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LIBELS THE MAYOR TO DECEIVE THE PUBLIC.

With its only comment a bold head line, "Mayor Simply Lied About Overdraft," which is either a deliberate lie on the part of the editor or positive proof that he has such little knowledge of municipal finances that he was absolutely unqualified for the position of mayor of the city, which he held last year, the Empire on Tuesday published a letter from that master mind of finance, W. H. Montgomery. For his display of ignorance of civic affairs the writer of the letter is to be excused, but so long as he continues to rush into print and keep before the public he can blame only himself for the ridiculous situations in which he is placed. There is no excuse, however, other than stupidity or a desire to deceive the public, for an ex-mayor and an editor in libeling the chief magistrate of this city in his desire to cover up his own deficiencies.

Anyone who will take the trouble to go to the city hall can find for himself that Mayor Pattullo's recent statement, published in the press, that the council this year had to provide for an overdraft of \$55,283.72 from last year is absolutely correct. On pages 8 and

9 of the Annual Report of the City of Prince Rupert for 1912 the general revenue receipts and expenditures may be found. On the same pages it is very clearly shown that certain special revenue receipts and expenditures were included under general revenue. The receipts under general revenue are shown as \$275,183.07, but this includes \$65,061.56 of special revenue, leaving general revenue receipts \$210,121.51. The expenditures under general revenue are shown as \$274,066.45, which includes \$33,351.87 of special revenue expenditures, making the general revenue expenditures \$240,714.58. There is clearly an overdraft on general revenue of \$30,593.07. To this must be added approximately \$10,000 for telephone replacements contracted by 1912 council and provided for this year and some \$14,000 of unpaid accounts contracted by 1912 council which has also to be provided for this year, making a total of \$55,283.72 to be provided for on account of expenditures by the 1912 council. Against this there were unpaid taxes for 1912 of \$31,421.23.

The public can decide for itself as to who lied, the mayor or the Empire.



AT THE BRITISH NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

The British naval manoeuvres are the event of the year for the poor fisherfolk on the coast. They are often remunerated to the extent of five pounds for the recovery of a torpedo or skiff lost in the events. Above is shown a picture of some fishermen towing a runaway torpedo to the big vessel to claim the reward. It may be noted that the torpedo is being towed backward, owing to the fact that very often they show returns to life and bound forward at a high rate of speed.

PECULIAR BUSINESS AT BOTTOM OF SCHEME TO SECURE RESERVE

TWENTY-FIVE ACRES OF LAND BELONGING TO INDIANS IS BARTERED FOR A MERE SONG TO AN AMERICAN LUMBER CONCERN

Vancouver, Sept. 29.—Until the deal was consummated, the British Columbia government denied trying to purchase the Kitsilano Indian reserve. After the Indians had left the reservation the government frankly admitted the purchase, as, indeed, it was impossible to keep it a secret.

This was only one of many cases in which the Indians received practically nothing for land which was their heritage. Evidence was obtained yesterday of another instance in British Columbia showing the protection which the Indians, wards of the Dominion government, have received. Ottawa is a long way off and owing to the trouble between the Provincial and Dominion governments, the natives are constantly being robbed.

At the mouth of Campbell Creek, in Surrey municipality, there is an Indian reserve of about 300 acres. The land is immensely valuable. Twenty-five acres of this land has practically been given away to an American lumber company. In return the Indians get the insignificant sum of \$200 a year, \$100 every six months.

It is ridiculous to believe that the company receives the land for that sum, but that is all it pays the Indians. Who gets the rest? The Indians claim that they were told to sign the agreement without a single signature to make it binding. If they do not receive their \$200 a year they have no means of redress. Someone else has given the company a lease, perhaps for twenty one years, perhaps for ninety-nine. The Indians do not know.

The Campbell River Lumber Company has its headquarters at Blaine, Washington, although described in the "agreement" as being of Hazelmore, B.C. It is stated in the "agreement" that it is by the wish of the Indians that the land is leased, yet the Indians are complaining that they do not even know what the "agreement" means.

Who gave sanction of this lease? Who was the man who told the Indians to sign? And who is the person who received the difference?

PRINCE AS GOVERNOR

Report That Arthur of Connaught Is Coming to Canada.

London, Sept. 29.—The court correspondent of the Daily Sketch today says:

"I can confirm, on very high authority, the statement made lately that Prince Arthur of Connaught will ultimately succeed his father as governor general of Canada. This is one of the reasons for his marriage being hurried forward since it was made a condition, when the appointment was first offered him, that he must be married before he took it over."

Ends Long Journey.

Ogden, Utah, Sept. 29.—Taken sick while walking from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast, Eric Nelson, 49 years old, of Southampton, L. I., was unable to battle an attack of typhoid fever because of his weakened condition from the long journey and died this morning at a hospital here.

MARINE DISASTER ON ALASKA COAST

Power Schooner Wasp Wrecked—Passengers and Crew Without Food for Five Days.

Nome, Alaska, Sept. 29.—The power schooner Wasp was wrecked off the mouth of Kuskokwim River.

She left Good News Bay, south of the Kuskokwim on August 24. The next day she was struck by a violent storm. She tried to anchor, but the anchor dragged and the vessel was driven upon a rock, which stove a hole in her. The six men who were on board launched a dory and set out to row to St. Michael. For five days they were in the small boat without food or water, and they were nearly dead when they arrived at St. Michael yesterday.

Besides Captain Charles Knudsen and his crew of three, there were on the Wasp Mr. A. N. Evans, commissioner of education for Alaska, and Mr. Frank Whiskey, former delegate to congress, and now a trader at Seamon Bay, Yukon delta.

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