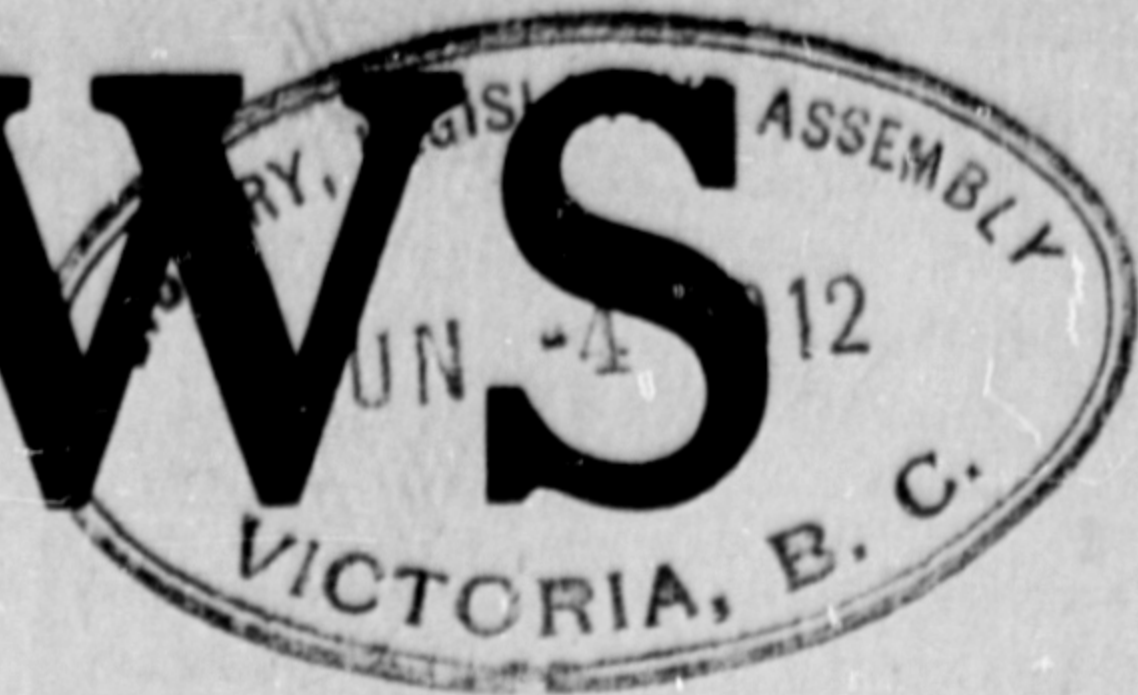


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PRICE FIVE CENTS

FIRST MEETING LAST NIGHT IN NEW CITY HALL

REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE AND THE CITY ASSESSMENT ROLL

QUESTION OF HOW FAR THE DOCUMENTS AND BOOKS OF THE CITY DEPARTMENTS SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMES UP IN COUNCIL.

Members of the Real Estate Exchange of Prince Rupert, through their affiliated body, have applied to the City Council of Prince Rupert for permission to examine the books of the City Assessor's department so as to ascertain facts regarding transfers, ownership of lots, etc., to facilitate their business.

The question of how far the public, whether real estate men or not is permitted to consult the assessment records came up in council last night and was closely investigated.

City Assessor McLennan stated that the Municipal Clauses Act provides for a charge of 25 cents per lot search. The assessor was in favor of granting facilities for the public to consult the records provided his department was not hindered in its work. The Mayor and some of the aldermen expressed themselves as under the impression that all city hall records were open for inspection at all lawful times by the general public. This, however, does not appear to be

quite the case, and the matter of the real estate men's request stands referred to the Finance committee for consideration with power to make arrangements convenient.

Chelohsin Arrives.

Newly fitted up with wireless telegraph and in fine shape throughout, the Union Steamship Company's steamer Chelohsin, Captain Edwards, arrived at 3 o'clock this morning on the first trip since her recent overhauling. She brought a few passengers and proceeded soon after arrival to Stewart.

Hello Plan Here.

