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Reminiscences
By W.J. and Reflections

Winnipeg registered 25 below last Monday night. But the seasoned Winnipegger never admits to feeling chilly. He refers you to the glorious sunshine beaming on the spotless snow. How lovely it all must be!

Word from Ottawa says an investigation into building regulations is to commence at once. Any impedimenta that delays construction progress will be knocked out. If it takes as long as it does to floor Joe Louis we may as well purchase tents.

There seems reason to think that, at last, pirates' loot worth about five hundred million and secreted centuries ago on Cocos Island off Central America, has been found. With typical self-effacement, the Vancouver press points out that all of those identified with the prodigious find belong to Vancouver.

It does not follow, because traffic has resumed between here and Terrace that the problem of Kwintisa has been definitively solved.

The tall mountain face, hard by the river, has long been a source of more or less difficulty, yet one of these days it must and shall cease from troubling. But for the present, and chiefly in winter, it will continue to be regarded with misgivings, for its that sort of an annoyance spot—not at all uncommon on all lines that pierce the great ranges.

Seven Mounties guarded Izor Gouzenko, former Soviet cipher clerk, when he appeared as a witness at the opening of Sam Carr's trial. In Izor's case, Moscow has a memory that forgets nothing and the R.C.M.P. evidently realize it.

Natural enough for Scandinavia to look westward. Long before Christopher Columbus was heard of Norway's helmeted sea-kings were roaming the northern oceans and viewing the coasts of what are today known as Canada and the United States.

Letters to the Editor

\$100,000 WOULD DO

Editor, Daily News:
Referring to the report in your edition of February 15 on the action of your city council on the proposed new telephone plant for your city, I feel it my duty to offer my comments and correct statements made at the council meeting which I know were made in good faith. Nevertheless, I must draw certain facts more plainly to the attention of all concerned in the large expenditure of \$550,000 on the proposed plant.

Admitting the present plant is in pretty bad shape, caused primarily by war conditions making it impossible to procure the necessary repair parts, however, conditions are such today that the necessary parts should now be available and a couple of thousand dollars expended for this purpose would put the present switchboard in first-class shape. By the addition of 2-300 line sections of switchboard, your exchange would be in a position to provide service for 100 individual subscribers and 2000 4-party lines, making a total of 2100 new subscribers.

These sections would not be connected with the present switchboard, as the present switchboard has no room for the addition of the necessary multiples for inter-connection between them. This would be overcome by adding 10 trunk jacks on each of the new sections, which provide the facilities for connecting all subscribers. The method of making this connection will not slow down the service. Each operator has a push button provided to make direct connection to the head-set of the operator on the new switchboard. This operator assigns the trunk jack number which completes the connection in the same manner as if the multiples were used. This installation would cost approximately \$21,500. This is the method used in all large offices. When the switchboard becomes too long for the operators to reach all numbers, what is known as a "B" Board is installed, the original board being known as the "A" Board. All incoming signals are received by the "A" Board, then transferred to the "B" Board by trunks, in the same manner as I explained above. The final connection to complete the call rests with the operator on "B" Board which is the outgoing board. As well, all supervision signals remain unchanged, so that the operator knows when the call has been answered and also when to disconnect. All offices in Vancouver or any other large plants operate on this principle on manual switchboards, as there is no other way of handling the traffic.

To provide for outside lines to take care of this addition, 2-200 pair cables should be added to take care of Sections 5-6 and all sections of the city located on the higher ground, also one 200 pair should be installed from the exchange to lane between Second and Third Avenue on Fulton Street, breaking at this point, 100 pair extended toward Section Two, to take care of that area, the other 100 pair to be extended to cover the area from Fulton Street to Court House, Cow Bay, etc. This would take care of all new demands for service for many years to come, and would relieve the congestion at least one year earlier than the proposed new plant could possibly start to operate. This addition would cost approximately \$56,900, making a total expenditure of \$78,400 and, by providing \$21,600 more for repairs to present office equipment, purchase of additional telephones etc., \$100,000 would be ample.

