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#### HOW SPOKANE DID IT-A STUDY IN GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION

Among the larger cities of the United States to adopt the commission form of government is the city of Spokane, which at the last census had a population of 104,402.

Spokane had grown up on a "mayor and council" form of civic government. She had inherited most of the evils that grow out of the mayor and council form of government. There was friction between the civic departments. There was a multiplicity of departments and employees. There was inadequate supervision, because it is impossible for a council spending but one evening a week-no matter how honest and competent—to properly administer the affairs of a large and growing city.

Worse than this there was a grevious waste and lax administration of the city's affairs, due to lack of business heads and systems of close checking in the civic departments.

Fortunately Spokane had a progressive mayor in the person of Hon. N. S. Pratt. He realised the failure of the mayor and council system, and in October, 1909, addressed an open letter to the people of Spokane in which after instancing the failure of their existing municipal system, he urged the wisdom of a change to the commission form of government. He followed up the open letter, by appointing a committee of seventeen leading citizens to investigate and report on an advisory charter of the commission type.

The city council of that date were wedded to their idols. They threw every hindrance in the way of Mr. Pratt, and the committee of seventeen. In its later stages, the fight for progressive government in Spokane resolved itself into a fight between the citizens and their unrepresentative representatives.

After the committee of seventeen had made a five months investigation of the charters of all the commission systems then in vogue in the United States, they reported to the mayor, recommending the adoption of commission government for Spokane. The mayor passed the report on to the council, recommending that they appoint a special election to choose freeholders for a charter committee. The city council ignored the recommendation and sat tight.

Next a petition of citizens, backed by the mayor in person, described lands: requested the council to act. The council ignored the citizens, too.

Finally a voluntary committee of citizens filed a petition that east 30 chains, thence north 60 chains, made the council sit up and take notice. The petition bore the names bank of river to point of commencement: of five thousand and seventy-five qualified electors of Spokanr, and after several delays the city council made a show of consenting.

It was not, however, until angered by a year's delay the citizens' committee obtained a mandamus from the Supreme Court of Washington ordering the appointment of a charter committee, that an engineer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: election was permitted by the council.

Even after their charter had been adopted by the citizens of Spokane legal proceedings were instituted attacking the validity of the new charter. The Supreme Court, however, in a decision upheld the commission charter' and Spokane, despite the opposition of the interests, was left free to adopt business like mehods for the transaction of civic business.

Although under commission government for less than a year, its benefits have been made very clear in Spokane. Harmony has been brought about between the corporation and its employees. Padded payrolls and needless employees are a thing of the past. Red tape has been abolished. A system of close checking upon expenditures has effected a great saving of public money. The five commissioners devote the whole of the time to the city business, giving it as much attention as if they were working for a private corporation. The credit of the city has been placed on a high basis, saving interest on the city's bonds, and strengthening the city's standing in the bond for permission to purchase the following described

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market. Above all a great public interest, a better public spirit and an improved moral tone in relation to civic affairs has been brought about.

The method whereby this has been achieved will form the subject of several articles in this column in the future.

#### PASSING COMMENT

The tradesmen in the city are incensed at the action of the council in holding up the checks of certain contractors. Just as in the Prud homme case the reason why is obvious. Just as in the Prudhomme case, it is likely to end up with the citizens having to pay a legal bi! for the council's fun in playing a child's game of politics. The trades men are incensed because it is they, and not the contractors who suffer most from the council's tardiness in paying its bills.

