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### THE GRAND TRUNK ASSESSMENT

be called upon to vote on the above question to bind the city to an the problem. Having thus got a view of the whole question, we may A considerable area of valuable agreement covering a long period of years, and owing also to the safely proceed to the more interesting work of examining the details timber is threatened. evident reluctance shown in certain quarters to discuss the question of the question at close range. with the citizens, the Daily News will print a series of editorial articles dealing with the various aspects of the question.

In so doing, there is no desire to sway the minds of the electors either for or against the proposed settlement. The aim will be to state the case fairly, without prejudice, without exaggeration, and without rhetorical appeal, letting the issues be clearly seen, and allowing the facts to make their own appeal to the individual mind. Our chief concern is not which way the electors will vote, but that the Mr. Chamberlin, and party they played between the Wanderers and electors may know what it is they are voting for or against.

### Article No. 1.—What is the Assessment Problem?

Before anyone can come to correct conclusions upon any subject, it is necessary that the subject be viewed at a proper distance first, in order that a right perspective be obtained. To stand too close to a big building is one of the surest ways of not seeing it correctly. The better way is to view it from afar first, to obtain a correct perspective view of its proportions and relations before commencing Measure Passes Second Reading left for the Skeena points and to investigate details. The same law holds good in the world of intangible as in tangible things.

To go back far enough to obtain a correct view of the assessment question it is necessary to go back to the time when Prince Rupert was only a name for a lot of muskeg and bush, on which the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company proposed to build a terminal city. At that time it was wild land practically devoid of value.

The first step the railway company took in the work of city building was to form a subsidiary company—the Development Company—to acquire the land in the vicinity and sell it to the public in small lots. The immense prices obtained by the company for the land which a few months before was practically devoid of value, was due to the assurance of the parent company that Prince Rupert was to be the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway according to the published plan of the Development Company. Without that assurance the land would have remained practically devoid of value.

All of the land was not vested in the Development Company to sell. Tracts of land required by the railway company for freight yards, sites for warehouses and shops, and the whole of the waterfrontage (with the exception of that owned by the Provincial Government) was withheld from sale, and remains vested in the parent company. This waterfrontage is held to be of great value, because it offers great facility for transportation work, having water transportation on its front, and rail transportation at its rear.

After the public sale of lots in May 1909 steps were taken to incorporate the city of Prince Rupert. In March of last year the charter of incorporation was granted. Under that charter, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the Development Company came in as contributories, along with the other citizens, as owners of lands within the city limits.

. The next step was to decide the proportion of taxation that each contributory was to pay. The Provincial Government on the recommendation of the charter committee of which Mr. William Manson was chairman, appointed an assessor to go over the townsite and assess the lands. The assessor appointed by the Provincial Government valued the waterfrontage and other property owned by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company at \$7,192,500 out of a total assessment for the city of \$12,234,642.50. That was in March 1911.

A court of revision was held for all citizens who wished to dispute their assessments, but the railway company entered no appeal. On

May 3rd Mr. E. J. Chamberlin, Vice-President and General Manager VANCOUVER IS of the company, visited Prince Rupert, and to a newspaper interviewer, as quoted in the Optimist of that date, in answer to the question, "What have you to say as to the first city assessment?" replied:

"I have nothing to say except that you've got it low enough." After the court of revision was over, and after many of the citizens had paid their tax bills, the company raised objections to their SUBSCRIPTION RATES—Daily, 50c per month, or \$5.00 per year, in advance.

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The original tax bill calculated at 15 mills on \$7,291,500 came to \$101,497.50. The Board of Trade acting as a mediator suggested that lial the assessment should be reduced to \$1,726,500, which would mean night a resolution was passed a reduction in the tax-bill to \$25,897.50. On November 4th, President offering to act as an intermediary Hays offered the city \$5,000 a year for twenty years.

On December 16th, the old council with Mr. D'Arcy Tate, solici ployers, in order to avoid the tor for the railway company held a long discussion, with the result threatened strike, if either side so that Mr. Tate agreed to submit to his company a proposal to settle desires. the dispute by reducing the assessment to a fixed sum of \$2,000,000 for a period of ten years. At a 15 mill rate this would mean a tax bill of \$30,000 yearly.

After the last municipal election, Mr. D'Arcy Tate returned to Seventy-five Men Busy Fighting Prince Rupert and resumed negotiations with the present council, with the result that he left on March 16th of this year with a new proposal to submit to his company that they should pay \$15,000 a year taxes for a period of ten years. This at a 15 mill rate is the equivalent to an assessment of \$1,000,000.

These are the main lines of the assessment dispute between the threatening forest fires in southern city of Prince Rupert and the Grand Trunk Pacific, which it is nec- and central Vaneouver Island be-Owing to the near approach of the time when the citizens will essary to bear in mind to preserve a correct mental perspective of tween Coldstream and Sooke Lake.

### TO MEET C. M. HAYS

### Council Makes Arrangements Wanderers Showed Prince Rufor All-important Discussion

On the arrival of Chas. M. Hays, will be met by the Mayor and Prince Rupert clubs last night. council, and arrangements will be The Prince Rupert club's staunch made for the important business supporters played well, but the meeting at which the various Wanderers won out by 1162 points. . relations of the G. T. P. with the Of course there will be a return city will be discussed.

### THE LORDS' VETO BILL

# in Upper House

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, May 30.-With the passing of the second reading of the veto bill in the House of Prince Rupert from the Islands. Lords tonight, the measure was He is kept exceedingly busy lookshelved until after the Coronation ing after the interests of his clients when the Lords will amend it in down below. committee. The bill passed without division.

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# Uncle Jerrys Inew

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