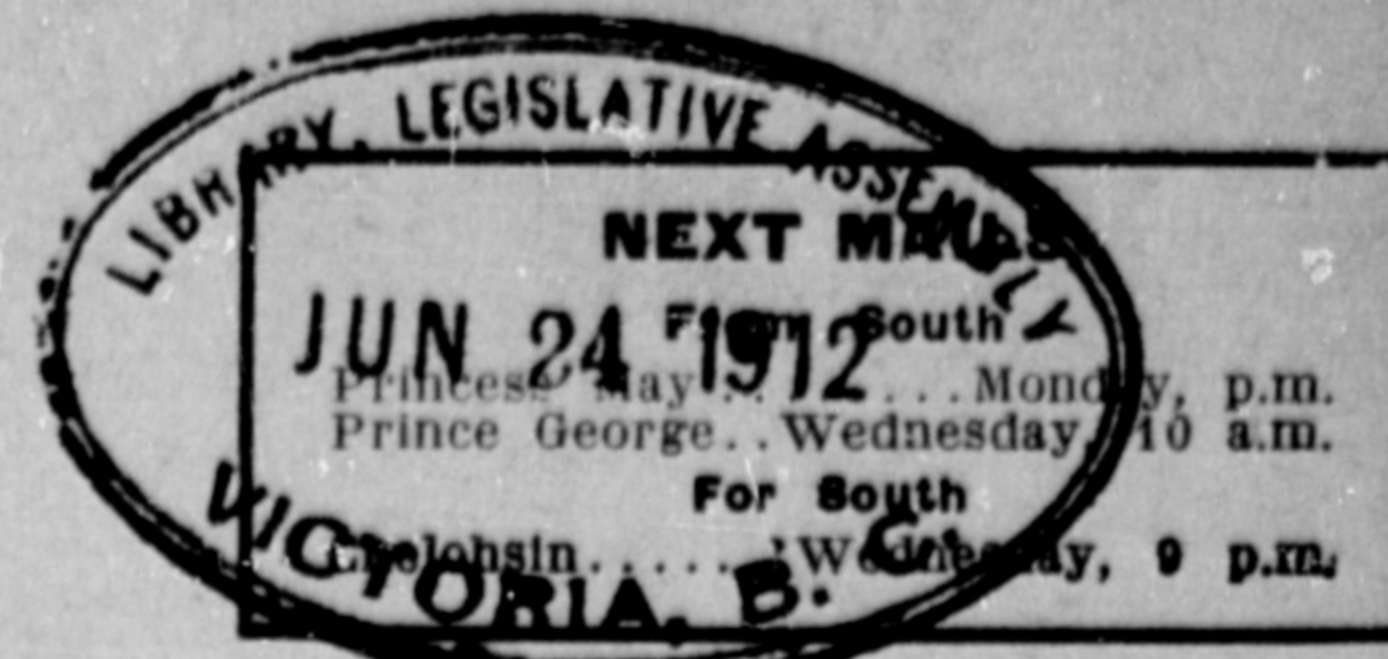


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The News is the paper to buy
Says I.

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AWFUL AUTO ACCIDENT--"FISHMAID" TAKES FIRE

CHALLENGE BY-LAW BALLOT IN THE CITY HALL TONIGHT

Committee of Citizens Dissatisfied With the Returns Proclaiming All Three Bylaws Passed, Have Taken Legal Advice, and a Letter of Protest Will be Presented to the City Council This Evening

It appears that the bylaws declared passed by the returning officer on Friday are not to sail through successfully unprotected. Following the recount held on Saturday afternoon the committee of citizens dissatisfied with the figures announced approached L. W. Patmore for a legal opinion on the point regarding the percentage of votes necessary to carry the bylaws, and whether only the votes declared effective of the total votes polled, including spoiled votes, should be used in the percentage calculation. The opinion of the solicitor consulted is favorable to a determined protest against the carrying of all three bylaws, and a letter of protest will be presented at tonight's meeting of council, while any action taken by the council based upon the assertion that all the bylaws have passed will be challenged vigorously. Calculation would seem to show that the electric light bylaw at least has failed to achieve the necessary percentage of ballots in favor.

The Recount.

