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A RAW DEAL FOR THE STATION GANGS

The excellently written letter from a citizen station gang man printed in full in this column relieves the News of much of its responsibility to point out to the public the amazing nature of the raw deal handed to those citizen workmen who tendered for the Woodworth Lake clearing.

The News submits that the council's conduct in regard to the tenders is without precedent, and challenges the council to cite an instance where, after tenders have all been opened and read in public, a city engineer has been then invited to put in a tender. The council's action eliminates every atom of fairness from the procedure, and makes a mockery of the hardships, expense and inconvenience which the workingmen went to in order to figure on the jobs.

As one man scathingly put it: "They sent enough of us up there to figure on the job, to have cleared the land while we were there. Now it appears that our work was all in vain. There was no intention to award it to the lowest bidder."

If the city engineer's department is to be put in possession of the men's figures before being asked to tender it makes a mockery of the whole business.

PASSING COMMENT

In undertaking the erection of an \$18,000 church building, the Methodists of Prince Rupert display their faith in the future of Prince Rupert as well as their faith in Methodism.

An investigation shows that Mr. Borden's Cabinet does not contain a Presbyterian representative. Neither has it a farmer. Martin Burrell who grows fruit, calls himself a horticulturalist. With the Presbyterians and the farmers, left out, how can Mr. Borden look on his Cabinet as representative of Canada.

Letters to the Editor

A STATION MAN'S PROTEST AGAINST A RAW DEAL

Dear Sir,—As one of a gang of twelve men who bid on the clearing of Woodworth Lake, I wish the people of Prince Rupert to understand the kind of a deal the council gave us, and the public as well.

The city council invited us to look the work over and many of us made the hard trip to Woodworth Lake, sleeping out in the open over night and came back and put in our tenders on this work, believing the council intended to let the work to the lowest bidder.

We have no fault to find if Shreiber & Co., or anyone else, underbid us, but, from their procedure at the meeting at which they opened the bids, we are very well satisfied that they did not intend to let the work to station men or anyone else in order to cover up their tracks. They have been willing to sacrifice the station man element and the contracting public by inviting them to look over this work, organize gangs, figure upon it, and submit tenders. There were many of us who bid on this work. It took more than half an hour to open and read all the tenders, during which time the City Engineer and Alderman Hilditch sat at the council table. When the last tender was finally opened and read, an inquiry was made of the City Engineer as to where his tender was. He did not reply, but looked in the direction of Alderman Hilditch, who rose to his feet with the amazing explanation that they had forgotten to bid. We ask if it is possible for a man to listen to the reading of thirty-five competitive bids and not realize until the last bid was read that he had intended to bid but had forgotten? And, mind you, Colonel Davis did not commit himself to the statement that he had forgotten. If he forgot, we believe he was instructed to forget.

After this they passed a resolution asking the Engineer to submit a tender as to what the city can do for in days' labor on Tuesday next. We believe that they fully intended to do this on days' labor all the time and that they were afraid to bid themselves until they knew our figures and that the whole thing is a farce and the whole proposition of bidding was a put up job on the public and at our expense. There was absolute harmony among them all which is unusual.

We are largely citizen laboring men of this town, but we prefer to take work on contract where we are paid for what we do rather than the time it takes to do it, but we do not like to be made monkeys of by asking us to bid when there was no intention of letting a contract.

Very truly yours, CITIZEN STATION MAN.

TO-NIGHT THE EMPRESS - THEATRE MAY ROBERTS and her company in David Belasco's great play "La Belle Russe" [THE BEAUTIFUL RUSSIAN] PRICES—50c., 75c. and \$1.00. Seat sale at Empress Theatre office

THE Pillar of Light

By Louis Tracy

So Jim now contented himself by remarking dolefully that had his advice been taken "the bloomin' kid would be well on her way back to the Scilly Isles."

"You must not say that," was the grave response. "These things are determined by a higher power than man's intelligence. Think how the seeming accident of a fallen sail saved the child from the cormorants and other birds—how a chance sea fell into the boat and kept her alive."

