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PUBLIC WORKS REPORT PRINTED IN FULL.

Many readers of The Daily News expressed an interest in the synopsis we gave yesterday of the first report of the Board of Works to the new Council. They were so interested that they looked over the other city newspapers for more of it, and were disappointed. Some of those who attended the meeting at the City Hall and heard it read said it told more about the public works in progress and in prospect than any report that had ever been made since the city had a council, and argued from this point that it was our duty to have printed it in full. Well, this is a people's paper, and whatever the people express a desire for we are only too cheerful to give if it comes within our limitations. So the report in full will be found in this issue.

THE PETTY JEALOUSY OF MISS VANCOUVER.

That Vancouver is growing more and more bitterly jealous of the growing importance of Prince Rupert, the development of her local industries and her beautiful, temperate climate, the coast newspapers take every opportunity of showing in many little ways and in some of a more mature size. They are now engaged, for instance in a strenuous agitation to capture the trade in Peace River Valley because they can see there is every logical reason to believe that the commerce of that rich, but at present undeveloped, empire must follow the usual trend of the least resistance and find its ocean port and base of supplies at Prince Rupert.

The only argument they have to support the contention that it must go to Vancouver is based upon certain speculative railway charters issued so long ago they have accrued real estate lying in their pigeonholes. There is the Vancouver, New Westminster & Yukon, for instance, and the British Columbia & Alaska, both schemes born of the Yukon gold discovery and introduced to the public soon after the fiasco of the line projected by Mackenzie & Mann from Telegraph Creek on the Stikine River to Dawson. And there are others.

The one which the Vancouver newspapers seemed most to rely upon is the British Columbia & Alaska project, which, they report, has completed its reconnaissance, or preliminary survey, between Ashcroft or Lytton and Fort George. This immense undertaking having thus been accomplished between Ashcroft and Fort George, it will now be in order for Jean Wolkenstein of New York and his Wall Street associates, to whom the charter was granted, to once more apply to Premier McBride for a time extension, and get it. So there is little fear that this company is going to tap the resources of the Peace River country and of the Tanana Valley and the Nome district in Alaska, and lay their trade at the feet of Miss Vancouver tomorrow or the next day.

None of these projected railways to the Peace River country have marked their route on any map, but those who study out such things will find on the maps of this province a branch line of the Grand Trunk Pacific running north from near Hazelton right to Dawson, and all of it in Canadian territory. This branch crosses the headwaters of the Peace River and from the map it would seem to be an easy railway proposition to run a branch from this along the watershed of the Peace at the foot of Mount McBride and thus reach the rich interior of the Peace country on an easy grade. This would certainly bring the trade to Prince Rupert.

The Grand Trunk Pacific has also a projected line from Fort George to Vancouver, but the Vancouver newspapers sneer at this, pointing out that the company's contract with the Government does not permit of branch lines being built until the whole transcontinental line is completed. This is quite true, but the Vancouver people may rest assured that the across-the-continent line to Prince Rupert will be completed and a branch started into the Peace River country from Hazelton long before the companies they mention have completed their "reconnaissance."

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BOARD OF WORKS REPORT NOW UNDER DISCUSSION

Full Text of the Interesting Resume of Municipal Improvements in Progress and Contemplated, Brought in With Pointed Comment by Ald. Morrissey

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Prince Rupert, Gentlemen: Your committee has given some time in investigating the public works of our city now in progress, also the scene of those under contemplation, and beg leave to submit the following conclusions:

