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## SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS TO FACE THE MUSIC

### MORRISSEY'S REPORT AGAIN IN COUNCIL

Clause Dispensing With the Office Occupied by Supt. M. J. McNeill is Closely Discussed

#### MCNEILL MAKES STRONG STATEMENTS

Alleges Betrayal of Confidential Conversation With City Engineer by Ald. Maitland and Lays Bare a "Friendly Hint" Given Him to Resign—Demands That Discussion be Deferred Till Col. Davis Returns, and Makes Point Stick

On Monday night it was Mr. Love and the Fire Chief. Last night Superintendent of Works McNeill was the man of the moment in Council. Discussion of the clause dispensing with his services embodied in Alderman Morrissey's famous report as chairman of the Board of Works was engaged in at the city hall last night. Mr. McNeill in his own defense made some burning statements, particularly affecting Alderman Maitland. Claiming his rights as a ratepayer, if nothing else, the Superintendent of Works, speaking in defense of his reputation of seventeen years from the Yukon to Seattle, demanded that his case be held over until the City Engineer returns, and the Council carried a motion to that effect.

Further consideration of Alderman Morrissey's famous "Report of the Board of Works" was made subject of special importance last night's Council meeting. The Mayor said, in fact, that the whole business of the Public Works department was tied up until this report had been disposed of.

Mention of the clause dispensing with the services of the Superintendent of Public Works brought out from Alderman Morrissey a full statement of his complaint that reports had never been brought in from the Superintendent in terms of the bylaw appointing this official. Further, Alderman Morrissey declared that the condition of the streets after trading gave small evidence of any special effort of the skill of the Superintendent of Works to

justify his salary of \$2,400 per annum.

Alderman Tom Maitland, who formerly worked on city gangs, was disposed to see fair play for the Superintendent of Works. But he contended that the Superintendent of Works did not pull well with the City Engineering department.

Discussion drove to and fro over the subject without much advance. Alderman Morrissey made a statement to the effect that on the construction of Seventh avenue plankway discrimination in favor of this contractor had been shown by the Superintendent of Public Works, who had, said the Alderman, supplied lumber more rapidly here to the retarding of other contractors.

"That is not fair, Alderman Morrissey," exclaimed Mr. McNeill indignantly. "That is not the case, and it is only hearsay."

There was a momentary interruption, the Mayor, Alderman Morrissey and the Superintendent of Works all trying to speak.

"Alderman Morrissey has the floor, Mr. McNeill, will you kindly refrain from speaking?" said the Mayor, and Mr. McNeill allowed Alderman Morrissey to conclude.

After a few moments more of comment this way and that the Mayor called on the Superintendent of Works to make his own statement.

Mr. McNeill remarked to start off with that the fact that Alderman Morrissey had approved the city foreman, whom he had engaged, was in itself a compliment to his efficiency as superintendent.

"I am sorry," he went on, "to give Alderman Maitland away on

this, but he came to me the night before this report came out asking me as his friend to resign my position. Where would I have been tonight if I had taken his advice? I have been on this coast for seventeen years, and am known from the Yukon to Seattle and Vancouver. Alderman Maitland has been here six years or so at most. I have a reputation to defend in this thing, and I would not resign like that. Alderman Maitland, too, told me of a private conversation the Board of Works had had with the City Engineer, in which the statement was made that I as superintendent of Works had been in the habit of saying to the men: 'To hell with the engineers. Do the work this way.'

If Col. Davis said that, then Col. Davis has shown me a different face from that he showed then. I asked him point blank in his own office recently if he had any complaint to make about the way I did my work. He answered: 'No, you have always been courteous and straight with me over it.'

"Members of the old board of works used to come after me asking me to give opinions on the Engineering department's work. I refused to do so, and sent them to the Engineer himself."

"On the matter of reports on the work, Mr. McNeill asked the City Clerk if he had not at first brought in all kinds of reports. 'Sure, crowds of them,' replied Mr. Woods, who went on to state that the bringing in of reports in this way had been stopped by Alderman Hilditch, who said they were

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### PROBLEM OF SITE FOR AN ISOLATION HOSPITAL

SCATHING DENUNCIATION OF CHEAP TEMPORARY HOSPITAL SHACKS BY ALD. CLAYTON ON BEHALF OF PATIENTS AND NURSES—MAYOR'S EXPERIENCE CITED IN SUPPORT.