The question of a sub-telephone system for internal use in the city hall has been referred to the Telephone committee with power to act.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

There will be a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the General Hospital at the Catholic Hall tomorrow afternoon at 3:30. 2t

SEATS OF THE MIGHTY

More Chairs Wanted for the New City Hall.

Two dozen extra chairs are to be bought for the new city hall to serve the needs of the citizens who come in to see the Council do its business until the new city hall is permanently equipped and furnished.

Spokane Southbound.

When the Pacific Coast steamer Spokane docked this morning, en route from Skagway to Seattle, passengers from the Yukon reported that navigation on the Yukon River has not opened. The ice is late going out this year. However, it is expected that the first boat will leave White Horse next week.

Stalker & Wells cater to your wishes and want to see you. Grocers to the people. tf



MAY ROBERTS

In "Divorcons" at the Empress Theatre tonight.

PIONEER WATER WAGON

Important Epoch in the History of Rupert.

Prince Rupert's first water wagon is in process of construction. It will be filled with sea water from the harbor and used for sprinkling the streets in the business section, where the dust nuisance prevails. Any member of the council or citizen is at liberty to mount it at pleasure.

Capilano Brings Explosives.

With a full cargo of freight, mostly explosives, the Capilano arrived yesterday. Included in her manifest were the big glass plates for the front of the new post office.

The May Roberts Company will sail for the north on the City of Seattle tonight.

Take home a quart of ice cream when you go. See Keeley.

ASSISTANT ENGINEER OF THE RAILWAY COMMISSION EXPECTED

RAILWAY SOON TO BE OPENED TO REGULAR TRAFFIC AS FAR AS SKEENA CROSSING—BALLASTING COMPLETED—SUPT. SAYS BRIDGE WILL BE FINISHED IN JULY.

In response to the question as to why the railway was not opened to general traffic from Newtown to Skeena Crossing, General Superintendent Mehan of the Grand Trunk Pacific said this afternoon that the work of ballasting was practically completed and that the company only awaited approval of the board of railway commissioners before inaugurating their regular schedule, which has already been prepared.

Mr. Mehan said that Assistant Engineers Kerr of the railway commission is expected to arrive on the next boat to examine and report upon the line. Mr. Mehan will suggest to Mr. Kerr that his report to the commission be made by telegraph so that the schedule can be put into force as quickly as possible after Mr. Kerr's examination.

The new time card, which has already been arranged by the Grand Trunk, provides that a passenger leaving Prince Rupert on a Wednesday afternoon, for instance, can reach Skeena Crossing by 6 o'clock p. m. and

by transferring to river boat will be enabled to arrive in Hazelton by 7 or 8 o'clock the same day. A trip which formerly required many days by steamer can soon be accomplished in one day by train and steamer. This year the traveling public have been particularly hampered by the steamboat service for the reason that water in the river has been exceptionally high and the boats have been unable to navigate regularly through the Big Canyon.

In the event that Mr. Kerr's report is telegraphed to the railway commissioners and they sanction the opening of the line by wire, the new schedule can be expected to be put into operation within a very few days after the arrival of Mr. Kerr. The opening of the line to general traffic as far as Skeena Crossing will be a decided help to the interior and to Prince Rupert.

Speaking of work on the bridge across the Skeena, Superintendent Mehan said that he was confident that the big undertaking would be finished by the first of July.

RIVER STEAMER IS DRAWN OVER FALLS AND BLOWN UP

With Barge in Tow S.S. Mildred Was Approaching Lock on Lievre River When Engine Failed---Crew Leapt for Their Lives as Vessel Plunged Stern First Over Dam Into Rushing Rapids Where She Swamped and Sank, Blown to Pieces by a Bursting Boiler

(Special to Daily News.)
Buckingham, Quebec, May 28.—An extraordinary accident in the process of Lievre River steamer traffic occurred here today, resulting in the total loss of a steamer and barge, but fortunately not with loss of life as well. The accident occurred as the river steamer Mildred was being brought into the lock from above with the stream.

In the strength of the current, The Mildred had a heavy barge in tow, and when the engine stopped the barge swung into midstream dragging the steamer with it. Realizing that the steamer was helplessly drifting into danger by being sucked stern first over the dam, captain, crew and engineers jumped from the deck for their lives.

saw the vessel take the wild leap in the foaming water, which boiled all over and into her as she dipped stern first into the race. She swamped almost at once and sank.

