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RUPERT'S WEATHER RECORD KILLS RAIN LIBEL

MAYOR DECLARES HE WILL CARRY PETITION HIMSELF

COUNCILLORS HINT AT OPPOSITION TO FORMALITY REQUIRED FOR NEW MONEY BYLAWS—PRETTY PAGEANT PROPOSED BY MAYOR AND FINANCE MINISTER.

During the meeting of the Council, called yesterday to appoint a parks commission, proceedings in respect to which are elsewhere reported, there was a breezy moment over the financial situation. Several councillors reported that there exists unwillingness on the part of the public to sign up the bylaw petitions which under the provisions of the Municipal Clauses Act must be obtained before the bylaws can be made legal. The city solicitor was inclined to attach blame to the morning paper for its adverse comments in this matter. The Mayor felt that the attack was directed against himself.

It was the suggestion of Alderman Montgomery that an official letter explaining the situation should be drafted by the city solicitor for publication in all three newspapers. This aroused the Mayor's alarm lest he should have to sign the letter and so seem "to croak to the Journal." Alderman Bullock-Webster half suggested that it was up to the Finance committee to take charge of the letter, but hinted that the Finance committee would just as

soon leave it to the city solicitor. The mayor rather scoffed at the idea that there is any difficulty at all in the way of the petition. He implied that perhaps the employee taking the paper round has not been properly posted on his line of talk to explain the matter. Boldly he announced that if there should prove to be any doubt about the matter he himself would sail forth with the petition and after that there will be no more trouble from "the knockers." Not to be behind hand, Ald. Douglas said that he too was ready to rush into the breach and toddle with Mambriño's helmet and a raw-boned steed for the mayor and a mule and a bag of provender for the finance minister, the pageant would be perfect. If only the Duke of Connaught could see Rupert's life-real Don Quixote, Knight of the rueful countenance, followed on his petition bearing pilgrimage along the streets by so perfect a Sancho Panza as the Finance Minister, and beset by the hob-goblin of The Journal and Jack Hilditch, would not he just remember Rupert?

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OF TOTAL DAYS IN PAST YEAR OVER TWO-THIRDS RAINLESS

Official Figures Substantiate Claims of Enthusiastic Citizens--- Prince Rupert is a City of Sunshine

At the Board of Trade meeting held recently very special emphasis was laid by many members upon the importance of getting rid of the "rain libel" upon Prince Rupert which has been persistently maintained in Vancouver. It is of course hard to convince prejudiced people that their prejudices are groundless, and yet there is no doubt that the ever increasing traffic between Prince Rupert and the south, the continual comings and goings of business men and vis-

itors who see the city under all possible conditions and carry truthful impressions away with them, are at length tending to reverse the rain libel. Prince Rupert is becoming known for what it is—a city with the pleasantest kind of climate, as well as the healthiest in the world.

dry days is over two-thirds of the whole year. Not a drop of rain fell during at least two hundred and sixty-two out of three hundred and sixty-six days. One hundred and eleven days were brilliantly clear and sunny. Forty were slightly overcast, but still sunny most of the time. One hundred and eleven were rather dull but absolutely dry, and the beauty of those still, calm, gray days of Prince Rupert's winter season is unsurpassed even by the sunshine. Only one hundred

PRINCE RUPERT HAS TODAY A REAL PARKS COMMISSION

CITY COUNCIL YESTERDAY APPOINTED ALD. KERR, ALD. DYSHAVN AND ALD. BULLOCK-WEBSTER WITH REV. W. H. M'LEOD, F. S. CLEMENTS AND H. P. WILSON TO ACT.

Prince Rupert has now a Parks Commission. Its appointment by the Mayor and City Council took place yesterday afternoon, and it promises to be a good commission. The names of its members are:

- ALDERMEN**
 Ald. Geo. W. Kerr.
 Ald. J. Dyshavn.
 Ald. Bullock-Webster.
- CITIZENS**
 Rev. W. H. McLeod.
 F. S. Clements, C.E.
 H. P. Wilson.