"That's your way of puttin' it," Jim was forced to say. "You know quite well that there might be a shark in her wake, or you wouldn't have taken the knife. An' now you won't have a word said about it. At the bombardment of Alexandria, a messmate of mine got the V. C. for less."

"The real point is, Jim, that we have not yet discovered what ship this boat belongs to."

"No, an' what's more, we won't find out in a hurry. Her name's gone, fore an' aft."

"Is there nothing left to help us?" "Only this."

The sailor produced the brooch from his waistcoat pocket. It was of the safety-pin order, but made of gold and ornamented with small emeralds set as a four-leafed shamrock.

"Is the maker's name on the sail?" "Yes, the name of this craft was rigged on board ship for harbor cruising."

Brand passed a hand wearily across his forehead.

"I wish I had not been so precipitate," he murmured. "That man had papers on him in all likelihood."

"You couldn't have stood it, mate. It was bad enough for me. It must have bin hell for you."

"Perhaps the baby's clothes are marked."

"That's the chance. She was well rigged out."

Brand cast the shark loose. The monster slid off into the green depths. A noiseless procession of dim forms rushed after the carcass. The birds, shrill with disappointment, darted off to scour the neighboring sea.

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noisted, everything kept spottishly clean, and meals cooked. Until noon each day a rock lighthouse is the scene of unremitting diligence, and the loss of nearly an hour and a half of Spence's watch, added to the presence of the baby and the constant care which one or other of the two men bestowed on her, made the remaining time doubly precious.

About nine o'clock Brand was awakened from a heavy slumber by Jim's hearty voice:

"Breakfast ready, cap'n. Corfee, eggs an' haddick—fit for the Queen, God bless her! An' baby's had another pint of Jones's brew—Lord love her little eyes, though I haven't seen 'er yet. A minnit ago Jones sung down to me that the Lancelot has just cleared Carr du."

"The concluding statement brought Brand to his feet. The doctor would be on the rock by the time breakfast was ended and the letter to Mrs. Sheppard written."

"When the doctor did arrive he shook his head dubiously at first sight of the child."

"I don't know how she lived. She is a mere skeleton," he said.

Brand explained matters, and hinted at his theory.

"Oh, the ways of nature are wonderful," admitted the doctor. "Sometimes a man will die from an absurdly trivial thing, like the sting of a wasp or the cutting of a finger. At others, you can fling him headlong from the Alps and he will merely suffer a bruise or two. Of course, this infant has an exceptionally strong constitution or she would have died days ago. However, you have done right so far."

"The most extraordinary case," it is a most extraordinary case."

Jones managed so well that the child's garments were dry and aired. Wrapped in a clean blanket, she was lowered into the steamer's boat, but the doctor, preferring to jump, was soaked to the waist owing to a slip on the weed-covered rock.

The crew of the tug-boat bailed out the derelict and towed her to Penzance.

That evening a fisherman brought a note from Mrs. Sheppard. Among other things, she wrote that the baby's clothes were beautiful, made and of a very expensive type. She was feverish, the doctor said, but the condition of her eyes and lips would account for this, apart from the effects of prolonged exposure.

Brand read the letter to his mates who the trio were enjoying an evening pipe on the "Promenade," the outer balcony under the lantern.

"S'pose her people don't show up," observed Jim, "what are you going to call her?"

"Trevillion," said Brand.

The others gazed at him with surprise. The prompt announcement was unexpected.

"I have told you about the fabled land of Lyonesse lying there beneath the starry heavens of the night, the dark blue expanse on whose distant confines the Scilly Isles were dimly outlined by the last glow of the vanished sun. Well, the name of the only person who escaped from that minor deluge was Trevillion. It is suitable and it accords with the initial of her probable surname."

"Oh, I see," piped Jones. His voice always high-pitched, became squeaky when his brain was stirred.

"That's O.K. for the T," remarked Jim, "but what about the 'E'?" Elizabeth is a nice name when you make it into besse."

