

OUT OF WORK TRY? Try The News' Way.

THE DAILY NEWS

Formerly The Prince Rupert Optimist

LIBRARY, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, VICTORIA, B. C. For South Prince Rupert, Friday 8 a.m. For North Prince Rupert, Saturday, 9 a.m.

VOL. III, NO. 33

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1912.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

ANOTHER DELAY IN VALIDATING WATER BY-LAW

BOWSER RAISES A STRENUOUS OBJECTION

declares Its Passage Would be Making the Legislature a Tinker Shop for Repairing Defective Municipal Legislation

ONLY ONE PART OF BY-LAW DEFECTIVE

Manson Speaks of Difficulties in Drafting By-Laws Arising From Unsatisfactory State of Municipal Clauses Act and Moved Postponement to Permit of By-Law Being Amended

Victoria, Feb. 8.—In the Legislature last night Attorney General Bowser raised the most strenuous objection to the third reading of the bill to validate Prince Rupert water bylaw and make good its debentures issued in connection therewith. Quoting from the language used by the member for Richmond the Attorney General said that such practices would make the legislature the tinker shop for repairing all defective municipal legislation. The bill introduced required the House to validate the whole bylaw, while only one part of it was pointed out as defective.

William Manson (Skeena), mover of the bill, said a great deal of difficulty arose from the unsatisfactory state of the Municipal Clauses Act. He moved that the committee of the whole be so that the bill might be amended. The committee then rose.

The Mayor's View. "As far as I am concerned," said the Mayor this morning in reference to the above despatch, "I have all along held that the schemes—water supply and sewer—are one and the same enterprise and the bylaw relating to them was from the first

a perfectly good bylaw, notwithstanding the clause in the Municipal Clauses Act. "But the bank has required the assurance that the bylaw is perfectly legal as a matter of security, and this has been the whole purpose of the steps taken at Victoria. I must say that it seems

strange to me, when the simple need for this assurance of the validity of the measure is all that is required by the bank, that so much difficulty should be raised over the matter by the Attorney General. All that the city of

(Continued on Page 4.)

JUST LISTEN TO THIS NEWS

Compare the Extraordinary Hard Winter They are Having in Ontario with the Delightful Sunshine We Have Here

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Kingston, Ont., Feb. 8.—This is the coldest winter around here for half a century, and one of the effects has been to drive the foxes in hundreds, and many timber wolves, up to the limits of civilization. Farmers are compelled to carry rifles continually to protect themselves and their live stock.

TO DISPLACE ASQUITH
Serious Dissension in the British Cabinet Reported

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Feb. 8.—According to this morning's Standard there is again serious dissension in the British cabinet, involving an intrigue to displace Premier Asquith in favor of Lloyd George.

SERIOUS CAVE-IN

Sixty-Five Miners Imprisoned in Famous Bunker Hill Mine

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Amador, Calif., Feb. 8.—Sixty-five men were imprisoned by a cave-in at the Bunker Hill mine, two miles north of here, late yesterday afternoon. Rescue crews are at work.

ON FANNING ISLAND

Constructing Huge Harbor—Will Make it Free Port

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Victoria, Feb. 8.—According to Father Rougier, who last year sold Fanning Island to a syndicate of Canadian and British capitalists, work on the construction of huge wharf facilities is to be commenced in May. It is the intention to make it a free port. He also says the British Government is likely to establish a naval station there.

TO DEVELOP FISHERIES

Captain Alford, of the Standard Fish Co., of Paoofi, is on a Visit to the Islands to Arrange New Developments.

Captain Alford, who is one of those principally interested in the thriving Standard Fish Co., of Paoofi, O. C. I., arrived by the Prince Rupert yesterday afternoon. He is proceeding to Paoofi, to further the interests of the company and arrange for the carrying out of large developments during the coming summer. As a steady shipper of fish of all kinds to the southern markets the Standard Fish Company is one of the most promising of the Island industries. Amongst the latest moves of the company is the securing of the shrimp industry started by the expert shrimp fisher, Capt. M. Burgess. The Standard Co. retain Captain "Jim's" services and make large shipments of Prince Rupert's particularly fine shrimps to Vancouver.

Ward's Lunch Counter now open. Third avenue.

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.

ARRIVALS BY RUPERT
Passenger List Yesterday from the South—Over 100 Landed.

