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"The newspaper, with the law, should assume the accused innocent until proven guilty; be the friend, not the enemy of the general public; be the defender, not the invader of private life and the assailant of personal character. It should be, as it were, a keeper of the public conscience."—Henry Waterson.

DAILY EDITION

MONDAY, MAY 8

## THE NEW CITY ASSESSMENT

It is not true that figures are dry reading, and can be made to support anything. Figures do not lie, though their users may. They condense into tabloid space a great fund of statement.

The assessment figures published on Saturday are of particular interest, and are worth studying, even by those who are rarely given to bothering about figures. The assessment shows where and how and to what extent the city council proposes to raise its revenues for the year.

Little difference is shown in the total between this year and last—a mere trifle of \$200,000 on a total assessment of over fourteen millions. At first sight this might lead the unthinking to suppose that the taxes will be about the same as last year. This is not so.

In last year's total the Grand Trunk Pacific was assessed for its properties a sum of approximately \$7,300,000. This year they are assessed at \$4,834,830. The Grand Trunk Pacific is either to be congratulated on a light assessment or condoned for the remarkable shrinkage in the value of its lots.

The new assessment maintains the old total by putting the deficiency onto the general public to make up. The general public is to be either condoned with on a high assessment, or congratulated on the remarkable increase in the value of its properties.

The difficult thing to realise is how the company's properties could shrink so in value during the year, and the general public's properties rise so in value, both of them being jumbled up in the same town.

In the meantime, the assessment is a warning to the general public to look for an increase in their tax bills, especially to those who own Section 1 property. The rate has not yet been announced, but it cannot under the Municipal Clauses Act exceed 15 mills.

It is obvious that the assessor has had to increase the assessment to the general public in order to retain the revenue and maintain the borrowing power of the city in the face of the proposed rebate to the Grand Trunk Pacific. It savours a good deal of robbing Peter to pay Paul. Of course if Peter doesn't mind—

## LAND PURCHASE NOTICE

**Skeena Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Islands**  
Take notice that I, John McLeod of Vancouver, occupation broker, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about seven miles west and two miles south of the mouth of Stanley Creek, where it empties into Naden Harbor, Graham Island, then 80 chains south, then 80 chains east, then 80 chains north, then 80 chains west to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.  
Dated March 17, 1911. JOHN McLEOD, Agent  
Pub. April 7.

**Queen Charlotte Islands Land District—District of Skeena**  
Take notice that I, J. G. McNab of Prince Rupert, occupation agent, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the south-east corner of Section 5, Township 2, Graham Island, and marked J. G. McNab, S. E. Corner, then 80 chains west, then 80 chains north, then 80 chains east, then 80 chains south to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.  
Dated March 8, 1911. J. G. McNAB, Agent  
Pub. March 25.

**Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range**  
Take notice that Jack Bedford of Keighley, Yorkshire, England, occupation over-looker, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at a point in the easterly boundary of timber limit 38229, then 80 chains west, then 80 chains north, then 80 chains east, then 80 chains south to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.  
Dated March 8, 1911. JACK BEDFORD, Agent  
Pub. March 25.

**Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range**  
Take notice that I, Clara May Little of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation agent, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the north-west corner of Lot 1735, Range 5, Coast District, then 80 chains west, then 80 chains north, then 80 chains east, then 80 chains south to point of commencement, containing 112 acres more or less.  
Dated April 4, 1911. CLARA MAY LITTLE, Agent  
Pub. April 15.

**Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range**  
Take notice that E. S. Dettwiler of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation agent, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the south-west corner of Lot 1925, then 80 chains west, then 80 chains north, then 80 chains east, then 80 chains south to point of commencement, containing 140 acres more or less.  
Dated March 31, 1911. E. S. DETTWILER, Agent  
Pub. April 15.

**Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range**  
Take notice that I, Andrew Cummings of Vancouver, B. C., occupation agent, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted three and one-half miles in an easterly direction from the point on Naas River where the Lava Lake trail begins, then 80 chains east, then 80 chains north, then 80 chains west, then 80 chains south to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.  
Dated March 31, 1911. ANDREW CUMMINGS, Agent  
Pub. April 15.

