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CANADA HAS LOST GREAT RY. COMMISSIONER

DEATH OF AN HONEST JUDGE

Judge Mabey, of the Board of Railway Commissioners, Has Passed Away—Failed to Survive Operations—A National Loss.

(Special to Daily News.)
Toronto, May 8.—Judge Mabey, chairman of the Board of Railway Commissioners, died yesterday, having failed to rally from the effects of a double operation for appendicitis. He sank gradually, though remaining conscious to the last. All the leading public men and railway men expressed sorrow at the event. Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways, paying specially high tribute, and saying that Judge Mabey's place will be hard to fill. News of Judge Mabey's death was received in administrative circles at Ottawa with profoundest regret. Premier Borden thus expressed the feelings of the House and his own: "It is with the deepest possible regret that I learned of Judge Mabey's death. His service to the country was of the highest value and as he was still in the full prime and vigor of life many years of increasing usefulness lay before him when the fatal illness intervened."

Remember Sons of Norway's banquet and dance, Friday, May 17th, at 8.30 p.m., at the Hotel Central. 8-11-16

FREE! FREE! FREE!

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.

TERRACE HAS A NEW CHURCH

Opened on Sunday by Rt. Rev. F. H. Du Vernet—A Pleasant Place of Worship in a Pleasantly Situated City.

On Sunday last the new church at Terrace was opened by Bishop Du Vernet, assisted by Rev. T. J. March. The congregation was made up of settlers in the neighborhood, as well as residents of the town. The church is situated on the first terrace back of the railway station, and near the park. The park, with its recreation ground adjoining, has had the underbrush and dead logs cleared away, leaving a beautiful grove of tall trees. Mr. Marsh, who had been away for over four months on account of his health, received a warm welcome from his many friends both in Terrace and Kitsumkalum.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hospital Board will hold afternoon tea in aid of the Hospital Fund on Thursday afternoon, 9th inst., from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Knights of Pythias hall. This will be an attractive and popular social event worthy of every support. 3t

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Entry on Waterfront log-book. "S.S. Prince George rather late with heavy list to starboard. Uncle Jerry aboard." Finance Minister declares he wants that sidewalk only to let the public have easy access to the new city hall. Merely Mabel remarks that it's too bad the Mayor should leave all the explaining to Douglas and Peters. Highway and Hedges Committee suggested to compel citizens to come in and discuss Empire Day celebration. Presbyterian lads and lasses may ramble safely to Seal Cove tonight. Blindfold Boy busy at the show.

AT THE THEATRE

"A Bachelor's Romance" by the Ethel Tucker Co. Greatly Delighted

Miss Ethel Tucker's Company is doing well. Last night's presentation of "A Bachelor's Romance" fully justified the promises made for it by the management, and amused to the limit a very large audience in the Empress Theatre. The company having warmed up to their work kept the comedy going brightly, and the touches of pathos brought in were rendered with excellent restraint. Merit shone out from all members of the cast. Carroll Ashburne as David Holmes, the hero, upheld his part throughout with a consistency of excellence very pleasing indeed. Miss Grace McGinn as Sylvia, the heroine, realized her charming role of mingled romping and womanly dignity, very much to the satisfaction of her audience. Frequent applause marked the most successful scenes in the play. Nothing could have been funnier than the comical exaggerations of Fred Knight and Robt. Ingersoll, as the quaint old fossils of the literary world Martin and Mulberry. Mr. Ingersoll's Irish specialties between acts two and three fairly caught on. Miss Ethel Tucker as Mrs. Legrand, showed herself a capable actress, and Miss Patsy Grey filled the double roll of Harriet Lester, and Miss Clementine excellently, the latter part being most amusingly interpreted. George D. Zucco, whom we have seen before in Prince Rupert, made a very thorough "pleasure loving man," doing his half-seas-over stunt to the life with the mingled earnestness, and absurdity of the tipsy brother well realized; while as the modern literary young men, W. Ruswick, and Ed. Battreall as Reynolds and Savage, were both painstaking and successful. Altogether the comedy was good, and will be remembered pleasantly by the many who saw it.

Among those who were noticed at the performance last night were: The Mayor, Miss Lockhart and Mr. Helgeson, Miss Brown and Mr. Kearney, Mr. F. Wallace and Miss Dunn, Miss Newton and Mr. Garrett, Mr. Kissick and Miss Kinkade.

Tonight's bill is "The Sidewalks of New York." This play is a most consistent one, the comedy is bright and sparkling and the love story is pretty. It is the story of an indulgent father and an ungrateful son. A woman who is the unfortunate victim of circumstances and a simple country boy who shows the innate of wisdom of a Solomon. The play is one that will entertain and amuse. Several good specialties will be given and an evening of genuine enjoyment is assured at the Empress tonight.