"I can assure you, Mr. Mayor, that before I would allow any relative of mine, if taken sick of diphtheria, say, to be carried away to a temporary shack run up out of wet lumber at a day's notice, I would have to be done at the point of a gun or after having me chloroformed first. I tell you I should be prepared to defend my own people with my life in a case like that, and I'd blame no one else for doing it."

With these strong terms Alderman Clayton at last night's Council meeting advocated the expenditure of a fair sum at least in the erection of an isolation hospital.

Alderman Clayton went on to plead the cause of the nurses also—to send women who are prepared to risk their lives in nursing those sick of infectious com-

plaints to live for eight or ten weeks or more in a tumble-down shack that lets the wind through its sides was no fit treatment, he thought. Personal experience of what he talked of led Alderman Clayton to speak so strongly.

The Mayor recalled a painful experience of his own where his whole family was quarantined and his son "dragged out at dead of night and flung into the middle of a fifteen acre field with only a tent over him." He heartily concurred with Alderman Clayton.

There followed a good deal of discussion, in which varying views were expressed.

Eventually it was decided that the suitability of one or two other sites besides the cemetery road and Hays Creek reserve sites should be investigated before anything further is done.

### PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Repeat performance of Servian drama "The Balkan Empire" called off.

J. H. Pillsbury, C. E., resumes survey work on drydock site.

Sam Hughes—not the Colonel—decides to go south on the Curacao.

Concrete work on front of new Westholme Theatre completed.

It was reported that George Kerr and Dr. Cade are appointed license commissioners and Bullock-Webster and J. H. Thompson police commissioners.

#### SEARCHING A NAME

Shall We Call New Arctic Territory Bernier or What?

(Special to Daily News.)  
Ottawa, Jan. 31.—Captain Bernier in his report to Parliament urges immediate action to give a name to the newly acquired Arctic territory of Canada. He says that he finds Peary and other Americans have placarded all this northern territory with American names.

#### PRESBYTERIANS ATTEND

Business Meeting and Election of Office Bearers Tonight.

Tonight at 8 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church hall there will be held the important business meeting of the First Presbyterian Church management and congregation. This meeting is especially important at this period of growth and development in the churches throughout Prince Rupert. Office bearers will be elected for the ensuing year and Rupert. Office bearers will be discussion of the entire policy of the church will be taken up.

#### LATEST WEDDING

Miss Florence Johnston of Nova Scotia Weds Mr. W. Fraser.

Rev. F. W. Kerr the other evening solemnized the wedding of Miss Florence Johnston of Nova Scotia, who has just arrived in the west to become the bride of Mr. Wellesley Fraser, school teacher at Kitsumkalum. Mr. Fraser, who came to these parts from Alberta, where he is owner of freehold land, is making good up river. The wedding was a simple one in the G. T. P. Inn.

#### NAVAL PROBLEM IS DISCUSSED

Legislature Takes Up Resolution of Liberal Leader Brewster Regarding Naval Arrangements for Protection for this Coast

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Victoria, Jan. 31.—The session of the House was yesterday devoted to the naval problem as it regards the Pacific coast. Brewster's resolution of last year precipitated the discussion. An amendment was moved by Premier McBride, but it was decided that Mr. Brewster's resolution be withdrawn and that of the Premier re-drawn and the discussion fixed for a future date. This was moved by the Liberal leader and seconded by the Premier.

The other business in this special session was the consideration in committee of the bill to validate the agreement between the city of Prince Rupert and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and Townsite Development Company.

#### F. A. ELLIS STARTS UP

Popular Auctioneer of Section 2 Lots Will Open Office

In the new Albert Block, on Second Avenue, Mr. Frank A. Ellis, the popular and most successful auctioneer of Section 2 really for the G.T.P., will now open offices to carry on business in his own line for himself. Since the sale of Section 2, Mr. Ellis has had his hands full, there being abundant work for him in his line in the city, both in realty and general auctioneering. Mr. Ellis comes of a well-known business family in the "business end of England," and has a real aptitude and natural liking for his chosen profession. He makes good.

