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## NEW HAZELTON IS TO BE THE HAZELTON TOWNSITE

### LICENSES WERE ALL RENEWED

But Before the Licenses Were Renewed Applicants Were All Put Through a Rigorous Catechism by the Commissioners

#### ALL PASSED THE COMMISSIONERS' TEST

They All Swore That No License Commissioner or Police Commissioner Had Held a Club at Him or Influenced His Purchase of Goods—Chief Vickers on His Oath Swore That the Windsor Hotel Was a Well Conducted House

##### HOTEL LICENSES RENEWED.

Olier Esner, New Knox Hotel.  
A. J. Prudhomme, Savoy Hotel.  
G. A. Sweet, Grand Trunk Inn.  
F. W. Henning, Premier Hotel.  
Peter Black, Central Hotel.  
Corley & Burgess, Royal Hotel.  
J. Y. Rochester, Empress Hotel.  
W. H. Wright, Windsor Hotel.

##### WHOLESALE LICENSES RENEWED.

Clarke Bros., Third avenue.  
C. Partington, Second avenue.  
F. Clapp, Northern Wholesale Store.

##### Like the Supreme Court.

With the stern cry of "Order in Court," Chief of Police Vickers heralded the entry into the Police Court room of the Mayor and Commissioner Kirkpatrick. There was a hurried scramble to their feet as the license holders hastily stood up to do honor to the Commissioners, who took their seats side by side on the magisterial dais. Clerk Woods read out the applications. In reference to each the same questions were addressed to the Police Chief on his oath. "Had he as police chief any complaints to make regarding the method in which premises were conducted during the past six months?" On his oath in every case Chief Vickers had none.

##### Were Soundly Catechised.

Then were summoned the applicants for renewal themselves. With a searching and a piercing eye bent on each the Mayor addressed the following questions, varying the phrasing here and there but maintaining substantially the same tenor throughout: "What was applicant's attitude in regard to the supplying of liquor to drunken men? What were his orders to his assistants?"

In every case of hotel men so questioned replies were given that no drunken men were supplied with liquor, and subordinates were ordered not to supply them on pain of losing employment.

On the question of closing hours the hotel men all equally affirmed that their places of business were kept open strictly at all stated hours in terms of the bylaw, but closed in terms of that bylaw to the instant.

Then came for each applicant the ordeal of answering the trenchant inquiry: "Has any License Commissioner or any member of the City Council at any time, either by promise, bribe, influence or threat regarding the purchase of goods, attempted to wield a club over you during your tenure of this license?" To a man the license holders answered the Mayor: "No."

##### A Pointed Question.

To Mr. W. H. Wright of the Windsor Hotel was additionally asked the pointed question: "Does any member of the License Commission or Police Commission or any member of the City Council own any interest with you in the Windsor Hotel?" Mr. Wright answered emphatically: "No."

Finally Alderman Kirkpatrick, who had invariably moved the renewal of license whenever the licensee had passed his catechism, asked the Police Chief if he had any idea why a certain newspaper should label the hotels of the city. Chief Vickers had no idea why. The Mayor gave as his reason for the inquiry that complaints had been addressed to him regarding the license administration of the city. The board adjourned sine die.

### BIG JOB FOR WESTHOLME CO.

Are Awarded Contract to Build the Victoria Waterworks at Sooke Lake for \$3,000,000.

News was received this afternoon by Mr. M. Albert of the Westholme Lumber Co. that his company had been awarded the contract to build the new waterworks for the city of Victoria at Sooke Lake at a cost of \$3,000,000.

### FULL DRESS REHEARSAL

Last Preparations for Tonight's Amateur Performance of "Our Regiment" in Presence of Press Proved Promising.

Members of the press and a few privileged persons witnessed yesterday afternoon the full dress rehearsal of "Our Regiment," to be presented tonight by the Prince Rupert Amateur Dramatic Society. There can be no doubt that the performance is going to be most thoroughly enjoyed by the audience tonight. Apart from the fact that the players are all well known and popular in Rupert, the play itself is a clever and amusing one, and those taking part in it are letter perfect in their parts.

