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Editorial Notes and Clippings

MR. MATTHEWS GIVES WARNING.

The full text of the letter of complaint and warning from Mr. James Matthews, the retiring superintendent of the electric light plant, was too long to print in the news columns, but complaint number seven practically sums up the whole of the three closely typewritten pages which comprise the communication. It is as follows:

"You are liable to have endless troubles this winter during stormy or snowy weather, and had you given me the power to get the material that is so urgently wanted and the time and men to do the work, and at the same time curbed your insatiable desire to unduly interfere with and harass your trained technical official (myself), then you would see this have an entirely safe and satisfactory installation."

The preceding clauses were an effort to put the blame of any trouble discovered at the power plant after his departure on the Council and not upon his "highly trained technical" head. In clause two he admits that the installation is faulty, but blames the City Council for this in curtailing his estimates.

Three nights when danger threatened, he, with Spartan fortitude, stood at his post all night that the lights might burn, and in clause eight he tells of this and in pathetic language accuses the Council of ungratefulness.

Not one alderman remained unmoved while this clause was being read. So vividly was it portrayed that it was an easy matter to imagine the aldermen on those three occasions

enjoying their beauty sleep while with grim, set jaws and hardened face Mr. Matthews battled for the safety of the city.

Revenge is sweet, and in the ninth clause Mr. Matthews revels in the agony which he is causing the city fathers. It was too bad that he was not present to see the ruddy countenances pale when they heard Clerk Woods read: "In your wisdom you have decided that you can do without all this highly technical knowledge, known only to myself, and which I offered to give to you, and you can rest assured that after your treatment to me I am not going to again offer this valuable information to you."

The whole Council up to this point had been squirming under the displeasure of such a "highly trained" man, but the truly great always reward as well as punish, and Mr. Matthews is no exception. In the final chapter of his epistle he commends the Mayor and Alderman Montgomery. It was sad to see the envious glances cast upon the two favored members of the City Council by the others who were under the dark indictment of the "highly trained technical" man.

Such a letter coming from a schoolboy would have made him the laughing stock of the whole city, but when it comes from a man boasting of his training and education is a matter more of pity than of mirth, and reminds the reader of a petted child from whom some one had taken a toy. Indeed, if most children acted in that manner they would be soundly spanked.

INDIAN FIGHT ON GRAHAM ISLE
TO BE TOLD IN RUPERT COURT

PRINCIPALS AND WITNESSES IN FIGHT BETWEEN INDIANS AND WHITE MEN NEAR MASSET WILL COME TO PRINCE RUPERT AND APPEAR BEFORE JUDGE YOUNG.

Masset, Oct. 28.—After reading the report of the recent fracas of Indians and whites, Attorney General Bowser ordered Leslie Randol committed for trial. Special Constable Mactavish has gone up the Yakoun River to notify Randol of the decision.

Randol and Freeman Tingley put up a desperate fight against an overpowering force of Indian fishermen aboard the steamer Claxton. Trouble between the Indians and their rival white fishermen had been brewing some time and the fight with Randol and Tingley was the first outbreak.

The steamer Claxton, of the Wallace Fisheries, had a tow of small boats, including the boat of the white men, who broke away and an argument started midway between the Indian village and Masset. Two Indians attempted to board the white men and one of them was knocked overboard and another sustained a broken arm when Randol swung the tiller, with which he had armed himself.

When the Claxton brought up at the Masset wharf the white

men sought refuge in the cabin from an united attack of several Indians. They were overpowered finally and badly beaten.

The trouble in the small boats had been seen from the shore by other Indians, who came running from their village. While the fight was at its height the Claxton signalled for assistance and a score of white men responded and met the Indians at the wharf, where a pitched battle was averted.

At the hearing of the case before Magistrate Harrison and James Martin, J. P., several Indians were fined and Randol was put under bonds to await the decision of the Attorney General.

Randol's defense was he had used the tiller only to defend himself. The Indians said they were in the face of Randol's warning to "keep off," trying to board him to "make peace."

Magistrate Harrison scored Captain Warren of the Claxton for not keeping order on his ship. Freeman Tingley is still confined to his home.

Randol's trial will take place in Prince Rupert in December.

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The party lost two of its members at the lake, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rennie, who decided to stay and commence work on the place they purchased at Meyer Lake. The party was further reduced in number at Prince Rupert by the loss of A. A. McCrea, who will return with the launch Westover, which will be added to the mosquito fleet of Masset Inlet. Mr. McCrea will stay and make preparations for the 100 acre experimental farm which will be started in the spring.

With the party was an interesting character, T. E. Femby, of Watrous, Sask., who absorbed information about the country like a sponge absorbs water. He never quit asking questions from the time he sighted land until he left the island behind, and what he did not learn about Graham Island nobody knows.

While he is naturally conservative, Mr. Femby, like all the others, grew enthusiastic. Mr. McCrea expects to return with another party, in about two months.—Masset Leader.

"I hear you have joined the Boy Scout movement."

"Yep."

"Suppose you scout ahead and see whether my wife is sitting up for me."

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