As noted briefly in Saturday's News, there was a demand for a recount of the votes polled in the bylaw ballot. There was some discussion regarding the legality of the recount, City Solicitor Peters maintaining stoutly from first to last that any recount was absolutely illegal. A committee consisting of W. Lynch, J. H. Hilditch and S. P. McMorde, representing the citizens desirous of having a recount, attended at the city hall at 2 o'clock. Alderman Bullock-Webster and Alderman Dybhavn represented the council, the Mayor was present and Alderman Douglas. City Clerk Woods, the returning officer, and Purchasing Agent Brooksbank brought in the ballot boxes, the Mayor having given the word to go ahead with the recount and satisfy those in doubt. City Clerk Woods was also strongly desirous of having a recount to prove his official count correct. Accordingly, in spite of the Mr. Peters' assurance that the official figures could not now be altered, the recount proceeded. Every ballot paper was closely scrutinized and careful check was kept of the votes. The result showed a slight change in the figures regarding the electric light bylaw, one vote less for the bylaw and two more against it being the result of the recount. One vote against had been counted "for" and another one "against" had been overlooked. This makes the bylaw vote stand: For the bylaw..... 229 Against the bylaw..... 452

WHAT THE ACT SAYS.

SECTION 79 OF THE MUNICIPAL CLAUSES ACT SAYS: "IN CITY MUNICIPALITIES NO BYLAW TO WHICH THE ASSENT OF THE ELECTORS IS NECESSARY BEFORE THE FINAL PASSING THEREOF SHALL BE VALID OR OF ANY EFFECT UNLESS THE VOTE POLLED IN FAVOR THEREOF BE AT LEAST THREE-FIFTHS OF THE VOTE POLLED."

instead of the official figures, which read:

For the bylaw..... 230
Against the bylaw..... 150
Spoiled ballots, eight in all, were unchanged.

The recount of the telephone vote resulted in the official figures being found correct. In the city hall bylaw recount two ballots were found counted "for" the bylaw which were challenged. One had figures scribbled on it; this one the returning officer was ready to throw out. The other had no initial signature by the returning officer and might have been thrown out, too, but City Solicitor Peters declared it all right. If the recount figures were to stand the vote "for" the city hall bylaw would now be 233 instead of 235, as officially returned. The other details of this vote were correct.

Returning Officer Trusted.

City Clerk Woods was emphatic in his assurance that he had acted absolutely on the square in his capacity as returning officer, and the citizens' committee had no desire to throw the slightest doubt upon his integrity in the matter. There is a further matter in dispute, namely the difference of opinion regarding the percentage of votes required to carry the bylaws. Several citizens hold that 60 per cent. of the total votes polled, including "spoiled ballots," is required, the city hall view, however, is that only those ballots which are effective count in the percentage. This matter was referred today to L. W. Patmore by the citizens' committee with the result mentioned at the beginning of this matter.

The Electric Bylaw.

On the basis of a three-fifths ballot in favor of the total vote polled, including spoiled votes, it would be necessary to have, according to official returns, 231 votes in favor to carry this bylaw. This would make it one vote short by the official return and two short under the recount figures, percentage required to pass on the same basis, including spoils, being the same in each case, viz. 231.

SCHOOL CLOSED.

Dr. Reddie, medical health officer for the city, announced this morning that in consequence of the prevalence of measles amongst the pupils, he has ordered the public school to be closed until after the summer vacation.

S. S. Taylor Arrives.

S. S. Taylor, accompanied by Mrs. Taylor and the latter's mother, Mrs. J. Ross, arrived on the Princess May today.

Baseball Meeting.

A meeting of the baseball club is called for tonight at 8 o'clock to consider a challenge received from the Hazelton team for a match in that town July 1st. The members are urged to attend the meeting, which will be held in the police court rooms.

The Lester W. David Lumber Co. received another large scow load of lumber on Saturday.

J. R. Miller, manager of P. Burns & Co., returned yesterday from Southern California, where he has been for some time.

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

WITH HAIR AND DRESS AFIRE SPRANG FROM FLAMING BOAT

Famous Rupert Vessel, "Fish Maid" Caught Fire Today at the Government Wharf---Engineer Arthur Sparkes in Hospital Seriously Burned---Plucky Rescue Work by Captain George Thurbur---Historic Boat Badly Burnt

INJURED.

Arthur Sparkes, engineer; severely burned on hands and face.
Captain George Thurbur; scorched face and head, burned wrist.

CAUSE AND PLACE.

Backfire and explosion on board halibut boat Fishmaid at the Government wharf at noon today. Damage to vessel about \$300. Insured.

Just as the halibut boat Fishmaid was pulling out this morning from the Government wharf

a backfire in the engine room somehow ignited light, inflammable material in the pilot house and in an instant the upper structure of the boat was ablaze. Caught full in the face by the explosion, the Fishmaid's engineer, Arthur Sparkes was severely burned. He made a dash for safety with his hair and clothing ablaze, leaping from the vessel into the sea. Captain George Thurbur, too, was caught while at the wheel in the pilot house by the scorching flame, but though he lost his eyelashes, eyebrows, his cap and nearly all the hair of his head, he was able to save the engineer and take him to the hospital. Captain Thurbur has one bad burn on the wrist and his forehead is scorched red, but he is otherwise uninjured.