There is no truth in the absurd rumor that the Mayor insists on paying double rates for all the groceries and household goods he buys from party supporters. It is only in civic advertising that hepays double rates—and then of course it's out of the public purse. It



L. VICTOR GILLARD

Leading man and director of the May Roberts Company

### LAND PURCHASE NOTICES

Skeena Land District-District of Coast Range Take notice that LcRoy F. Grant of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation civil engineer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following

Commencing at a post planted about 3 1-2 miles in a northerly direction from the northeast corner post of Lot 1389, Range 5, Coast District, thence LEROY F. GRANT Dated Sept. 9, 1911. Pub. Oct. 14, Gordon C. Emmerson, Agent

Skeena Land District-District of Coast Range Take notice that I, Christopher James Graham of Prince Rup rt, B. C., occupation locomotive Commencing at a post planted at the so west corner of Lot No. 1733 vicinity of Lake Lakelse and marked Christopher J. Graham N. E. Corner, thence west 40 chains, thence south

80 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence north 80 chains to post of commencement; containing CHRISTOPHER JAS, GRAHAM, Locator

Skeena Land District—District of Cassiar Take notice that R. H. Stewart of Vancouver, C., occupation truckman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described

Commencing at a post planted 40 chains south the Naas River (S. W. C.), thence 40 chains east, thence 40 chains north, thence 40 chains west, thence 40 chains south to the point of commence RICHARD HOWARD STEWART James T. Fullerton, Agent

Take notice that Harold E. Smith of Morely, Alta., occupation station agent, intends to apply

from N. E. vorner of Lot 1116, Harvey's Survey Coast District Range 5, thence 40 chains east thence 80 chains north, thence 40 chains west Dated Sept. 18, 1911. HAROLD E. SMITH Fred W. Bohler, Agen

broker, intend to apply for permission to pur-

corner post of Lot 1389, Range 5, Coast District, thence north 40 chains, thence west to river bank, thence south following river bank to point of commencement; containing 160 acres, more or Dated Sept. 9, 1911. GORDON C. EMMERSON Pub. Oct. 14.

Skeena Land District-District of Coast Range V N. D., occupation merchant, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described

BENJAMIN A. FISH Dated June 24, 1911. Fred E. Cowell, Agent Pub. July 25.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range 5 Take notice that Hiriam Roy McTavish of Winnipeg, Man., occupation barrister, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following

N. E. corner of Lot 1116, Harvey's Survey Coast for permission to purchase the following describ-District Range 5, thence 60 chains east, thence ed land 60 chains north, thence 60 chains west, thence 60 Dated Sept. 18, 1911 HIRIAM ROY McTAVISH north, thence 40 chains west, thence 80 chains Fred W. Bohler, Agent

Skeena Land District-District of Coast Range V Dated July 7th, 1911. Take notice that Jesse M. Tallman of Cedar Pub. Aug. 5th. Rapids, Iowa, occupation lawyer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following

shore of Kutzymateen Inlet on the right bank of a small stream flowing into said Inlet just east lowing the shore lines of Crow Lake, the Inlet Dated Aug. 9, 1911. Pub. Aug. 12.

## LAND PURCHASE NOTICE

Skeena Land District—District of Coast Range Take notice that E. H. G. Miller of Falmout Eng., occupation surveyor, intends to apply fo permission to purchase the following described

20 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 60 acres more or less. E. H. G. MILLER Dated August 15, 1911. P. M. Miller, Agent

Skeena Land District-District of Coast Range Take notice that R. F. Miller of Tipton, England, occupation farmer, ntends to apply for permission to purchase the following described

west from the N. W. Corner of Lot 4406, thence south 40 chains, thence east 20 chains to point of commencement containing eighty acres Dated August 19 1911.

Take notice that Frank S. Miller of London Eng., occupation civil engineer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described

west 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less. Dated August 15, 1911. to the two men high above him. Pub. Aug. 26.

