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## SECOND AVENUE RATEPAYERS ARE UP IN ARMS

### INVESTIGATION INTO COAL CHARGES TURNED OUT TO BE RATHER FUTILE

**It Was Finally Decided to Have a Measuring Test on Friday Afternoon---Mayor Says He is Satisfied That no Shortage Existed---Lack of Civic Weigh Scale Causes Trouble**

With the resolution passed that members of the Council and the parties concerned should attend at the wharf on Friday afternoon while Messrs. Rogers and Black weighed out three loads of coal in manner identical with the method used in supplying the disputed quantity of coal to the light plant, and using the same three wagons, the Mayor and Council last night at a late hour dismissed the investigation into the alleged coal shortage as reported by Arthur H. Allison.

The investigation proved a futile affair. Every effort was certainly made to obtain accurate information, but accuracy was most difficult to get at as regards the method of checking the amounts used at the plant.

The measurements of the wagons delivering the coal were called in question by Mr. Allison,

but several witnesses testified to the loads being good. With the evidence at sixes and sevens at midnight, and no sign of anything definite in sight, Mayor Manson and Council, consisting of Aldermen Clayton, Morrissey, Douglas and Kirkpatrick, threw the investigation up in disgust.

The Mayor said he wanted to hear no more witnesses and no more measurements and would not agree to go down to the wharf on Friday. "For my own part," he said, "I am satisfied that we are dealing with reputable men for our coal supplies, and I think there is pretty wide discrepancy in the methods of checking adopted. It will be better for all parties to have this final test made at the wharf to decide the matter. After the city weigh scales arrive there will be no more doubt as to methods of

measurement. Every pound of coal used at the plant will be weighed."

Messrs. Rogers and Black agreed to furnish facilities for the test on Friday and there the matter stands.

**COAL AT \$2 A TON**  
It is Very Choice Anthracite, Too, at That.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Calgary, Dec. 6.—The City Council here has received a novel proposition to go into the coal mining business. H. A. and W. T. Ford, who own 15 square miles of anthracite coal near the city, have offered to sell out or to lease to the city on a royalty basis. They say the city could then sell anthracite to citizens at \$2 a ton.

Every woman loves chinaware. Get her some for a Xmas gift. —select it now and we'll lay it aside until you want it delivered. Wallace's.

### "I AM IN TOUCH WITH THE RAINBOW" ACTING-MAYOR TOLD A CONTRACTOR

**Rainbow Incident is Revived in Supreme Court Case This Morning in Damage Suit of Contractor Watson Against the City of Prince Rupert**

Mr. Justice Clement opened the damage suit of Watson vs. the city of Prince Rupert this morning, Wm. Watson being the first witness examined. He said that the first knowledge he had of a time limit in the contract

was at the time of the strike. The Judge—"What was the strike? You all know about that here, but I merely heard of it." Witness in answer to questions by Mr. Williams explained the nature of the strike. He told how the alderman elected in January had promised the 45 cent rate which had occasioned the trouble.

City Solicitor Peters for the city admitted that there was a strike which stopped the work for six weeks. Witness told of his attempt to get police protection and unresponsive reception by the city authorities. With other contractors he had gone to Acting Mayor Vernon Smith, who had said "It only aggravates the strikers to attempt to start work and we have no adequate police protection, but I am in touch with

the Rainbow, and as soon as we get an answer from her it may be possible for you to start up." Mr. Kelly asked about the time limit and the Acting Mayor informed him that ample extension of time would be granted both for time lost and time required for reorganization. He gave a brief account of the Kelly's cut incident.

Witness (William Watson) went on to tell how he had approached the Mayor for a final estimate of his work. The Mayor had told him that he could have it provided that he obtained from Messrs. Williams and Manson a copy of the original contract in their possession. This the solicitors refused to do, saying that it was their private matter. Mr. Watson had not retained the services of any solicitors up to then.

## PARLIAMENT PASSES G.T.P. BILLS

**Railway Company Has Charter and Contracts Renewed and Extended by the Government and Senate**

**MUST COMPLETE LINE BY DECEMBER 1914**

**This is the Outside Limit to be Allowed to Have Everything in Actual Running Order—Prairie Section to be in Running Order by December 1912—All Appropriations for the Year are Now Passed**

(Special to Daily News.)  
Ottawa, Dec. 6.—Any uncertainty as to the relations between the Borden government and the G. T. P. was set at rest last night, when the House of Commons sat late and rushed through several bills relating to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. These were at once rushed over to the Senate, which was sitting, and passed the upper house. From there they were taken to the Governor-General and received the royal assent.