#### SALE OF GOVERNMENT LOTS

Minister of Lands Promises Early Consideration to City Clerk.

In a letter to the City Clerk, read in Council last night, the Hon. W. R. Ross, minister of lands for the province, stated that it was the intention of his department to consider the matter of the selling of government lots in the populous sections of Prince Rupert at an early date.

#### Notice.

For the purpose of electing officers and the transaction of any other business that may come before it, the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association will be held in the K. of P. Hall Friday evening, Feb. 2nd, at 8 o'clock. All Liberals, whether members of the association or not, are requested to be present. 5t P. W. ANDERSON, Sec-Treas.

#### RAILWAY POLICY

Provincial Government Policy to Be Announced Shortly.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Vancouver, Jan. 31.—At the meeting of Conservatives last night Attorney General Bowser intimated that the railway policy of the Provincial Government, so important to all parts of British Columbia, will be announced in about ten days.

#### HINDUS CANNOT BRING WIVES

Five Hundred Vancouver Conservatives Protest Against Proposed Change in Federal Immigration Laws Regarding Hindu Wives.

(Special to Daily News.)  
Vancouver, Jan. 31.—Five hundred Conservatives of this city at their annual meeting last night pledged themselves against the suggested changes in the Dominion immigration of the wives of resident Hindus. The resolution urges upon the Government to prohibit all Asiatic immigration into Canada.

#### ASSOCIATE OF BANK ROBBERS

Mina Griffiths, Associate of Alleged Member of Gang Who Robbed New Westminster Bank Shadowed to West Diego.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
San Diego, Jan. 31.—"Miss" Griffiths, the woman said to have been associated with Chas. Dean, an alleged member of the gang which robbed the Bank of Montreal, New Westminster, of \$275,000, was married last night to her former husband Wm. Griffin, a barber. Two years ago they divorced. When Dean was arrested the Griffin woman then with him, was closely questioned, her trunks searched and she was shadowed to this city.

#### FIRST AVENUE SIDEWALK JOB

Difficulty Arises Over Placing of Plankway Near the Deep Retaining Wall—Work Ordered Stopped Pending Report.

First avenue sidewalk, which is to be paid for by issue of debentures taken over by Messrs. Lynch and Besner, is causing a difficulty which the Mayor brought up in Council last night.

"It appears that the sidewalk the order to commence which has been issued, is not to be constructed according to the Engineer's original specifications, but is to make a deviation from the straight line to get around the very high retaining wall between Seventh and Eighth streets. This deviation has been objected to, as it takes the sidewalk some seventeen feet off the property line at this point and this affects property owners.

No record of any authority given in Council for the deviation from the original plan could be found. The reason for the deviation, however, was that to construct the sidewalk as originally planned would involve considerably heavier expense.

It was decided that the Superintendent of Works should proceed with the construction of the sidewalk from the junction, but that he should not allow any work to be done between Seventh and Eighth streets until the Board of Works has seen and passed on the plan proposed.

### TUG GLEN ROSA AFLOAT AGAIN AT HAYS CREEK

DAYLIGHT VIEW OF WRECK REVEALED CAREFULNESS OF DIVER'S EXAMINATION UNDER WATER—SIGNS OF STRUGGLE FOR LIFE—DOOR WRENCHED FROM HINGES.

About 2 a.m. yesterday morning the wreck of the tug Glen Rosa was above the water for the first time in five days, as she lay on the mud flats at Hays Creek. H. Johnston, of the Cow Bay boatyard, was in attendance, but there was nothing much to be done then in the semi-darkness. A cloud-swept moon threw eerie rays on the dripping craft with her ghostly white pilot house in which the dreadful struggle for life took place. The tide rose again, submerging the tug, but at 3:30 in the afternoon active operations were possible for the floating of the vessel.

Examination of the pilot house was also possible. In the glimmering twilight of the sea fathoms deep, Diver Evanson could only grope and guess at the condition of the wreck from the feel. How accurate was his work done there is shown by the result of dry daylight observation. Mr. W. T. Robinson, who with H. Johnston, examined the wreck said, "The door on the port side of the pilot house had been kicked off.