Take notice that Lottie McTavish of Vancouver, occupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described

Commencing at a post planted at the north from N. E. corner of Lot 1116, Harvey's Survey Coast District Range 5, thence 20 chains sout Dated Sept. 18, 1911. Fred W. Bohler, Agent

Bella Coola Land District—District of Coast Range land, occupation gentleman, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described

Neclectsconnay River about 10 chains west of Indian Reserve Line thence west 60 chains following the channel of Neclectsconnay River, f Bella Coola River, thence following channe of Bella Coola River easterly 60 chains, north Dated August 28, 1911. William McNair, Agent

Skeena Land District-District of Coast Range Take notice that Herbert J. Mackie of Pembroke, Ont., occupation lumberman, intends to sea" fancies. Anyhow it was Brand's apply for permission to purchase the following

Commencing at a post planted on the left of the Zymoqoitz or Zim-a-got-itz River, at south-Commencing at a post planted on the east | west corner of Lot 1706, thence northerly, following point of commencement containing 160 acres

> Dated August 21, 1911. HERBERT J. MACKIE Frederick S. Clements, Agent

Located August 19, 1911.

Skeena Land District-District of Cassiar Take notice that I, Thomas Carter, of Prince Rupert, occupation carpenter, intend to apply

Commencing at a post planted about one mile south from the mouth of Falls creek and about 150 feet back from the beach, thence 80 chains ment, containing 320 acres more or less. THOMAS CARTER.

Take notice that I, Thomas McClymont of

broker, intend to apply for permission to purchase to Crow Lake and Kutzeymateen inlet to the chains to shore of lake, thence following shore place of commencement, containing forty acres of lake in a northerly direction to point of commencement; containing 320 acres, more or less JESSE M. TALLMAN Dated Sept. 5, 1911. THOMAS McCLYMONT

So Jones passed four hours with his head and shoulders in the temperature of a Turkish bath and the lower fifty quid," he groaned. part of his body chilled to the bone. He thought nothing of it at the time. This was duty. But at intervals, throughout the rest of his life, the sci-

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atic nerve would remind him of that lonely watch. This morning he was one." convalescent after a painful immobility of two days. Watching the boat, Jim centered her in the teloscopic field, and looked anxiously for a sharp arrow-shaped ripple on the surface of the sea.

now kissed the smiling water into dimples, and his keen sight was perplexed by the myriad wavelets. Each minute the condition of affairs on board became more defined. neath some oars ranged along starboard side he could see severa tins, such as contain biscuits compressed beef. The shapeless mass in the bows puzzled him. It was partly covered with broken planks from

damaged portion of the upper works, and it might be a jib-sail fallen there when the mast broke. The birds were busy and excited. He did not like that. Nearly half an hour passed. The

Princess Royal, a fine vessel of yachtlike proportions, sprinting for the afternoon train, was about eight miles away, sou'-west by west. According to present indications steamer derelict would be abreast of the Gulf Rock Light simultaneously, but the big ship, of course, would give a wide berth to a rock-strewn shoal. At last the lighthouse-keeper heard

ascending footsteps. This was not Stephen Brand, but Jones. Jim, whose rare irritated moods found safety in stelid silence, neither spoke nor looked around when his chief joined him, binoculars in hand.

and rigid adherence to framed rules, found the boat instantly, and pitulated Jim's inventory, eliciting grunts of agreement as each item was ticked off.

A clang of metal beneath caught their ears-the opening of the stout doors, forty feet above high-water mark, from which a series of iron rungs, sunk into the granite wall, led to the rocky base. "Brand's goin' to swim out. It's

hardly worth while signalin' to the Land's End," commented Jones. No answer. Jim leaned well over and saw their associate, stripped to his underclothing, with a leather belt supporting a sheath-knife slung across his shoulders, climbing down the ladder.

This taciturnity surprised Jones, for Jim was the cheeriest nurse who ever brought a sufferer a plate of soup. "It's nothing for a good swimmer, is it?" was the anxious question.

'No. It's no distance to speak of. "An' the sea's like a mill-pond?" "Ay, it's smooth enough." 'Don't you think he ought to try it!

Every fine morning he has a dip off the rock. "Well, if it's all right for him an you it's all right for me.