Under the able direction of Mr. L. Bullock-Webster, they have been drilled up to an almost professional pitch of perfection, the staging of the piece is elaborate, and the show even before empty rows at yesterday afternoon's rehearsal was immensely enjoyable. Some of the prettiest dresses ever donned in Rupert will be seen in the play, which is full of clever lines.

##### Yuletide Shopping.

Shopping trips during the present Christmas week include, first of all, a call at Mrs. Frizzell's, Sixth street. Whether you come to buy or whether you come to see "what's what" you're welcome. The store of "New Things" in novelties and bargains. Christmas offerings unparalleled in Prince Rupert. "Seeing is believing" and seeing the Christmas display is appreciating and enjoying.

Miss Dunn returned from her trip south on the Prince Rupert this morning.

Rare and beautiful chinaware and crockery, exclusive designs. Wallace's.

Mrs. W. Adams, wife of Constable Adams, with her four daughters arrived by the Prince Rupert this morning.

Christmas toys bring hopes and joys.—Try Jabour Bros.

W. J. Leary of Skidegate was a passenger by the Prince Rupert today.

Warks are showing a large assortment of Howard railroad watches.

##### ON A TRIP SOUTH

Mr. J. B. Gottstein, who has been in charge of the business of Messrs. McMillan & Co., wholesale grocers, since the firm started up here, will leave tonight on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver. Mr. Gottstein will have a combined pleasure and business trip down south before returning.

Men—We have the presents you want for the ladies. Wallace's.

W. F. Bent was a passenger by the Prince Rupert today.

Now, ladies, surprise your gentlemen friends. Present them shaving sets, knives, walking sticks. Jabour, House of Quality.

### JUDGE MABEE SCORES THE G.T.P.

Orders Them to Cease Building Station at South Hazelton and Orders Them to Build at New Hazelton

#### SWEEPING VICTORY FOR ROBERT KELLY

Chairman of Railway Board Says That if a Private Individual Had Done What the G. T. P. Had Done He Would be Put in the Penitentiary—Says He Will Put a Stop to Railway Companies Exploiting Public Lands in Violation of Solemn Agreements—History of the Case

The Northern Interior Land Co. this morning received a telegram from Vernon W. Smith, one of the directors of the company, stating that New Hazelton had won a decisive victory over South Hazelton and the railway company. The telegram was filed last night at the Government telegraph station at New Hazelton and reads as follows:

"Just received from our attorney at Ottawa news that the Railway Commission has made a sweeping order directing railway construction and maintaining station at New Hazelton and forbidding erection of station at South Hazelton.

##### "V. W. SMITH," History of Dispute.

The location of the townsite for the Hazelton district thus peremptorily ordered is Lot 882. It was chosen as such site by Chief Engineer Taylor of the railway company. In his opinion it was the only place within several miles the topographical features of which presented no difficulties, it being on grade and a townsite that would require neither cuts nor fills. The registered map made from this report is on file at the Government Land office and bears the official notification of the Secretary of the Railway Commission that it received the sanction of the board September 24, 1909.

##### Gave Railway 29 Acres.

This plan shows an allotment of 29.03 acres for station and station yards. The townsite was

commonly known as Taylorsville, but upon Robert Kelly becoming the purchaser of the land it was spoken of as the Kelly lot and later as New Hazelton. But the 29 acres did not satisfy the railway company. It demanded a large portion of the townsite and this not being conceded proceeded to exploit a townsite at Ellison, about three miles nearer Prince Rupert.

##### Two Company Townsites.

Lots were advertised and sold in this townsite, but recently it was held that a sufficiently level grade for station purposes could not be made there without great expense. The company then took up Lot 851, a short distance eastward, and exploited a townsite there as South Hazelton. An auction sale of lots was advertised upon which Mr. Kelly endeavored to obtain an injunction against such sale until after the decision of the Railway Commission as to the rights of New Hazelton to be the depot. Mr. Kelly failed in his action, and the auction took place. Legal complications are likely to follow as a result of this sale.

