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## OPPOSITION TACTICS

The forces opposed to Mayor Pattullo are doing all in their power to make an issue of the Hydro-Electric proposals. They want the mayor or to father the scheme, and then they will come along as the supposed protectors of the people.

Any fair minded citizen will see that these men are not sincere for then they would not use it for political purposes, nor to make an exhibition of spleen. A sincere opponent of the scheme would start an agitation to defeat the bylaw as such, and would keep so far away from its political aspect that no one could charge him with ulterior motives.

The mayor realizes as few do the seriousness of the power situation and he evidently believes that the Hydro-Electric proposals is the only speedy solution in sight, and surely we all have a right to our opinions. However the Council is submitting another alternative proposition to the people in the form of a municipal diesel oil plant. This might later become an auxiliary (and this will be necessary) and in the meantime serve the city very economically, while we are endeavoring to secure a stronger water power than the one we now have at Woodworth Lake.

It might indeed turn out that the people would turn down both of these schemes.

Perhaps the citizens would sooner stand a shortage of electricity and use the present expensive plant as an auxiliary than tie up with a private corporation, and in that case no time should be lost in developing the best water power available. Should that be the decision of the people at the polls there is no one who would quicker carry out those wishes in that respect than the present mayor.

The people must first consider however, whether or not this can be done. There is an amount something over a million standing out in short term treasury certificates that must be shortly financed. Besides this the first care of those in authority should be for the health of the citizens. Should there be a large inrush of people within the next year what about our water and sewers. We are even now badly in need of sewers, but with our population doubled the conditions would be serious. To settle the question of water and sewers will require anywhere from a half million to a million dollars. If we take even \$150,000 at present for our electric problem, what about the other million and a half, or two million that we must have. This is not intended as an argument in favor of the proposals. It is rather a concrete statement of the difficulties of financing our own scheme, and if those who favor it would explain this away a good many people would be brought to their way of thinking.

## NATIONALISTS ARE WILLING TO SIGN TREATY WITH UNIONISTS

JOSEPH DEVLIN SAYS NATIONALISTS READY TO GO ANY LENGTH SHORT OF SACRIFICING PRINCIPLE OF IRISH PARLIAMENT

London, Dec. 10.—The urgency of the problem of financing the new naval expenditure to which Mr. Asquith's latest speech bears witness, makes it more than ever imperative to settle the Irish problem by consent. Mr. Joseph Devlin's conciliatory speech on Sunday at Rathfriland, close to Avondale, the birthplace of Parnell, gains importance from the fact that he is regarded as Mr. Redmond's most pronounced Nationalist advisor.

Mr. Devlin said he welcomed Sir Edward Carson's latest attitude. The Irish Nationalists were willing to go any length short of sacrificing the principle of an Irish parliament to conciliate their fellow Unionist countrymen. They were willing to go a deal further than half way and to sign a lasting treaty of peace and goodwill.

Irresponsible politicians like Mr. Joynton-Hicks, M.P., who ousted Mr. Churchill from his Manchester seat are, however, busy keeping up the hearts of the party men. Mr. Joynton-Hicks said on Saturday at Warrington:

"The people of Ulster have, behind them, the Lord God of Battles. In his name and their name I say to the Prime Minister, 'Let your armies and batteries fire. Fire if you dare. Fire and be damned.'"

STEWART PROSPECTORS HAVE LONG HAD THEIR EYE ON THIS COUNTRY—A TRAIL IS NOW OPEN

As soon as the heavy snowfalls are over and the crust permits travelling by dog team several parties will be leaving Stewart to prospect for placer in the country which lies about eighty miles northwest of Meziaden Lake. This land of promise has been the goal gazed at with longing eyes by the prospector for years past, but until the opening up of the country by the Groundhog trail it has by lack of transportation facilities been rendered practically impregnable.

Hence lead those alluvial streams, the Unic, the Chimen, the Iskut and Stikine, from all of which at various times placer gold has been sluiced, but with Port Simpson or Telegraph Creek as the only bases from which supplies could be taken in, it has always been found impossible to prospect for any length of time, and the country has remained unexplored. The theory which is maintained by Bob Quinn and other prospectors of widespread experience who propose to test

this territory is that the alluvial deposits are to be found north of the shale and sandstone contact. As examples, they point out the shale existing on the Taltan and Tuya rivers, north of which lies the old Cassiar diggings. Again, south of Atlin is shale and coal croppings. Again it is found at Fir Fingers on the Yukon, beyond which lies Dawson; and in each case the auriferous region is equidistant from the contact. They therefore contend that when once north of the shale on the Naas, they will find themselves in a gold-bearing formation.

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