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SAURDAY, JUNE 3

STILL THERE IS NO AMBULANCE

Once again, the city has had the painful spectacle of seeing an injured workman with limb and bone crushed into pulp, jolted painfully through the streets on a jolting rig, for lack of an ambulance or even a stretcher system.

To the men at work in the rock cuts, on the railway track, and on the wharf, who are in constant danger of accident, the question is a serious one. So far, although the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company has donated \$500 towards the cost of a proper city ambulance, neither the city council nor the Hospital Board have even discussed the matter, though one body has been specially asked to do so.

Perhaps the knowledge that another unfortunate has been carried in a rig from the extreme west of the town to the Hospital, will waken up the authorities to a sense of their duty in the matter.

The question of an ambulance is of more importance than how to give voting power to an honorary president, or some of the unseemly bickerings which have marked the council proceedings of late.

THE GRAND TRUNK ASSESSMENT

Owing to the near approach of the time when the citizens will be called upon to vote on the above question to bind the city to an agreement covering a long period of years, and owing also to the evident reluctance shown in certain quarters to discuss the question 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 electors may know what it is they are voting for or against.

ARTICLE NO. 4—THE "BY-PRODUCTS" OF THE ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT

There are a number of chemical manufacturing processes like the production of soda cake and those industries that Sir John Brunner and Mr. Alfred Mond specialized in, where the by-products, properly treated were shown to be of enormously greater value than the main product which evolved them. Incidentally, millions were picked up thereby from the waste heaps of Lancashire and the Black Country.

Such is the situation in regard to the proposed assessment agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific. The first and obvious product would be the reduction of the company's tax bill from the original amount of \$101,497 to \$15,000 at the expense of the private lot-owners. That is a simple matter. But the matter does not end there. Arising out of this main product there would be a harvest of by-products, which completely overshadow in their totalled magnitude the main product of the agreement.

The effect upon the general assessment has been dealt with in a previous article, and is already noticeable on this year's assessment of the privately owned lots. Other re-actions which will be dealt with in this series, among other things, will be the re-actions on the real estate market; the re-actions on the mercantile interests; the re-action on the labor market; the re-action on the waterfront development and manufacturing development of the city; the re-actions on the borrowing power of the city, and the municipal enterprises, and a discussion of alternative methods of dealing with the question. The term re-action is used in its scientific sense, to denote sequence of effects, and is not intended to imply that the effects are necessarily retrograde.

The first re-action that the proposed assessment settlement would have—quicker even in its effect than any re-action of the real estate market, which is always very susceptible to external influence—would be on the borrowing power of the city. This is because a money by-law is to be submitted to the people in three weeks. Indeed it would be most likely that the money by-law, asking sanction for the borrowing of a sum of \$500,910 for a water-works would be submitted on the same day as the sanction to reduce the Grand Trunk Pacific assessment to \$15,000 a year.

Under the Municipal Clauses Act, the limit of the borrowing powers of British Columbia cities is fixed at 80 per cent of the assessment. At fifteen mills on the dollar (which was last year's tax rate) a payment of \$15,000 would make the Grand Trunk Pacific company's property rank as security for civic borrowings as equivalent to \$1,000,000 of assessment.

If the tax rate should be greater than 15 mills, the value of the railway company's property as security for borrowings, would be even less than a million. Thus at 20 mills the city could only borrow on it as if it were worth three quarters of a million.

In other words, for every million dollars of exemption the citizens grant, there is a shrinkage in the borrowing power of the city of \$800,000. To reduce the Grand Trunk assessment from \$7,291,000 as it was last year to \$2,819,500 as it is this year means a shrinkage in the city's borrowing power of \$3,569,600. To still further reduce it to \$15,000 a year as the present agreement proposes, means at the lowest computation—at a 15 mill rate—a further reduction of \$1,451,600. When it is remembered that the money so capable of being borrowed is the city's capital, the magnitude of this first by-product of the proposed agreement will be clearly seen. A step which means the cutting off of millions of capital is a serious one. Cities are as dependent on their capital as all other corporations. It is lack of capital which usually drives cities into the arms of electric light, and gas, and power, and street railway, and waterworks companies.

It may be pointed out by some that by increasing the assessment

of the private lot-owners by 66 per cent, the assessor has made up over three millions of the four millions which he has taken from the railway company's share of taxation, and thus in large part preserved the city's borrowing power. This is true—on paper. But the consequences of attempting large borrowing on the basis of a speculative-value were indicated in this column on May 19th last, in an article entitled "The Dangers of a Speculative-Value Assessment."