**Charter Is Extended.**  
The bills included one to extend the charter of the railway, and one to extend the contract entered into between the Government and the railway company. Under the extended contract the railway company is given until December 1st, 1912, to complete the work on the prairie section.  
**All Complete by 1914.**  
An extension of time for the

mountain section was also given until December, 1914, by which time the railway company must have all work completed and the line open for traffic.  
**Reserves Authority.**  
The Government has, however, taken power to limit the period for the completion of the work by order-in-council. The royal assent was also given to the supply bill, thus completing all the appropriations for the current year.

## THE VOW OF POVERTY MEANS THE LOSS OF THE FRANCHISE

**JUSTICE CHARBONNEAU GIVES JUDGMENT IN IMPORTANT  
CLERICAL CASE IN QUEBEC—HE DISENFRANCHISES  
SIXTEEN CLERICS AT RIGAUD.**

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Montreal, Dec. 5.—In a judgment handed down today by Justice Charbonneau all members of religious orders taking vows of perpetual poverty and obedience are disqualified from making use of the electoral franchise, accordingly the names of sixteen persons attached to the order of

clerics of St. Viator now engaged in studying at Rigaud Roman Catholic College must be struck from the electoral lists of that district.

The case establishes a precedent in Quebec jurisprudence that may cause many actions throughout the province.

## MONTH'S POLICE WORK IN CITY

**Chief Vickers at Yesterday's Sitting of Police Commission Was Able to Report a Very Well Behaved Prince Rupert.**

At the meeting of the Police Commission held yesterday afternoon police affairs were reported to be in a very favorable condition. Chief Vickers gave his report on the number of police court cases for the past month. Some fifty cases in all were dealt with, the fines totaling \$324.50. Severe sentences imposed were those of four months for Darby Graham for supplying liquor to an Indian, and five months for William Vincent, a vagrant of doubtful morals. No case of dangerous or otherwise serious crime was recorded during the past month. There are three regular police constables and three specials paid at the rate of \$100 per month.

## NEW OFFICER ARRIVED

**Ensign Hamill Will Succeed in Charge of the S. A. Work.**

Ensign and Mrs. Hamill and their family arrived on the Prince Rupert this morning to take charge of the Salvation Army work in the city. The ensign is an experienced officer who has served in Australia and the United States. A grand welcome will be given them tonight in the citadel.

We pack chinaware so that it may be safely shipped anywhere. Wallace's.

## IT SAVED THEM FROM GALLOWS

**Clarence Darrow Says That Nothing Could Have Saved McNamara Bros. but Confession.**

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—Last night Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the defense of the McNamara brothers, said that if the case had gone to the jury the inevitable result would have been that his clients would have gone to the gallows, the evidence against them was so overwhelming.

## SOCIALISM AND PROHIBITION

**They Both Went Down to Defeat Together in the Los Angeles Municipal Elections Yesterday.**

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—Job Harriman, the Socialist candidate who in the primaries a few weeks ago had a plurality of 3,000 over Alexander for mayor, was yesterday overwhelmingly defeated in the civic elections, Alexander having a majority of 50,000 over Harriman.

Prohibition was also defeated by a vote of 2 to 1. Some 80,000 women voted in the election.

On Wednesday at 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. two charming entertainments will be given at the St. Andrew's bazaar in MacIntyre Hall. There will be a maypole dance at both performances and special tableaux at night. Admission free in the afternoon, 50 cents admission at night. Everybody is invited.

## DENIES STORY OF ANY ITALIAN REVERSES

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Washington, Dec. 6.—The Italian ambassador to the United States has issued a statement denying the reports that the Italian troops have suffered reverses at Tripoli of late and are practically in a state of siege within the city.

He states that the Italian troops are in undisputed possession of the city and surrounding districts, and are not suffering reverses. Italy has already made

extensive captures of Arab prisoners, who are being sent for confinement to the fortress of St. Angelo at Taranto in Southern Italy until the war is over.