A smoking concert, under the auspices of the Caledonian Football Club, will be held in the K. of P. Hall on Thursday evening, May 9th, at 9 o'clock. All are cordially invited and are assured of a good evening. Tickets 50c, can be had at the Western Plumbing Co.'s office or at the door.

Mr. Ray's lantern views which will be shown tonight in the McIntyre hall are said to be of great merit. You cannot afford to be absent. 11t

Prince Rupert's leading hotel—Savoy.

INSPIRATION HERE FOR PRINCE RUPERT

The Marvels of Wealth Brought to a City by Resources Behind It
---Brilliance of Buenos Ayres, City of Rapid Growth
--Special Interview With Rev. G. W. Ray

Rev. G. W. Ray, F.R.G.S., speaking on South American subjects in the McIntyre Hall last night kept his audience enthralled with the interest of his accounts of life amongst the savage tribes of the interior of the great southern continent. In spite of counter attractions, theatrical and other, in the city the hall was simply crowded and the lecturer, who is a most interesting speaker, maintained his own in manner which assures him of good audiences wherever he may go.

Certainly the experiences he tells of are unique. Himself, the only white man to penetrate into the depths of the South American interior, he has seen sights, and wrestled against odds which would have made most men quail. He so won the hearts of savages who at first would have killed him, that by and by they adopted him after their tribal fashion and gave him a tribal name weird-sounding and prolonged ad infinitum. He learned their customs, how they bury their old women alive, how they have every third-born child sacrificed by the terrible medicine man, lest the tribe exceed the population limit they set on it, and how they worship with superstition strange spirits.

Attired in South American Gaucho dress, Mr. Ray aided by his marvellous collection of curios from these parts, was able to demonstrate in realistic manner some of the strangest customs of the people amongst whom he travelled. He showed the murderous methods of the medicine man holding in his hand the very club used by the medicine man to kill his victims with, and illustrated many other intensely interesting customs and practices.

Altogether the lecture was of surpassing interest and those who missed it last night will find a treat in store for them tonight in the further lecture illustrated with magnificent views which Mr. Ray is going to give.

When the Rev. G. W. Ray, lecturer on South America, happened



ed to remark conversationally that the city of Buenos Ayres is one of the most rapidly advancing cities in the world; that its wealth is surpassing, and that its population increases by immigration alone at the rate of 4,000 per week, while to accommodate this increase it is necessary in Buenos Ayres to build houses at the rate of 30,000 a year, a Daily News reporter resident in the also rising city of Prince Rupert grew interested.

"What is the reason for this rapid increase?" he wanted to know, and the answer was: "Resources behind the city." The same causes which have made and are still making a vast city out of Buenos Ayres will make a vast city out of Prince Rupert. "Buenos Ayres," remarked Mr. Ray, "is a railway city and a waterfront city. It is the key to

being any necessity to assess the property holders, either for interest or sinking fund.

The council of 1911 thought it advisable to extend the telephone system, and this year's council have continued that policy.

In order to completely finish the necessary improvements to the telephone system, a sum of say \$20,000 was required, and it is proposed to raise this by debentures, and this is the object of the bylaw. The term fixed is twenty (20) years. The total sinking fund to meet this is \$707.22, and the interest \$900.00 per year, all of which we feel sure will easily be paid out of revenue, derived from the system without any assessment. It is submitted that it is much better to raise this sum over the term mentioned than to ask the property holders to pay this year a much increased assessment, or to prevent many people from having the full benefit of the telephone system.

The second bylaw, namely, the city hall bylaw. It must be admitted by everyone who considers the question at all that the erection of a new city hall was an absolute necessity. It was common knowledge last year that the city would certainly have to vacate the premises formerly occupied by them without very much notice, and it followed that a new city hall must be erected. True it is that at the present time the Fire Hall is being used temporarily, but that is only a mere make-shift. The City Council of last year, seeing the absolute necessity of dealing with the matter, voted \$15,000. This Council might, if they saw fit, vote another \$15,000 to complete the building, and say \$5,000 for furnishing, and this all without any bylaw at all. If this course was pursued, it would add very materially to the amount to be raised this year for taxes. The proposed bylaw is suggested, (and it must be remembered that it is only a suggestion), would spread the cost of this building and furniture over its probable life, which is put for the purpose of the bylaw at fifteen years. The total cost of sinking fund an interest for this would be, sinking fund, \$1813.00 a year; interest, \$1575.00 a year, and the question is whether it is not better as a matter of business and common sense to spread the payments over the term mentioned than to attempt to pay the much larger sum during the present year.

Added to which is Mr. Ray's statement that Buenos Ayres has 300 sunny days in the year, and that it has through proper drainage become "the second healthiest large city of the world."

The story is an inspiration to Prince Rupert, which, after all his travels, this explorer considers "marvellous. The most remarkable example of enterprise in city building I have ever seen. A city with an unrivalled future owing to its position and resources."

