Clayton a spice of passing interest: This was at the opening of the council meeting, when Mayor Manson read a communication from Ernest Love, superintendent of electric light and telephones. It proved to be rather a strong epistle, and there was a silence that might be felt following its reading. Then one alderman feeling that he was the alderman referred to in the disturbing epistle replied to it in somewhat strong language. The letter that aroused this tempest in the municipal teapot read as follows:

Supt. Love's Letter

"A matter of some importance has just arisen in connection with stories being carried by individuals to members of your council, in connection with the operation of this department which appear to have been

listened to by some members. A case came up today when a member of your council challenged my weight of the coal now being delivered at the electric light plant. After investigation my weight was found to be correct.

"The alderman in question was informed by a certain person in this department. To this fact I am almost prepared to swear. However, the fact remains that some person has been carrying tales to this alderman.

"Now to get to the point, if the alderman will stoop to listen to a hearsay statement on the streets, and thus put the head of a department in the position in which he has placed me, I claim that the alderman must have little faith in me.

"That being the case I ask that the council give me power to discharge the employee of this department, whether he be paid by the day or by the month.

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MUST OBEY THEIR BOSSES

Foreman McBride to Laborer Clements of Vancouver—"Never mind him, he's only a consumer. It's the protected interests we're working for."

PROPERTY OWNER POINTS OUT FLAW IN THE ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT

**Clause 11 Will Permit the Railway Company to Take Over all the Unsold Lots and
Sections of the Townsite Company, and Have Them Exempted from Tax-
ation for the Next Ten Years—Would Heap Up Taxation for
the Private Citizens**

A property owner who has extensive interests in Prince Rupert has written the News today pointing out the dangerous character of the proposed settlement of the G. T. P. assessment question. The article is so valuable that it will be printed in full in tomorrow's issue.

In view of the meeting to be held tonight to discuss the bylaws, we print in advance the exceedingly valuable criticism of Clause 11, which if it is passed will permit the Grand Trunk Pacific to absorb all the lands of the Townsite Development Company and hold them free of taxation for ten years.

"Clause 11.—If sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 are worthless, this clause, I believe, is dangerous. The railway company is to pay \$15,000 per annum 'in respect of all its

property, real or personal, within the city limits.' What property does this include? Probably both the railway company and the city council would say the present land held by the railway company and the buildings hereafter to be erected thereon. That may be what the city council meant, but I do not think that is the reading of the section. What is to prevent the Development Company from transferring all its property to the Railway Company immediately after this agreement is ratified, yet under this clause it appears to me that the city could only collect \$15,000 per annum as general taxes, and if the property holders of Prince Rupert do not waken up to the nature of this agreement, I fear we are on the verge of the biggest blunder that has yet been made in our history.

If my interpretation of the section is correct, we stand in imminent danger, and I ask each and all to look into the matter carefully and defeat this bylaw.

"It may well be asked why the people should consider seriously any such adjustment of the G. T. P. assessment. Many people appear to think that an adjustment of this matter will settle our money market so to speak, make our securities unquestionable, and cause a rise in real estate. By what manner of logic they arrive at this conclusion, I know not. How can a higher rate of taxes upon the land held by private owners in Prince Rupert increase the value of real estate? How can a decreased assessment add to our security? Truly a tug-of-

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TWO DEAD, ONE DYING PTOMAIN POISONING

**Terrible Indian Family Tragedy at Port Essington—
Mrs. Stephens and Her son David, Die Within an
Hour of Each Other—Adopted Daughter's
Fight for Life—Ate Salmon Eggs**

From Port Essington comes news of wholesale and agonising death amongst an Indian family there as a result of ptomaine poisoning. The dead are Mrs. David Stephens and her son David Stephens. An adopted daughter named Mrs. Star is not expected to live. All three were taken to the General Hospital at Essington and lay there suffering frightfully in spite of all the efforts of Dr. Large and the nursing staff to relieve their agonies and save their lives. Mother and son died within a few hours of one another in the small hours of yesterday morning. The doctor and nurses were fighting hard for the life of the other woman at the time of writing.

Stale Salmon Eggs

Stale salmon eggs did the dreadful mischief. The Indians had kept the eggs in a cedar wood box for about three weeks. Then the delicacy was taken out of the cedar box and put in a jam can. Whether it was partial decomposition of the eggs during the time they lay in the wood, or whether they acquired some form of poison

from contact with the tin, as in the case of some meats, is not known yet, but the effects were sudden and deadly. Seized with dreadful pain the three Indians collapsed utterly and though Dr. Large who was called in by alarmed neighbors strove with magnificent medical effort to overcome the fatal effects of the food the two first named died in agony.

Funerals at Once

While doctor and nurses were still trying to save the life of the third victim the remains of the mother and son had to be buried with all speed. The body of Mrs. Stephens was interred yesterday. That of her son David who died within a few hours of his mother, is being buried today. The whole community is shocked at the tragedy, and the Indians are apparently awed by the suddenness of the deaths of their own people. Sergeant Phillipson whose duties take him to Port Essington regularly rendered great assistance to the poor people when they realised the seriousness of the calamity that had befallen them.

ALD. NEWTON ANGRY

**Thought There was too Much
Red Tape about Getting Water
for His House.**

Alderman Newton rose in the council last night on a point of privilege. During his absence from the city the architect of his new home had applied to the city for water connections and was told it could not be granted without the owner's signature to the application.

Alderman Hilditch said Mr. Newton had had plenty of time to apply for a permit, at which Alderman Newton observed with some heat that it was nothing new for Alderman Hilditch to "parley away" everything the engineering department was called upon to do. He felt this delay in obtaining water connections was a real grievance, upon which the Mayor soothed the alderman by promising to look into the matter.

WILL PETITION PRESIDENT HAYS

**Pioneer Hansen will Ask G. T. P.
President for Space on
Reserve.**

The question of the little fruit stand at the corner of McBride and Sixth avenue came up again at the council last night, all the aldermen and the Mayor and city solicitor taking a whack at it but leaving the difficulty unsolved and referring it to the streets committee. Alderman Clayton said it was not that Mr. Mus-selmen wanted to establish a business for himself at the point but that he felt as much entitled to consideration as any other man.

Alderman Hilditch said Pioneer Hansen was getting up a petition to President Hays asking for a location on the G. T. P. reserve. If he succeeded he would leave where he was, which would settle the matter.

GRAHAM ISLAND OILFIELDS ARE BEST HE EVER SAW

**Important Statement of Mr. J. W. Coovert, of Port-
land, a Well Known Mining Engineer, Who Has
Been Investigating the Coal and Mineral
Lands**

Vancouver, Aug. 28.—Local interest in the oil fields of Graham Island has been stimulated by the reports brought back by Mr. J. W. Coovert, a mining engineer of Portland, who has returned after a visit to Graham Island to report on some coal areas owned by the John McLeod Company of Vancouver. Mr. Coovert found the Island so interesting to a mineral expert that he stayed two months and would have liked to have stayed a month longer. He says that after observing the great resources of British Columbia the United States is no longer attractive to him.

Speaking of the oil fields of Graham Island, Mr. Coovert said: "I visited the oil fields on the

northwestern portion of the island and found there conditions such as I had never before seen, and I have inspected most of the oil fields on this continent. Never before have I seen surface showings so favorable, and you can say without reservation that if oil is not found in that field, all the knowledge gained by years of experience in this business by all the experts engaged in it, might as well be set aside."

Hydro-Electric Progress

Mr. Durant says there are now twenty men at work on building or in survey work at the Khtada camp of the Hydro-Electric Company and that their number will shortly be increased.

INDIAN YOUTH STOLE \$2000

**Extraordinary Cunning Display-
ed by Titus Campbell of
Port Essington in Opening a
Safe by Secret Method. Four
Robberies Altogether.**

Charged with having stolen in four visits to Mr. Cunningham's safe at Port Essington, sums of money amounting to some two thousand dollars Titus Campbell, an Indian only eighteen years of age has been at last apprehended by the Provincial Police after a careful watch had been set for him. The youth preserves a sphinx like demeanour.

Constable Forsyth who laid in wait for the fellow for quite a long time, and Sergeant Phillipson who has been on his track also are busy with the case now. It looks at first sight as if the Indian were possessed of some kind of

Black Magic by which he can penetrate solid steel and leave it as if untouched. Perhaps the secret will prove to be exceptional adroitness with picklocks. About \$409 was the young man's last haul from the safe. He was caught with the goods so to speak. This was his fourth visit to the safe in a period of about four months.

**Will Cross Channel to Com-
memorate Bleriot**

London, Aug. 29.—The cities of Brighton and Dieppe have joined hands for an aviation meet to be held across the English Channel in September on the anniversary of Bleriot's flight.

Grand Drawing

Rogers' Steamship Agency—3 free tickets and cash to Seattle or Vancouver and return. Tickets one cent to two dollars. Call at office or Phone 116.

SKEENA SALMON SHIPPED OVER THE G.T.P. RAILWAY

**First Consignment of Two Hundred Cases Sent Over
the New Transcontinental, from Inverness Can-
nery—A Foretaste of Big Trade to
Follow.**

News that the first consignment of Sockeye salmon from the Skeena River to be sent by rail has passed through Prince Rupert from Inverness Cannery and been transferred to the S.S. Prince George yesterday morning for the south heralds a new epoch in the history of Skeena River salmon fishing. Already the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway begins to bid for the long haul of this important freight. With the news that the contract is let for the completion of the last link in the transcontinental line the fact of this first salmon consignment is the more interesting.

Two hundred cases was the size of the shipment which was made by Mr. R. G. Johnston, manager of the Inverness Cannery owned

by J. H. Todd & Sons, Victoria. Had the salmon season on the Skeena been a big one a good deal more salmon would have been finding its way to the Eastern markets by rail west to begin with. When the long haul east is possible the G. T. P. will with Skeena, Naas River, and Island salmon and Prince Rupert halibut rank amongst the greatest fish carrying lines in the world.

After the reciprocity agreement opens the markets of the United States to Canadian fish, the Grand Trunk Pacific will then be in the happy position of supplying the Seattle market by their steamers, and the bigger Eastern market by their fast through trains.

DRAMATIC MOVE

**Lawyer for Prosecution Springs
an Unexpected Witness**

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Chesterfield, Aug. 29.—Very dramatic was the action of the prosecution in the Beattie case today when Mrs. Owen, mother-in-law of Beattie, was suddenly called to the stand. It was thought by all that she had left the country. Her evidence went to show that Beattie's physical condition was such that she had warned her daughter not to be with her husband alone. Beattie she declared was afraid that his father would hear of his condition and disown him.

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Phone 4.

BASEBALL SCORES

Northwestern League

Spokane 5, Victoria 4.
Seattle 7, Vancouver 6.
Portland 4, Tacoma 3.

National League

New York 2, St. Louis 0.
Cincinnati 2, Brooklyn 1.
Chicago 3, Philadelphia 4.
Pittsburg 3, Boston 0.

American League

Boston 4, Chicago 1.
New York 4, St. Louis 2.
Philadelphia 12, Detroit 3.

The local Conservatives have opened club rooms in the Hart block, corner of Second avenue and Sixth street. Mr. Hart has his undertaking parlors in the rear.

FIENDISH MALICE

**Train Derailed by Malicious
Mischief—Sixty Hurt**

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Middletown, Conn., Aug. 29.—Sixty were injured when the New York, New Haven & Hartford train was deliberately wrecked last night by the removal of several spikes. Some of the injured may die.

Attractive Bargains

The auction sale of the Brin Furniture Company on Second avenue proved a great success last night and will be continued tonight. This is an exceptional opportunity to buy that piece of furniture you need.