Pilot House Gutted.

An alarm was rung into the city fire brigade as the crew of the Fishmaid could not cope with the outbreak unaided. When the brigade reached the scene in record time dense smoke was pouring out of the pilot house, which a moment later burst into flames. With the chemical

swiftly run out across scows by the wharf, the brigade very quickly quenched the fire and saved the best part of the boat, only the pilot house and compartment below being scorched. The engine is intact, and very little gear was lost. Damage amounting to about \$250 to \$300 is covered by insurance.

Injured Man's Condition.

Inquiry at the general hospital regarding the condition of the injured engineer resulted in information that his burns while painful and sufficiently serious are all about the hands and face. He had a fairly close call between fire and water, but is likely to recover all right. On board the Fishmaid when she caught fire were all the crew, consisting of Captain Thurbur, Arthur Sparkes, H. Jalmar, Fred Hawkes and Jack Stewart, the latter being one of the men who came through the famous adventure when the Fishmaid's when she turned turtle off the coast of Alaska the other winter. The Fishmaid belongs to Messrs. Butterfield, Mackie & Co., and has a fine fishing record as well as a record of adventure.

BAD AUTO SMASH-UP NEAR WESTMINSTER

R. G. Harvey Loses Wife and Babe and Probably His Own Life---Mother and Infant Suffocated in Sand Below Huge Car

(Special to Daily News.)

Vancouver, June 17.—Caught under a heavy touring car which had skidded fifty feet down from the road, Mrs. R. G. Harvey, the wife of a prominent Vancouver real estate operator, and the year old baby, Reginald, that she held in her arms were smothered to death in the sand near the foot of a steep incline four miles from New Westminster at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Husband Badly Hurt.

Mr. Harvey, who was driving the car, is at the Vancouver general hospital in a precarious condition. Two other children who had been sitting in the rear seat of the car were uninjured. They and Mr. Harvey were brought into Vancouver by Mr. George E. Trorey, managing director of Birks Jewelry Store, who had preceded the Harveys on the road by a few hundred yards. The bodies of Mrs. Harvey and the child were taken to New Westminster and will be brought to Vancouver. Mrs. Harvey was Miss Lillian Skene, daughter of Mr. William Skene, who was for many years secretary of the Vancouver Board of Trade.

Well Known Family.

The family thus so terribly bereaved is a very well known one on the Pacific coast, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey have many friends and acquaintances in Prince Rupert. Mr. Harvey was one of the members of the famous realty firm of Loewen & Harvey, and had been on the coast since the pioneer days. Very keen regret is widespread following the shocking accident. It is feared that Mr. Harvey may not recover, and he is ignorant, of course, of the fate of his wife and little one.

IMPORTANT WIRE BRIEFS

Tiny Flashes of Telegraphic Intelligence Worth Attention.

Vancouver, June 17.—Westminster won the lacrosse game by six goals to two.

Winnipeg, June 17.—The Rev. Dr. Sparling, principal of Wesley College, is dead.

Ottawa, June 17.—An order in council transferring a long list of raw materials used by Canadian manufacturers to the free list was passed today.

EQ RAILWAY SPREAD

Premier McBride Announces Spending of \$100,000,000.

(Special to Daily News.)
Victoria, June 16.—Premier McBride stated tonight that during the next four years one hundred million dollars will be expended in the province on railway work exclusive of what the C. P. R. might spend in that time. He intimated that the Great Northern will extend its systems on the mainland and Vancouver Island.

LUCKY VANCOUVER

Everything is Coming Her Way Nowadays.

Montreal, June 15.—Mr. Butler of the Canada Car Foundry Company, owning huge plants here and at Fort William, has announced to date that a million dollar power plant is assured for Vancouver. He added that the directors of the company are now considering a site in the vicinity of that city for the manufacture of steel.

DR. SPENCER CHALLENGED

Vancouver License Commissioner Declares His Letter to the Press a Lying One---Thousands of Dollars Worth of Confiscated Liquor Destroyed.

Vancouver, June 14.—In a vigorous speech, during which he occasionally waxed very warm, Commissioner Pyke at the meeting of the licence commissioners drew attention to a letter which had appeared in the press on June 6, and signed by the Rev. Dr. Spencer, and roundly denounced one or two of the writer's statements as absolutely false. Commissioner Pyke's remarks were frequently applauded by a large audience.

