

## WINDSOR HOTEL CASE

As was expected, Police Magistrate Carss has thrown out the charge against the Windsor Hotel. We shall comment on this case as soon as the provincial election is over---when, it may be hoped, it can better be viewed in a non-partisan light.

—From the Empire, March 20th.

THERE IS PLAINLY A REASON for the existence of such a condition of affairs. That comment on a local hotel case should be withheld until after a Provincial election shows to what extent Ring Rule politics is carried. Mayor Editor Newton's slogan when he was seeking the suffrage of the people a few months ago was "Down with Ring Rule and a Square Deal to All;" yet now he has the effrontery for political reasons to state brazenly that "comment will be withheld until after election," when it is to be hoped it can be viewed in a non-partisan light. Is such a procedure a square deal to all? Is it down with Ring Rule? Is it not apparent to any reasonable person that Mayor Editor Newton had a hatchet to grind and that he has buried his hatchet? We wonder what the funeral cost?

Says I to myself,  
Says I:  
The News is the paper to buy  
Says I.

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## DISTRESS IN GREAT BRITAIN BECOMING UNPRECEDENTED

Balfour's Motion for Rejection of Minimum Wage Bill is Defeated and Bill Passes by Unexpectedly Large Majority---Increasing Destitution Intensified by Extreme Cold---Many Atlantic Liners Now Lying Idle

### GO UP THE LINE

G. T. P. Officials in Special Train Make Trip of Inspection.

A party of railway officials consisting of A. E. McMaster, general agent; L. C. Druce and General Freight Agent Dewey with Superintendent McNichol went up in a special train to Skeena Crossing. They are on a trip of inspection.

### FIGHTERS MAY RETURN

Participants in Last Night's Bout Set Sail for Home.

It was generally understood upon conclusion of the boxing bout last night that there would be a return match between Bayley and Scott, arranged to take place here on May 24th. The fans are all well pleased and look for another successful bout on that date. Bayley left for his home in Victoria this morning on the George, and Scott, with his manager, Dan Salt, left for Seattle.

### Photographed the Furs.

A couple of fine picture postcards of the \$2,000 fur consignment recently landed in Prince Rupert by the launch Ptarmigan has been taken by T. Davidson of the Peerless Studio. It pictures what is probably the pioneer stage of Prince Rupert's position in the world's market as a fur centre.

Wanted, experienced boat builder. Apply O. M. Helgeson, Ltd.

### RESIGNS HIS SEAT

Victoria Has an Alderman Possessed of a Conscience.

(Special to Daily News.)

Victoria, March 22.—In consequence of having sold automobile tires to the city, Alderman Gleason has resigned his seat and will offer himself for re-election on April 2nd. He will be opposed by M. F. Fullerton.

North American Life Insurance Co. is represented here by The Insurance People, the Mack Realty and Insurance Co., Albert block, Second avenue.

J. B. Miller, of P. Burns & Co., left on the George this morning for Kamloops.

(Special to Daily News.)

London, March 22.—Balfour's motion for the rejection of the minimum wage bill was defeated and the government measure passed its second reading in the Commons last night by a majority of 123, a larger majority than the ministerial leaders themselves had hoped for. The vote stood 348 to 225. The Laborites and Nationalists voted with the government. The labor leaders, though they tabled a number of amendments, one for the inclusion of their schedule minimum wages, are now expected to be satisfied with the inclusion of five shillings and two shillings as the minimum wages.

Unless, as now expected, the miners resume work at the beginning of the week, the dislocation of trade and the distress resulting will become unprecedented. It is announced that the Great Western Railway, which up to the present because of enormous coal reserves has been able to maintain a full service, will begin to cut down next week.

From all great industrial districts come tales of increasing destitution, intensified by the cold and inclement weather.

Paisley thread mills closed today, letting out 12,000 workers. All parts of the country are congested by idle shipping. It is estimated that tonnage amounting to 400,000,000 tons is lying idle at Southampton docks, including the liners Oceanic, Majestic, St. Paul, New York and Philadelphia.

## ARE NOW AFTER BARTENDERS

License Commissioners Consider Supplying Drunken Men with Liquor and Short Changing—One License is Cancelled.

The License Commissioners held a special session yesterday afternoon upon the subject of exercising better discipline over the bars of the city. After discussion they began this discipline by passing a resolution to immediately cancel the license of one bartender, a man named Swanson. It was asked if he

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### BOMBARDIER LINDLEY

Old Campaigner's Body Found Floating in the Harbor

(Special to Daily News.)

Victoria, March 22.—The body of Bombardier Lindley, an old campaigner attached to Work Point barracks, who has been missing since the 18th, was found floating in the harbor. An inquest has been ordered for today. A letter in his pocket showed that Mrs. Lindley was en route from England.

### St. Andrew's Society

The regular meeting of the St. Andrew's Society will be held in the Carpenter's Hall tonight at 8 o'clock.

Experienced cleaner and presser wanted immediately. Sweder Bros., Helgeson Block.

### Magistrate Carss Away.

In the absence of Magistrate Carss, who is visiting the Queen Charlotte Islands, Magistrate McMullin this morning presided over the police court.

## MORE TABLOIDS

It is beyond our comprehension why any others than bootlers should band themselves together to secure the defeat of an honest, progressive and efficient government.—Empire.