Will the party who picked up a shoe on the walk beside Kaufman's music store please leave it at Kaufman's or News office. 3t

FINANCE MINISTER AND THE CITY SOLICITOR GIVE REASONS

Explain Why Citizens Should Lend Their Signatures to the Bylaw Petition Being Sent Round—Reasons Set Forth at Some Length for Full Consideration

Dear Sir,—At the present time the rate payers of the city of Prince Rupert are being asked to sign petitions, asking the council to pass by-laws for the purpose of raising the following sums of money:

1. The sum of \$65,000.00 for the purpose of paying the expenses of improving the electric light system in this city, the expense being largely caused by the introduction of new and improved machinery, and the extension of the distribution of light and power throughout the city.

2. The sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of raising the necessary funds to improve the telephone system in this city.

3. The sum of \$35,000.00 for the purpose of paying for a new City Hall, and the furniture thereof.

The first question that arises is "Why should the property owners be asked to sign a petition at all, when notwithstanding that petition the same people will afterwards have a right to vote, as to whether the bylaw should or should not be passed?" The answer to this question is that the Municipal Act provides that no bylaw for the raising of money, except for certain specified purposes shall be introduced, unless the same is petitioned for

by at least one-tenth (1-10th) of the value of the real estate in the city. Prior to this act, revising the Statutes of 1911, this section would have applied to the by-laws for the telephone and city hall, but would not have applied to the electric light by-law. Since the revised statutes were passed, it probably applies to all three (3).

The petition that the property holders are now asked to sign, merely amounts to a request that the city council should put the bylaws in such a position that the people owning property in the city may have a right to vote "Yes" or "No," on each by-

law separately, and it is submitted that every fair minded man should do all he can to allow a full expression of opinion, and by signing the petition, no person does any more than express his desire that the bylaws may be passed for submission to the people.

Having answered the first question as to why a petition is required, we promise to make a short statement, showing why these particular bylaws should be passed. First, with regard to the Telephone Bylaw; the original telephone system which was established before the city was incorporated was taken over by the city shortly after its incorporation, and a bylaw was passed in 1910 to raise \$40,000 for the purpose of establishing the system, and this bylaw was duly petitioned for and passed by the people. The telephone system has been a paying concern, and last year the interest and sinking fund upon the original bond were easily paid out of the income, and no tax or assessment was made against the property holders, and the state of affairs at the present time shows that the Telephone is liable to be, not only this year, but for years to come, a paying concern, and there is no probability of there

SECTION 2 IMPROVEMENTS

A meeting is called at the city police station, Wednesday evening, May 8th, 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 7th St., in Section 1, are urged to attend. Committees will report.

CLOSE ON TRAIL OF MURDERERS

Fugitive Indians Spentlam and Paul being Tracked Down by Trained Sleuths—Further Outrages Feared—Forty Men Armed and Ready.

(Special to Daily News.)
Ashcroft, May 8.—It is reported from Clinton today that Chief Constable Fernie of Kamloops, and trained trackers are close upon the trail of the murderers of Constable Kindness. Yesterday morning about five saddles and bridles were stolen from a ranch owned by a man named Jones, fifteen miles from where the tragedy took place. Trackers have been able to trace the foot steps of the murderers and since yesterday morning have been following the trail directly from where the murderers left the barn. Chief Fernie has with him fourteen men who have been trained for this work, and should be able to run down the desperadoes in reasonable time. In all about 40 men are in readiness in different localities to waylay Spentlam and Paul should they make their appearance within a radius of 50 or more miles from Clinton. Great excitement prevails throughout this and the northern districts as it is possible that these desperate men will commit other crimes before being captured or shot.

The members of the Ramble Club of the Presbyterian church are requested to meet at the church hall not later than 7.30 tonight, preparatory to going to Seal Cove by launch.

BASEBALL SCORES

National
St. Louis 2; New York 6.
Chicago 9; Boston 4.
Phila., 8; Cincinnati 5.
Pittsburg-Brooklyn-Rain
American
Boston 5 Detroit 4.
Chicago 1; Washington 0.
Philadelphia-Cleveland, New York-St. Louis-Rain.
Coast
Portland 4; Sacramento 2.
Vernon 9; Oakland 2.
Los Angeles 3; San Francisco 2.

Panorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

C. W. D. Clifford Here
Former member of parliament C. W. D. Clifford, interested in the townsite of Amundsen, arrived this morning and will remain until after the auction which takes place on Saturday.

Mathew Dow Brings Family
Mr. Mathew Dow, contractor for the dry dock, arrived with his family from Seattle this morning.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ritchie returned by the Prince George.

Band concert and splendid moving pictures at the Westholme Opera House tonight. No advance in prices. 2t

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