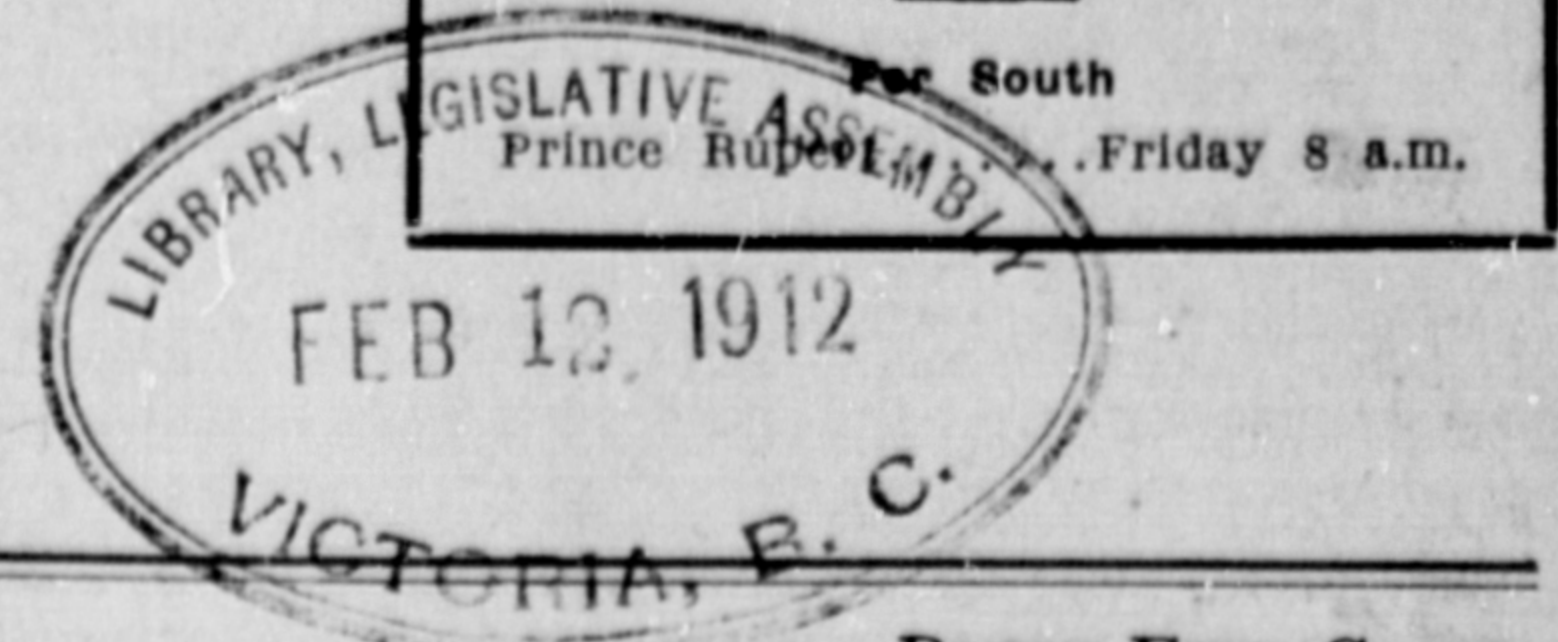


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VALIDATION BILL MAY POSSIBLY SUFFER SETBACK

BOARD OF TRADE COUNCIL AND PUBLICITY FOR CITY

DECISION THAT TIME IS NOT RIPE YET FOR ANY EXTENSIVE ADVERTISING SCHEME, BUT BOOKLET OF INFORMATION WILL BE ISSUED TO ANSWER NUMEROUS ENQUIRERS.

At last night's meeting of the Board of Trade Council in the Police Court room Mr. Frank McPherson, the newly elected president of the board, presided. A number of the office bearers and members interested attended, especially those interested in the proposed publicity scheme to advertise Prince Rupert.

Discussion of this matter, however, led to the decision that the time is hardly ripe yet for extensive advertising of the city. But because public interest all over the American continent and in Great Britain is alive to the importance of the Pacific coast terminal of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, the president and members of the council decided that the issue of a booklet detailing accurately the facts about Prince Rupert most often asked for by outsiders should be got ready. A sum of \$200 to defray the cost of this booklet is to be raised by special subscription. Later on the Board of Trade may launch into an extensive publicity campaign for the city.

Decision was come to that the Prince Rupert Board of Trade should affiliate with the International Congress of Boards of Trade, which is to meet for the

first time in America on September 12 at Boston. For the sum of \$10 Prince Rupert Board of Trade becomes affiliated with the congress and reaps certain special advantages.

Following are the Board of Trade standing committees appointed by President Frank McPherson for the year 1912:

Legislation—A. J. Morris, L. C. Patmore and W. E. Williams.

Railway and Navigation—A. E. McMaster, W. P. Lynch and George D. Tite.

Freight Rates—W. J. Sandals, J. H. Thompson and W. P. Lynch.

Trade and Commerce—A. J. Morris, H. P. Wilson and Fred Stork.

Fisheries—J. J. Sloan, R. A. White and D. A. McKinnon.

Lumber—J. H. Pillsbury, F. G. Dawson and George D. Tite.

Mining—J. H. Thompson, J. H. Pillsbury and W. E. Williams.

Insurance—W. J. M. Sandals, H. P. Wilson and Fred Stork.

Port—A. E. McMaster, R. A. White and J. H. Pillsbury.

Finance—A. J. Morris, L. C. Patmore and F. G. Dawson.

Civic—R. A. White, J. H. Thompson and D. A. McKinnon.

Public Works—J. J. Sloan, W. P. Lynch and Fred Stork.

COAST IRISH ARE WAKING UP

Ten Thousand Orangemen of Vancouver Ready to Send Money and a Thousand Men to Fight Against Home Rule.

(Special to Daily News.)
Vancouver, Feb. 7.—Ten thousand Orangemen were represented at the gathering of the county lodges and decided to afford material aid to their brethren in Ireland in the latter's fight against Home Rule. They declare themselves ready to send a sum of money and a thousand men if necessary.

THE WEATHER.

Twenty-four hours ending 5 a. m., February 7: Bar., 29.496; max. temp., 58.0; min. temp., 50.0; precipitation, .03.

For row boats and launches telephone 320 green. Davis boat house.

PARLIAMENT ON GRAIN BILL

Proposed Change That Manitoba No. 1 Hard Be Classed as Canada No. 1 Hard to Be Further Considered.

(Special to Daily News.)
Ottawa, Feb. 7.—The House spent the day in committee on the grain bill, passing the seventh and eighth clauses. The only proposed change was that Manitoba No. 1 hard be changed to Canada No. 1 hard. This was left over for consideration.

CANADA'S OWN WEAPON

National Rifle Assn. Denies That Ross Rifle Is Barred.

(Special to Daily News.)
London, Feb. 6.—The secretary of the National Rifle Association, which conducts the Bisley competitions, informs the Canadian Associated Press that he is not aware that any prohibition of the Canadian Ross rifle was even contemplated at Bisley.

CONGESTION IN GRAIN TRAFFIC

Thousands of Wheat Laden Cars Stalled in Yards at Port Arthur and Along Canadian Northern Railway.

(Special to Daily News.)
Port Arthur, Feb. 7.—Some 3,500 cars loaded with grain for Duluth to relieve the congestion in the elevators are stalled in the yards here, it being impossible for the railway company to move them. In addition to this it is stated that over a thousand cars are stalled between here and Winnipeg on the Canadian Northern.

NAVAL SERVICE ACT

Resolution for Its Repeal to Be Introduced Tomorrow.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Ottawa, Feb. 7.—Sevigny, member for Dorchester, gave notice last night of a resolution on Thursday next calling for the repeal of the Naval Service Act.

SIR GEORGE DOUGHTY ARRIVED ON THE BEATRICE

ENGLISH BARONET AND HIS SON GONE TO SKIDEGATE—BALANCE OF PARTY ON THE PRINCE RUPERT DUE AT FOUR THIS AFTERNOON.