And granting the force of the argument to the full, granting that the inflated values shown on the assessment will pass unquestioned on the money markets, the fact still remains that over four millions of assessment have been removed, upon which capital for civic enterprises could have been raised, and that efforts are being made to still further exempt the railway company's property from taxation.

The argument is capable of extension. If private lots which last year were worth \$4,700,822 as a basis for borrowing, are this year valued at \$7,820,830, an increase of 66 per cent, then the railway company's lands which last year were valued at \$7,291,500 should at the same rate of increase be security for borrowing \$9,722,000, and the city's capital instead of being impaired by a loss of \$5,021,200 if the proposed agreement is ratified, is actually being impaired by a loss of \$8,910,000.

The matter does not end here, but enough has been shown on this phase of the subject to make clear the duty laid on those who send the agreement on to the citizens, to explain the nature of the document before inviting the citizens to support it.

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SAYS SHE HAS BEEN "LISTED"

Mrs. Wm. B. Leeds Tells of a Form of Marriage Brokerage

(Colonial Press Despatch)

June 3.—Mrs. William B. Leeds, wife of the American multi-millionaire, who, in a speech before a coterie of wealthy United States citizens now temporarily residing in Paris, declared that she had discovered a plot on the part of French detective agencies to furnish fortune-hunting noblemen with information regarding eligible American women of prominence in the



MRS. WM. B. LEEDS

financial world. Mrs. Leeds declares that she herself has been placed on the market by these would-be marriage bureaus, and as a result has received several distinctly unflattering offers of marriage from needy nobility. The matter has been brought to the attention of the authorities, and it is expected that a thorough investigation, with many arrests, will follow.

NO COURT TILL JUNE 19

News of Altered Date for Supreme Court, Civil Cases, Received Today.

Word was received from Victoria this morning by Mr. Arthur Cuthbert, the Court Registrar, that the sitting of the Supreme Court here for civil cases has been adjourned from June 15 to June 19.

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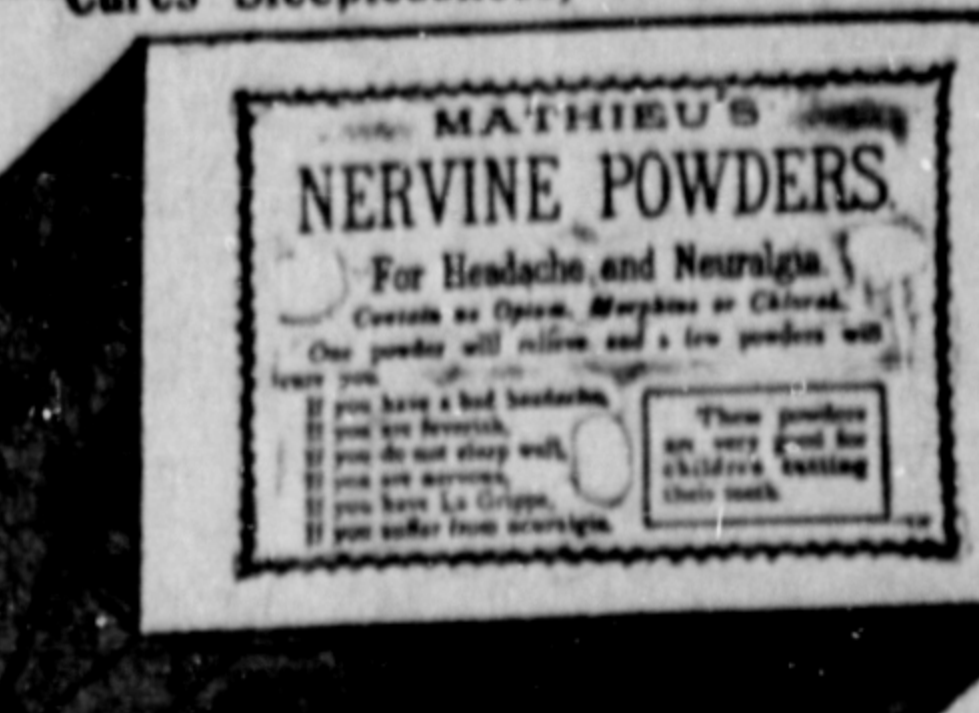
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NON-EMPLOYMENT IN VANCOUVER

Major Gibson Just Returned to Rupert Talks on Strike

Major Gibson returned to the city by the Prince George this morning after a six week's stay down below. At the time he left Vancouver there was a good deal of talk about the impending general strike.

