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A SILLY GRAND STAND POLICY

The policy of the opponent of Mayor Pattullo for the mayoralty chair is about the cheapest and most insipid thing Prince Rupert electors have been treated to. It is not only meagre but ridiculous in both its prospective and objective phases.

This opposition candidate for the chief office in the city bases his whole policy on the one promise that he will, if elected, consult with the banks having property interests in the city and discuss affairs with them, and after finding out where we are financially, take it up with the people. It looks like an attempt to make a burlesque of the election.

It is not possible for the opposition candidate, or any man possessed with average business intelligence, to go to the city hall and in half an hour find out just where this city stands financially. This may seem astounding to the ex-mayor when he remembers the mess he left the city accounts in a year ago. At that time it was impossible for any one to know how the city's finances stood. Candidate Newton him-

self nor his finance committee could tell within \$30,000 of where they were at. Subsequently it was even proved that an expert auditor couldn't untangle the mess with any degree of certainty.

Happily this state of affairs does not exist today. Mayor Pattullo and his council have been able to reorganize the accounting and if this was the only service they had done it is worth all the appreciation the electors could give.

With the information which this years council has made it easy to procure, the opposition candidate proposes to go to the people and ask them what to do. Why does he not get his information and ask the people now? He would probably be told that the city pays the mayor a salary to place business propositions before them and not for the purpose of asking silly questions.

A promise that he will ask the people what to do may sound well in the gallery at a smoker, but it is questioning the sanity of the electors to ask them to fall for such a policy. Prince Rupert wants a manager and adviser, not a second-class clerk.

sary capital to bring it to its maximum capacity. Before the above plant has reached anything like its full capacity, it would be necessary for the City to acquire other water power of much greater possibilities. Then it is that the lack of foresight would be seen, because, owing to the utility being burdened with: (1) The capital charges for its present steam plant and installation; (2) capital charges for the Woodward installation; (3) capital charges for an auxiliary plant; (4) capital charges for the development of a new or larger power; the interest and redemption would be such a heavy item that the utility would for all time be struggling under a heavy handicap. If on the other hand the Woodward plant were kept in commission, the cost of operating two plants and maintaining two transmission lines would put the operating costs so high that it would be as bad if not worse than if the Woodward plant were closed down.

I am of the opinion that before attempting to develop the Woodward water power that the City should use every endeavor to obtain a power of much greater possibilities.

Attached please find estimates for the portion of the work which comes under my regime.

Yours respectfully,

W. McGEORGE MASON,
City Engineer.

I estimate the cost of completing the hydro-electric bylaw, with the exception of the power plant and buildings, etc., as follows:

1. For the undertaking as set out in the Bylaw—	
Completion of submarine crossings.....	\$ 16,000.00
18-inch pipe line pumps to head of Shawatlans.....	53,500.00
45-inch pipe line Shawatlans to Woodworth.....	180,200.00
Dam and valve tower, etc.....	42,250.00
Distribution mains in City.....	33,050.00
Engineering expenses and contingencies.....	16,500.00

Total.....\$341,500.00

2. For work necessary to increase electrical output to 1800 h. p. Carried forward from above.....\$341,500.00

Additional 45-inch line from Woodworth.....180,200.00

Total.....\$521,700.00

3. For the completion of 18-inch pipe to Woodworth for water only—

Completion of submarine crossings.....	\$ 16,000.00
18-inch pipe line pumps to Woodworth.....	115,000.00
Dam and valve tower, etc.....	35,000.00
Distribution mains in City.....	33,050.00
Engineering and contingencies.....	9,950.00

Total.....\$209,000.00

The above amounts do not allow of any sum for financing. The present Bylaw is for \$550,000.00. The amount spent to date approximately \$320,000.00; available balance, \$230,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. McGEORGE MASON,
City Engineer.

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Prince Rupert, B. C., December 19th, 1913.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR,

Prince Rupert City Council, Prince Rupert, B. C.

Dear Sir: Attached hereto I beg to submit a number of calculations with reference to the cost of the City's hydro-electric development at Shawatlans and a Diesel oil unit in the City to serve as an auxiliary plant, also a number of comparisons of the City's own costs per k.w. hr. and the cost to the City based on the offer of the Prince Rupert Hydro-Electric Company.