These latter was appointed by ballot after the aldermen members and the name of the Rev. W. H. McLeod had been unanimously decided on by the mayor and council. There were quite a few names suggested by various councillors, amongst them being those of W. H. Toby, Rev. W. Collison, Chief Vickers, Dr. Egger, J. G. Weston, J. Beatty, Gen. Supt. Mehan, of the G.T.P., and Cyril Orme.

The importance of having an engineer associated with the board was acknowledged, although it was also agreed that the city engineer should be officio be the acting engineer of

the Parks Commission. Not merely the claims of sport are to be considered by the Park Board, but all things to do with the beautifying of the city's open spaces. The newly created commission has a very great work ahead of it for the future, and has meantime some very pressing immediate problems if it is going to be useful to the city in its present stage.

To Undergo Repairs

The Cheloshin upon arrival in Vancouver will go into dry dock and undergo extensive alterations and repairs. The damage she sustained in her recent mishap in Skeena slough will be repaired and she will be converted into an oil burner. Wireless will be added to the equipment of the Cheloshin. The repairs and alterations are estimated to cost \$30,000.

All those who expect to take advantage of the railway excursion to Terrace on May 24th are requested to make reservations at McCaffery & Gibbons or the Grand Trunk as early as possible.

OFFICIAL WEATHER RECORD

Days of Sunshine, Cloud and Rain in Prince Rupert During the Past Twelve Months—By the Dominion Government Recorder

Month—	Part					Total Days
	Clear	Cloudy	Cloudy	Rain	Snow	
April	8	5	9	7	1	30
May	9	6	13	3	..	31
June	5	6	13	6	..	30
July	15	..	8	8	..	31
August	18	4	6	3	..	31
September	9	4	9	8	..	30
October	10	..	13	8	..	31
November	7	1	10	10	2	30
December	4	2	25	..	31
1912—						
January	7	2	14	7	1	31
February	8	2	8	11	..	29
March	15	6	6	4	..	31
Totals	111	40	111	100	4	366

Recapitulation.

Clear days, 111; sky clear and unclouded.
 Part cloudy days, 40; 3-10 to 7-10 of sky obscured.
 Cloudy days, 111; 7-10 of whole sky clouded.
 Rainy days, 100; days on which precipitation occurred but not necessarily during the whole 24 hours.
 Snow days, 4; days on which snow fell.

Precipitation at Prince Rupert, B. C.

1911	April	8.39 inches	November	8.40 inches
	May	4.53 "	December	13.19 "
	June	5.29 "	1912	
	July	6.04 "	January	4.40 "
	August	3.67 "	February	9.12 "
	September	4.23 "	March	2.75 "
	October	7.46 "	Total	77.47 inches

HE SNATCHED THE RED FLAG

Socialist Procession in Seattle on May 1st All but Ended in a Riot—Police Interfered to Quell Turmoil.

(Special to Daily News.) Seattle, May 2.—During the May Day parade of the Socialists and I. W. W. a red silk flag carried in the procession was snatched from the standard bearer by an unknown man. He afterward escaped with the emblem. An exciting scene followed the interference of the police to prevent disorder.

Five Die Horribly. Cleveland, May 2.—Five men were burned to death and damage estimated at \$450,000 was done to boats and gasoline on the docks when Standard Oil barge No. 85 exploded here late today.

Public Meeting Called. A public meeting is called for Thursday, May 2nd, at the police court rooms to consider the advisability of holding a celebration on the 24th of May.

NEW FACILITIES

The Westholme Lumber Co. have greatly increased their already large stock of building materials of every description and are even better fitted than ever to supply the trade. They will be pleased to submit quotations for any sort of materials and are in a position to quote lower prices than any Northern British Columbia firm. The large stock and increased facilities make it incumbent upon everyone interested in building to get quotations from the Westholme people before placing orders. 3t

FLOOD HORROR LOOSE IN SOUTH

Thousands Drowning While You Read These Lines—Scant Telegraphic Messages Owing to Wreckage Caused.

(Special to Daily News.) Terras, La., May 2.—The wide side main levee on the Mississippi River broke here last night. The losses will probably be the worst in the flood history of the lower Mississippi. Flood water, the highest on record, is rushing over a thickly settled district.