Boiler Blew Up.

As the water closed over the boat there was a terrific explosion which it touched the boiler and furnace. In a burst of spray and shattered timber the Mildred was literally blown to pieces. Her wrecked hull and machinery remain at the bottom of the boil below the dam. The barge broke away from her and was salvaged upturned farther down stream.

Plunged Over Dam.

Scarcely had they got clear of the vessel when the barge was caught by the rush over the dam and plunged downward, jerking the steamer faster still toward the fall. From the bank of the river the crew and other watchers

Engines Refused Duty.

Without warning the engines suddenly bucked and came to a standstill at a most critical moment, just when the steamer was approaching the lock gates and

THE PROV. GOVT. SWOOPS DOWN

Considerate Authorities Demand Payment of City's Debt to Them at Earliest Convenience. Mayor Refers Matter to Finance Committee.

A letter from the Provincial government was read in council last night. It requested the payment "as soon as possible" of the monies owing the B. C. government by the City of Prince Rupert, some \$132,000 in all.

The Mayor thought this might very well be referred to the Finance Committee, "with power to act," he added with a smile.

Alderman Kerr wanted to know if it might not be advisable for the city to ask a few pointed questions regarding the repair of alleged sewers by the government before anything was done in the way of payment of the debt.

The Mayor agreed with Alderman Kerr, and added that some information regarding the sale of lots by the government would also be required before the question of payment of this debt would be entertained.

Important Agency.

Bainter & Sloan wish to announce that they have been appointed agents for Northern B. C. for the famous "Ferro Marine Engine," made at Cleveland, Ohio, by the largest marine engine builders in the world. This engine won the gold medal at the Seattle exposition, was used by Capt. Larsen in his famous trip through Niagara Rapids, and is popular on account of its very low price and guaranteed efficiency. Engines and all repairs can be had in Vancouver without delay. See us for descriptions and prices, f. o. b. Prince Rupert.

Best room in town at the Savoy.

FOOTBALL TONIGHT

Caledonian Football Club Team Meets the Carpenters.

The above club will play an eight a side match tonight on the Second avenue grounds, the carpenters providing the opposition. Kick off will be at 7:30 sharp. All Callie players are requested to meet at the club rooms at 7 o'clock, when the team will be selected. A business meeting will be held after the match in the club rooms.

A. HOLMBERG, Sec.

JANITOR FOR THE CITY HALL

Position Has Now Been Created and Applications Will Be Considered Next Monday—Any Citizens May Now Apply Stating Salary.

To advertise or not to advertise for a janitor for the city hall was the first question which came before the City Council last night. There was a little discussion. Alderman Morrissey argued that there was no need for spending money in advertising; the position, he held, was probably well enough known to the public, and he agreed with Alderman Kerr that the matter might be disposed of at that session of the Council.

Alderman Bullock - Webster, who had moved in favor of due advertising of the situation, modified his view later in favor of a suggestion that a notice be posted on the city hall outside notice board to the effect that the position now exists and is open for application. This suggestion carried and the appointment will be made next Monday.

If you want a choice steak call at the Royal Cafe.

TONIGHT'S SHOW

Don't Miss "Divorcons" If You Are Fond of Amusing Play.

Tonight the May Roberts Company presents the famous and most amusing play, "Divorcons," by Victorien Sardou, a play which is an acknowledged masterpiece of French dramatic art. "Let us get a divorce," is the interpretation in English of the title, and the story is that of a married couple who in mutually seeking freedom from the trammels of matrimony discover themselves like prisoners of romance still too enamoured of their bonds to part. It is a pretty play, a witty one and intensely funny. The May Roberts Company knows how to stage it to perfection. Referring to it himself, Mr. Gillard says: "Of all that France has given in Sardou's gem of a comedy, "Divorcons," with just a suggestion of spice stands favorite with those who love the lighter works. Cyrienne, the heroine, is beautifully conceived by her author and has been played by some of the world's greatest actresses, including Sarah Bernhardt. Miss Roberts handles the part with a finesse that is delightful and her work in Divorcons has created a lasting impression on the minds of her auditors."

