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Our Weather Probs . . .

We are constrained to apologize for some of the weather forecasts which have been published of late in the very best of faith. On Saturday, for instance, we listened to the Weather Man and told you that there would be hurricane conditions on this part of the coast. What actually happened was that seafarers, at the very time when the hurricane was going to be at its height, were enjoying the smoothest going in weeks. Yesterday we told you that there would be a mid-afternoon gale. All that happened was an evening breeze and a not too copious rainfall.

We very much fear that our readers are beginning to discredit our weather forecasts. Even the hard-boiled old news editor has just about decided that he could take a glance at the sky and a sniff out the window and do as well if not better himself.

Maybe some time, though, they will really get going with their new-fangled atmospheric and meteorological gadgets and give us some forecasts that we will be able to depend upon instead of having to play games with.

Meantime, dear readers, we should not worry too much when they tell us it is going to be bad weather or bank too much on promises of fair. In other words, use your own nose and judgment and don't believe it is going to rain until you smell it. And to the Weather Man we would suggest that it is not always safe just to guess it is going to rain and blow at Prince Rupert.

No Strike Wanted Here . . .

It is sincerely to be hoped that differences existing between fish operating companies at Prince Rupert and their union workers may be composed before such an ugly eventuality as strike action may be suggested.

The issues at stake, as revealed in the announcements of either side, should not by any means be insurmountable. We are sure that neither side desires to see a tie-up of any kind and that they should be disposed to get together.

Not only would the companies and the workers suffer from a strike but it would be a serious thing for the community of Prince Rupert whose main industry, as war activities recede, is once again the fishing and handling of fish.

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Value of Red Cross . . .

The war being over the intensive activity of the Red Cross may be curtailed. Yet there is a need and it still plans active functioning. For instance, sewing can be carried on for relief purposes with possibly as much good purpose as before since the sewing can be more effectually delivered to the suffering countries which are a long way from having recovered yet from the sorrowful results of war.

There is also the function of building up resources and organization against the possible emergency of disaster which always lurks.

In addition to this, the Red Cross is interested actively in blood banking and such work as sponsoring home nursing instruction.

Yes, there is still a job for the Red Cross to do and, just because the war is over, is no reason why its humanitarianly inclined friends of the war days should not continue their support and show it by attending the annual meeting which has been called for Friday night of this week.

What City Council Did

Council approved a report of the finance committee announcing the sale of the following city-owned lots: Lot 5, block 39, section 5, to G. Pettersen for $120; Lots 15 and 16, block 19, section 1, to Fraser and Payne for $3,080; easterly half of lot 11, block 13, section 7, to M. Heise for $45; five acres in block "B" plan 1534 to W. Lysak for $220. Recommendations for the sale of the following lots were approved by council: Lot 20, block 18, section 1, to Binna Marshall for $175; Lot 16, block 12, section 5, to Steven Dumas for $280.

Council adopted a report by committee of the whole that a licence be granted to F. Ernewein to operate a bowling alley and pool parlor on Fifth Ave. E. until March 31, subject to city bylaws, and that Wartime Housing Limited, owner of the property, be notified that council is opposed to the operation of the building as a recreational centre after March 31.

Council approved the following report by the Board of Works: that an application by S. C. Thomson and Son for abatement of local improvement levies due to the construction of a new sidewalk on Fraser St. be declined; that an offer by the Crossman Machinery Company to purchase transformers from the city for $50 each has been accepted; that the City Engineer has been empowered to employ a weigh scale clerk at a minimum of $50 a month.

A recommendation of the board of works that traffic signs be installed at the corner of Eleventh Ave. and Frederick St. Eleventh Ave. and Conrad St. and Hays Cove Ave. and Sixth Ave. was adopted by city council last night.

Alderman Nora Arnold was reappointed City Council representative on the Prince Rupert Public Relations Council last night. Annual meeting of the council will be held Thursday night.

Council last night referred to City Engineer Phillips for report a petition signed by nine Comox Ave. residents seeking construction of a new sidewalk on the south side of that street.

A letter from Smithers village council endorsed the creation of a Union of Northern B.C. Municipalities and suggested to city council that the organizational meeting be held at Smithers. The letter was ordered tabled until other northern centres are heard from.

Council received a letter from the Prince Rupert and District Union Board of Health informing that the city's membership on the board had been increased to three in conformity with the wishes of the council. Formerly the city was represented by only one member—Alderman Arnold.

War Assets Corporation here is seeking authority from its head office to remove a bunkhouse from the Booth Memorial grounds as requested by city council, aldermen were informed last night in a letter from local War Assets Manager I. M. McKinnon.

Council approved a report of the licensing committee which stated that business licenses have been granted to S. G. Furk to operate a bookkeeping service and to B. Turbitt, A. Gutosky and J. L. Parent to operate taxi businesses. The latter were transfers of licenses from former licence holders.

A request by the health committee that the city council investigate further the possibility of reaching an agreement with local doctors regarding medical aid for social service recipients was approved by council.

Council adopted a recommendation by police committee that the Indian Department be approached regarding resumption of a Dominion constable for the city, that a request be made for a grant toward the cost of escorting native prisoners and that the Native Brotherhood be asked for its support in this regard.

Council approved a recommendation by utilities committee that a telephone cable testing device and other equipment be purchased for the telephone department at a cost of $475. A recommendation that a new truck for the garbage department be purchased was also recommended.

Utilities committee reported that a new telephone bylaw is in course of preparation and will be presented to council in the near future.

DEVELOPMENT OF INTERIOR

A more progressive and systematically planned policy of development of the central interior district and its resources is the aim of E. F. (Ted) Rowland, M.L.A. for Omineca, who was a week-end visitor in the city on business. Mr. Rowland is engaged in logging at Decker Lake, his home being at Rose Lake. Only last May he returned to the district from overseas, having been invalided home to Canada after being wounded in action on the Savio River in Italy.

Introduced at the Daily News office by H. G. Archibald, M.P. for Skeena, Mr. Rowland spoke of the need of a new and larger ferry on Francois Lake. The present craft, commissioned in 1922, has now become quite inadequate to handle the traffic. Indeed, business is being lost on account of it. For instance, it is unable to handle timbers of over 16 feet in length in full loads loaded on trucks. The member is already urging its replacement on the department at Victoria.

Speaking of snow conditions in his part of the interior, Mr. Rowland said the road between Vanderhoof and Burns Lake was now closed but was open from Burns Lake to Smithers. The road southward from Burns Lake through Francois to Ootsa Lake is being kept open but only because available snow equipment was being used on this road at the expense of the main road, which, at last resort, has the railway to fall back on." The public works department is doing the best it can to keep the roads open," Mr. Rowland says "but is severely handicapped by lack of equipment."

Mr. Rowland left by last night's train on his return to the interior after having been here since Saturday night.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

January 22, 1921

Howard Stutchberry, trade commissioner of Alberta, arrived with plans for dockside coal bunkers and A. E. Warren, general manager of Canadian National Railways, western lines, assured that the bunkers would be built shortly. The plans provided for bunkers at the Morse Creek "Y" which would have a capacity for 2,000 tons.

The first private telephone exchange of its kind was installed at the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. plant at Seal Cove. The new exchange had a capacity of from 10 to 30 lines.

J. F. Maguire announced plans for the construction of a fine hotel and rooming house at the corner of Second and Atlin Avenues in Westview.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

A sign that Prince Rupert's wartime crime conditions may be past: City council last night approved a recommendation by the police committee that 10 chairs be purchased for the police department. Cost of items, $30.

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