SECTION 2 IMPROVEMENTS.

A meeting is called at the city police station, Friday evening, May 3, at 8:30, to consider the advisability of important improvements at the western end of the city. All owning property in Section 2 or west of Seventh street, in Section 1, are urged to attend.

WILL WALK TO SEAL COVE

Presbyterian Club to View Gold Storage Works Tonight.

Tonight at 7:30 all who are able to make the trip will gather at the Presbyterian Hall on Fourth avenue and will thenceforth journey to Seal Cove. Mr. Collins of the Gold Storage Co. has very kindly consented to show the party through the plant there and an interesting time is assured. This is the first of a series of rambles that the Presbyterian Outdoor Club has undertaken for the summer months.

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Purchasing agent looking around for suitable steeds for the Mayor and Finance Minister's petition pilgrimage. Blindfold Bow and Arrow Boy plans to take a stroll to Seal Cove tonight with the bunch. Prince Rupert's pastor park commissioner promises to make good in proper style. Dominion geographer requested to prepare a series of maps showing the proper paths to the post office. Rupert's faithful weather recorder still ticking off dry days for next year's returns.

Accompanying this article, and accorded the dignity of the space it most certainly deserves, is Mr. F. B. Dowling's carefully kept record of the exact weather conditions prevailing from day to day for the past three hundred and sixty-six days in Prince Rupert. The record speaks for itself most eloquently and is well calculated to discredit forever the rain libel. Only one hundred rainy days were recorded in the whole three hundred and sixty-six, and these the report specially points out were not necessarily days on which rain fell during the whole twenty-four hours. As a matter of fact probably not one of them was such a wet day. Everybody in Rupert would remember it if it had been so, for it would have been simply phenomenal.

Two-thirds Dry Days.

According to the official record the proportion of Prince Rupert's weather year just past which is indisputably accorded to

days were rainy, and only four days all winter were snowy days. The official figures are here to show you.

Rupert's Rainfall.

Prince Rupert's rainfall during the past twelve months totals only 77.47 inches of precipitation, a most satisfactory figure which, compared with the precipitation of the really rainy places on the world's surface, is startlingly small, only about a third of the average high rain records to be found. The rain libel is dead as far as Prince Rupert's own experience goes, but of course it has something of a cat life in Vancouver. They say there that it rains cats and dogs in Rupert; accordingly the libel is the harder to kill. It has nine lives or nineteen, according to the amount of real estate the reciter of it owns in Vancouver. But the publication of the figures here given as officially recorded should give it its quietus once and for all.

TITANIC'S DEAD UNIDENTIFIED

Nearly Two Hundred Will Be Laid Unclaimed in the Great Grave at Halifax Tomorrow.

(Special to Daily News.) Halifax, May 2.—Forty bodies of the victims of the Titanic disaster will be buried Friday unidentified. From the great difficulty experienced in having the bodies claimed, indications now show that of the 190 brought here by the cable ship the majority will be buried unclaimed.

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A big beautiful 88 key electric player piano, worth \$1,200 given away to the pool players in the Basement pool room, Empress Theatre building.

BIG LINERS AS TWIN CONSORTS

Idea for the Greater Safety of the Great Greyhounds of the Atlantic Before British House.

(Special to Daily News.) London, May 2.—In the House of Commons today Sidney Buxton, president of the Board of Trade, promised to consider a suggestion that Great Britain should arrange with the United States during the danger periods at the time icebergs are about that the great liners should travel two together within easy reach of each other. He added, however that he thought the plan hardly feasible.

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- "GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST"
- "BOSOM FRIEND OF BOWSER"
- "ZAZA"
- "THE WOMAN IN THE CASE"

The order in which these plays will be given will be announced Saturday and Monday.

Prices of Admission 50c, 75c and \$1.
 Reserved Seats on Sale Saturday, May 4th, from 1:30 to 5:30 p. m. at the Box Office of This Theatre.
 DOORS OPEN 7:45—CURTAIN RISES 8:30