The Princess Beatrice arrived here at four o'clock this morning, and among her passengers were Sir George Doughty, of Grimby, England, his son Wilfrid Vere Doughty, and Mr. Carter, manager of the Oceanic cannery on the Skeena. They proceeded on the Beatrice to Skidegate to look over the cannery and fish plant there Sir George and his associates recently purchased from the Simon Leiser company. Mr. Carter is to be the manager in charge of the Skidegate plant, and the trip now is to see what is required in the way of machinery to place the plant upon the most modern and up-to-date footing. The party will return on the Prince John, and probably remain in the city for several days.

Mr. Forbes and other English capitalists associated with Sir George in the development of the fishing industry in this neighborhood planned on a large scale, are passengers on the Prince Rupert due to arrive here this afternoon at four o'clock.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SATISFIED

Council Had a Drill Alarm Rung In—Swift Turn Out.

In two minutes after the alarm had been rung in to the fire hall from the city hall, where stood a group of interested aldermen, an imaginary fire in the post office was extinguished by a very prompt turn out of the brigade. Members of the Council holding the test expressed satisfaction with the efficiency of the brigade.

St. Andrew's Society.

The regular meeting of the St. Andrew's Society will be held on Friday night in the Carpenters' Hall at 8 o'clock.

CHAIN GANG NEXT.

Vancouver Sorely Troubled by Vagrants and Undesirables

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Vancouver, Feb. 7.—The city authorities have decided to establish chain gangs of the vagrants and undesirables, with a view to reducing the number of such individuals now infesting the city.

MOST RECENT ACCOUNT OF THE PEACE RIVER DISTRICT

JAMES RUTHERFORD, MINING ENGINEER OF VICTORIA, JUST RETURNED FROM AN EXPLORATION TRIP, CLOSELY DESCRIBES THE QUALITY OF THE LAND HE TRAVERSED.

James Rutherford, mining engineer of Victoria, B. C., who has just returned from a three months' prospecting trip in the Peace River country, having traversed and explored extensive areas of Northern British Columbia from Prince Rupert to Hazelton, along the Bulkeley and Nanaco valleys and down the Parsnip and Finlay rivers, says:

"I traveled from McLeod's Lake on the Peace River to Pine River Pass. The altitude of this pass is only 2,850 feet, and it is well adapted for the construction of railroads from east to west. The Peace River valley averages from one to two miles wide, throughout a distance of fifty miles, and is a charming valley, consisting of open meadows, interspersed with groves of poplar. This valley is well adapted to farming and stock raising."

"The Half-way River flows into the Peace River about thirty-five miles west of Fort St. John, at an altitude of about 1,500 feet, and is navigable at certain times of the year for a considerable distance. Along the Half-way the valley extends from three to four miles wide and embraces a succession of level flats for nearly a hundred miles, having within their area extensive tracts of excellent black loam, which is the finest land that has come under my observation in British Columbia, forming one of the most charming and picturesque valleys in the Dominion of Canada."

"The same may be said of the southeast portion of the Pouce

Coupe prairie, surrounding Swan Lake, west of and adjoining the Alberta boundary line; from here there extends easterly into Alberta an area of agricultural land nearly 500 miles square, unsurpassed in the experience of man."

Speaking of the mineral resources of the Peace River country, Mr. Rutherford said: "The whole country is underlain with extensive areas of coal, particularly in the neighborhood of Hudson's Hope, where the measures are of first class quality."

"Hudson's Hope will probably become a strategic point for the railroads, as it is at the present time at the head of navigation on the Peace, and because its extensive coal deposits, available water power and rich farming lands surrounding will make it an industrial, manufacturing and agricultural centre."

MISSION LANDS DISPUTE

Arbitration Board Will Visit Rev. Tomlinson's Territory.

By today's train the members of the arbitration board appointed to settle the right of way dispute between the G. T. P. and Rev. R. Tomlinson relating to the railway's crossing of the mission lands at Meanishkinisht will proceed to the scene of the difficulty so as to see for themselves the conditions to be adjudicated upon.

