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THE MAYOR'S RETIREMENT

The news conveyed by the Mayor's organ that he intends to retire from municipal politics will occasion no surprise. The decision was expected. The Mayor has had ample opportunity during the last few weeks to survey the handwriting on the wall. The lesson has not been lost on him.

At the time Mr. Manson announced his intention to enter municipal politics, the News advised him to reconsider his decision. We took the ground that no man could serve two masters—that it was impossible for one man to be Mayor of Prince Rupert and member for Skeena at the same time without sacrificing one or the other duty. Events have proved that Mr. Manson has sacrificed each in turn. And on top of all his difficulties, has been the added difficulty that always confronts a politician who enters municipal affairs—the inability to keep politics out of the city business.

Now that Mr. Manson has decided to withdraw from municipal affairs, it would be a good opportunity for the best of the citizens to agree together to eliminate party politics from the city administration. Mr. Manson's friends might very well lead in this excellent work. By inducing some competent business man, disassociated from both political parties to stand for Mayor, by selecting aldermanic candidates for their administrative ability instead of for their party fidelity, they might show an excellent example of civic patriotism, that would do them honor.

There is one thing Mr. Manson might do—ought to do—to prove his sincerity as a representative of Prince Rupert in the legislature. He should introduce a bill in the legislature, giving Prince Rupert the power, whenever a majority of her citizens so decide, to have government by commission. Only in that way does the ultimate hope of the city's best interest lie.

At present we are under a strange tyranny. Even if every voter in Prince Rupert wanted commission government, we could not have it. Attorney-General Bowser for some reason struck his pen through the modified demand of the citizens that they be allowed to appoint comptrollers. Until a special Act is passed giving us the right to have commission government we cannot institute it.

The right of a community which has to supply the taxation, to decide what form of local government it will have to administer it, is so manifest as not to require argument. The first thing Mr. Manson should do at Victoria when the legislature reopens is to bring forward a bill giving to the city of Prince Rupert the elemental right to choose what kind of civic government it shall have.

PASSING COMMENT

The Vancouver News Advertiser says that Prince Rupert has expectations of becoming the second largest port on the British Columbian coast.

Not at all. Prince Rupert has expectations of making Vancouver the second largest port on the British Columbian coast.

Tonight, Alderman Newton will have one more splendid opportunity to move that steps be taken to abolish the ward system. Watch him take advantage of it.

There is one good thing to be said in favor of Alderman Newton. Though slow to learn, he believes in copying good examples. Have you noticed how he is remodelling his newspaper to look like the News—at a distance.

FRED A. CLARKE RETURNS TODAY

Young Man Honorably Acquitted from the Serious Charge of Forgery will Remain in Rupert.

Frederick V. Clark, the young Prince Rupert, and who was honorably acquitted at Vancouver recently of the charge of forgery laid against him, returned to the city by the G. T. P. steamer Prince Albert this morning. Mr. Clark is naturally relieved at the result of the trial. His acquittal was the result of the closest possible investigation of the handwriting on the post office money order he was supposed to have forged in the name of his friend Charles Wormald, and stinging examination and cross examination under which he answered all questions unswervingly.

In his charge to the jury Mr. Justice Murphy drew attention to the straightforward demeanour of the accused under examination, and to his undoubtedly first rate character and reputation up to the time of his accusation. Counsel had shown how easy it might be to find similarities in handwriting by different persons. If the jury thought Clark guilty they would be branding him one of the worst types of criminal, a man who would forge the name of his friend. The young man's unblemished record did not seem to bear this out.

After twenty minutes consideration of the evidence, using strong magnifying glasses upon the documents produced in connection with the case the jury returned their verdict, honorable acquitting Clark. Mr. Clark will remain in Prince Rupert where he has many friends.

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