"Tonight," said Major Gibson, "a mass meeting will be held in the Horse Show Building when the men will decide on their campaign. Business men in Vancouver are not greatly disturbed at the prospect of the strike. There are so many unemployed in the city just now. There will be any amount of labor available, indeed, there is more than enough now. I saw many signs of unemployment on the streets when I came away. Young fellows evidently respectable and unaccustomed to the job were carrying sandwich boards, and I tell you they looked hungry. And the trains keep pouring in new batches of them. The trouble is that the newly arrived immigrants have not got their bearings yet, and are not up to the new conditions. My impression of the labor situation at Vancouver is that much misery will be caused by the strike, and I do not see how the men can win."



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Take notice that I, William John Corbett, of the County of Skeena, do hereby declare that I have purchased the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot 3085, Range 5, Coast District, then south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.
Dated April 8, 1911. WILLIAM JOHN CORBETT
Pub. April 29.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5, Coast District.
Take notice that I, John H. MacIntyre, do hereby declare that I have purchased the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted about one mile and one-half mile west and one mile north from the mouth of Stanley Creek, thence south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.
Dated March 17, 1911. JOHN H. MACINTYRE
Pub. April 22.

Coast Range 5 Land District.
Take notice that I, John H. MacIntyre, do hereby declare that I have purchased the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of Lot 3085, Range 5, Coast District, then south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.
Dated March 17, 1911. JOHN H. MACINTYRE
Pub. April 15.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5, Coast District.
Take notice that I, John H. MacIntyre, do hereby declare that I have purchased the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted on the side of Echemuska River, about 1-1/2 miles west and two miles north of the mouth of Stanley Creek, thence south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.
Dated April 22, 1911. JOHN H. MACINTYRE
Pub. April 29.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5, Coast District.
Take notice that I, Mary C. G. G. do hereby declare that I have purchased the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted two miles south and (2) two miles west of the mouth of Stanley Creek, thence south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.
Dated April 20, 1911. MARY C. G. G.
Pub. May 13.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5, Coast District.
Take notice that I, Catherine Harrison, do hereby declare that I have purchased the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted about one mile west and half a mile south from the mouth of Stanley Creek, where it empties into the harbor, thence south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.
Dated April 20, 1911. CATHERINE HARRISON
Pub. May 13.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5, Coast District.
Take notice that I, Alice M. Knowlton, do hereby declare that I have purchased the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted about one mile west and half a mile south from the mouth of Stanley Creek, where it empties into the harbor, thence south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.
Dated April 20, 1911. ALICE M. KNOWLTON
Pub. May 13.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5, Coast District.
Take notice that I, John Ivan Peterson, do hereby declare that I have purchased the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted about one mile west and half a mile south from the mouth of Stanley Creek, where it empties into the harbor, thence south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.
Dated April 20, 1911. JOHN IVAN PETERSON
Pub. May 13.

Stikine Land District—District of Coast Range 5, Coast District.
Take notice that I, Sydney Hodgkinson, do hereby declare that I have purchased the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted about one mile north east from the mouth of Stanley Creek, thence south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.
Dated Feb. 10, 1911. SYDNEY HODGKINSON
Pub. April 7.

Stikine Land District—District of Coast Range 5, Coast District.
Take notice that I, Christian A. Terro, do hereby declare that I have purchased the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted about one mile north east from the mouth of Stanley Creek, thence south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.
Dated Feb. 10, 1911. CHRISTIAN A. TERRO
Pub. April 7.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5, Coast District.
Take notice that I, J. H. Murphy, do hereby declare that I have purchased the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted about one mile west and half a mile south from the mouth of Stanley Creek, thence south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.
Dated March 17, 1911. J. H. MURPHY
Pub. April 22.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5, Coast District.
Take notice that I, William Melville, do hereby declare that I have purchased the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted about one mile west and half a mile south from the mouth of Stanley Creek, thence south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.
Dated April 6, 1911. WILLIAM MELVILLE
Pub. April 29.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5, Coast District.
Take notice that I, Charles A. Valente, do hereby declare that I have purchased the following described lands:
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Dated April 21, 1911. CHARLES A. VALENTE
Pub. April 29.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5, Coast District.
Take notice that I, Mrs. John Corbett, do hereby declare that I have purchased the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted about one mile west and half a mile south from the mouth of Stanley Creek, thence south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.
Dated March 8, 1911. MRS. JOHN CORBETT
Pub. April 15.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5, Coast District.
Take notice that I, Hume Hargrave, do hereby declare that I have purchased the following described lands:
Commencing at a post planted about one mile west and half a mile south from the mouth of Stanley Creek, thence south 20 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.
Dated March 8, 1911. HUME HARGRAVE
Pub. April 15.