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FOREST FIRES ARE RAGING SOUTH OF MOOSEJAW

BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS PASSES THE BILL DEALING WITH MILITANT SUFFRAGETTES

WHAT CONTRACTORS SHALL PAY LABOR DEBATED IN COUNCIL

MOTION THAT ALL CITY CONTRACTS SHOULD INSIST UPON FORTY-FIVE CENTS FOR AN EIGHT HOUR DAY IS DEFEATED.

When the money bylaws came up for final passage before the council last night Ald. Maitland moved that a clause should be inserted in each one binding the contractors to pay not less than 45 cents an hour for an eight hour day. Everyone knew that the cost of living was higher here than in any city of British Columbia. In Vancouver, the city council had fixed the rate for an eight hour day and he thought the council here should put in its contracts some scale of wages the contractors should pay. As far as the contract for Section Two planking was concerned, they were just about the same as the work could be carried out for by day labor at 45c an hour, but would the contractors pay that? In the Market Place contract the work was undertaken for some what lower and he knew that here the wages would be cut. The excavation contracts were somewhat higher than day labor would cost. If they wished to build up a city they should offer the incentive of good pay for good workmen to come here, otherwise there would be none coming in here to make good and permanent citizens. If they paid working-

men less than enough to live on they would work three months and quit.

Ald. Bullock-Webster seconded the motion. Ald. Dybavn said that although in sympathy with the motion, he did not think the council should take any such method of forcing the contractors, and he could not see his way clear to supporting the motion. There could be a provision for a fair rate of wages, but he did not think the council could say exactly what rate the contractors should pay and there was nothing in the municipal clauses act permitting the council to do so.

Ald. Bullock-Webster: "But there is nothing in the act providing that you should not bind the contractor to pay a certain rate of wages, and as each man in the council is willing to do his best for labor and for the workman to have the best wages he can get, I believe the motion should pass."

The motion was lost and Ald. Bullock-Webster asked that the vote be recorded. The votes for were Kerr, Maitland and Bullock-Webster; against, Dybavn, McKaffery, Naden and Sutherland.

GREAT FOREST FIRES SOUTH OF MOOSEJAW

Homesteaders Lose Their Homes and Belongings—Famished Horses and Cattle roaming Burnt Grass.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Moose Jaw, April 22.—Reports from the south are to the effect that forest fires have been raging since Saturday last, and have done considerable damage in the clearings. All over the surrounding country for miles fences have been destroyed, bridges and culverts burned out, and the homes of a number of homesteaders levelled to the ground with all their barns and out-buildings.

The horses and cattle are roaming over the burning grass and famishing for want of food. There are vague rumors of the loss of human life, but these have so far not been verified.

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PETITION FOR RELEASE OF STATE PRISONER

Was Ordered Into Custody of Sergeant-at-Arms of House for Refusing to Testify

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, April 22.—A petition is being circulated by the friends of James Miller, the "state prisoner," praying for his release on the ground of ill health. Miller gave evidence in regard to a certain government contract which his firm secured, but to obtain which they had to pay a large sum. When asked to give the names of the grafters, he refused and was ordered into the custody of the sergeant-at-arms of the house. It is not claimed that he has been trying to make himself ill by following the course of the militant suffragettes in England when imprisoned.

SOPHIA HAS LARGE HOLE IN HER BOWS

Thirty Feet of Her Keel Gone—Will Take Three Weeks to Make Repairs

When the C.P.R. steamer Princess Sophia, Capt. Campbell was hauled out on the B. C. Marine Railway slip at Victoria it was possible to ascertain, at least to a certain extent, the amount of damage which the vessel sustained through piling up on the rocks off Sentinel Island. As soon as the ways were made fast and the vessel's hull dried off the surveyors commenced to examine the ship, and it is expected that it will take three weeks to repair the damage.