Is the Empire aware of the fact that the public accounts have not been audited in the last three years. Perhaps if an audit was made the public would learn how much it costs for these changes of front.

There is no doubt that the McBride government will be returned to power. Surely, therefore, it will be good business for the Skeena district and the city of Prince Rupert to elect a supporter. We do not know what our needs will be in the course of the next four years.—Empire.

Who is the supporter referred to? He does not mention the name of "Spineless William" in this connection. (Someone has said that "Silent William" has a spine, but there is a sausage in it.) It is quite easy to tell the Empire what a good many of our needs will be for the next four years. If "Silent William" should by some fluke be returned our needs will never be heard of in the Legislature. We will get what McBride-Bowser think we should have. Only by the election of Alex. M. Manson will the people of this constituency have their needs put to the government in a manner to compel proper recognition.

In these days, especially with the prairies as our competitors, settlers will not go far ahead of the railway. How, therefore, can we hope to settle the province if we do nothing in the way of railway expansion?—Empire.

There is no opposition to legitimate railway expansion. Mayor-Editor Newton makes a deadly thrust; surely it is not at the opposition to the present government. Pray, then, who can it be? What the opposition does object to is by pledging the credit of the country to parallel a railroad already built or under construction. What the northern opposition objects to principally is endorsing a policy that tends to the upbuilding of the south to the detriment of the north.

### INCREASE IN WAGES

Liberal Corporation Raise Wages One Cent Per Hour

(Special to Daily News.)

Winnipeg, March 22.—The Street Railway Company surprised employees yesterday by announcing an increase in wages of one cent an hour for those working less than three years with the company, and three cents an hour for those of over three years.

### THE WEATHER.

For twenty-four hours ending 5 a. m., March 22: Bar., 30.240; max. temp., 48.0; min. temp., 30.0.

Strictly board companies—largest fire insurance companies represented by us. Mack Realty and Insurance Co.

Best room in town at Savoy.

### PRINCESS MAY ARRIVED

Favorite C. P. R. Liner with Passengers and Freight Last Night.

The Princess May arrived at 5:30 last evening with a large number of passengers for this port. Among the cargo for Rupert was a large automobile destined to Hazelton for use in the stage service to Aldermere.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

## NEW POWER BOAT PORT ESSINGTON

Large Boat Built for Freight and Passenger Traffic Between Rupert and Essington Makes Her Appearance in Harbor Today.

A powerful new launch, the "Port Essington," has appeared in the harbor today, ready to begin a new enterprise in regular freight and passenger service between Prince Rupert and Port Essington. The new power boat, which is forty-six feet long and very beamy, with abundant room for freight and considerable comfort for passengers charter-

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ing her, is owned by John T. Adams and his brother. The craft was built recently at Essington, and engaged last week. She will make about nine miles an hour with her twenty horse power Standard heavy duty engine, and will be seen often in Prince Rupert during the summer. The boat altogether is very like the Rover, without mast, however, and has hatches aft for heavy freight. The power is housed forward under the high pilot house.

### Indoor Baseball

Quill Drivers v. Pirates at the Auditorium, Friday, March 22. Game called 8.15 sharp. Admission 25c. Skating after the game.

## TRIED TO TEAR UP LAUNCHMEN'S PETITION

William Manson's Ring Seeks to Intimidate Power Boat Petitioners Against Electioneering by Government Steamers

That the power boat owners of Prince Rupert should dare to prepare a petition to the government authorities at Ottawa asking that the Dominion government steamships should not be allowed to compete with launch owners in connection with their legitimate business in carrying election canvassers and candidates with their representatives about the waterways of this far-spread constituency of Skeena has already caused furious indignation amongst supporters of William Manson.

Threats have been made to launch owners and hirers right

at Prince Rupert waterfront that if they so much as dare to sign such a petition or help it along in any way they may say goodbye to all hope of government patronage for the future.

Amongst those so threatened is F. M. Davis of the Davis float, who does a considerable business in launch hiring and naturally resents the fact that the government steamers Falcon and William Joliffe should have been used in illegal competition with the power boats.

W. G. Thomas, owner of the power boat Alice B, which he has had equipped and finished specially for the better class pas-

senger chartering business in these waters, was another threatened in the most marked manner in the presence of many witnesses.

It was Joe Scott who threatened him with the withdrawal of all chance of government patronage unless he withdrew his name from the petition. An attempt to snatch the petition and threats to tear it up were made, declares this power boat owner, who is indignant at the unfair and illegal use made of the Dominion government steamers by William Manson and his followers of the Ring in Rupert.

## ...LIBERAL HEADQUARTERS...

The Alex. M. Manson Campaign Committee have leased the

## Old Optimist Building

on Second Ave., for the campaign

All friends of Good Government cordially invited

## PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

The first team is just passing over the government wharf. No "principles" in the air today; nothing but fight talk. Quieter this afternoon than it will be next Thursday—another fight on then.

Magistrate Carss is away, so Jack Hilditch is practicing swearing on the streets.

Joe Scott swears he will tear up that longshoremen's petition.

One of the Ringsters just observes that the McBride government deserves more abuse than The News can give it. Finance Minister is asking for quotations for starch in quantity.