Commissioner Pyke said that on the next day some \$3000 worth of confiscated liquor was to be destroyed and this had been confiscated during the last three months owing to the energy of the licence commissioners. He was prepared to deposit sufficient money to clear the expenses of an election if Rev. Dr. Spencer would do the same and go to the people on this matter, the winner to go on the board and the loser to send his money to the Alexandra Home or Hospital.

THE WEATHER.

For twenty-four hours ending 5 a. m., June 17th: Barometer, 30.090; maximum temperature, 65; minimum temperature, 50.

LOCAL JOTTINGS

E. F. Doyle, of the firm of McCaffery & Gibbons, left on the Prince Rupert this morning for a visit to his old-home in Maine.

W. J. Larkworthy of Hazelton was a passenger for the south on the Prince Rupert this morning.

The Prince Albert arrived yesterday with a large consignment of live cattle and sheep to be forwarded up river.

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

Special Meet. I. O. O. F.

All members of Prince Rupert Lodge, No. 63, I. O. O. F., are requested to be present on Tuesday evening, June 18th, at 8 o'clock. Special business. Nomination of vice grand. Election on following Tuesday. H. M. Daggett, acting secretary; A. Douglas, N. G.

Mrs. James H. Thompson, 337 Second avenue, will be at home on and after June 17th.

Mrs. Fred Stork will not receive again this season.

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

Best meal in town at Savoy.

The Princess May arrived at 1 o'clock with the following passengers for Prince Rupert:

Shockey, Mr. Douglas, Miss E. Shockey, Mrs. McClintock, T. C. Benson, O. A. Griffith, A. L. McConnell, L. Jones, H. P. McCullough, William Horner, E. Knox, R. G. Earp, Mrs. Mountain, E. G. McDonnell, R. J. Varney, Mr.

BASEBALL SCORES

Coast.

Vancouver 5, Seattle 3.
Vancouver 5-1, Seattle 3-8.
Tacoma 2-7, Victoria 1-8.
Portland 3-1, Spokane 4-2.
Spokane now leads by ten points; next three tied for second place.

TOO MUCH TRUSTED

Gambling and "Hight Cost" Made This Man Steal.

Tacoma, June 14.—Harry Bringolf, 31, trusted clerk in the city treasurer's office for eight years, calmly went home yesterday noon and waited for the office to discover peculations of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and arrest him.

He admitted the whole thing when brought in and said the money went for gambling and high living.

He declares he has been stealing for two years, adding: "It's easy to steal when you're trusted." He has a wife and little boy four years old and comes from one of Tacoma's best families.

METHODIST CHURCHES

Fifteen to One in Favor of Organic Union

Toronto, Ont., June 14.—Ministers, members, officials and adherents of the city Methodist churches stand almost fifteen to one in favor of organic union between the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches in Canada. This is upon the straight question of organic amalgamation, not touching the matter of federation.

Dr. Stork Visits Hilditch's.

John H. Hilditch became the proud father of a bouncing baby girl at 11:30 o'clock this morning.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

Roy wanted to do folding. Apply at once. News Office.

OLD COUNTRY STRIKE FAILS

Transportation Workers Filtering Back to Their Jobs in Various Districts, and Glad to Get Back—Much Distress in Homes.

London, June 15.—Outside London the strike movement of transport workers is gradually dissipating. At Bristol, the only port that has been completely tied up, the strike committee will order the men to resume work tomorrow. Similar orders are expected from the leaders at Manchester, Swansea and probably by Monday work in all ports will be proceeding normally. In London the strike continues, but because of distress to the families of those who are out the men are anxious to resume.

WHEAT IS PROMISING

Bumper Crop Predicted if Only Weather Keeps Good.

Montreal, June 15.—That the spring wheat crop will reach this year two hundred and fifty million bushels providing favorable weather continues is the prediction of Mr. Carruthers, a well known grain dealer in this city.

TEDDY'S GALLANTRY

Roosevelt Out for Woman's Vote in Present Campaign

Oyster Bay, N.Y., June 14.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt today flatly and unequivocally declared for woman suffrage. The announcement was made by Judge Ben B. Lindsay, of Denver, and was later confirmed by Colonel Roosevelt himself.

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.

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Small boys and girls who have had measles tickled to death at the prolonged vacation. "Fishmaid" coquettish as ever after her fifteen millionth hairbreadth escape.

Problem of that sixty per cent. vote causing many citizens to scratch their heads.

Red Devil wondering whether it will be expected to develop fins or come out as a full power fire boat next.

Merely Mabel says she may have been mistaken about the citizens really interested in those bylaws, but still she wonders how many unsettled bets were at the back of that record.