Extensive damage has been sustained by the Skagway steamer. About thirty feet of her keel forward was ripped off by the rocks and a new fore-foot will have to be constructed, which will involve the expenditure of much time and money. An examination showed that the turn of the bow is very badly damaged and all the plates are split or broken in the lower part of the hull. Aft of the fore peak bulkhead the vessel is in good condition, and the bulkhead has only strained slightly. Besides the replacing of the keel and the outwater numerous plates and frames will have to be fitted. At the present time it is impossible to state the exact amount of the damage and how long it will take to repair the vessel.

READY FOR SHIPMENT

Indian freighters have been busy packing ore to the New Hazelton station yards from the Erie mine. The first shipment will be all down in a day or two. Work on the tunnel contract at the property is progressing very favorably.

BASEBALL

American League

Washington 8, New York 4.
Boston 4; Philadelphia 6.
Detroit 3, Chicago 2.
St. Louis 3, Cleveland 8.

National League

New York 4, Boston 3.
Philadelphia 2; Brooklyn 1.
Pittsburg 8, St. Louis 5.
Chicago 7, Cincinnati 5.

Northwestern League

Vancouver 12, Portland 4.
Victoria 10, Spokane 4.
Seattle 19, Tacoma 2.

ANXIOUS TO TACKLE THE REAL PROBLEM

Mayor Pattullo Wants an Opportunity to Go After the Money

A "News" reporter in his rounds of the City Hall this morning called on the mayor to see if there was anything new in civic affairs. Busily engaged the mayor remarked that there was nothing especially new, but said he would take advantage of the opportunity to remind the ratepayers that Thursday of this week is voting day on the money bylaws. He hoped that every ratepayer would get out and vote. "Until these bylaws are passed," he said, "nothing can be done towards financing our affairs, but as soon as the bylaws are passed we will be in a position to tackle the real problem of the year, namely, getting the money."

Auction Sale.

The auction sale of household furniture at H. J. Haskamp's office, Second avenue, will take place Wednesday morning at 11 a. m. 93-94
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TO RAISE THE MONEY FOR CITY EXPENSES

Consolidation Bylaws for Issuance of Debentures Introduced and Will Be Passed Wednesday Evening.

Alderman Naden, chairman of the finance committee, last night at the council meeting introduced two bylaws for the purpose of consolidating several of the money bylaws already passed and which will be voted upon by the ratepayers the coming Thursday. One of these is a total of \$71,000 and the other of \$49,000. In introducing them Ald. Naden stated that upon their passage and upon the money bylaws being voted the debentures these called for could be immediately be sent to the Toledo firm of financiers, who had offered to take them.

The bylaws passed their third reading and will be finally passed at a meeting of the council to be held on Wednesday evening.

FORCEFUL FEEDING IS AT LENGTH ENDED

Bill Passes House of Commons on Plea of Urgency by Home Secretary.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, April 22.—The bill to deal with the hunger strikes of the militant suffragettes was introduced in the House of Commons last night, and after some discussion was passed. Home Secretary McKenna appealed for urgent action, because pending the passage of the bill he felt it his duty to continue the forceful feeding. The bill provides for the temporary and conditional discharge of prisoners, whose detention is undesirable on account of the condition of their health.

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HOW THE GOVERNMENT IS USING ITS POWER

Favored Supporter Received a Homestead now Valued at Between Three and Four Hundred Thousand

Ottawa, April 17.—The house spent all of today's sitting discussing a motion of censure of Hon. Robert Rogers, former minister of the interior in the present government, moved by Hon. Frank Oliver, who presided over the department when the Liberals went out of power.

The motion related to the granting of a portion of a quarter section of land in Prince Albert to Albert Donaldson as a homestead. Donaldson is a son of S. J. Donaldson, M.P.P.

Mr. Oliver produced a telegram from Prince Albert to the effect that the land is worth \$374,000. The opposition did not, however, adopt these figures as the value of the property, but for the most part referred to it as being worth about \$100,000. They said that if the government had adopted the policy followed by the late government the land would have been turned over to school lands or sold by public auction.