The telephone situation is in very much the same position as it was in 1919 when the equipment was geared worn out and impossible to add to and a bylaw for \$150,000 was voted to build a new plant. At that time

I disagreed with the statement and wired the manufacturer of the equipment if it was possible to add to the plant, receiving a reply advising a 200 line addition could be provided for \$6000. Since that time one more section was added. This action resulted in the saving of some \$140,000 and the equipment has operated for 30 years since that.

The \$85,000 mentioned as purchase price for the manual system can also be questioned, as this amount included power plant, storage batteries, distributing frame, harmonic ringing machines and test desk which are already installed. This would reduce the above figure by some \$10,000, bearing out my statement that the automatic would cost double the amount of the manual equipment.

As the man who installed your telephone plant in 1910 and enlarged it in 1922-23, I still have a feeling for municipal ownership and am very much interested in its welfare and success and feel no large expansion is justified at this time. Every item required for new plant is obtainable only at staggering costs. For instance, all telephone cables are manufactured from copper and lead these two metals are quoted today at 17 and 24 cents respectively per pound for crude ore at the smelter. When refined and made into cables the cost would be tripled, making the cost of these cables out of all reason, whereas, if only sufficient cable were purchased at present to relieve the present shortage of lines, and provide for all demands for telephone service for a year or two, it will be reasonable to expect that these metal prices will have dropped considerably and

more cable could be purchased if required.

Another point that favors the installation of the cables as I suggested, all would be so located as to mesh in with any new plant which, no doubt, would be located around McBride Street in Sections 5 or 6.

In conclusion, the city is taking on a heavy burden under prevailing high prices but, if due caution, and a very close analysis of the situation is made, I am firmly of the opinion the situation can be met very satisfactorily along the lines I have suggested above. If the present policy is carried out, I fear your utility is not going to meet with the success we all hope for.

