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## THE NEW ASSESSMENTS

MIDESPREAD and, in some cases, indignant protests are being heard about numerous increases which have been made in the city taxation assessment for 1947 following the Lafleche revaluation survey of last year. Many say they are going to file appeals to the court of revision to be held early in February and some of the appellants appear to be already resolved that, if they are not accorded relief there, they will carry the case to higher courts.

Unless the mill rate should be lowered later, an increase in the assessment would, of course, mean a proportionate increase in the taxes to be levied. It is to be assumed that increased assessment is the forerunner of increased taxes whether or not the mill rate is lowered this year.

Increases of taxes are, of course, unpopular and are never accepted without protest. Because the increases are unpalatable, however, does not mean they are always unjustifiable.

We have all been clamoring for improvementsvery material improvements-of streets, water system and sewerage services. No matter how we may finance these improvements, by grants or advances we may acquire from the governments, by payments in reparation of war damage, by borrowing or by local improvement imposts—the general taxpayers must expect to pay some portion of the cost. Certain new measures of economy or bringing about better efficiency might help some but still there appears to be no way out for the people who live in Prince Rupert and own property in some measure at least footing the bill involved in the making of essential expenditures. In other words, there is no magic means of avoiding paying for the satisfaction of our wants and desires-even in public financing.

Everyone feels that taxes are already as high in Prince Rupert as we ordinary people feel we can stand. But this has been and is an expensive city to develop and maintain. That is not the fault but the problem of those who have city affairs in charge. Even they are, no doubt, quite as anxious as we are to keep the assessments and the taxes down. But they must fact the situation in a business-like and realistic way.

Of course, glaring inequalities or ridiculously fictitious values constitute legitimate grounds for appeal and correction.

As for straight claims of assessments being too high, there would be few people who would move to underassess the value of their own property even if it might save them a few dollars in taxes.

The city might also explore in further effort to relieve the long-suffering property owners, the possibility of further sources of revenue from those who do not pay property tax.

### The Antarctic

ARGARET BAY in the South Polar continent is almost 900 miles due south of Cape Horn and 2,000 miles from the South Pole itself. It is practically on the opposite side to the road to the Pole blazed by Captain Robert Scott and Raoul Amundsen with a few days of each other in 1912. British, American, Russian, Norwegian and other expeditions now on the way, or already established with bases at Margaret Bay, are all popularly supposed to be anxious to obtain a priority over vast mineral depositsrumored to exist beneath some 600 feet of the ice cap which forms the off-shore surface of the continent. Among these minerals uranium, one of the "atomic" bomb components, is advertised as the chief objective. Even if such deposits actually existed, a leading British scientist has pointed out that they would be impossible to mine under the conditions that would have to be faced. But, with scientific developments occurring with such rapidity as they do, who knows but that the possibiliies desolate and inaccessible Antarctic might be capable before so very long of potent

### Spiritual Values

"AF ALL THE PROCESSES of rehabilitation that are before the world, the most urgent is that of restoring a recognition of and belief in spiritual values," declares General Osborn, commander-inchief of the Salvation Army. "A renewed moral and spiritual atmosphere must be given to the world before any of the programs before man can be launched with any hope of

"We must, therefore, set out upon a campaign of thought, of prayer, of planning and of action to do our part in an essential redirection and reorganization of human ideas. We must declare that our Saviour, Jesus Christ, has not been out-distanced by man's progress but that He is still in the vanguard of humanity. He is calling us to follow Him into the battle against evil and against the widespread miasma of frustration, fear and faithfulessness which covers so much of the world today."

exploitation? Twenty years ago, who would have thought in an international way of the Arctic regions as we do to-

THIRD AVENUE



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# GIVEN ASSETS

A. C. Hinton, of Vancouver has been appointed lands and buildings representative for War Assets Corporation and will be stationed at the Corporation's Prince Rupert office. Mr. Hinton arrived in the city last week to take up his new post.

Formerly, responsibility for lands and buildings was in the hands of E. F. Bairt, sales representative, who will now concentrate wholly on the sales

Other War Assets officials in the city at present are William M. Wilson, assistant regional surplus property representative. and J. H. Marshall, marine representative, both of Vancouver, who are here on inspection

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## Whifflets From The Waterfront

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Union steamer Coquitlam Capt. John Boden, arrived in port at 8:30 last evening from the south with a fair-sized list of passengers and sailed at midnight for Alice Arm, Stewart and other northern points whence she will return here tomorrow morning and sail at 1:30 p.m. on

her return to Vancouver and

waypoints.

TODAY'S STOCKS (Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. LSd.) 