We have to report at work under Foreman Thompson seven men engaged laying retaining walls on Third Avenue near McBride street. In the alley between Second and Third Avenues, under D. Scherk, foreman, 19 men and 4 horses at work doing excavating. On the same alley at section 109, under Richard Peacock, foreman, 13 men were at work grading. Malcolm McLeod, foreman, had eight men and one engineer at work repairing culvert and rebuilding retaining wall on Second Avenue near Eighth Street. In the alley between Second and Third Avenues and between Seventh and Eighth Streets we found Barney Quinn repairing culvert with two men. On Aeropolis Hill John Scherk, foreman, had four men, one blacksmith and one powderman engaged with wheelbarrows excavating the reservoir. William Booth, foreman, had thirteen men at work excavating for waterline in alley from Seventh Street to Ninth Street, between Second and Third Avenues. J. Douglas was in charge of three men in same locality driving piles for pipe line, and at work on the new city fire hall and city hall we failed to receive the number of men at work. Computing the number of men engaged at the above duties we find 104 men engaged. (Your chairman of committee might here remark that the pay roll of December, 1911, showed 210 men at work, and upon enquiry could find that no men had been discharged since that time excepting three men from Thompson's crowd.) The city fire hall is slowly approaching completion, being three months under construction. The new city hall had the cement basement and cement vault completed with the floor joists of the first storey in place, being more than one month since structure was begun. In this matter we recommend this structure be pushed to immediate completion, or otherwise let its completion by contract, to be completed by the last day of March. Messrs. Lynch Bros. and Besner some weeks ago purchased local improvement bonds and paid for them for the construction of a plank sidewalk along First Avenue. At this time no progress whatever has been made toward its construction. On First Avenue between Eighth and Ninth Streets, two muskeg quagmires are causing great inconvenience, rendering that part of First Avenue almost impassible for teams in the delivery of merchandise, coal or lumber. Work on Third Avenue, approaching McBride Street is by no means satisfactory, difficulty in obtaining material for the fill is now evident. The urgent necessity of rushing the work to completion on Second and Third Avenues is painfully evident. The fill now under progress in Bigger place, owing to no immediate business need, might be discontinued for the present, and the material so used from the grading on First Avenue in the McInnis contract be applied to complete Second and Third Avenues, near McBride Street. The culvert repair and reconstruction of retaining wall on Second Avenue, near Eight Street, should be pushed to immediate completion in order that the steam hoist should be removed to Aeropolis Hill reservoir excavation. The urgency for completion of Aeropolis Hill reservoir by June 1st demands redoubled activity from what is now evident, otherwise that reservoir will not be in readiness to contain water in six months from date. The water service from Morse Creek is now available by a two-inch pipe connection, while the permanent main is pushed on to connect up with Sixth Street. Woodworth and Shawatlans. Your committee, aided by his worship Mayor Newton, Alderman Bullock-Webster, Chief City Engineer Davis and Assistant Mason, visited during the past week the source of the hydro-electric power scheme, to ascertain at first hand results achieved by the expenditure entailed, preparatory to its installation. Industrial efforts are everywhere evident along the route. Waterworks Engineer Mason has located a new pipe line route

which will cause a net saving of \$18,000 in the purchase of pipe alone, also a great saving in the cost of trench excavation is effected by the new route.

In the matter of manufacturing wood stove pipe upon the ground your committee are of opinion that the idea is absolutely impracticable, both financially and industrially—the reasons we submit are that the absence of a sufficient lumber supply of an efficient character and the extraordinary expense attendant in the construction of saw-mill, logging outfits and the peculiar inconvenience of the locality. Dealing with the matter of standing timber, many large trees of spruce are met with, but their distance from each other renders the matter of logging unquestionably impracticable. Without question the red cedar cannot be considered as it is heavily brushed from base to apex and in quality is totally diseased. The yellow cedar is an unknown quantity and quality, as it is scarce in quantity and defective in quality as the vast majority is decayed, rampikes with decayed knots from bottom to top.

