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## Daily News on Daily Doings

### AT NEXT BLAZE BLAME THE BYLAWS.

Today it becomes known more widely that there has been for some little time dissatisfaction amongst some members of the fire department. Two firemen have quit, and the reason given is that their wages have been cut down after having been raised once. It seems that they have been told, too, that unless the money bylaws in dispute get through they need not hope for any raises, and that one of them will, in fact, owe the city five dollars, the amount of increase granted him one month and refused him the next month. This reveals a state of truly scintillating brilliance in department staff administration at the city hall. To raise wages only to cut off the raise almost immediately is a procedure unheard of in business circles. It savors of indecision and incapacity to say the least of it. Naturally, employees resent such treatment. Now two trained men of the city's most important outside department have quit after twelve months' service, leaving the fire department, small as it is, to shuffle along again with any available men who care to sign on with it for a small wage, with exacting hours and conditions, and the pleasure in addition of paying for the clothes which the first fire ruins.

### SOPPING WEATHER IN THE SOUTH.

Don't mistake the first word of the little heading here for "shopping." It doesn't mean that at all. It means the very reverse. Shopping in Vancouver for the past week or more has been conducted chiefly under umbrellas, and the purchases made have been principally gum boots and slickers. Passengers by the steamer Prince Rupert this morning bring back doleful tales of downright drenchings suffered during their stay in Vancouver, and they are delighted to get back to Prince Rupert and dry weather. As every one knows, Prince Rupert for the past month has had so little rain that those who keep poultry are compelled to carry water for the fowls. Picnic parties have enjoyed superb weather. Even the inmost recesses of the bush have been found dry and fit for comfortable camping or sleeping out without even a tent. This is the Prince Rupert weather which the jealous Vancouverite keeps on libelling in spite of his own miserable existence, rain driven disconsolate to the shelter of the pool rooms or the porch of the nearest real estate office. Neither a slicker nor a pair of gum boots has been seen in a Prince Rupert store window for months, but Vancouver at present is doing a roaring trade in these wet weather commodities.

## Government Sale Prince Rupert Lots.

Acting under instructions from the Government of British Columbia, I will hold an auction sale of Prince Rupert lots on Wednesday, August 28th, 1912. The sale will be held at Prince Rupert and will commence at 3 P. M. and be completed on Thursday the 29th.

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## AFTER THE BIG COYOTE: SOME SHOT THIS



Above is a photograph reproduced showing the effects of one of the big coyotes fired on railway contract work in the city limits and similar to that fired the other week at Cameron Bay. Preparations are in progress for another big coyote at Hays Creek soon, also in connection with the dry dock shoreward operations.

## ETERNAL PUNISHMENT: A FURTHER CRITICISM

### LETTERS TO THE NEWS

The columns of the Daily News are open to those desiring to air their personal opinions on matters of public interest, but it must be distinctly understood that letters will be published only over the signature of their writers, and that the Daily News does not necessarily endorse the opinions so expressed.

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To the Daily News:

I must agree with the Rev. F. W. Kerr that the method of exposition used in his letter has often been much manipulated by the unscrupulous, and therefore I cannot see much value in a lengthened discussion on these lines, but I cannot refrain from making a brief examination of a few points in his letter.

The vague inference drawn from Matthew 25:46, that everlasting punishment means no more than a period of correction is obscure, for there are not wanting authorities of the highest order who consider the Greek word "aionios" to mean eternal in its unlimited sense, and I notice Mr. Kerr admits that it was used at the time of Jesus to mean "everlasting." But what seems to me as a conclusive argument, is that "aionios" interpreted "eternal" is the very word used to describe God's attribute of Eternity, and also the future duration of the existence of the good. If there is, therefore, any limit to the punishment of the wicked, we must surely also argue the existence of God is limited, and the gift of God to believers is also a limited life. The Greek words "Zoh aionios" are interpreted "eternal life" in John 3:36, 5:24, 53, 57, 47:23, and many other places. Throughout the Scriptures the same words are used to describe the duration of the existence of the good and the punishment of the wicked. (Daniel 12:2.) The whole difficulty arose in the scarcity of words expressing an unlimited expanse of time.

Although the Greek word "ko-

lasis" is much more mild than the other words used to denote punishment, an examination of its usage in other passages shows that it could not signify a punishment inflicted for a person's good. However, it must be admitted the word is an exception to the rule, and there is no doubt about the other words used to describe punishment. One has only to glance at a few passages where punishment is spoken of to find a general rule of retributory punishment (see Hebrews 10:26-30, Romans 12:19, I Thess. 4:6, etc.).

However, if we could grant (which we cannot) a good degree of probability to the argument, I cannot see that this would furnish sufficient grounds for the extraordinary belief that punishment is only for a period and is remedial in character. Surely the whole tenor of the Scriptures, its terrible denunciations, its urgent warnings and its persistent and pathetic pleadings cannot be interpreted to mean merely a period of "discipline of pain, love or service." Such exaggerated language would be the height of folly if that were the case. Could we have any faith at all in the inspiration of the Bible, and believe that such phrases as eternal punishment, everlasting destruction, eternal damnation, fiery indignation, vengeance of eternal fire, mean no more than mere discipline for a period, after which "each will have a chance to perfect himself?" In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus we must admit (unless we sacrifice good judgment to a vivid imagination, as does Pastor Russell), it teaches there is no bridge over the impassable gulf (Luke 16:26).

I would like to put before all who entertain this theory a most important question: How does all this react on the doctrine of redemption, if all men will eventually be saved, the sacrifice of Calvary is made of no effect, and is esteemed of so small value that time and discipline will accomplish what Jesus Christ could not do, viz: save men against their will and that after finally reject-

ing Him and dying in their sins. Will God make a further sacrifice for sin? (Heb. 10:26.)

True, God is love, but we cannot limit Him, who also retains the attributes of justice and vengeance upon the ungodly, to our narrow, few days old moral code. It is true "the laws of love are iron and inexorable," and because we can comprehend so little of His plans we must not discount the little we do know by allowing the tenderness of our hearts to obscure the accuracy of our judgment. Yours truly,

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