Panatorium Pioneer Cleaners.

Phone 4.

VALIDATION BILL PASSES SECOND READING

Attorney-General Bowser Hints That He Will Discuss It Fully When It Comes Before Committee

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Victoria, Feb. 7.—In the Legislature last night Wm. Manson (Skeena), moved the second reading of the Prince Rupert validation bill, explaining that its passage was urgently necessary to satisfy the solicitors of the bank with which the city dealt. Attorney-General Bowser allowed it to pass the second reading and said

he would attend to it later in committee.

A bill to incorporate an electric railway in the city of Nanaimo was introduced by Mr. Hawthornthwaite.

Price Ellison gave notice of the introduction of the budget on February 14th.

The Forests Act passed its second reading with division, but

Premier McBride took occasion to reply to the criticisms of Messrs. Brewster and Williams of the Government's policy in the matter. Mr. Manson (Comox), approved of the general principles of the bill, but thought some special provision should be made for dealing with fractions and small areas of timber on the islands or along the coast.

TUCK OF DRUM AND BUGLE CALL

Earl Grey's Rifles, Prince Rupert's Own Regiment, Will Shortly March to Music from Own Drum and Bugle Band.

With the prospect of having a drill hall and parade ground of their own very soon, Earl Grey's Rifles, through their commanding officer, Captain Stork, now announce that the equipment for their new drum and bugle band is practically all ready. At a turnout of the company in strength shortly the band will be in evidence. As soon as all the bugles and drums arrive the whole band will carry on steady practice, there being already a group of well trained buglers and drummers in the company. Probably to Master Bob Ritchie belongs the distinction of being the pioneer bugler and drummer of Prince Rupert's own regiment.

MONTREAL HARBOR

Plans for Improvement Costing Two Millions Before Minister.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Ottawa, Feb. 6.—Plans for an outlay of \$2,000,000 on the Montreal harbor next summer have been laid before the Minister of Marine by Harbor Commissioners Ballantyne, Geoffrion and Stephens. The projected work embraces the finishing of the dry dock, new sheds, dredging of a channel, piers, etc. The Minister will give his consent to the plans.

Pitiful Case

Louis Trommer, shoemaker, of Sixth Avenue, is in charge of the police in a demented condition. His condition is a sad one. Trommer was a good workman, many who have patronized his skill mentioning how thorough were his jobs.

MEETING OF LIBERALS

Convention to be Held in Vancouver Near End of Month

Attention is called to an advertisement in another column of a convention of Liberals to be held in Vancouver on February 29th. It is hoped that Prince Rupert will be well represented at the gathering, which will comprise delegates from all over the province. The advertisement states that arrangements have been made by the secretary of the convention with the C.P.R., entitling those who travel on one of the boats of that company form this port to a return ticket at one-third the usual fare.

JUST VOTE BY COMMON SENSE

Result of Debate in McIntyre Hall Last Night Is Against Educational Qualification for the Exercise of the Franchise.

That voters need not have any educational qualification for the exercise of the franchise was the decision arrived at on the merits of a straight debate between representatives of the Baptist, Anglican and Presbyterian churches in the McIntyre Hall last night.

Rev. W. E. Collison presided, and there was a large and enthusiastic crowd present. Great interest was taken in the debate, the speakers for the affirmative being Messrs. Gill, Carss and McCorkindale and for the negative Messrs. Simpson, McIntosh and Fulton.

Vag Charge

Frank Wilson appeared in the police Court this morning charged with vagrancy. He was remanded until tomorrow.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Question of Site Must Be Referred to Dr. Fagan—Medical Health Officer Expects a Good Deal of Delay Over the Matter.

So far nothing definite has been done regarding a site for the proposed isolation hospital for the city. Dr. Reddie, the medical health officer, this morning mentioned that he thought the matter of a site might have to be referred to Dr. Fagan, the Provincial health officer, at Victoria, as certain details regarding such institutions are very particularly regarded by Dr. Fagan and any mistake on them might mean the entire reconstruction of the building to his orders.