In the matter of dam construction at the overflow of Woodworth Lake your committee is of opinion that the construction of a wooden dam would be a grave error. The absence and difficulty in securing timber in quantity and quality in the minds of your committee would render its construction in wood vastly more expensive than cement, and the durability incomparable. The blasting out of the natural dam at the overflow of Shawatlans Lake for the exposing of the beaches of that lake, to secure an efficient and inexpensive pipe line over that area, we heartily endorse, and advise immediate execution. The transportation of material from Shawatlans to Woodworth Lake will be partly over the established water line when graded and over a wagon road along the right limit of Woodworth stream at its confluence with the north fork of the Shawatlans River to the head of Shawatlans Lake. The clearing of Woodworth Lake reaches preparatory to the raising of its level by dam construction, your committee is of opinion that it would be an unwarranted waste of civic finances. More especially as we believe that immense deposit of decayed timber has found its way over the complete area of the lake bottom, and the debris from the evident decayed timber that has annually been washed from the watersheds of those lakes suggests vast deposits of sediment to be deposited at the bottoms of these water areas.

Your committee therefore recommend the following: (1) The abandonment of the idea of clearing timber from the ground where backwater will locate itself after dam construction at the outlet of Woodworth Lake. (2) That a substantial concrete dam be constructed instead of the contemplated wooden dam. (3) That the obstruction at Shawatlans Lake be immediately removed in order that its beaches be exposed. (4) That all thought of wood pipe on any part of the line be totally abandoned. (5) That steel and castiron pipe be substituted as being vastly less expensive and incomparably more efficient and durable. (6) That the total construction and transportation of material east of Shawatlans Narrows be performed under the open contract system, either in one blanket contract or in subdivided sections, as your Council and City Engineer may advise, always with a view to financial economy and guaranteed durability. (7) That a heavy cash bond system as security for the performance of the work be substituted for a liquidated damage or penalty clause, and that in every instance it be retained until the work be satisfactorily accepted by the City Engineer and City Council.

(8) Your committee is of opinion that the construction of bunkhouses and cookhouses and the boarding of men by the day labor principle for this outlying and inconvenient district for the accomplishment of work of so short an existence would be a palpable waste of public funds. (9) Your committee further recommends that all contract work of such a nature must embrace a compulsory clause that the city of Prince Rupert industrial classes, when efficient, must

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LAND LEASE NOTICE

Take notice that I, Alfred Christian Garde, do hereby apply to the Board of Works for permission to lease the following described lands: Situated at a post planted 1-4 mile east of the Ives Station, T.P.Ry Station and approximately 27 miles east of Prince Rupert, thence north 40 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 25 chains more or less to railway grade, thence west 20 chains more or less following said grade to point of commencement and containing 70 acres or less. ALFRED CHRISTIAN GARDE WILLIAM M. JOHNSON Date Nov. 23, 1911. Pub. Dec. 8, 1911.

Take notice that Arthur Tremaine, of Sannich, B. C., occupation farmer, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot 1555, Masset Inlet; thence west forty chains, thence north eighty chains, thence east 40 chains to the point of commencement, containing three hundred and twenty acres (320), more or less. ARTHUR TREMAINE, George Young, Agent. Dated Nov. 15, 1911. Pub. Dec. 15, 1911.

Take notice that Alfred McGregor, of Victoria, B. C., occupation broker, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about three-quarters of a mile southwest from the southwest corner of Lot 1548, Masset Inlet; thence east forty chains, thence west one hundred chains, more or less, thence north ninety chains, thence east to the beach, thence along beach to point of commencement, containing six hundred and forty acres (640), more or less. ALFRED MCGREGOR, George Young, Agent. Dated Nov. 15, 1911. Pub. Dec. 15, 1911.

Take notice that Malcolm Wright Young, of Sannich, B. C., occupation farmer, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot 1551, thence north to the south boundary of Lot 1550, thence east to the east boundary of Lot 1550, thence south along said boundary to the southeast corner of said Lot 1550, thence west along said boundary to the beach, thence east along the beach to the southeast corner of Lot 1551, thence north to the northwest corner of Lot 1551, thence east to the point of commencement, containing six hundred (600) acres, more or less. MALCOLM WRIGHT YOUNG, George Young, Agent. Dated Nov. 15, 1911. Pub. Dec. 15, 1911.