Vengonne

Vancouver	
Bralorne	12.25
B. R. Con.	.09
B. R. X.	.12
Cariboo Gold	2.80
Dentonia	
Grull Wihksne	
Hedley Mascot	
Minto	.05
Pend Oreille	3.00
Pioneer	3.60
Premier Border	
Premier Gold	
Privateer	.53
Reeves McDonald	1.40
Reno	.10
Salmon Gold	.27
Sheep Creek	1.55
Taylor Bridge	.68
Whitewater	.24
Vananda	.093
Pacific Eastern	.10
Spud Valley	.18
Oils-	
Calmont	.25
C. & E.	1.75
Feothills	2.05
Home	2.90

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Hardrock

Jacknife

Buffalo Can.

Con. Smelters

Joliet Quebec

Giant Yellowknife

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the lumber industry needs

Canadian Nickel. To some ex-

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to keep the Nickel worker

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earn a living, we are all one

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more than ten every day in the

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and equipment in the sawmills;

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Canada's Nickel

Resources

Little Long Lac	1.9
Madsen Red Lake	3.6
McLeod Cockshutt	1.8
Monetta	.5
Omega	.1
Pickle Crow	3.0
San Antonio	4.1
Senator Rouyn	.5
Sherritt Gordon	2.4
Steep Rock	2.0
Sturgeon River	.2
Lynx	.2
Lapaska	.3'
God's Lake	.63
Negus	1.9
Aubelle	.25
Heva Gold	.8
Harricana	.1'
McKenzie Red Lake	.8
Donalda	1.4

#### JUNIOR CHAMBER ATTENDSCHURCH

In performing His first recorded miracle of turning water into wine at a wedding feast, Christ showed that His interest embraced all human activity, that in His compassion for mankind, He could find a place for the amenities as well as for the spiritual and physical necessities, Rev. Basil S. Prockter said in his Sunday evening sermon at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

In the congregation was small delegation of Junior Chamber of Commerce members, attending in observance of "National J.C.C. Week." These were welcomed by Rev. Mr. Prockter. The musical portion of the program, which included a new setting for the "Magnificat" was, which the Native Brotherhood views. Who knows, perhaps in led by the choir under Choirmaster Peter Lien.

Little Long Lac	1.95
Madsen Red Lake	3.65
McLeod Cockshutt	
Monetta	.56
Omega	.18
Pickle Crow	3.05
San Antonio	4.15
Senator Rouyn	.54
Sherritt Gordon	2.40
Steep Rock	2.08
Sturgeon River	.22
Lynx	.23
Lapaska	.37
God's Lake	.62
Negus	1.97
Aubelle	.28
Heva Gold	.84
Harricana	.17
McKenzie Red Lake	.85
Donalda	1.41

### LETTERBOX

SEGREGATION

Editor, Daily News: Daily News, January 9, and I am | mates. My own boy was ready for rather surprised that in this University at 18 and now my day and age when everyone darling daughter at 12 is already seems to be striving for a better enrolled at Junior High. They world to see where Mrs Becker, have been able to enjoy to their a trustee of the school board, heart's content all the sports tried to pass a motion to segre- and goings-on at the schools and gate the native children, also to churches and clubs they have ask the Indian Department to attended without even a hint of establish a separate school in discrimination. some ancient 2-roomed building | A cheery note was introduced (which incidentally the school when Mr. Brown spoke favorably board itself decided should be for the native children. What a torn down.) Perhaps Mrs. Becker grand and glerious world this has never read or heard of some | would be for us true Canadians

she smugly suggests segregation. as I am the daughter of the late to sit on any Board one must be who was well known up and wholly aware of the meaning of down the entire coast and who true democracy. Evidently Mrs. always worked hard for the bet-Becker misconstrues the entire terment of his people and inmeaning. The town of Prince stilled in me the same desire. Rupert is well patronized by nat- I wonder if Mrs. Becker reads ive people who spend their your editorials occasionally, as money freely at the restaurants, you have had some good ones the taxi-cabs, the picture shows specially "Working For a Bet-(where I'm sorry to relate segre- ter World", January 7 issue. gation is practised) and, when- One of your Vative Readers, ever there are street carnivals, they natronize them fully. Yet, when the native father and

tional facilities, segregation is suggested. I know from my own family's experience and other families', that, given a chance, the native child can keep up and I've just read my copy of The sometimes surpass his class-

of the aims and aspirations for if more people modernized their and Sisterhood of B.C. are strug- future years some of those natgling. One of their chief aims is live children, given a chance for a better education for the native better education, will be sitting child. Yet in the small townsite as trustees of the school board? which not so very long ago was I'm just dreaming but why a favorite camping and hunting shouldn't my dreams become a grounds of our grand ancestors, reality? I understand my subject Really, I understood to be able | Chief George Keny (Chie Leguic)

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