Miss Roberts has secured at great expense some gorgeous gowns that will be seen in her farewell performance tonight.

Strictly fresh Eggs for sale, 745 Fifth avenue, corner of Taylor street. tf

Best room in town at Savoy.

TENDERS FOR SECTION TWO

City Council Will Call for These Now in Order That Owners May Understand How Much They Must Put Up.

By motion of Alderman Kerr carried in the city council last night tenders are to be called for the improvements proposed in Section 2. This step was taken after a report by the city clerk to the effect that the Section 2 owners are simply awaiting the calling for these tenders by the council in order that they may know how much money they have to put up.

The matter was led up to by discussion of the situation in regard to the city's stock of lumber which is in danger of going to waste for want of use. If Section 2 development is to go on this lumber is likely to be utilized on the work.

Special! This week at Sloan & Company, Ltd., knitted silk ties and washable chamoisuede gloves, 50c. See our window.

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.

FORTY LOTS TRANSFERRED

Important Sale of Realty in Section 8—\$15,500 Transaction.

English and some local capital has been concerned in the transfer of a number of desirable lots, some forty in all, situated in Section 8. The deal has just been completed, Mr. W. Kissick of Messrs. Pattullo & Radford acting for the seller of the lots, and Mr. H. O. Crew of the Prince Rupert Agencies for the purchasers. Mr. A. C. Mitchell of Tebury, Gloucestershire, England, represents the English capital invested and L. W. Patmore is one of the local men interested. The consideration involved is some \$15,500, the average price per lot being \$390 (not \$290, as erroneously reported in another paper.)

These lots are all picked and have never before been offered separately in Rupert. They were purchased originally en bloc and resold in the same way. They will now probably be put on the market on easy terms through the Prince Rupert Agencies and Messrs. Pattullo & Radford.

P. B. C. Concert Postponed.
Rev. F. W. Kerr announces today that the P. B. C. concert, which was to have been held tomorrow night, has been postponed until next Wednesday.

Sold in bulk by quart or pint, delicious, refreshing hot weather necessity, ice cream at Keeley's.

Made from fresh, pure, rich cream—ice cream at Keeley's Pharmacy.

ODD FELLOWS' MEETING

Special Assembly for Election of Officers Takes Place Tonight.

A special meeting of the Odd Fellows Society of Prince Rupert will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the Knights of Pythias Hall for the purpose of electing officers. All Odd Fellows are requested to attend.

WHERE CITY IS LIABLE

In Case of High Lots Overhanging Dangerously on Streets Deep Graded, but Not Where Buildings Are Menaced.

In the opinion of the city solicitor, given at last night's council meeting, the city is liable for removal of any loose rock on high lots facing deep cut streets, but is not liable for danger caused to buildings in deeply excavated lots. The situation is that while in the first case the city's operations have caused the danger, in the other case the lot owners themselves are to blame.

CITY WILL BUY LEAD IN SOUTH

Local Tender May Not Be Accepted, as It Would Establish a Dubious Precedent—Telegraph Trouble Reacts on Local Firm.

Messrs. Crane & Co.'s tender for twenty-two tons of lead wool for hydro electric work at \$7.80 per ton was accepted by the Council last night. The same Vancouver firm's tender for pig lead at a rate of \$32.50 lower than the other tenderers was also accepted. Messrs. Clark Bros. of Prince Rupert were bidders and were some \$88 higher on the lead wool tender than Crane Bros. on their first tender, but had received by wire a lower quotation after the tenders had been opened. There was some little discussion, in which Alderman Clayton favored acceptance of Clark Bros.' local tender. The firm had been under the hardship of having their wires delayed by the bush fires. However, as the precedent of allowing the acceptance of a tender received after the others had been opened would not do, decision was come to as noted.

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Finance Minister feeling fine and fit at fifty-seven. Completion of the new city water sprinkler has evidently got the rainmaker ratty.

Water Superintendent and Sanitary Inspector both hailing the rain happy as sandboys.

Merely Mabel says that May showers usually bring forth June brides, and she knows of quite a few herself.

Last night's ledge perchers in the new city hall heartily approve the City Council's determination not to be chary with the chairs.