##### A Scathing Judgment.

Judge Mabée made strong comments upon this evidence of the company's attempts to change the location of a station to Lot 851 when the Commission had already sanctioned it being placed on Lot 882, and particularly the company's advertising of this change all over the continent. He declared that so far as lay in his power he would put a stop

to the exploitation of public lands by railway companies or anyone else when in violation of solemn agreements.

##### Issued an Injunction.

"I have never known a more deliberate attempt to deprive an individual of his rights, and I want to say so most emphatically," he said.

"If any private individual had done what the Grand Trunk Pacific attempted to do in this case he would have been in the penitentiary, and justly so."

"An order will be issued compelling the Grand Trunk Pacific to locate its station at the point at which it agreed to locate it, and an injunction will be issued against their carrying out their own plans," he said.

This would seem to end for all time the Hazelton townsite controversy.

##### Notice.

Whereas, a move is on foot to divide up the workers of Prince Rupert into many weak little unions, so there would be no hope of ever attaining any benefit to the working class, since in an underhanded way the jurisdiction of the I. W. W. is being encroached upon by attempts to separate and weaken workers in this city, be it understood the I. W. W. will not tolerate any division of wageworkers and that its jurisdiction embraces hotel, restaurant and public service workers. Signed, Secretary I. W. W.

### WILL HOLD JOINT MEETING TO ELECT BUSINESS TICKET

PROPERTY HOLDERS AND RATEPAYERS EXECUTIVES TO DECIDE ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES THIS WEEK—EX-ALD. LYNCH ADDRESSED THE MEETING.

Last night's meeting of the Property Holders' Association in the Presbyterian Hall resulted simply in the decision that the members must get together and stand for reliable men for Council, and that meantime every member must rustle for new members. Representatives of the Ratepayers' Association, led by President W. J. Alder, were present, and an arrangement was made whereby the two presidents, Messrs. W. J. Alder and A. Gamm, will arrange for a joint executive meeting some afternoon this week to discuss a ticket for the coming election.

Three speakers were announced for last night's property holders' meeting. Only one appeared. He was ex-Alderman W. P. Lynch, who spoke for only a very short time. He condemned the settlement of the G. T. P. assessment, though in guarded terms. In still more allegorical style he "got after" Alderman Newton, as a newspaper man who

while advocating the strictest investigation of municipal purchasing methods still felt aggrieved that municipal printing was not turned over to a local house at four times the price outside.

He further mentioned stingingly that an alderman, after promising all kinds of plankways, etc., without the slightest notion of how they were to be provided, was actually made a member of the Finance Committee, and even then was ready, after learning the actual state of the city's finances, to demand that the Council order the promised plankways to be gone on with, though there was no money to pay for them.

Mr. Lynch stated that he had carefully calculated out the city's present borrowing power at a little over \$400,000, not half enough to install anything like an adequate sewer system, let alone other improvements needed. He left the matter with his hearers. Mr. Lynch was heartily applauded and thanked by the meeting.

##### Against His Assessment.

One complaint against the local improvement assessment figures has been received. It is from J. N. Muir, owner of lots 17 and 18, block 37, section 5, who claims that his assessment is "unjust, unfair and contrary to natural justice."

How about neckwear, silk kimonos, children's dresses. Jabour Bros., 3rd avenue, between 7th and 8th streets.

##### Will Hold Smoker

The members of the Kaien Island Club are planning a smoker to be held on the night of Dec. 30th. Messrs. G. W. Kerr, Geo. Frizzell and Joe Roerig have the matter in hand. Rumor says that the smoker will put even the memory of the "high jinks" night into the shade.

All kinds of musical instruments at J. S. Gray & Sons', 6th street.

##### SMALLPOX IN THE WEST

Thirty Guests are Reported Quarantined in One Hotel.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Winnipeg, Dec. 20—Smallpox is reported prevalent in certain portions of the west. In one town an hotel and thirty guests are quarantined. Several cases are reported from B.C.

Prince Rupert's leading hotel—Savoy.

### WILL BUY FLEET OF TRAWLERS

Mr. Geo. H. Collins of the Cold Storage Company on Trip to England—Will Be Brought Out in Sections.