Hinges and lock both had been wrenched apart by the poor fellows in their fight for life. There was no other sign or trace of them to be found. Only a few groceries they had bought before going on board for the night, some Sunday school books, clothes, and a clock stopped at five minutes past two.

Beyond doubt the ill-fated father and son fought their way out of their sinking prison, only to be swept away by the strong tide and drowned in the vicinity of the wharf. There is little chance that their bodies will now be recovered.

Examination of the tug shows that she can be salvaged successfully. Her hull is in good shape, and very little damage had been done to her upperdecks. Her machinery is rusted a little, but can be put in shape again. There is every probability that she will be afloat and under her own steam shortly, a tribute to the fine work done by Diver Evanson, and Capt Norman Broadhurst, with H. Johnson as salving gang.

#### DECLARE MARTIAL LAW

Twenty Thousand Bombs Ready to Hurl at Troops

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Lisbon, Jan. 31.—Martial law has been declared in this city and district, because of the attitude of the strikers, who are said to have 20,000 bombs ready to hurl at the troops. Eight thousand soldiers are now in Lisbon.

#### 'BREEZY POINT' IN THE EMPRESS

Special Chance Afforded Now for all Prince Rupert to See the Really Charming Success First Performed Last Week by the Presbyterian "Bethany Girls."

"At Breezy Point," that most delightful play performed last week before crowds in the Presbyterian church hall will be repeated on Friday night in the Empress Theatre. The hundreds who missed seeing this real treat in the way of amateur dramatic work will be delighted to have this opportunity of enjoying the play. All the successful young actors and actresses of last week's performance will appear, and the quaintly humorous and touching scenes in the pretty old world story will be given expression again in the thoroughly delightful manner of the company under Miss Chisholm. That the seating of the Empress Theatre will be taxed to capacity is certain. Already there is a rush demand for tickets, which are on sale at F. Keeley's drug store. Admission 50 and 75 cents.

#### LITTLE BLAZE STARTED

Rapid Rush to Scene by Red Devil Saved Empty Dwelling on Fifth Avenue.

A fast run was made by the Fire Dept. red devil to the Hays Creek district, where an unoccupied house had been in some way set on fire. The flames hardly had a chance to rise before they were pounced upon by the red devil and scared out of existence before they had done more than damage a lean-to at the back of the dwelling. The residence was situated on Fifth Avenue, and it is thought that the fire was started by youngsters playing.

#### THE WEATHER.

Twenty-four hours ending 5 a. m., January 31: Bar., 30.01; max. temp., 46.0; min. temp., 36.0.

### CLASSIFICATION OF STEAMSHIPS

Delegation of Shipping Men Wait on Government and Ask Removal of What is Claimed to be an Unjust Discrimination.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Ottawa, Jan. 31.—A delegation of shipping men waited on the Government yesterday, asking the removal of what is claimed to be an unjust discrimination against Canadian vessels in favor of the British. The former have to undergo a boiler inspection by Lloyd's, and also one by the Dominion Government, while the British can operate in the Canadian trade with only one inspection. They ask that the classification certificate be accepted as sufficient, and the expense of a second inspection thus obviated.

#### BAR AMERICANS FROM COURT

Surprising Story Cabled to New York Paper—Queen Mary's Dislike to American Invasion Said to Be Pretty Vigorous.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
New York, Jan. 31.—The Tribune's London correspondent today says: The startling proposal is made that presentations at court of ladies of foreign birth shall in future be restricted to those married to British subjects or whose male relatives hold some official position in this country.

It is stated that Queen Mary does not view the American invasion with favor and that she is

It is further stated proposed in the outburst of this suggestion, order to relieve the pressure on the courts held in London that Their Majesties shall hold courts in Dublin and Edinburgh.

Public debate is to be held in the McIntyre hall on Tuesday next at 8 p. m., under the auspices of the Anglican Club. The subject for discussion is: "It is resolved that there should be an educational qualification for voters."

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#### Professional Hockey.

Vancouver, Jan. 31.—The professional hockey match played here yesterday resulted in a win for New Westminster by 5 to 2.