In computing the cost of the respective units of the hydro-electric I have used the figures supplied by the City Engineer for the pipe lines and dam, and for the buildings, machinery and transmission line those of Mr. Thompson. I consider the figures will fully cover the construction, but I have not taken into consideration the cost of placing the bonds.

Yours respectfully,

T. C. DUNCAN,

Supt. Light Dept.

ESTIMATED COST OF CITY HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT

Proportional part of cost of dam.....	\$ 21,125.00
Proportional part of cost of 45-inch pipe line.....	143,670.00
Engineering expenses and contingencies 5% on above.....	8,239.75
900-h. p. water wheel and governor.....	6,500.00
500-k. w. star connected generator.....	7,000.00
One exciter with water wheel and governor.....	2,000.00
Switches, switchboard and bus bars.....	3,500.00
Lightning arresters.....	1,000.00
Foundations, erection and testing.....	5,000.00
Clearing of grounds.....	1,500.00
Power house building.....	6,000.00
Employees' residences.....	4,000.00
Transmission line.....	11,500.00

Total cost of first unit.....\$221,034.75

SECOND UNIT

900-h. p. water wheel and governor.....	\$ 6,500.00
500-k. w. star connected generator.....	7,000.00
One exciter with water wheel and governor.....	2,000.00
Switchboard, etc.....	1,000.00
Foundations, erecting and testing.....	5,000.00
18-inch pipe line from Woodworth Lake.....	64,000.00
Engineering expenses and contingencies on pipe line.....	9,000.00

Total cost second unit.....\$88,700.00

THIRD UNIT

Duplicate of second unit except pipe line.....	\$ 21,500.00
45-inch pipe line from Woodworth Lake.....	180,200.00
Addition to power house.....	2,500.00
Engineering expenses and contingencies on pipe line.....	9,000.00

Total cost of third unit.....\$213,200.00

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Very Few Passengers

The Prince Rupert had the small passenger list of the year this morning when she pulled out for the south. Evidently no one wants to leave Rupert during the festive season. The passengers were: C. Waite, W. Beveridge, J. R. Kwopel, H. T. McLeod, and eight round trippers.

NOTICE

I, the undersigned, for and on behalf of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company, Limited, have deposited with the Registrar of the Prince Rupert Land Registration District, Prince Rupert, B.C.:

(a) A description of wharf which this company proposes to construct in front of Lot No. 472, Granby Bay, B.C., said lot and the adjoining under-water lot upon which the wharf will be constructed being the property of the said Company.

(b) A general plan showing the position of the property relative to the proposed wharf.

(c) A general plan showing more particularly the relation of this wharf to the shore line, with cross-section of the proposed wharf showing type of construction.

F. M. SYLVESTER,
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will not be misled by the foolish statements that are being made. The law provides, and properly provides, that all matters of this kind must be submitted to the electors, in whose hands the final decision must rest. The matter, therefore, is entirely in the hands of the people themselves to decide. The Mayor and each Alderman has only one vote on the question, just the same as any other ratepayer, and I sincerely trust that no ratepayer will allow any personal prejudice to enter into the consideration of this question. The matter should be decided wholly and solely on its merits, and I think that the Council would have been recreant in its duty if, having arrived at the critical point at which the City has arrived with regard to electrical energy, it did not submit any possible and reasonable solution of the difficulty to the people themselves to make the final decision.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

T. D. PATTULLO,

Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE CITY ENGINEER.

Prince Rupert, B. C., 16th December, 1913.

T. D. PATTULLO, Mayor.

Dear Sir: As requested, I beg to report on the Hydro-Electric undertaking as follows:—

The quantity of water available for water supply and electrical purposes as set out in the original reports is conservative. In the reports the run-off from the Woodworth watershed was taken as 75 cubic feet per second; subsequent gaugings taken by the City during 1911 and 1912 show an average run-off of 79 cubic feet per second.

Looking at the proposition from an entirely independent standpoint, I am of the opinion that, to develop a water power with a capacity of only 1800 h. p. continuous, taking into account the almost immediate future requirements of this City, is not a sound policy. The ultimate power to be attained from that source is insufficient to warrant its prosecution and the sinking of the neces-

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