News has been received in town that Mr. George H. Collins, manager of the cold storage and fish plant at Seal Cove, is now on his way to England to purchase a fleet of steam trawlers for the company's use. Mr. Collins will sail from New York on December 23rd.

It is the intention of the company to have the trawling fleet built in England and shipped out in sections by one of the big Blue Funnel freighters to Victoria, where the vessels will be put together and outfitted. It is expected to have some of the vessels at work next summer in the fisheries. The trawlers will be staunchly built craft.

##### Gerhard Heintzman.

For thirty days Frank D. Keeley, the exclusive agent for this famous piano, will offer 40 per cent. discount on every piano.

See Sweder Bros. for holiday tailoring.

##### PRINCESS ALICE ARRIVES

The Royal Princess is a Vancouver Ferry Steamer

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Victoria, Dec. 20—The new ferry boat for the Vancouver run, the Princess Alice, will dock here Wednesday morning. She has made a splendid run from England.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

### REMARKABLE DOCUMENT

Exact Copy of the Famous Funny Letter Which Was Spirited Away from the City Hall on Monday Night.

Following is a copy of the famous letter referring to trenching tenders which was spirited away from the City Hall on Monday night, and which has not since been officially discovered: "Mayor and Council:

"We are a gang of 21 men, and we will take any two sections at the above prices. Most of us can vote, and those who cannot will get some one who can. We will support Alderman Newton for mayor, and his entire ticket, and if you let us make enough on this job we will buy lots in Section 1. If you will allow us a few yards extra we will lay off for three days before election and holler for Newton and his ticket. We ask you to think this over.

"JOHN PETERSON & CO.

Before selecting a piano see the Stanley at Gray's Jewelry Store. Cannot be beat for tone, quality and price. Pianos tuned and repaired.

### PROVINCE SECURES CONTROL OF RAILWAY BELT AFFAIRS

LARGE TRACTS OF LAND IN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT PASS FROM DOMINION TO PROVINCIAL CONTROL—CONTAIN VALUABLE WATER POWERS.

##### (Canadian Press Despatch.)

Ottawa, Dec. 20—An order-in-council was signed today transferring to the Province of British Columbia the right to administer the railway belt in that province.

The condition is that administration is to be paid out of revenue, and any surplus revenue derived from district goes to the Dominion treasury.

Valuable water rights are known to exist in the belt, and the Province is anxious to have their administration. In the action now taken no provision is made for the ultimate transfer of any unalienated territory back to the province. The foreshores rights and the transfer of the Songhees reserve at Victoria were also granted.

##### For Men.

Shaving Sets, Safety Razors, Shaving Mirrors, Shaving Brushes, Strops—all appropriate Christmas gifts for men—at Keeley's Pharmacy.

##### Christmas Cantata and Christmas Tree for All Lovers of Children.

The boys and girls of the Presbyterian Sunday School have prepared a Christmas cantata for Thursday evening in the Empress Theatre. Nothing brings to one the spirit of Christmas like a good, old-fashioned Christmas tree surrounded by the happy faces of the children. You will be sure to enjoy yourself if you come on Thursday night. There are no reserved seats, but a gen-

### W. S. FIELDING FOR ENGLAND

Ex-Finance Minister May Enter Both Business and Political Life in Great Britain—Had Three Seats Offered.

##### (Canadian Press Despatch.)

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Hon. W. S. Fielding leaves today for England to attend the funeral of his son-in-law who died yesterday. Although it is not definitely decided, the ex-Minister may remain in England, taking up a partnership in the successful financial business of McAfee & Co. Eventually he would seek a seat in the British House. Already Mr. Fielding has had the offer of three seats in Liberal constituencies.

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##### eral admission of 50 cents. The cantata begins at 8 o'clock sharp.

##### L. O. L.

Prince Rupert Loyal Orange Lodge meets Friday night, Dec. 22, in the Sons of England Hall, 819 Second Avenue. By order—Secretary.

##### Smoking Concert

The Longshoreman's Union will give a big smoking concert on Christmas night, Dec. 25, at the I.W.W. Hall. Tickets \$1.4t