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A NEMESIS ON THE COUNCIL

Nemesis has overtaken those members of the council who in face of the clear warning of the News, sought by an illegal by-law to perpetuate themselves in office.

A telegram from Victoria late last night brought the news that Premier McBride and the Executive Council, had been obliged to order the hydro-electric by-law back to the people for ratification, to enable the Legislature to pass special legislation to make this illegal by-law legal.

The incident, frustrating the plans of Alderman Hilditch and the Mayor, and tying up the waterworks scheme till next year, shows the value of intelligent newspaper criticism, as compared with the fawnings of a lickspittle press. It will be remembered that the Daily News opposed the by-law on the very ground upon which it is now declared illegal—namely, that it is against the provisions of Clause 75 of the Municipal Clauses Act to place two separate and distinct objects of expenditure in one money bill.

The public will remember the contumely that was heaped on the Daily News when the Mayor and City Solicitor publicly assumed all responsibility for the legality of the by-law. The public will not forget either the offensive letter, addressed to the editor of the News, which the City Solicitor caused to be printed in the city papers.

We will not be so cruel now in the hour of his defeat as to reprint the letter of the City Solicitor. We merely point out the value of intelligent newspaper criticism. Had the City Solicitor or the council heeded it, it would have saved the city many hundreds of dollars, and have helped to get a water, electric light and power plant started.

As it is, the City Solicitor and the council who brought him here from Victoria, have succeeded only in tying up the city's finances and in delaying its need for waterworks and power. The city is out even the cost of advertising the by-law, the cost of holding an election, and the cost of the City Solicitor's trip south to try and get the thing tinkered up.

And the waterworks scheme, will be at a standstill until the Legislature meets some time next February.

If the by-law is submitted again this year it will certainly be defeated. A dying council will hardly have the audacity to send it to the people. If they do, the citizens will certainly—and without urging—defeat the by-law, preferring to wait a few weeks until a new council is in power fit to be entrusted with the carrying out of these much needed utilities.

The bungling mess that has marked the start of the council's work on the hydro-electric scheme stamps them as unfit to be further trusted. It was not as if they were not properly advised by the press. It is a Nemesis on those members of the council who have dealt out lavish "double rate pap" to fawning sycophancy, and sought to work injury to the one newspaper that possessed intelligent information and the courage of its convictions.

LUMBER CUT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA IN 1910

The rapid exploitation of lumber in British Columbia, is increasing yearly and almost made this province the equal of Ontario in point of lumber production during 1910. Statistics of the Dominion lumber cut for 1910, collected by the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior, state that one billion, six hundred and twenty million feet of lumber worth nearly twenty-five million dollars was cut in British Columbia in 1910. As a result of greatly increased cutting in the fir and cedar forests, the total amount cut was more than doubled in one year. In 1909 the British Columbia cut constituted one-fifth of the total; in 1910 the proportion formed by the western province was one-third, and it lacked only forty-five million feet of surpassing the cut in Ontario.

Seven important softwoods make up over 99 per cent of the cut in British Columbia—Douglas fir, cedar, western yellow pine, tamarack, spruce, hemlock and jack-pine. Nearly forty-five per cent of the total was made up by Douglas fir. This species was cut in 1910 to the extent of nearly seven hundred and twenty million feet and had the largest actual increase shown by any species—an increase of nearly two hundred and fifty million feet. Cedar composed one-fifth of the total and was the second wood in magnitude of cut. The three hundred and fifteen million feet of this species cut was an increase of two hundred and seventeen million feet over the 1909 production. The cut of yellow pine, amounting to one hundred and eighty-three million feet, was nearly six times as much as the amount cut in 1909, and was sufficient to raise it from fourteenth to sixth place in importance among the lumber producing trees of Canada.

TO-NIGHT THE EMPRESS - THEATRE MAY ROBERTS AND HER COMPANY in the romantic drama The Adventuress A Thrilling story of love and intrigue : MISS ROBERTS' GREATEST PART PRICES—50c., 75c. and \$1.00. Seat sale at Empress Theatre office

THE Pillar of Light By Louis Tracy

"And dress in velvet cloaks and buckled shoes?" "And—"

table on which stood the auriscope. "This thing has actually recorded those whistles," she cried in wonder.

"What sort of whistle has the Lapwing?" asked Brand. "A loud and deep one, worthy of a leviathan. It was a fad of Mr. Lawton's. They say his siren consumes more steam than his engines."

LAND PURCHASE NOTICES SKENA 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 land: