

FEDERAL DIVORCE LAW IS SHELVED AT OTTAWA

BRITISH PARLIAMENT VOTES DOWN TARIFF AMENDMENT-PRICE HALIBUT LOWEST IN HISTORY

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Woodworth Lake. That tells a sad but true story. Woodworth Lake, the only permanent water supply of the city of Prince Rupert, was given away by the Bowser-McBride machine to one C. M. Woodworth, at one time president of the Conservative Association of Vancouver, and the city of Prince Rupert was compelled to buy its water supply from this henchman of the Tory party at a cost of \$15,000. The lake took its name from the gentleman to whom Bowser and McBride compelled the city to pay \$15,000, so that there is at least \$15,000 in a name.

There may be a good many strangers in the city who are unaware of the fact that the government gave away the city's only water supply to a party heeler, and William Manson, the present member for the district and sycophantic follower of the Bowser-McBride outfit, as mayor of this city, negotiated the payment of the \$15,000 to the former president of the Conservative Association in Vancouver.

Perhaps this was to be expected from a government which reserved no street-ends for the city at the water's edge, which reserved no waterfront whatever for the city, and which gave away practically all the water powers adjacent to the city.

Speaking of water powers, if the government had acceded to the request of the three representatives of the city who appeared before the executive at the time of the incorporation of the city, all of these same water powers would now be available to the city. It was represented to the executive that the government which improvidently gave away a blanket charter to the Simpson Power Company should protect the city by cancelling the charter of the company, if necessary paying the company whatever monies it had expended. The representatives of the city went so far as to offer on behalf of the city that if the government would not pay these damages that the city would undertake the payment. Wm. Manson, the present member of the district, was present at this meeting of the executive and thought the suggestion an excellent one, but the premier, the great Sir Richard, plain Dick he was then, sat on our member mercifully and our member remained squelched. Instead of fighting the cause of the city to the bitter end, our member stood on his feet and lauded the wisdom of the government with some flattery.

Is there a Tory in the city who is brave enough to try to tell us in what way the provincial government has conserved the rights of the city in any particular? Let him come forth.

DIVORCE PROCEDURE BILL SHELVED FOR PRESENT TIME

MOVEMENT TO HAVE COMMITTEE CONSIDER THE QUESTION VOTED DOWN-APATHY IS SHOWN TOWARD THE MEASURE

(Special to The Daily News) favor. He pointed out that as the divorce procedure was based largely on the rules of the senate the committee would have to include members of both houses and therefore moved the adjournment of the debate. It is unlikely that anything more will be done this session. Many members are opposed to any change of the present procedure or the introduction of a federal divorce law.

PROPE ENJOYS BALL BY LEADING TEAMS

Great Crowd Turns Out to Witness Event—Chicago Team Won

(Special to The Daily News) Nice, France, Feb. 16.—Great crowds saw the New York team of the National league and the Chicago team of the National league give a fast exhibition of baseball here. The Chicago team won by 10 to 7.

FREIGHT RATES ORDER WILL SOON BE HANDED IN

(Special to The Daily News) Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The long awaited judgment on the western freight rate case is likely to be handed down before the end of the month by the railway commissioners.

Ladies' basketball game, married vs. single, of the Ladies' Own. Given for benefit of Men's Own gymnasium. In the Auditorium, Feb. 17th, 8 p. m. Admission 25c.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association will be held in St. Andrew's Hall, Thursday, Feb. 19, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may come before it. P. W. Anderson, Secretary.

Rupert's Balm Weather

Just when all of eastern America is shivering in the grip of a zero blizzard and deaths from the cold are reported throughout many states, Prince Rupert, away up in the northern Pacific, is basking in summer sunshine with the thermometer rivaling the summer records. If cameras could only photograph the weather we would have an advertisement that would bring visitors from far and wide.

Are you as a citizen interested in the water rights surrounding the city of Prince Rupert?

Future residents of Greater Prince Rupert will look to these streams for their water supply. The provincial government is taking off the reserve on these waters. What is Wm. Manson doing about it? See today's editorial.