L. F. Merton, A. Azzali, Miss Aurora Azzali, G. S. Cure and wife, J. Bushfield, F. M. Spencer, C. M. Waite, Ed. Scheele, F. A. Warren, Miss M. Wagner, L. Marton and wife, Miss E. H. Halgenlied, J. Reilly, F. B. Foney, Nels Hamve, Nels Nelson, Col. Davis, J. Hagman, M. Hagman, A. Bassett, J. Camer, A. G. King, N. Wadington, W. Chamberlain, Miss Corry, Mrs. W. M. Holmes, A. E. Young, A. G. Donahue, J. C. Spencer, L. Coleman, F. Clark, C. Hansine, Mrs. Kugler, Mr. J. Kugler, Miss Des Rosiers, Miss McLaren, G. Brown, D. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. L. Duncan, Duncan McIntosh, Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Thompson, E. Hewitt, Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. R. J. Smith, Ed. Christian, J. Edgar Davis, Dr. W. S. Hall, Mr. A. Faulds, J. J. Thompson, Henry Logan, A. L. Gray, A. Dickson, J. Bonanza, Mr. and Mrs. Helger, George Moore, J. D. McLeod, O. Grassen, Theo. Forbes, John Munro, J. W. Coovert, William Wilson, O. L. Garbrough, C. Hodgson, J. R. Robertson, F. W. Renworth, E. Bunting, J. H. Steele, Wilbur Duncan, Arthur Duncan, Laura Chadwick, G. Chadwick and wife, M. L. Young, Phillip Neff, S. A. Ramsay, Miss J. Smith, Miss G. McNeil, F. W. Frankner and wife, Mrs. Hanafan, J. C. Thompson and wife, E. W. Baker, E. Dispeati.

Best meal in town at Savoy.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ABOLISHED

STORMY SCENES IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER—RESOLUTION PASSED DECLARING SUPERINTENDENT McNEILL TO HAVE BEEN EFFICIENT AND FAITHFUL SERVANT OF CITY.

Alderman Morrissey's sensational report as chairman of the Board of Works again came up for discussion at the Council last night, part of it having been laid over pending the return from Seattle of the City Engineer. It was read and acted upon, clause by clause, and although all the important clauses in it were adopted, notably those that a superintendent of public works was superfluous and the appointment of a city purchasing agent a necessity, it was not without much and some very unseemly discussion.

The reading of the clause relative to the superintendent was followed by a marked silence. It was broken by Alderman Clayton expressing himself in favor of the adoption of the clause, hastening to add that he was not expressing himself in favor of Mr. McNeill being replaced by another man in that position.

At once Mr. McNeill tried to talk and Alderman Maitland spoke at the same time. The Mayor told the Superintendent he would have his opportunity to make a statement later, but Alderman Maitland declared that the chairman of Public Works has charged Mr. McNeill with stuffing the pay rolls and he wanted Mr. McNeill to have a fair show. Alderman Morrissey denied having said a word in his report about stuffing pay rolls or of Mr. McNeill either.

The whole trouble was on and McNeill and two or three of the aldermen were all making themselves heard at the same time. Alderman Morrissey said he was an alderman and was not going to stand it. Mr. McNeill seemed to be charging that the City Engineer had made a false statement in regard to himself and his work, and the Mayor told him that he would have his chance to speak later and when he did speak he must speak to what was contained in the report

and not make personal remarks about the aldermen and city officials. Mr. McNeill said he was a ratepayer and had as much right to speak as the Mayor or anybody.

Then the Mayor left his seat, went to the telephone, called up the police station and asked for a force to assist him in maintaining order. Later on a policeman added himself to the crowd of onlookers, with orders from the Mayor to oust anyone who interfered or interrupted.

But the mixed up discussion went on for a time, when the Mayor, to pour oil on the troubled waters, suggested that a motion exonerating Mr. McNeill even from implied charges might be offered. Alderman Bullock-Webster believed the city could dispense with the position of superintendent, as he would like to see the engineer staff do the work. But Mr. McNeill had certainly done good work for the city and should be given such certificate of character as his work entitled him to.

Again Mr. McNeill was given a hearing, but failed to keep within the rules of order and it was explained again and again that there was no charge of complaint against him but the position was being done away with because it was found superfluous. At length on the motion of Alderman Morrissey, seconded by Alderman Douglas, a resolution was passed that the council had always found Mr. McNeill an efficient and faithful servant of the city and the only reason for discontinuing his services was the abolishing of the office. The clause abolishing the office of superintendent was also passed and the session ended.

But it had been a stormy one at times, one incident being Alderman Morrissey's handling in of his resignation as chairman of the Board of Works to the Mayor, of which no notice was taken.

PLAN ON FOOT TO MERGE MANY ISLAND OIL FIELDS

MR. J. COOVERT TO VISIT THE VARIOUS CLAIMS AND ESTIMATE THEIR VALUE WITH MERGER IN VIEW—PROMISE OF PROSPERITY FOR DISTRICT.

There is a very definite understanding amongst those interested in the Queen Charlotte Islands oil prospects that the whole of the promising oil claims on the islands are to be merged into one enterprise under one dominating control provided the prospects justify the merger and that arrangements can be made to this end.

Mr. J. Coovert, who arrived by the Prince Rupert yesterday afternoon, is visiting the islands for the purpose of investigating the claims with a view to effecting the combination of interests later should the result of his investigations warrant the steps being taken.

Mr. Coovert is known to represent some very large and powerful interests in the world of oil well operation, and there is no doubt that with the strides now being taken toward the adoption

of oil instead of coal as fuel for power production enormous extra importance is being attached to oil enterprises everywhere. Such particular attention as is being paid to oil prospects and actual oil wells discovered so close to Prince Rupert looks well for the prosperity in future of the district through development of these resources should results mature as confidently anticipated.