Take notice that William Moore, of Sannich, B. C., occupation farmer, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot 1548, Masset Inlet; thence east one hundred chains, thence south sixty-four chains, thence west to the beach, thence along beach to point of commencement, containing six hundred and forty (640) acres, more or less. WILLIAM MOORE, George Young, Agent. Dated Nov. 14, 1911. Pub. Dec. 15, 1911.

Take notice that J. P. Grant of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation civil engineer, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about 3-4 miles in a northerly direction from the northeast corner of Lot 1589, Range 5, Coast District, thence east 30 chains, thence north 60 chains, thence west to the beach, thence along bank of river to point of commencement; containing 160 acres, more or less. J. P. GRANT, Gordon C. Emmerson, Agent. Pub. Oct. 10.

Take notice that I, Louis Caleris, driver, of Victoria, B. C., intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of the sixth Dominion Telegraph cabin. Post marked H. M. N. E. Corner, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 320 acres, more or less. LOUIS CALERIS, Fred E. Cowell, Agent. Dated Oct. 31, 1911. Pub. Dec. 9.

Take notice that Herbert McLennan of Vancouver, B. C., occupation real estate agent, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the confluence of Blackwater River with the Naas River, two miles south of the sixth Dominion Telegraph cabin. Post marked H. M. N. E. Corner, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less. HERBERT McLENNAN, Pub. Nov. 2.

Take notice that Thomas Arthur White of Vancouver, B. C., occupation carpenter, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the confluence of Blackwater River with the Naas River, two miles south of the sixth Dominion Telegraph cabin. Post marked T. A. W. S. E. Corner, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less. THOMAS ARTHUR WHITE, Pub. Nov. 2.

Take notice that Charles William Ham of Vancouver, B. C., occupation inspector, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the confluence of Blackwater River with the Naas River, two miles south of the sixth Dominion Telegraph cabin. Post marked W. H. S. W. Corner, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less. CHARLES WILLIAM HAM, Pub. Nov. 2.

Take notice that James Edwin Macrae of Vancouver, occupation real estate agent, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about seven miles distant and in an easterly direction from the Naas River and about eight miles north of Aliyash Indian village, thence north eighty chains, thence east eighty chains, thence south eighty chains, thence west eighty chains to point of commencement. JAMES EWING MACRAE, H. P. Rutter, Agent. Dated Oct. 31, 1911. Pub. Dec. 14.

Take notice that Clarence Bowen, of Seattle, Wash., occupation woodman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted four miles east of the Naas River and about five miles north of Aliyash, thence west eighty chains, thence south eighty chains, thence east eighty chains to point of commencement. CLARENCE BOWEN, H. P. Rutter, Agent. Dated Oct. 31, 1911. Pub. Dec. 14.

Take notice that Benjamin Russell Rice of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation water, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted 65 chains south of the southwest corner of Lot 3660, Post marked B. R. S. E. Corner, thence north 70 chains, thence west 70 chains, thence east 65 chains, thence south 70 chains to point of commencement, containing 455 acres more or less. BENJAMIN RUSSELL RICE, Pub. Nov. 2.

Take notice that I, John Argentiello, carpenter, of Victoria, B. C., intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about one and one-half miles northeast from the west side of Trout River, on the west side of Lakelse Lake, and about five (5) miles back from the waterfront, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less. JOHN ARGENTIELLO, Fred E. Cowell, Agent. Dated Oct. 31, 1911. Pub. Dec. 9.

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Take notice that Frank Purdy, of Seattle, Wash., occupation chairman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted about one and one-half miles northeast from the west side of Trout River, on the west side of Lakelse Lake, and about five (5) miles back from the waterfront, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less. FRANK PURDY, H. P. Rutter, Agent. Dated Oct. 31, 1911. Pub. Dec. 14.

LAND PURCHASE NOTICE Skena Land District—District of Co... Take notice that I, James T. Fulford, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of Lot 1551, thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less. J. T. FULLERTON, R. H. Stewart, Agent. Dated Prince Rupert, Dec. 11, 1911. Pub. Dec. 13.