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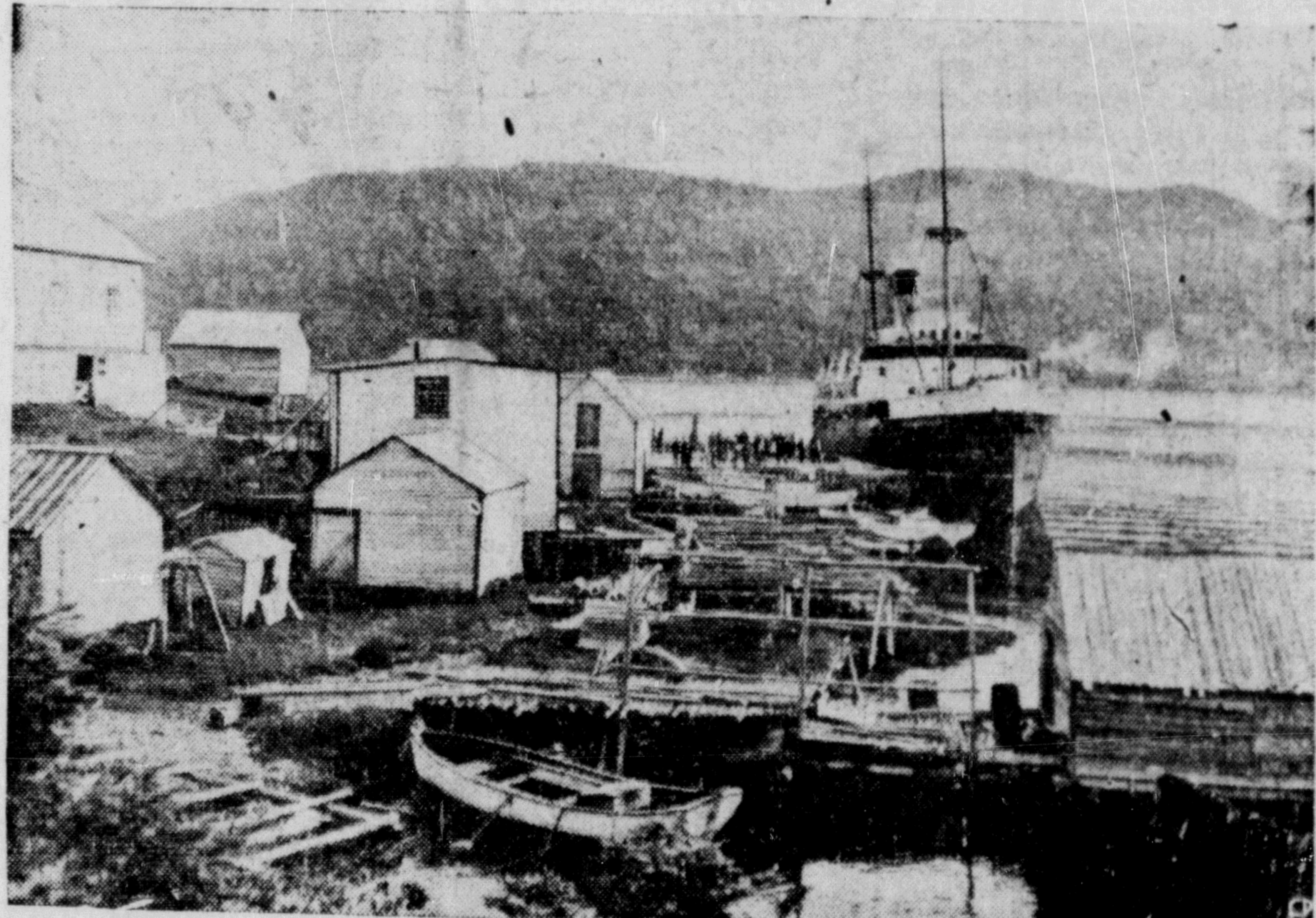
The ladies of the Canadian Legion and the members of Stewart Branch staged a cribbage tournament on Friday in the Legion Club Rooms, the ladies winning by a score of 7848 to 7774. Individual winners were Mrs. Norma Lewis and Mrs. A. Lawrence for the ladies. W. J. Crawford was first in the men's section with Louis Behnson taking the consolation prize. Miss J. Crawford won the raffle.

The regular whist drive held by the Stewart Branch of the Canadian Legion on Saturday was well attended and the competition was very keen. Mrs. W. J. Crawford won the ladies' first prize and Mrs. T. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick tied for the consolation prize. Mrs. Kirkpatrick winning on the cut of the cards. J. (Shorty)

SHIPS and WATERFRONT

Carrying 60 passengers for southeastern Alaska points, C.P.R. steamer Princess Norah, Capt. Graham Hughes, was in port this morning. She also carried 220 tons of freight, mostly for Skagway.

C.N.R. steamer Prince Rupert had a new Chief Engineer when she docked here northbound on her weekly sailing. He was Robert Baldrey, who is replacing Reg Williams, currently holidaying in California. Mr. Baldrey was formerly second engineer on the Prince George. Master of the Prince Rupert is Capt. Reg Sparkes who is replacing Capt. Ernest Caldwell who also is on holidays.



COLORFUL PLACES—Newfoundland has one of the finest collections of odd places names one is liable to find anywhere in the world. Joe Batts Arm, Heart's Desire, and Horse Chops are all names of places. Here is the SS. Northern Ranger unloading freight at a place called Jackson's Arm



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J. Campbell (-30) won a 10 point victory over Dave Owens (-15) after a keenly contested match in which Owens made a break of 24 and the winner 22.

In the second game, Bob Moxley (-5) spotted his opponent, Les Parkes, an additional 40 points and, in a whirlwind finish after he had regained his heavy handicap points, just lost by the narrow margin of two points, the final scores being Parkes 150-Moxley 148.

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