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## THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM ALMOST REACHES LIMIT

Large Expenditure Necessary in Near Future if New Plant is Installed.

Prince Rupert is very near the limit in the number of telephones that can be installed and very soon new residents will be unable to have phones put in their homes. That was gathered from a discussion following a report on the telephone and lighting system by T. C. Duncan, superintendent of utilities, at the City Council meeting last night. That report showed that the present system had pretty nearly reached its limit.

The mayor explained that the matter had already been discussed by the committee and that it was not thought wise just now to install a new plant. A new system would mean the erection of a new building. The present system would stand another seventy phones, and it may be necessary to give business phones the preference and not allow any more residential phones very soon. He thought it better that a few should suffer inconvenience than that the city should be plunged into a tremendous expenditure. The matter would be again dealt with by the committee.

Alderman McRae said that the pipe line and dam at Woodworth Lake would have to be repaired as it was in bad condition. They had visited the place recently in company with the officials and found it as reported.

The report of T. C. Duncan, superintendent of utilities, for the year ending January last was a long one and dealt in detail with the work of his department and showed what improvements had been effected and savings made.

## MUSICAL SOCIETY IS RECOGNIZED IN SOUTH

Mrs. Dalby Morkill Gives Much Praise to Local Organization.

In view of the fact that the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Musical Society is to be held tonight it will be of interest to have an outside opinion on their work. The following is from the Vancouver Province:

"Mrs. Dalby Brooks Morkill, who has recently returned from Prince Rupert, where she sang for the Musical Society of that city, reports considerable activity and renewed interest in matters musical at the northern capital. Not to be outdone by Vancouver, Prince Rupert has a newly formed orchestra, small in numbers as yet, but showing great promise under the baton of Mr. Harvey, late of Nanaimo, in which city he was an indefatigable worker in the cause of music for many years. Prince Rupert also boasts an excellent choral society under J. E. Davey, numbering sixty voices in all, and showing by their careful and artistic work that even though the city is unfortunately somewhat isolated from other musical centres, there are still enough enthusiastic musicians there to make it safe to predict that within a few years Prince Rupert will show herself to be not one whit behind other and more fortunately situated in matters musical.

Smoke Players Navy Cut cigarettes, wrapped in tin foil.

## SYNOPSIS OF LAND ACT AMENDMENT

Pre-emption now confined to surveyed lands only.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes and which is not timber land.

Partnership pre-emption abolished, but parties of not more than four may arrange for adjacent pre-emptions, with joint residence, but each making necessary improvements on respective claims.

Pre-emptors must occupy claims for five years and make improvements to value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivation of at least 5 acres, before receiving Crown Grant.

Where pre-emptor in occupation not less than 1 year, and having proportionate improvements, he may, because of ill-health or other cause, be granted intermediate certificate of improvement and transfer his claim.

Records without permanent residence may be issued provided applicant makes improvements to extent of \$300 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained on these claims in less than 5 years, with improvements of \$10 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years.

Pre-emptor holding Crown Grant may record another pre-emption, if he requires land in conjunction with his farm without actual occupation, provided statutory improvements made and residence maintained on Crown granted land.

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesteads; title to be obtained after fulfilling residential and improvement conditions.

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The scope of this Act is enlarged to include all persons joining and serving with His Majesty's Forces. The time within which the heirs or devisees of a deceased pre-emptor may apply for a title under this Act is extended from one year from the death of such person, as formerly, until one year after the conclusion of the present war. This privilege is also made retroactive.

## TOWNSITE PROPERTY ALLOTMENT ACT.

Provision is made for the grant to persons holding uncompleted Agreements to Purchase from the Crown of such proportion of the land, if divisible, as the payments already made will cover in proportion to the sale price of the whole parcel. Two or more persons holding such Agreements may group their interests and apply for a proportionate allotment jointly. If it is not considered advisable to divide the land covered by an application for a proportionate allotment, an allotment of land of equal value selected from available Crown lands in the locality may be made. These allotments are conditional upon payment of all taxes due the Crown or to any municipality. The rights of persons to whom the purchase from the Crown has been agreed to sell are also protected. The decision of the Minister of Lands in respect to the adjustment of a proportionate allotment is final. The time for making application for these allotments is limited to the 1st day of May, 1919. Any application made after this date will not be considered. These allotments apply to town lots and lands of the Crown sold at public auction.

For information apply to any Provincial Government Agent or to

G. R. NADEN,  
Deputy Minister of Lands,  
Victoria, B. C.

## "PURSUIT OF POLLY" IS WONDROUS CHASE

Play at Westholme is Full of Humorous Situations and Novel Turns.

Billie Burke in the comedy-drama "In Pursuit of Polly," which was shown last night at the Westholme and will be repeated tonight is simply great. The play is full of humorous situations and replete with novel turns. Excitement and fun are so combined as to make a first rate evening's entertainment.

The photoplay is one of unusual interest from every standpoint. Miss Burke was exceptionally charming in her portrayal of Polly and her mannerisms were a source of perpetual delight. Thomas Meighan, as Colby Mason, appeared to splendid advantage, as did also Frank Losce as "Buck" Marsden and Benjamin Deely as Kremer, the spy.

The second episode of "The Lightning Daider" featuring Pearl White, is a real play with a real plot.

## SYNOD OF CALEDONIA MEETS THIS WEEK ON BUSINESS OF CHURCH

Clergy From All Parts of District Will be Present and Visitor From Vancouver.

On Wednesday morning the annual meeting of the Synod of Caledonia will commence here, when Bishop Du Vernet will deliver his charge and reports of committees and departments of the church will be received. The session will last for two days and an interesting time is expected.

Among the clergy who will be present will be Archdeacon Collier of Kincollith, Reverends W. Sweetenham of Endako, Crarey of Houston, Larter of Smithers, Marsh of Terrace, Rushbrook of the Northern Cross, Gray of Ocean Falls, and Leversedge of Anyox.

Archdeacon Heathcote of Vancouver is expected to give an address on the forward movement.

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