SONS OF ENGLAND NOTICE
Lodge Prince Rupert, No. 318, Visit of Supreme Delegate.

All members of the S. O. E. B. S. are requested to hold themselves in readiness for a specially important meeting of the lodge to be held this week-end. Due notice will be mailed by the secretary. Be on the look out for it. FRANK ELLIS, Secy. S. O. E. B. S.

WHAT HOME RULE MEETING TONIGHT IN CITY OF BELFAST

HEAVY RAINS MAY DAMPEN ARDOR OF NATIONALISTS OR OF HOME RULERS—NOW BELIEVED EVENT WILL PASS OFF QUIETLY.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Belfast, Feb. 8.—Last night everything was quiet and preparations are completed for the Home Rule gathering in Celtic Park, where Right Hon. Winston Churchill and John Redmond, M. P., will deliver addresses to the great crowd. Heavy rain prevailed through the night and this morning the streets are deserted and the football field hired for the meeting is a quagmire. The field contains an enormous rain

sodden tent, which creates a cheerless appearance, in which are recruited large bodies of special constables to help to preserve the peace. The general belief is that everything will pass off quietly.

Mr. Churchill left London last night for Belfast, accompanied by his wife, and by boarding the train half an hour before its starting time avoided the band of suffragettes who planned to interview him.

CITY PURCHASING AGENT IS AGAIN HOTLY DISCUSSED

MOTION TO CONTINUE CITY CLERK IN THAT CAPACITY WITHDRAWN AND MATTER LAID OVER TO AWAIT REPORT OF CITY ENGINEER.

The question of employing a city purchasing agent was again before the City Council last night, the remaining clauses in the first report of the new Board of Works being read clause by clause and this recommendation being one of the clauses. The discussion of the subject was mixed up with that of the clause declaring the office of superintendent of public works to be superfluous, which brought out so much acrimonious argument.

All the aldermen had something to say about this new appointment, Alderman Kerr moving that the City Clerk, who is now acting in that capacity, be retained, as not a breath of criticism had been aroused by the manner in which he had carried out those duties in addition to those of city clerk.

City Clerk was unable to devote the time to it as he was already overworked, and the Mayor suggested that the City Engineer, who had just returned from Seattle, be asked for his opinion.

Colonel Davis thought it very important that the city should have a store keeper, and this position might be combined with that of purchasing agent. With a store keeper the city could then buy supplies in quantities, they could be issued out to the various departments and a complete account kept of the purchases of the goods and what became of them. The Engineering department required a store keeper at the present time, but on the whole subject he would prefer to give it more consideration and to hand to the Council a written report.

The Mayor asked Alderman

Clayton to preside while he addressed the Council. He told of his experience on the Finance committee of the last council, and that Alderman Pattullo had said about the time he resigned from office that the city would have saved thousands of dollars by having an efficient purchasing agent. Mr. Woods, the city clerk, had not sufficient time at his disposal to give to the proper disposal of orders and the checking up of accounts. To his mind the employment of a purchasing agent was absolutely essential, and an efficient man in that position would save the city many times his salary. But such an official to be efficient must be absolutely free and independent.

City Clerk Woods made a brief and concise speech upon the subject, stating that from his experience and from what he knew of the government of other municipalities the appointment of a city store keeper and purchasing agent was an absolute necessity. He also added that such officer must be his own boss in order to be able to give the most efficient and economic results.

Alderman Morrissey said that the last council had passed and paid a bill for \$40 for forty pounds of sal soda. He knew all about sal soda and knew that the ordinary price was 6 cents per pound.

The City Clerk said the bill in question was not for the ordinary soda, but for soda chemically pure. It was bought for the Red Devil and had to be chemically pure to suit the purpose for which it was purchased. That

kind of soda cost 10 cents per pound. The audience had a laugh against Alderman Morrissey's mare's nest, after which a motion was carried that the matter of employing a purchasing agent be laid over until the City Engineer had time to bring down a report on the subject.

CITY HEALTH FIRST CLASS

Health Officer Reports Entire Freedom from Disease and Very Low Death Rate—Birth Rate is Above the Average.

Health Officer Reddie reported to the City Council that during January there had been a continuance of whooping cough and bronchial ailments, but with this exception the health of the city had been good. There had been eleven births during the month, two males and nine females, showing a birth rate of 26.24 per thousand and per annum. There had been two deaths in the same period, both males, showing a death rate of 4.8 per thousand per annum. The causes of death were bronchitis and epilepsy. No typhoid or other serious infectious diseases had been reported during the month.

Indoor Baseball.
Quill Drivers vs. Teddy Bears, at the Auditorium Friday evening, Feb. 9th. Game called 8:15 sharp. Admission 25c. Skating after the game. 2t

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

New police commissioners are meeting in Mayor's office. Frank Ellis announces expected visit of J. R. Waite, supreme delegate of S. O. E. B. S.

The City Engineer mentions that he will present a report to Council on his visit to Seattle and Victoria.

The "Man in the Street" comments frequently on last nights doing in Council.

The first slicker for seventeen days is seen passing The News Office. It is yellow and looks well in the sunshine.