## LAND LEASE NOTICE

**Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range**  
Take notice that I, Hume Rabinington of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation agent, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted about 100 chains south of the Indian Reserve on the east side of Goose Bay on the east side of the Peninsula, then 100 chains along shore, then 80 chains north, then 80 chains west, then 80 chains east, then 80 chains south to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.  
Dated March 8, 1911. HUME RABINGTON, Agent  
Pub. April 15.

## Letters to the Editor

## Picnic Grounds

Editor Optimist.—A suggestion to the church and social organisations of Prince Rupert: "An ideal picnic ground exists at the mouth of Massett Inlet, on the Indian Reserve and North Beach. The distance is but eighty miles, from Prince Rupert and a new wharf has been erected. The first trip of the steamer Prince John would afford the wearied ones of Prince Rupert an opportunity to view the quaint village and to enjoy a day on the shores of the Inlet."

Yours,  
'A Massett Reader'

A store does not attempt to COMPETE in value giving, until it attempts to compete in ADVERTISING, with other stores. Then, of course, IT HAS TO BEGIN TO OFFER REAL VALUES.

Mr. P. Mullen, late head bar-keeper of the Royal Hotel, has accepted a similar position at the Central Hotel (Mr. Peter Black). Pete will be pleased to have all his old friends call on him there.

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## Lot 13, Bl. 1, Sec. 5

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\$10000

We have sold the 3 adjoining lots with-

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Limited.

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## THEY FAVOR RECIPROCITY

## Banquet and Speeches at Port Essington

## PRAISED THEIR HOST

**Mr. George Cunningham Gave Entertainment in Honor of the First Passengers to the Interior on the Steamer Port Simpson.**

(Special Correspondence)

Port Essington, May 5.—Captain George Cunningham of the Port Essington Hotel entertained the passengers of the Port Simpson, tendering them a banquet on the eve of their departure for the upper country, Barney Mulvaney presiding. In a brief speech he dwelt on the important part Port Essington had played in the development of the interior, and on how much the late Robert Cunningham had done to further its interests, and how his son George had carried on the good work. In expressing his regret that the construction of the G. T. P., so essential to the interests of the interior, should leave Port Essington out in the cold, he said that the assurance of the reciprocity movement going through, would mean to Port Essington a new lease of life beyond a doubt and within the next few years she would awake to a new and greater stage of prosperity.

Mr. Lackworthy responded and expressed himself as entirely agreeing with the idea of the reciprocity agreement. It would greatly help the country.

The whistle of the Port Simpson at 3.30 a.m. caused a stampede for the boat.

A vote of thanks was agreed on to Mr. George Cunningham for his generous entertainment.

## BOUND FOR IDITAROD

## Delayed Caused by Late Spring in North

## THREE WEEKS BEHIND

**Hopeful Miners Expect to Clean up \$5,000,000 Worth of Dust in Iditarod This Season. Equipment Coming in Fast.**

Travel to Alaska is very heavy, on account of a desire to descend the Yukon as soon as the ice breaks, in order to be early into the Iditarod diggings, where a spring clean-up of five million dollars of gold dust is expected.

The present season is much later than any for some time back and some delay will be caused to those waiting to get into the Iditarod and other points down the river. Harry Barrington, one of the oldest river boat captains, said that the present season is three weeks late.

A large amount of freight for the Iditarod is arriving. It includes part of the electric equipment to be installed at the new diggings.

There has been a persistent rumor that the rates on the White Pass & Yukon railroad will be reduced by one-third, but it is at present nothing more than a rumor, although passengers on the boats from Seattle have arrived here under the impression that the reduced rates have already been put in force.

## Some Rich Ore

A sample of the silver-lead ore in the Grand Mountain mine at Hazelton was brought here yesterday on the Operator. Various samples of the ore uncovered have assayed as high as \$350 a ton. There's going to be some fortunes wrung out of the ore in the Grand Mountain mine.

**Dance—Weekly dance every Saturday in the K. of P. Hall 4-26m**

The store that makes its advertising VALUABLE TO YOU earns your support. Every day some store's advertising is particularly valuable to you—and you can discover which store and what advertisement in a few moments.

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Dated Feb. 22, 1911. JOHN McLEOD, Agent  
Pub. Feb. 24.

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