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A GOOD BUSINESS COUNCIL IS WANTED.

The long-looked for rush into Prince Rupert, for which we are all waiting, is due to start during the coming year. There will be no stampede, but quietly, one by one, those manufacturers and business men who have been intending to get in ahead of the crowd will be moving hither. This makes it peculiarly imperative that the ratepayers of the city get together and induce a number of competent business men willing to put business principles ahead of party prejudices to offer themselves as candidates for office.

The News knows of more than one man who visited the city during the past year with a view of opening business who decided to wait until the era of aldermanic bickerings was ended and an era of business administration had begun. Administering the affairs of a city is pre-eminently a work that demands business abilities. A business administration lifts up and energises the whole business of the city. An unbusiness-like administration reacts adversely on the business life of the city, frightening away capital and disheartening the merchants. It is a mistake to think that only the property owners of a city are interested in the growth of its trade and the economy of its administration. Every citizen, whether he own property or not, is affected, the relation of the citizen to the city being similar to that of the shareholder to a joint stock company. Apart from the interests of sanitation, of the observance of law and order, of education for his family and of his interest as a user of public utilities he has a very vital interest in seeing that a city is well governed. Though he may have no real estate to draw rents from, he has labor to sell, and the selling price of that labor is determined by the demand in the labor market. That demand is determined by the ability of the local authorities to so administer the city's affairs that the city becomes a desirable place for capital to invest itself in labor-using industries. The price of labor cannot be fixed by an arbitrary act of Parliament or an arbitrary civic bylaw. The selling price of labor is fixed by the laws of supply and demand and these in turn depend upon the wise manipulation or abolition of tariffs, and the wise and progressive management of the corporate interest of the citizens.

Whether the citizen be a *Cæsar* or a wage-worker an important link in the cycle of causes that improve his lot is good government. Extravagant, unprogressive or inefficient management is as bad for a city as for a joint stock company. Every citizen, whether a property owner or not, is a shareholder in the city, sharing its prosperity or its losses, as the case may be.

What Prince Rupert needs at the present moment is business management in the interest of the citizens, not political management for the benefit of a little coterie of politicians and their friends. Running a city is a business proposition.

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The school children are selling tickets for the performance of "Our Regiment" on Wednesday next. The sale of reserved seats opened today at Keeley's drug store.

Cosmopolitan and Dickens

CHARLES DICKENS is still a "best seller." Publishers don't argue pro and con over his books—they just order a new carload of paper, oil the presses, and let them speed on. And it has been over forty years since, one morning when the yard was filled with scarlet geraniums and the breath of syringa was heavy in the air, the great author followed little Nell. Now that the centenary of his birth (February 7th, 1812), approaches and everybody is thinking of Dickens. We have secured several articles which will tell many things about him that have hitherto been unknown. In the January *Cosmopolitan* his son, Alfred Tennyson Dickens, will tell you some of his own personal recollections of the great novelist. Later, probably in February *Mary Angela Dickens*, his granddaughter, will give an intimate view of Dickens as she remembers him. In fact, in these and other articles on Dickens which will follow—fully illustrated, of been published of these human-course—we shall aim to give you a more vivid picture than has yet the home—side of the great master, written by those who knew him best. Read the articles—they will surely arouse a new interest in the "best beloved" author in your library. Subscriptions to *Cosmopolitan* will be accepted until Dec. 10th, at the special low rate to Canada of \$1.50. *Cosmopolitan* Agency, Box 851, Winnipeg.

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