WOULD BUILD BRIDGE OVER MORSE CREEK

Mr. Albert Offers to Submit Plans and Take Debentures for City's Portion

Mr. Albert of the Westholme Lumber company had a communication before the city council last evening offering to submit plans to the city for a reinforced concrete bridge over Morse creek. He stated that should his plans be acceptable he would be willing to accept the city's portion of the payment in city debentures. He would expect the Grand Trunk's share and government share to be in cash.

Ald. Kerr said the government money was ready any time but the Grand Trunk portion was more or less in the air. The communication was left to the Board of Works.

PRICE FRESH HALIBUT LOWEST EVERY KNOWN

Some Cheap Food Going on the Market Now—Over Stock of Frozen Fish Responsible

"Every day now we are buying and unloading six or eight small boats," said Mr. Sydney Smith of the Alin fisheries to The News this morning. "I never saw so many independent craft in the business before. It seems to be increasing and the fishing is good."

Just now unfortunately the price for fresh halibut is away down. In Seattle on Saturday it was two cents, but here they are still paying three cents.

Mr. Smith explains this as being due to the unloading of the big stock of frozen halibut. There were 22,000,000 pounds packed on the coast last year and the mild weather in the east has effected the sale of it, leaving some big stocks on hand at the end of the season. The price is being slaughtered.

It is not expected that the present cut prices will last long, and the fishermen will soon be getting an advance again. The present price is the lowest in the history of the business.

The Spokane will be in tomorrow night northbound.

ANOTHER LINER ASHORE NO DAMAGE SUSTAINED

(Special to The Daily News) New York, Feb. 17.—The Fabre liner Roma went ashore at "No Man's Land" with 500 passengers and 100 crew aboard. It refloated later and is on the way to Providence.

Port Edward offers ideal industrial sites. 39tf

AT THE THEATRES

Great Political Photo Play

At the Empress there is an intensely interesting photo play being shown tonight. It is a political story, the kind so popular just now. The play shows the pretense of an administration to give a clean government, while behind the scenes it is seething with graft. A young detective and charming girl unearth the corruption and bring the rogues to justice. There are also a couple of humorous films. Don't miss this programme.

At the Majestic

"Venomous Tongues" is the feature of a strong four reel programme at the Majestic theatre last night, and which kept the large audience present in a high pitch of excitement until the drop of the curtain in the second part. "His Wives Relations" is an exceedingly funny comedy, and with "Billy McGrath's Career," and "Apples of Sodom," makes up a very strong and fascinating bill. A decided acquisition to the Majestic theatre is the services of Mr. Prescott as leader of the orchestra. Mr. Prescott was formerly of the Westholme orchestra.

BIG CROWD AT THE WESTHOLME AGAIN

Last night's program at the Westholme was an extremely good one and was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole audience. The Pathe Gazette showed such interesting items as the Lord Mayor's show in London, visit of Prince Arthur of Connaught to Madrid, Ernest of Cumberland's arrival in Brunswick. "The Old Folks at Home" should appeal to everybody. "The Stolen Woman" is a good story, well acted, a perfect photo and interesting from start to finish. Talk about that Keystone; go and see it; it is a scream.

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THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME

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THE STOLEN WOMAN

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LOVE AND DYNAMITE

This is another funny Keystone worth while seeing.

Fitting Music with all of them

CITY SNIFF YACHT CONDEMNED AS UNSAFE

She Is Destined for the Garbage Dump and New Craft to Be Purchased

It is feared the city sniff yacht will not meet with the requirements of the new safety at sea laws and the city council is already preparing to send this worthy old craft to the scrap heap. At the city council meeting last evening Ald. Kerr said the old scow was about all in and asked that the purchasing agent be authorized to get prices on a new steel or wood dump scow suitable for garbage work.

Ald. Morrison said the city would soon need a bigger one and that it was not right to send the commodore to sea in the present craft.

The request will be acted on.

CLEARED NEARLY \$100 AT CATHOLIC SOCIAL

Ladies of Altar Society Gave a Very Successful Valentine Party Last Evening

A jolly big crowd took in the Valentine social at the Catholic social hall last evening. "It was a dandy social," to use the expression of one who was there. The hall was very prettily decorated with hearts, the Valentine emblem. The card tables and progressive cards were similarly decorated and the ladies all wore a little cupid's emblem on their gowns.

In the early part of the evening there was progressive bridge and from nine o'clock on there was a dance in the lower hall.

The honors at bridge were won by Mrs. Williams and Mr. Morgan.

The ladies of the society all labored faithfully and well to make it a success and are to be congratulated on clearing about one hundred dollars.

HAVE LOGGING CAMP ON BAKER'S INLET

Georgetown Sawmill Company First to Purchase Timber Under New System

The Georgetown Sawmill company yesterday took a gang down to Baker's Inlet to establish a logging camp there. This company recently purchased a small limit there for their own sawmill. They are the first to utilize the new timber law, which permits small purchases to be made under a tender system. The Georgetown company anticipates getting better results than from hand logging.

TARIFF AMENDMENT IS LOST AGITATION OVER PREFERENCE

BRITISH GOVERNMENT CAN ONLY OFFER COLONIES PREFERENCE BY TAXING FOOD—WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO WORK OUT

(Special to The Daily News) London, Feb. 17.—The tariff amendment was defeated by a majority of 74. Capt. Tryon, a Unionist, advocated imperial preference as far as possible without imposing fresh duties on imported foodstuffs by admitting colonial imports at a lower rate than the foreign imports. He would impose an ad valorem tax up to ten per cent on foreign manufacturers. Stanley Buckmaster said that such a policy of imperial preference could not exist. If the opposition desired a colonial preference they must tax food. It was impossible otherwise to give effective preference to the colonies. He instanced Canada as rapidly becoming an industrial country and the cost of production much lower in many industries than in Britain. He thought if a system of preference was adopted it must be gradually and the rate must be only what Canada would require for the cost of carriage.

WILL NOT WAIT FOR ESTIMATES COUNCIL VOTES TO START

OLD ESTIMATES ARE GOOD ENOUGH TO START ON—NO EXPLANATION AS TO WHERE MONEY WILL COME FROM

The city hydro-electric scheme and waterworks extension was the chief topic of discussion at last evening's city council. Three aldermen wanted detailed estimates to show what the whole work would cost and also where the money is to come from. The others want the work prosecuted immediately, trusting that heaven will send the money and that Engineer Thompson's estimates will be near enough.

The discussion came up on two different items of business. The board of works reported recommending that a roadway be constructed from tide water to Shawatlans lake for the conveyance of material, work to be done by day labor. Ald. Maitland and Dybbahn signed the report.

A Minority Report

Ald. Basso-Bert handed in a minority report as follows: "While I am anxious to see the hydro-electric started as soon as possible, I cannot approve of the committee's procedure in this connection. At an informal meeting of the council, in spite of the fact that no profile or estimates were available, and in spite of the fact that I strongly objected to proceed with an expenditure prior to having plans and estimates regularly submitted to the board of works, a resolution was passed instructing the city engineer to proceed with the work.

"The meeting not being a formal one, the resolution, consequently, could not be enforced. The city engineer was then instructed to rush in, and this in 24 hours, a sketch of the proposed road without a detailed estimate and quantities, but merely stating the cost in a lump sum.

"Gentlemen, I have had 15 years of practical experience in public works, gathered on three continents. I consider that the practice of proceeding with works without first ascertaining the cost of them is reckless and extravagant, and as a representative of the people, will see that such practice is, so far as I myself am concerned, not elevated to the dignity of a system."

Ald. Kerr said there seemed to be a clash between the members. He asked if there was any estimate.

Ald. Maitland said it was easy to get estimates. He read some of the old ones, claiming \$274,000 was required to complete the combined undertaking and that they had \$220,000 to go on. They would be only \$40,000 or \$50,000 short.

Acting Mayor Morrissey said it was an old matter of plans and specifications and had been before two councils and he could see no reason for controversy. To Ald. McClymont he admitted this roadway came under the hydro-electric scheme.

Ald. McClymont said the council were in unison in wanting to rush forward the hydro-electric scheme, which was vital to the city's interests. He considered it ill-advised to go ahead until they could see the tail as well as the head. We do not want to run short of money. We would be the laughing stock of the city. Some \$318,000 had already been spent and with the balance left the city will be \$65,000 or \$68,000 short of enough to finish it. It is easy to submit figures, but they are generally found to be short. We don't want to be left in the lurch.

The original report carried on a division, Ald. Basso-Bert voting against.

The board of works recommended that the city engineer

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