MURPHY AND WOLGAST Former Wins in a Hard Fought Battle Which Lasted Twenty Rounds.

(Special to The Daily News.)
San Francisco, April 22.—Harlem Tommy Murphy won the decision here on Saturday over Wolgast, the former lightweight champion in twenty rounds. It was a hard fought battle up to the sixteenth round. Wolgast effected the style of the top-notchers. At the last meeting of these boys, they fought to a draw.

PRINTING OF ASSESSMENT ROLL FULLY DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL

MAJORITY DECIDED IT WOULD COST MORE THAN IT WAS WORTH AS PROPERTY OWNERS COULD CALL AT ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR INFORMATION.

At the meeting of council last night Ald. Bullock-Webster asked what had been done about the printing of the building bylaws. The mayor replied that nothing had been done as it had been found that the bylaws would have to be amended.

Ald. Bullock-Webster then proposed that the assessment roll as at present prepared by the city be printed. He said the same question had come up last year and there were then as now many who desired to find out what proportion the property owners were called upon to pay, and whether it represented 100 per cent or what per cent. It was well that the property owners should be acquainted with their rights under the premises and whether they could not go to the assessor's office and look at the assessment of as many lots as they wanted to, not only to find out what they were taxed at but what others were taxed at. They should have this information before the court of revision Saturday.

Ald. Maitland seconded the motion and felt sure that the printing of the assessment roll would be a great convenience and advantage.

Ald. Dybavn said that anyone could go to the assessor's office and get all the information he wanted, and the cost of printing the roll was therefore more than it was worth.

The mayor also thought the printing would be too costly an affair to undertake as, in any event, the court of revision was there to adjust all questions of assessment. He did not know of any other place where the roll was printed.

Ald. Bullock-Webster said there were several places where this was done. He could not recall them for the moment, but he knew it was done in South Africa.

Ald. Kerr said the real estate men had sent in a request for typewritten copies of the roll for themselves only but that was turned down by the council. He did not think the roll should be printed unless there were sufficient people who would undertake to buy them at say 25c a copy. Then it possibly might be done.

The motion was lost.

See display of dinnerware in one of our windows. Wallace's. 94tf

NEW HAZELTON BASEBALL CLUB MEETING WITH HEARTY SUPPORT

BASKET SOCIAL TO RAISE FUNDS WAS GREAT SUCCESS. AS HIGH AS THIRTY DOLLARS FOR ONE AND AVERAGE OF TEN DOLLARS EACH

All records in the northern interior were broken on Tuesday night in the way of raising money, when the ladies of the town pulled off their basket social in aid of the New Hazelton baseball club. To say that it was a success is putting it mild indeed. From a social standpoint it was all that could be desired. There was a good attendance and even though the fair sex is in the minority throughout the district the number that took baskets to the social was a pleasant surprise. As a result of the evening the baseball boys received \$231.50.

The only source of revenue was from the sale of baskets, but the baskets were extra fancy, the cause was extra special and the boys dug deep into their jeans. From an artistic standpoint all were agreed that a finer display of baskets and boxes they had never seen. Some of the designs were novel and beautiful, and all were pretty.

Auctioneer W. J. McKenzie was a huge success. He opened

the sale with a large basket that was bid in at 5.00 flat. That was the only one that got away for the price. Once the boys warmed up to the spirit of the game the bidding was brisk and frequently furious. From five dollars the prices jumped up as high as \$30.00 for a basket, while \$19 or \$20 was not an uncommon price. The average price brought was over \$10 for the 21 baskets.

As soon as the sale was over the happy gathering sought out their partners and the good things of the dainty bundles were displayed and devoured and the boys say they never had a better feed.

The first part of the evening was spent in games and after refreshments Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Warner sang a duet. A vote of thanks was tendered the ladies and the boys greeted it with three hearty cheers and a couple of tigers. They all felt particularly joyful as the proceeds gives them a handsome start for the ball season.

ST. GEORGE'S BANQUET

Good Program of Songs and Speeches Has Been Arranged.

Preparations are now practically complete for the first annual banquet under the auspices of the local order of the Sons of England, in commemoration of St. George's Day. The affair will be held at the Central Hotel tomorrow evening at 8:30. An excellent program of songs and speeches has been arranged. Among others who will speak are Mayor Pattullo, Wm. Manson, M. P.P., Capt. Stork, S. M. Newton, F. A. Ellis and J. H. Hilditch. Those who have not procured tickets can get them at the Arctic Studio.

Prepare for a rainy day. Ladies' and children's rain coats and new shipment of umbrellas. Wallace's. 94tf

FRED COOK IS NOT COMING TO THIS CITY

Famous Journalist Has Declined the Appointment as Secretary of Indian Commission

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, April 22.—General satisfaction was expressed here at the appointment of Fred Cook, as secretary of the Indian Lands Commission, which was to investigate into the status of the Indian reserves of British Columbia. Mr. Cook was twice mayor of Ottawa, for many years was the Canadian correspondent of the London Times and the dean of the press gallery at Ottawa. But this satisfaction is short lived, for yesterday Mr. Cook declined the appointment on the ground of the ill-health of his wife.

GRANBY MINES ARE BEYOND THE EXPERIMENTAL STAGE

SUFFICIENT ORE HAS BEEN BLOCKED OUT TO KEEP THE SMELTER RUNNING FOR TWELVE YEARS

Notwithstanding all that has been written in the local press in regard to the development at Granby Bay, where the Granby Consolidated Smelting, Mining and Power Co., Ltd., is carrying on extensive operations, no one can form any true conception of the magnitude of the work already accomplished without a personal inspection. The party of G. T. P. officials including Mr. Dalrymple, vice-president, Mr. Bell, assistant traffic manager, Mr. Finton, general passenger agent, Capt. C. H. Nicholson, manager of steamships, Mr. McCreger, secretary to the vice-president and A. E. McMaster, the local general agent, who visited Granby on Sunday were greatly impressed with all the development that has taken place. Fortunately several officials of the Granby Co. including O. B. Smith, general superintendent, G. W. Wooster, secretary-treasurer, W. A. Williams, smelter superintendent and Dr. Dickson went up on the

same boat and as a result the visiting railway men were shown every courtesy and given a splendid opportunity of seeing every department of the work.

The outstanding feature in connection with the property is the amount of actual mining that has been done. The mere fact that over three miles of tunnels have been dug into the ore body will convey the impression that the company is proceeding along perfectly safe lines. Sufficient ore has already been blocked out to keep the smelter busy for at least twelve years.

The work on the smelter is only in its initial stages. The site, which commands a splendid view of the harbor, has been cleared and the foundations are now under construction. A narrow-gauge railroad connects the smelter with the wharf and another will connect the mine with the smelter. Over three miles of

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ANOTHER FINED FOR OBSCENE LANGUAGE

Magistrate Carss Intends to Put a Stop to the Use of Obscene Language.

Louis Corn, the young man charged with shooting a 22 rifle in the city limits, contrary to law on Sunday afternoon, appeared before Magistrate Carss this morning and was given the option of a fine of \$10 and costs or ten days in jail.

Chas. Riddell, drunk and disorderly, was fined \$5.00 and cost or seven days.

Alex. Riddell, charged with using obscene language on the public streets, was fined \$10 and cost or ten days in jail.

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SOON BE MAIN ARTERY

Grading of Second Street is Rapidly Approaching Completion.

Good progress is being made on the grading of Second street, which will soon be the main artery to and from the G. T. P. wharf and station. Between Second and First avenues the work is completed, a coating of fine crushed rock giving the street a very neat appearance.

THE WEATHER

Barometer, 30.094; maximum, 40.0; minimum, 39.0; and precipitation .55.

R. S. Bell, locomotive engineer on the G. T. P., will return on the Prince George tomorrow with his wife and family.