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MINISTER OF MUNICIPALITIES TALKS

We believe it was good sound advice which Hon. A. Wells Gray, minister of municipal affairs, offered in an address here this week that Prince Rupert should be in no hurry about changing the present form of city government and reverting back from the city commissionership to the system of the franchise and so-called self-government. Furthermore, we think the minister's advice is in line with the views of the majority of the property owners of the city—not necessarily because they have any love for the commissionership form of government but because they realise that the commissioner has carried on the business of the city under a state of emergency in a more efficient manner than any elected body would have been able to do, particularly any large governing body.

We also gather from the comments of Mr. Gray that Mr. Alder has been doing a better job as city commissioner here than have similar commissioners in other municipalities. No doubt, the fact that Mr. Alder has had the confidence and the backing of the governments in his work has helped him considerably in tasks which he has had and still has before him.

MR. KING OPENS HIS CAMPAIGN

Evidently, Mr. Mackenzie King, Leader of the Opposition and generally conceded next Prime Minister of Canada, is reserving the details of the Liberal party's election platform until later on in the program of major addresses, the first of which he delivered on Wednesday night. Undoubtedly, he must have a great deal more to tell about his party's plans following its return to power. In view of the potentially important position he holds in regard to Canada's immediate future, the people are awaiting everything he may have to say with a large measure of interest.

In addition to the Liberals, we would suggest that the people of Skeena riding study most carefully the proposals and promises that may be made between now and election day by Conservatives, Reconstructionists, Independents, C. C. F.'s, etc. No doubt, we in Prince Rupert will before long be able to hear representatives of all groups aspiring to office discuss the issues of the day in the light of their beliefs and opinions.

WHIFFLETS
From the Waterfront

Police Boat Has Encounter With Basking Sharks — "Mystery" Plane Is Identified—No Word As To Future of Elevator.

The provincial police boat P. M. L. 8 with Inspector J. A. Fraser and other officers on board, reports having had an encounter with what are believed to have been basking sharks off Vancouver Rock near the north end of Milbank Sound on Monday of this week. The great creatures were swimming in characteristic sluggish manner near the surface with their sail-like dorsal fins protruding. The boat got close enough to actually bump into one of the creatures which went down with a splash of its enormous tail. Shots were taken at the fins but it is considered doubtful if any of the monsters were killed.

Still there is no announcement as to the future of the local elevator. The fact that the old lease expired as from July 31 and that the Alberta Wheat Pool is still in occupancy indicates that no change is to be made for the time being at least.

C. P. R. steamer Princess Charlotte, Capt. W. G. Palmer, left Vancouver on Wednesday night of this week on a special eleven-day cruise to Alaska with a capacity list of tourist passengers. The vessel is not calling here northbound but will spend about four hours at this port next Thursday on her way south. Her itinerary includes calls at Sitka, the site capital of Alaska, and other points of interest.

The Helen II and Trudy are local halibut boats leaving for the fishing banks today. The Kaien, Johanna, Emma and Mayflower leave tomorrow.

A few hours ahead of regular schedule, C. P. R. steamer Princess Adelaide, Capt. Anderson, arrived in port at 1:30 this afternoon from the south and sailed again after for Anyox to pick up a party of departing smelter town people for the south. The Adelaide will be back here early tomorrow morning on her return to Vancouver and waypoints. W. L. Coates, general agent for the company here, who has been at Anyox this week detailing the passengers, will return here on the Adelaide.

The big twin-motored flying boat, which passed low over Prince Rupert yesterday morning without stopping, is believed to have been the machine which is flying from W. E. Boeing's big power yacht Tacoma at present cruising in northern waters. Clayton L. Bolt is the pilot of Mr Boeing's plane which is used in making trips into inland lakes by the yachting party.

C. N. R. steamer Prince George, Capt. Edward Mabin, arrived in port at 9:30 this morning from Vancouver, Powell River and Ocean Falls and sailed at 1:30 this afternoon for Anyox and Stewart. On back here tomorrow evening southbound, the vessel will have aboard a large party of Anyox people moving south to Vancouver as a result of the smelter town camp being closed down by the Granby Co.

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BASEBALL; SOFTBALL

Keen Competitions Continue at Ocean Falls With Excellent Weather

OCEAN FALLS, Aug. 2:—Favored by the excellent weather of late, baseball and softball activities here are again running on schedule. In the baseball league Mechanics have run into a lot of hard luck of late owing to departure of players from town. In a free-hitting and also errorful game, the Tigers, local Japanese team pounded out an 11 to 7 victory at the expense of the Mechanics. On top of this, the Mechanics lost a close game to the Papermakers by a score of 3 to 1.

Softball standings remain unchanged with Young Liberals having their lead cut to three games owing to a reinforced Sawmill team defeating them 9 to 7 on Monday night. Meanwhile the Papermakers have hit a slump and are clinging to second place. Only three more weeks remain before the play-offs so the teams are fighting hard for berths in this series. Papermakers are holding their lead over Townsite for second place, the Townsite having lost 6 to 1 in a hard fought game on Wednesday. Walter Marshall pitched for the winners while E. Alexander worked for the losers.

Union steamer Cardena, Capt. Ernest Georgeson, is due in port at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning from the south and will sail soon thereafter on her return to Vancouver and waypoints.

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