

Trying to Defend the Juggled Figures

At a public meeting and in a letter to this paper published today, Alderman Dybhavn endeavors to discredit The News' exposure of how the figures are juggled by stating that in reference to the sewer excavation in Block 22 no allowance was made for property connections. He admits The News' figures of 360 yards for the sewer excavation were approximately correct and intimated that the balance of the 622 yards was for connections. He neglected to say, however, that four of the connections are in earth, making about forty yards of excavation, and six in rock, figuring about 84 yards. There is still a discrepancy of 136 yards, and a member of the engineering department admits that overbreak was figured in spite of Alderman Dybhavn's denial. The published letter also practically admits that the backfill and the hauling away of the surplus rock belonging to this piece of work is going to be charged to the waterworks department just as The News intimated that it might be, thus compelling the ratepayers to pay the several hundred dollars which the work will run over the appropriation, and which the property abutting the sewer ought to pay for. Isn't that juggling.

Alderman Dybhavn also defends the charge for the lane excavation on the ground that overhaul is counted from 500 and not 1,000 feet. Overhaul can be fixed at any distance, usually 500 or 1,000 feet. The News took 1,000 while Alderman Dybhavn says the city uses 500. Take either one and the fact remains that an overcharge on this item was made. A comparison which is easier to grasp can be made with the McMordie contract, which took rock out of the same hill. Contractor McMordie got 6 and 7 cents for his longest overhaul. The city took their rock from a half block to a block farther and charged 15 cents a yard, or the length of nearly three blocks farther. In support of his statement Alderman Dybhavn says the distance from Fifth street to McBride is 2,000 feet. You can check that up on your city map. It is just 1,648 feet. This is only a discrepancy of 350 feet, but it means 3 1/2 cents a yard on the cost of rock. Is that juggling?

Did the alderman making the defence tell you how much plant and incidental items were figured in these costs? No, and you can depend on it you never will be told. He did say The News was attacking an official who cannot defend himself. This engineer says the 60 cent retaining walls were measured cube yards and the aldermen themselves, when driven into a corner, say they were not cube yards. Is that putting it up to the man who cannot defend himself?

In concluding his defence at the meeting, Alderman Dybhavn asked the audience to accept his word for the figures. He asked you to accept his word for something he ought to have been able to prove, while the Newton followers object to accepting the new aldermanic candidates on their word of honor to follow a policy of honesty and efficiency, on business and issues which have not yet made their appearance.

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MASSET CITIZENS WANT BETTER MAIL SERVICE

Delegation Waited on Board of Trade Last Night—Board Will Assist Agricultural Society.

At last evening's meeting of the local Board of Trade the following members were present: Messrs. J. H. Thompson, J. G. McNab, W. E. Williams, A. E. McMaster, G. D. Tite, H. B. Rochester, J. Lorne McLaren and A. E. Morris. Mr. G. R. Naden occupied the chair in the absence of the president, Mr. F. H. Mobley.

A delegation of residents of Masset and vicinity waited upon the board, urging a weekly mail service the year around for that part of Graham Island. Mr. C. H. Harrison, S. M., acted as spokesman for the delegation. In a concise and businesslike fashion he stated exactly what they considered they were justified in asking for, considering the importance of the islands and the development that was taking place there. The following were amongst their most urgent needs: A weekly mail service all the year around; the providing of a gasoline launch to convey the mail from the largest centers, Masset and Queen Charlotte City, to the outlying settlements; the placing of lights at the entrance of Masset Harbor and upon Cameron's Rock, at Brown's Cove; a better wharf at Masset; the increasing of the government subsidy to the G. T. P., if necessary, to ensure them getting the desired weekly service; the channel at Masset Inlet to be resurveyed, and the securing of telephone connections between the wireless station and Masset, Tow Hill and other points upon the islands. The delegation, before retiring, were assured that their representations would receive the very best consideration of the board.

A motion embodying these requests was drawn up and submitted to the board by Mr. W. E. Williams, which was passed after some general discussion. Copies will be forwarded immediately to the Post Office department and Mr. H. S. Clements, M. P., the member for the district. Before adjourning the board passed a resolution offering their best collaboration and assistance toward aiding the newly formed Northern B. C. Agricultural and Industrial Association in their efforts to bring about the holding of a fall fair in the city next September.

THE LABOR POLICY

Main Question in Employment of Civic Labor Under Newton Regime Has Been "Have You a Vote?"

To the Editor of The News.

Dear Sir: The main feature of the present municipal campaign is, without doubt, the labor policy. Mayor Newton, in his amusing platform, tells us that, if re-elected, he will perpetuate the existing confusion in regard to the employment of labor.

Now, Mr. Taxpayer, let us see the results of the present policy. Under the Newton regime the one great consideration in the employment of labor on civic work has been, "has the employee a vote?" It matters not whether he renders adequate service for the salary paid. If he fails to do so, no one has the courage to reprimand him, as his political qualification is sufficient to disarm anyone.

In the recruiting of civic labor the considerations are as follows: Are you a property holder; are you married, and lately it has been, have you a vote?

Admitting that the city has obligations to its laboring class, it is also its duty to safeguard the interests of the taxpayer. Labor, to be efficient, must have inducements to make it so. It should not be merely a question of filling time. Is there any fair minded citizen who can demonstrate that the present methods of spending the city's money give any guarantee of an adequate return in executed work?

The local laborer has the right to have a fair share of the city work, but in return he must give

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a guarantee that the taxpayer is not abused. With the present system labor is dictator to labor because the property qualification is detrimental to those not fortunate enough to have it. Civic labor is also dictator to everyone who has any interests in this city, because the way it is being distributed there is absolutely no responsibility on its part.

Prince Rupert has outgrown village politics and our future city fathers must be up to the level of the situation. The civic employee must be engaged purely on his personal abilities. The discrimination against property or vote must cease. It is high time, Mr. Taxpayer, to wake up and put a stop to the deplorable state of affairs that has taken a strong hold upon our city. Do you remember the 20 mills just paid? If Mayor Newton is re-elected it is likely to be even worse. Let us elect at the head of our city's affairs men who will safeguard first of all the interests of the taxpayers in a business way, not merely by prattling but with tangible facts.

Respectfully yours, DEMOCRATICUS.

NEW TALENT FOR THE EMPRESS THEATRE

Amongst the arrivals on the Prince Rupert this morning were Hector De Cowe, late of the Imperial Theatre, Vancouver, and Mr. A. F. Williams, violinist, also of that city. These gentlemen, who are both well known and prominent members of the musical profession, have been procured by Mr. Frank Stevens, the enterprising and popular manager of the Empress Theatre, to augment the orchestra of that house. All kinds of surprises are in store for the amusement loving public when Mr. De Cowe, who is a sensational trap drummer, gets down to business. Manager Stevens spares no expense when it comes to giving the patrons of the pioneer theatre of Prince Rupert the very best that money can procure in the way of amusement.

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Prince Rupert, Jan. 14, 1913. Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my belief as a business man that the present year will be a critical one in our commercial and civic development. It is the year of preparation for the time when Prince Rupert will be linked up with the transcontinental and become a great national port. If we are going to make a big city of Prince Rupert we must this year put a lot of energy and progressiveness into our City Council, our Board of Trade and other public organizations.

Frequently I have been urged to accept a nomination for the City Council, and this year I have consented to my name being submitted for your approval. In doing so I feel it obligatory to inform you that should I be a successful candidate in Ward 1 that I am prepared to give the greater part of my time to civic business during the coming year; that I will give city affairs the same close attention that I have given my own business, in the hope that by the combined efforts of an energetic council we may evolve a system of business administration, encourage commercial activity, complete our local improvements and place the city on sound footing financially. That is what I would work for, and to accomplish it I am willing to devote my time this year to the city service.

It is not my purpose to canvass you personally; nevertheless, I would appreciate your support and consider it an intimation that you favor a prosperous Prince Rupert, built up on business principles. 11-12 I am, yours very truly, M. P. McCAFFERY.

Milder Weather in Sight

According to the barometer indications, milder weather is approaching. The weather report at 5 o'clock this morning read: Barometer, 29.552; maximum temperature, 18; minimum temperature, 10.

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Notice to Contractors. Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned at their office, McBride street, up to Tuesday, Jan. 21st, at noon, for the construction of: 1 wharf, 20 feet by 100 feet; 1 approach, 14 feet by 195 feet; 200 lineal feet (approximately) of 4-foot plank walkway; 1 passenger trestle, six feet wide, over G. T. P. railway. Plans, specifications and form of tender can be seen at the above office. 11-16 RITCHIE, AGNEW & CO., Jan. 14th, 1913. Civil Engineers.

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MAYOR AND ALDERMEN PAT ONE ANOTHER'S BACKS

AT THE FINAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN TELL WHAT FINE FELLOWS THEY ARE.

The last meeting of the City Council was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. There were two members absent, Aldermen Clayton and Kerr. Alderman Bullock-Webster, who was present at the opening of the meeting, left after a short while.

A communication was read from G. A. Simpson & Co. of Toronto, financial brokers, stating that, understanding there were \$81,700 of treasury certificates of the City of Prince Rupert in the market for sale, they had a client in view as a possible purchaser and were taking the matter up with him.

Considerable discussion took place in regard to the water situation. The fact of the present cold snap causing most of the citizen householders to leave their water taps running to prevent, if possible, their freezing up, is proving a distinct menace and is likely to bring about a water famine should the cold weather continue for a couple of weeks or so. It is an infraction of a city bylaw to waste water in this fashion, thirteen delinquents in this respect being brought up in the police court yesterday. A motion was passed that the bylaw providing for the citizens covering their pipes be strictly enforced, also endorsing the action of the city engineer and the water superintendent in their efforts to handle the water situation to the best interests of the city at the present time.

At the close of the meeting general felicitations were in order. Alderman Morrissey started the ball rolling. He began by moving a vote of thanks to the heads of the several departments for the excellence of the annual

reports submitted. He regretted that through a misunderstanding, as to the date he was not present at the meeting of the Council when they gave an account of their stewardship. Although he had naturally differed on many occasions with his colleagues, he was assured that they had all worked together for the general good of the city, including his worthy friend, the finance minister, although the latter had been guilty of extraordinary parsimoniousness at times. Alderman Douglas replied that anything he had done had been for the best according to his judgment and he had nothing but praise for the way he had been treated by the members of the Council, who were all perfect gentlemen. Aldermen Maitland, Montgomery and Dybhavn spoke in felicitous terms of the pleasure it had been to have such an able and capable body of men to work during their term of office.

Mayor Newton stated that in spite of any differences that had existed at times between himself and the aldermen during the past year he could assure them that he bore no ill will toward any one of them. What happened in the council chamber was part of the public business and did not affect him one iota in his private capacity as a citizen. He concluded by complimenting the city hall staff upon their civility and courtesy upon all occasions. Mr. Fred Peters, K. C., replied for himself and the city hall staff, City Engineer Mason and Clerk Woods spoke in complimentary terms upon the consideration always shown them by members of the City Council.

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Loyal Order of Moose.

The lodge will meet in the K. of P. Hall Thursday, the 16th inst., at 8 o'clock, when the new officers for the present year will be installed. A grand smoker will also be given and a good rally of members should be in attendance. 10-13 J. D. MEIKLE, Secy.

A meeting of the Fraternal Order of Eagles will be held this evening at the K. of P. Hall for the transaction of important business. 12

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