COUNCIL TONIGHT

Billiard, Saloon and Milk Bylaws Will Be Discussed With Other Matters.

Asked this morning if there was any special matter to come up before Council this evening, the Mayor remarked that no special matters fall to be considered freshly tonight, but the Billiard Saloon bylaw and the Milk bylaw both come up for consideration. There may be more interesting matters, but the Mayor did not know of them today.

"Sidewalk Bee."

A large force of volunteer workmen, organized by George Frizzell into a "sidewalk bee," last evening placed a walk between Eighth and Ninth streets and Third Avenue. Members of the Council can now with safety and comfort pass along one side of Third Avenue in that neighborhood and observe the condition of the thoroughfare.

Choicest liquors and cigars—Savoy.

SPLENDID PAIR OF LOTS SOLD

Lots 5 and 6, Block 20, Second Avenue, Transferred Yesterday for Consideration of \$23,000—Local Syndicate Buys.

Two of the finest unoccupied lots on Second Avenue were yesterday disposed of through the agency of S. Harrison & Co., also Mr. Lee Baker of Westenhaver Bros., for \$23,000. The lots are Nos. 5 and 6, block 20, Second Avenue, and are situated next to S. Harrison & Co.'s offices. They were purchased by a local syndicate.

IMPORTANT

The importance of the strategic positions of the sections of this city lying around in close proximity to Hays Creek cannot be overestimated in face of the enormous potentialities arising from the construction of the dry dock, now an assured creation. To the investor or working man with small available capital there is an opportunity offered to grasp which will mean much to him in the near future.

Have you ever stopped to consider the demand for houses and property that will be created the moment active construction is started on the new dock.

The very best buy today for the small outlay is undoubtedly Sections 7 and 8.

Mr. Frank A. Ellis will sell by public auction on the easiest of terms, sixty picked lots in Section 8, at the Empress theatre, Thursday night, Feb. 8th, at 8 p.m.

Don't miss this chance as fifty dollars will put you in possession of property which will most assuredly increase greatly in value in the near future.

BIGGEST LAND DEAL IN WEST

Million and Half Cash Paid Down for Special Immigration Scheme Planned by Canadian Northern Railway.

A. R. Davidson, agent for the Canadian Northern Railway land department, has just closed the largest land deal for which cash was paid that has ever been consummated in Western Canada. The land, which comprises 500,000 acres, was sold to an English syndicate, whose names for the present are withheld, for a price involving over \$1,500,000. The property lies in the Humboldt district, a large acreage of which is in the near vicinity of the main line of the Canadian Northern Railway. A large portion lies 15 miles east of Rosthern and north of Bruno, Howell and Vonda. It is the intention of the purchasers to bring out young English and Scotch farmers, whom they will assist in putting the land under cultivation.

CROWDING TO CANADA

Immigration Supt. Looks for Rush from the South.

(Special to Daily News.)
Ottawa, Feb. 6.—W. J. White, superintendent of Canadian immigration agencies in the United States, states there is an increase of 30 per cent. in the number of railway cars booked in the United States by people who propose to migrate to Canada. He anticipates a corresponding increase in the number of new arrivals from across the border during the present season.

For Sale.

Furniture of four-room house. Apply F. D. Keeley. If

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Van Arsdol train pulls out on schedule. The Mayor predicts that the Billiard Saloon bylaw will not be disposed of tonight.

Arbitrators A. Carss, J. H. Hilditch and J. F. Ritchie appointed in right-of-way case up river leave by train to visit scene in dispute.

New City Hall still gazing.

W. R. Whitley confirms the news of his resignation from the Prince Rupert Dramatic Society.

The Municipal Commodore predicts that Captain Barney Johnston will make a starboard landing.

Convention of Liberals!

A convention of British Columbia Liberals will be held at O'Brien's Hall, Hastings street, Vancouver, on February 29th, 1912. Upon purchasing a first-class ticket to Vancouver via C. P. R. and obtaining at the time of purchase from the ticket agent a standard certificate, and upon the signing of this certificate by the Secretary of the Convention, the holder will be entitled to a return ticket at one-third the usual fare.