LAND PURCHASE NOTICES Skoena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 Take notice that LeRoy F. Grant of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation civil engineer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about 3.12 miles in a northerly direction from the northeast corner of Lot 1389, Range 5, Coast District, thence east 30 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence east 30 chains to bank of river, thence south following bank of river to point of commencement; containing 160 acres, more or less. Dated Sept. 9, 1911. LEROY F. GRANT Pub. Oct. 14. Gordon C. Emmerson, Agent

Skoena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 Take notice that I. Christopher James Graham of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation locomotive engineer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot No. 1738, vicinity of Lake Lakelse and marked Christopher J. Graham N. E. Corner, thence west 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains to post of commencement; containing 320 acres, more or less. G. R. STEPHENS, J. A. GRAHAM, Leasor Dated Sept. 22, 1911. 11.55 A.M.—Witnessed T. D Laird. Pub. Sept. 29.

Skoena Land District—District of Cassiar Take notice that R. H. Stewart of Vancouver, B. C., occupation truckman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted 40 chains south of Fre-empton No. 477 and 32 chains east from the northeast corner of Lot 1116, Range 5, Coast District, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains to point of commencement; containing 160 acres, more or less. RICHARD HOWARD STEWART Dated Aug. 1911. James T. Fullerton, Agent Pub. Sept. 23.

Skoena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 Take notice that Harold E. Smith of Murely, Alta, occupation stationer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner 190 chains east and 20 chains north from N. E. corner of Lot 1116, Harvey's Survey Coast District Range 5, thence north 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains to point of commencement; containing 160 acres, more or less. HAROLD E. SMITH Dated Sept. 18, 1911. Fred W. Bohler, Agent Pub. Sept. 23.

Skoena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 Take notice that I. Benjamin A. Fish of Towson, N. D., occupation merchant, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on the east boundary and about five chains from the south boundary of Lot 1424, thence north 60 chains, thence east 30 chains, thence south 60 chains, thence west 30 chains to point of commencement; containing 360 acres, more or less. J. BENJAMIN A. FISH Pub. July 25. Fred E. Cowell, Agent

Skoena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 Take notice that Hiram Roy McTavish of Winnipeg, Man., occupation barrister, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner 40 chains east and 40 chains north from N. E. corner of Lot 1116, Harvey's Survey Coast District Range 5, thence north 60 chains, thence east 30 chains, thence south 60 chains to point of commencement; containing 360 acres, more or less. HIRAM ROY MCTAVISH Dated Sept. 23, 1911. Fred W. Bohler, Agent Pub. Sept. 23.

Skoena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 Take notice that Jesse M. Tallman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, occupation lawyer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted on the southern shore of Kutzman's Inlet on the right bank of a small stream flowing into said inlet just east of Crow Lake, thence north 20 chains, thence west 20 chains to lot line to the shore of Crow Lake, thence northerly and easterly following the shore lines of Crow Lake, the inlet and Kutzman's Inlet, thence northerly to the place of commencement, containing forty acres more or less. JESSE M. TALLMAN Dated Aug. 12. JESSE M. TALLMAN Pub. Aug. 26.

Skoena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 Take notice that E. H. G. Miller of Falmouth Eng., occupation surveyor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the N. W. Corner of Lot 4406, thence west 80 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 20 chains to point of commencement; containing 160 acres more or less. E. H. G. MILLER Dated Aug. 26. P. M. Miller, Agent Pub. Aug. 26.

Skoena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 Take notice that R. F. Miller of Upton, land, occupation farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about 60 chains west from the N. W. Corner of Lot 4406, thence north 40 chains, thence east 20 chains to the point of commencement containing eighty acres more or less. R. F. MILLER Dated Aug. 26. P. M. Miller, Agent Pub. Aug. 26.

Skoena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 Take notice that Lottie McTavish of Vancouver, occupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

COAL NOTICE Skoena Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Islands Take notice that Austin M. Brown of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation saddler, intends to apply for a license to prospect for coal, oil and petroleum on and under the following described lands on the West Coast of Graham Island: