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ONE BIG ADVANTAGE PRINCE RUPERT HAS.

Judging from the general feeling prevalent at the public meeting held last night for the consideration of the money bylaws, no misgiving need be entertained but that all will carry by a large vote. It could not well be otherwise. The improvements proposed are works of pressing necessity and furthermore are of a pernent character that would have to be made sooner or later, and therefore the sooner the better. During the past few years interest rates have shown an upwardo tendency and money is probably as cheap today as it can possibly be in the next decade, with so many great cities growing and new towns opening up and the multitude of enterprises of immense magnitude that are projected. Also the long terms of payment offered to the property owners for their portion of the cost is a noteworthy feature.

The proposed improvements are all of a utilitarian character, and there will be many of this character to be undertaken before the city can take a breathing spell in such work and consider the adornment of the city. When this time comes Prince Rupert will have one distinct advantage over all older cities in having made ample provision for this period in our young history. Before a house was built here plans were made and the whole area of Kaien Island platted by the most distinguished scenic architects of the continent, for a city that in its grades and contours and many beauty spots should vie with any great seaport. An examination of these plans and what they call for makes the property holder's heart beat high with proud anticipation.

Let us turn to Calgary, which is comparatively a young city, and see what is being attempted there to make it "The City Beautiful." They are paying T. H. Mawson, a noted English architect and city planner, a retainer fee of $10,000 to replan the city. That Prince Rupert will never have to do. Also, Mr. Mawson has advised the city that any comprehensive scheme to replan Calgary along modern and scientific lines, will cost the city several millions of dollars and many years to complete the work. Calgary is preparing a bylaw asking for a million as a starter and a tentative beginning at the great work which confronts them.

To carry out any replanning Calgary, the same as so many other cities, will have to spend considerable in tearing down, in the condemnation of property for the purpose, in destroying much of the work in which its early city fathers no doubt felt a justifiable pride. There is Prince Rupert's supreme advantage. There will be no vast sums to be spent for tearing down. Beginning with a clean slate our improvements can be made for all time as those now under construction will be, and ourselves work out without additional expense "The City Beautiful."

MUST BE A SCREW LOOSE SOMEWHERE.

The provincial government is calling for tenders for a lock-up to be built at Terrace. In the government advertisement for tenders it says that plans and specifications can be seen at Terrace, Hazelton and Victoria. Is this a sign that the Prince Rupert contractors are being "disciplined" by the resident member? Why are the plans not to be seen here?

WITTY ANECDOTES OF EARLY COURT OF LATE QUEEN VICTORIA

PIQUANT DOMESTIC SCENES SHOWING THAT THE QUEEN AND PRINCE CONSORT HAD THEIR LITTLE SPATS LIKE COMMON PEOPLE

London, April 16—The married life of Queen Victoria which has been compiled by Mrs. Jerrold, carries a stage further the study of the Queen which she began in the "Early Court of Queen Victoria," and many little anecdotes she tells which have never been published.

She prefaces her work by saying that had the Prince Consort lived long enough, the history of England would have been very different. There would have been, she says, no "great" Queen Victoria, for by 1860 the Queen had so entirely transferred all work to her husband that, excepting as an appearance and a signature, the Queen might almost be said not to have existed and it would have been on that point that an English revolution would have occurred.

Many of the stories of court life told in the book will cause a smile in these latter days. For instance, it is narrated how the Queen ardently desired that Prince Albert should be made the King Consort, which caused Lord Melbourne to respond impetuously: "For God's sake, say no more about it, for those who can make kings can unmake them."

Here is another: Echoes of quarrels between the royal couple got abroad and on one occasion the Queen rushed from the room. Returning after a time she found the door locked and knocked for entry.

"Who is there?" called the prince.

"The Queen of England," was the haughty reply and all remained quiet behind the door. Again Victoria knocked and again came the same question and answer, until at length the conquered Queen responded: "Your wife, Albert." The door was opened and the weeping Queen was comforted.

Another time the disagreement was over the tea table, with "the result that she of the passionate temper flung the contents of a cup into her lord's face."

In 1847 there was a famine in Ireland and the Queen wished to exercise economy in her household. Two kinds of wheat known as "firsts" and "seconds" were in use, the "firsts" being Essex white and the "seconds" Baltic red. Naturally the residents in the palace were fed on the best flour, which cost twenty-five per cent. more than the other. But now that the time of the stress had arrived, a royal order was issued that no description of flour except "esconds" should be used in her majesty's household and that the daily allowances should be restricted to one pound per head for every person in the place.

The result was that the price of "seconds" flour rose until it equalled that of the best and the want grew more bitter. The Queen's economic example, says Mrs. Jerrold, was much commented upon at the time.

SEAL INJURE SALMON

Representatives of the Dominion Fisheries Advisory Board and Fishermen Discuss Ravages.

New Westminster, April 12. The ravages of seal among the salmon of the Fraser River were among the topics discussed at a conference this afternoon between Mr. Cunningham and Mr. McIntyre, the representatives of this province on the Dominion Fisheries advisory board, and some of the fishermen of the Fraser.

It is agreed that the seal, especially during the spring run, do a great deal of injury. Some of the fishermen were in favor of a bounty being paid by the government for the destruction of the seal, but not all.

Canadian Colliers's Discontinued.

The Daily News is advised from the Toronto head office of Collier's Weekly, which seemed to growing into a strong Canadian journal, that it will be discontinued after the issue of April 26th.

Toledo Blade: Sam Blythe finds Mr. Bryan to be fecundious, orgulous and verbigerous. Only a magazine writer could find time to search the dictionary for three words like these.

THE LONELY ONE.

I had a friend,
I loaned him ten;
I haven't seen
My friend since then.

Another friend,
He borrowed five.
I doubt if he
Is still alive.

For one more friend
I signed a note;
He disappeared—
I was the goat.

I'm now convinced
That, in the end,
A feller is
His own best friend.

Wallpaper—Wallace's. 89tf

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