Tom and Jerry at the Savoy.

ITALIAN SOLDIERS FIRING FROM TRENCHES IN TRIPOLI



This photograph was taken in the Bumeliana, the Italians' most advanced point in Tripoli. The Italians were entrenched and the Turks attacked them and were repulsed with heavy loss.

## ARE UP IN ARMS

**Second Ave. Ratepayers Hold Indignation Meeting.**

An indignation meeting of Second Avenue ratepayers took place in T. D. Pattullo's office this afternoon. The tradesmen are tired after eighteen months of having the street held back, while

only those streets favored by aldermen are put in order. Drastic measures are to be adopted unless the Council gives assurances that not only Second Avenue, but all the downtown streets are immediately put in order for traffic.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

## ANOTHER MOUNTAIN ROAD

**C. P. R. Man Says a Road Will Be Laid Through Pine Pass.**

Vancouver, Dec. 6.—George Bury of the C. P. R. forecasts the construction of a line from Alberta across the Rocky Mountains through Pine Pass to open up the far north of British Columbia.

## WILL MOUNT TWO LONG TOMS ON SUMMIT OF SIGNAL HILL

**EIGHT NAVAL GUNS HAVE BEEN THERE FOR EIGHT YEARS UNMOUNTED—WILL SERVE TO PROTECT HARBOR OF ESQUIMALT IF NEEDED.**

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Victoria, Dec. 6.—Work will be begun in a few days to mount the two 9.2 guns on Signal Hill at Esquimalt to augment the defense of the Canadian naval base in the Pacific. The work is part of the scheme of defenses planned about fourteen years ago by the Imperial Government.

When the Canadian Government took over the defenses in 1901 it was decided not to mount the guns, which have been lying at Esquimalt for the past eight years, with part of the mounting in place at the summit of Signal Hill.

Prince Rupert's leading hotel—Savoy.

## TO DRIVE OUT THE JAPANESE

**Vancouver Member Wants to Bring Several Hundred Labrador Fishermen to Pacific Coast.**

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Vancouver, Dec. 6.—The opinion of Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., that several hundred Labrador fishermen could be transferred to the Pacific coast in view of the replacing of the Japanese has been supported by the Board of Trade, which last night decided to ask the Provincial Government to aid the project.

## WHARF SITE FOR PORCHER ISLAND

**Many Settlers in City Today for First Time in Some Weeks—Urgent Need to Decide Where Wharf Shall Be.**

Half the population of Porcher Island is in the city today, the first opportunity having been seized by the islanders to visit Rupert after several weeks of stormy weather when gasoline boats could not cross over.

It is claimed that a poor service of steamers is run to the island, the Prince John calling only on her outward trips at Refuge Bay, and even then the landing of passengers and goods on the beach is a danger and discomfort.

All are agreed that a wharf is badly needed, but all are unfortunately not agreed as to the site of the wharf. Some settlers want it at Refuge Bay and others at Jap Inlet. The Government Engineer on his last visit urged the settlers to agree on a site, then to represent to the authorities where they want their wharf. This course is being now strongly advocated.

Mail closes for the Old Country Thursday, December 7th. We have the most distinctive and unique line of Christmas gifts obtainable. Drop in at Warks. The time is short. 2t

## WILL REDUCE CABLE RATES

**British Postmaster General Intends to Cut the Present Rate in Two After New Year.**

(Special to Daily News.)  
London, Dec. 6.—It was announced today by Postmaster General Samuel that all press messages to Canada, United States and Australia subject to deferment will be accepted at half present rate. Ordinary messages in plain language will be accepted at half price after New Year. He is also arranging for night letter and week-end messages.

## FIRE DEPT. INVESTIGATION

**Committee Appointed to Go Into Business and Report to Council.**

An investigation is to be held in the fire protective system of the city. On the motion of Alderman Hilditch, seconded by Alderman Douglas, a committee consisting of Aldermen Kirkpatrick and Clayton and the Mayor will look into the matter.

## A TRIP TO EUROPE

**Next Best Thing to Real Article is Fred Stork's Lecture.**

Tonight in the Presbyterian hall ex-Mayor Fred Stork will deliver an address on his recent trip to the principal cities of Europe. The lecture promises to be of exceptional interest. The meeting is open to the general public.