

WHY I WILL VOTE AGAINST THE BY-LAW

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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-war condition between the city and the railway company is not to be desired, but this may be better than the condition which will probably ensue when we and the world at large come to realize

that we have consented to bear the burdens of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. Under the very worst conditions imaginable, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company could not reduce its annual taxation to anything like \$15,000 per annum, and the outside money lender could quite easily be convinced of this, hence how can such an adjustment add to our security.

"The word padding in sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 means nothing for these are merely ancillary to transportation and traffic and are governed by laws of economic necessity more immutable and irresistible than this agreement. The future of Prince Rupert is assured and there is no accelerating its progress by trash agreements or retarding its development by a railway company petulant over a few thousand dollars of taxation. The great danger is lest its progress be stayed by a foolish shifting and irrational apportioning of the burden of taxation from the shoulders of the giant to those of the pigmy holder. Treat the railway company fairly, but surely this sacrifice on behalf of the people is too generous and the efficacy of the agreement too uncertain."

A PROPERTY HOLDER

MR. PETERS' LETTER

Dear Sir,—Owing to the position that I occupy as City Solicitor I deem that it would be improper for me to take any active part in any election affecting Municipal matters, but in your paper of the 29th inst. there appears an article which in my opinion should be answered by me as I personally drew the contract in question. The article is headed "Property Owner Points out Flaw in the Assessment Agreement." The substance of the supposed flaw is that it would be possible for the G. T. P. Railway to take a conveyance from the Townsite Company of all the property owned by the Townsite and then to claim exemption not only for the property originally owned by the Railway Company but also for the property now owned by the Townsite Company. I have no hesitation in stating that as a matter of Law such a proposition, to put it mildly, is absolute nonsense, and any one looking at the agreement which is set out full in the bylaw will notice that both the Railway Company and the Townsite Company are parties and by the very first recital in the agreement it is shown that there is a question with regard to the taxation of the lands belonging to the Railway Company, and there is also a recital showing that the Townsite Company owns certain properties. The part of the agreement, namely Secs. Nos. 11 and 12 which relate to the fixing of the amount to be taxed clearly applies to the property mentioned in the first recital, which is the property owned by the G. T. P. Railway at the time the agreement was made. I have no hesitation in stating in the clearest manner so that every rate payer can have a full understanding of the matter that it is perfectly clear that a transaction such as that suggested in your article of the 29th Aug. is a perfect impossibility and even if the Townsite Company were to attempt such a thing—which is not for a moment to be imagined—it would be utterly futile. I venture to say that no lawyer of standing can be induced to lay that any other construction than that which I now put upon the agreement is tenable.

Again, in your paper of 30th inst. it is stated in very large letters as follows—"Many Property Owners to be Disfranchised," and in your editorial you boldly state that every citizen of Prince Rupert who has purchased property since December 1910 is disfranchised, and that all those persons who have sold their property since Dec. 1910 are to be voters instead. I would be greatly obliged to you if you would inform me who was the author of this very peculiar proposition. In point of fact, and this is also a matter which comes peculiarly within my Department every person who has taken the trouble to give a proper Declaration to the Assessor up to within 5 days of the date of the election will duly appear upon the list as a voter. The statute throws upon the Assessor the duty of making these changes from time to time, and when the list is finally complete, which will be in ample time for the election, it will be found that the very extraordinary point raised in your editorial is purely imaginary. If I may be allowed for a moment to depart from my own particular department, I think it is a pity that newspapers should make statements of this description without at all events taking some pains to ascertain if there is any foundation whatever for what they say. Fair comment is always right, but your statement is not a comment it is simply an incorrect statement. I remain,

Very truly yours,
FRED PETERS, City Solicitor.

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Prince Rupert Fire Department is losing a good man in Leonard Porter who left for his ranch by Okanagan Lake, Penticton, by the morning's boat for the south. Leonard Porter has been connected with the fire department since a long time previous to the city's incorporation, when there was only a volunteer brigade. He has a thorough knowledge of the whole fire protection system of the city, and has been present at every fire that has occurred in Prince Rupert during his stay in the city. It is certain that his exertions have saved many thousands of dollars worth of property for Prince Rupert citizens, and Chief McInnis will most certainly miss him. Leonard Porter's frequent regret was that the fire department of Prince Rupert was kept in such a primitive stage by the city council's sluggishness in this direction. An energetic man himself, he chafed at the tardiness of the City Fathers, and used to work off his surplus energy with his fireman's axe upon the stubborn stumps on the muskeg near the Fire Hall. A stump nicknamed "Alderman Clayton" was one of the first to get a move on towards the fire hall stove after Fireman Porter had interviewed it with his little hatchet.

VOTING TOMORROW

The voting on the two money by-laws takes place to-morrow at the City Hall between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. A three fifths vote is necessary to carry the by-laws.

Today begins the hunting season. A number of intrepid hunters have set forth in the small hours armed to the teeth. Venison figures upon many restaurant menus in what must surely be agreeable anticipation.

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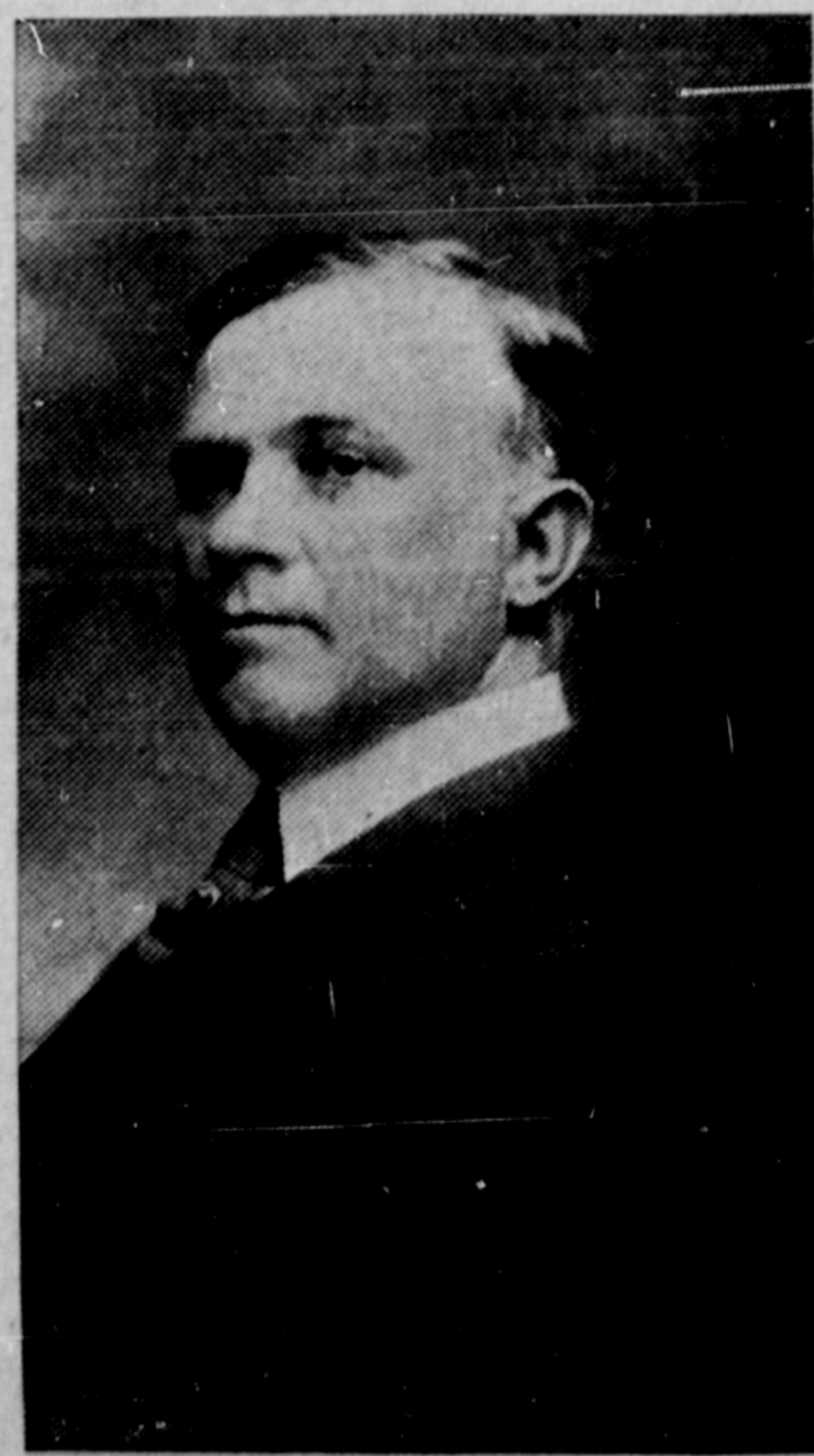
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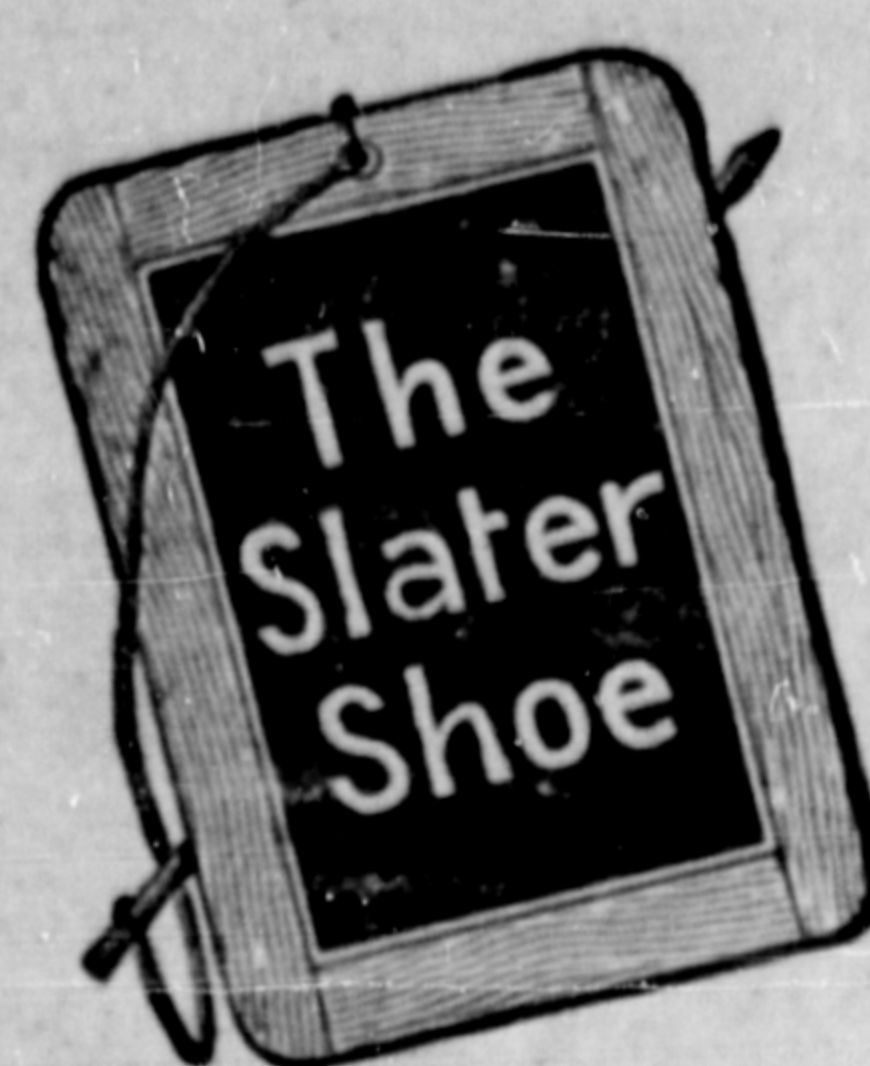
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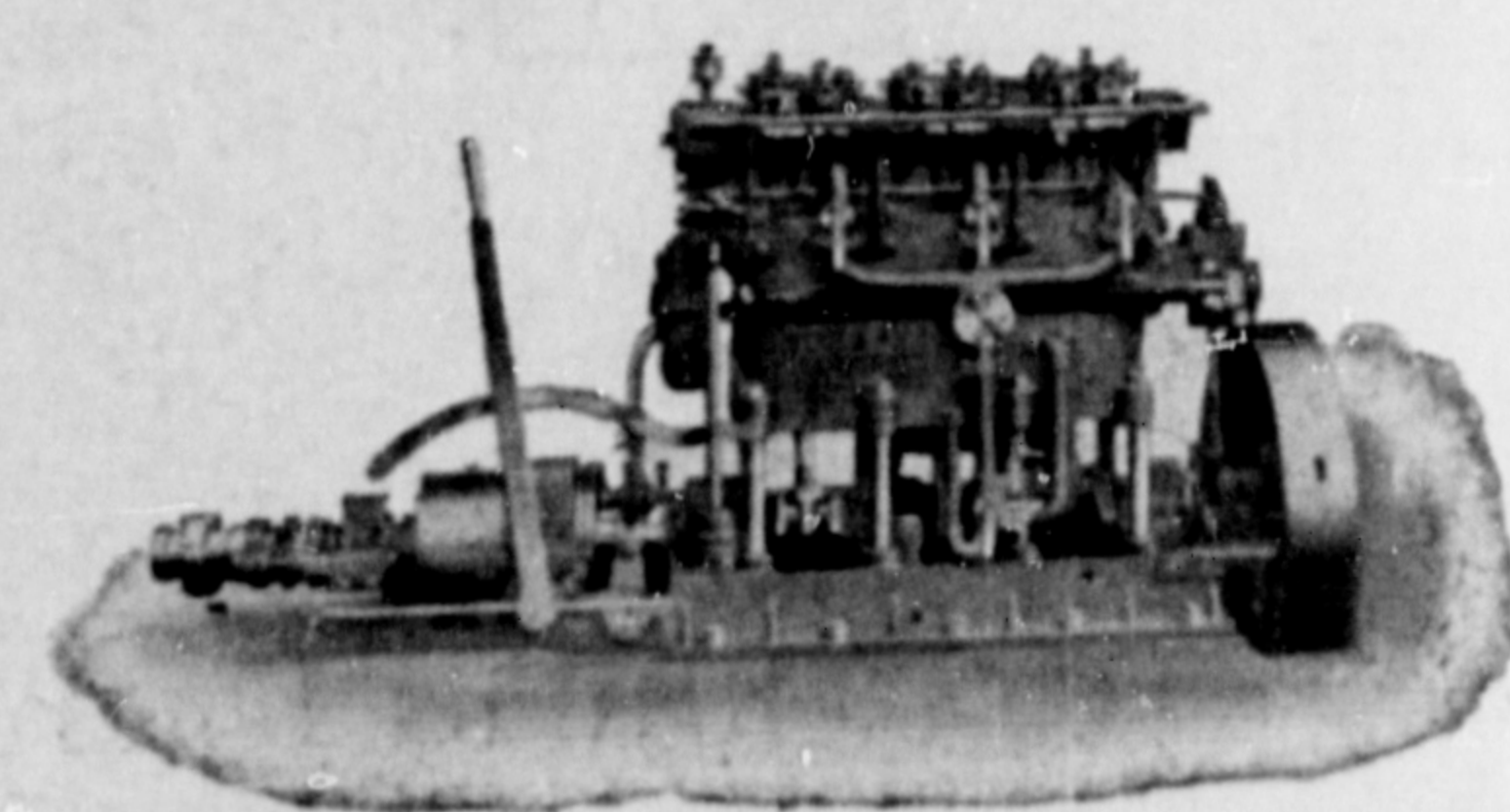
Plain Facts of a Vancouver to Prince
Rupert Power Boat Cruise told in plain
terms for Possible Purchasers.

TWO Launches came into Prince Rupert Harbor the other day. Both were beautiful pleasure craft. Both had come from the south on a long cruise. Both had fifty H. P. gasoline engines.

BUT one launch was towed by the other into harbor, and beside straight for the Rupert Marine Repair Wharf. To Mr. H. Robinson of the Rupert Marine Ironworks her owners told a sad story. Her engine—NOT A "STANDARD"—had given trouble the whole way from Vancouver. Had it not been for the continual help of the other launch, the disabled one could never have made the trip.

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Two Went Below

By the Prince Rupert this morning there went below in charge of the provincial police the young Indian Campbell, sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for shop breaking at Port Essington, and a Jap who went crazy up river recently. This is the first instance of a Jap having gone crazy. The race is, as a rule in this country, particularly level headed.

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