Jim had urged his plea to the man whom it chiefly concerned. He was far too sporting a character to obtain the interference of authority, and Jones, whose maritime experiences were confined to the hauling in or paying out of a lightship's cable, had not the slightest suspicion of lurking ken

danger in the blue depths. a few seconds later, Brand's head and shoulders swung into view. dozen vigorous strokes he rolled over on to his side, and waved his left hand

With a sweeping side stroke made rapid progress. Jones, unen cumbered by knowledge, blew through

"He's a wonderful chap, is Brand he said. contentedly. "It licks me what a man like him wants messin' about in the service for. He's eddi cated up to the top notch, an' he has money, too. His lodgin's cost the whole of his pay, the missus say an' that kid of his has a hospita nuss, if you please."

Jones was grateful to his mates for their recent attentions. He was inclined to genial gossip, but Jim was Take notice that H. M. Cliff of Dundalk, Ire- watching the boat curving towards the lighthouse. The high spring tide was at the full. So he only growled. "You can see with half an eye he

has taken on this job for a change. wish he was in that blessed boat.' Jones was quite certain now that his subordinate harbored some secre

fear of danger. "What's up?" he cried. "He'll board her in two ticks."

On no account would the sailor men tion sharks. He might be mistaken and Jones would guffaw at his "deep A friend might advise; would never tattle.

The head-keeper, vaguely excited, peered through his glass. Both boat Brand had resumed the breast stroke. The swing of the tide carried the broken bow towards him. He was not more than the boat's length distant when he dived suddenly and the cormorants flapped aloft. A black fin darted into sight, leaving a sharply divided trail in the smooth patch of water created by the turning of the derelict.

Jones was genuinely excited now. "My God!" he cried, "what is it?" "A shark!" yelled Jim. "I knew it. warned him. Eh, but he's game is the cap'n.

"Why didn't you tell me?" roared Jones. Under reversed conditions he would have behaved exactly as Jim

But it was no time for words. The men peered at the sudden tragedy with an intensity hundred yards away in reality, magnifying glasses brought this horor so close that they could see-they almost thought they could hear-its tensely dramatic action. The rapidly moving black signal reached the smail eddy caused by the man's disappear-

ance. Instantly a great sinuous shining body rose half out of the water, and a powerful tail struck the side of the boat a resounding whack. Jim's first expletive died in his

"He's done it!" Jones heard him say. "He's ripped him. Oh, bully! May the Lord grant there's only one. For a single instant they saw the dark hair and face of the man above the surface. The shark circled about and rushed. Brand sank again, and again the giant man-eater writhed in agonized contortions and the sea showed masses of froth and dark ously vacant way. blotches. The flutterings of the birds became irregular and alarmed. Their wheeling flights partly obscured was not proof against the jar of inevents below. The gulls, screeching credulity induced by this statement, their fright, or it might be interest, Had Brand said "a tiger," he could morants sailed in circles aloft.

with perspiration. "I wouldn't have had it happen for

"I wouldn't ha' missed it for a hundred," yelped Jim. "It's a fight to the finish, an' the cap'n 'll win. ain't another sea-lawyer on the job, an' Brand knows how to handle this

Skeena Land District District of Our Their mate's head reappeared and Jim relieved the tension by a mighty

"He'll swim wild now, Brand. Keep out of his track."

Sure enough, the ugly monster bebreeze which had vanguished the fog gan to thrash the water and career around on the surface in frantic convulsions. The second stab of the knife had reached a vital part. Brand, who perhaps had seen a Malay diver handling his life-long enemy, coolly struck out towards the stern of the boat. The shark, churning the sea into a white foam, whirled away in blind pursuit of the death which was

> the folds of the sail into the boat. "Glory be!" quavered Jones, who was a Baptist. Jim was about to chant his thanks in other terms when his attention was

rending him. The man, unharmed but

somewhat breathless, clambered over

caught by Brand's curious actions. In stepping across the after thwart he stopped as though something had stun ghim. His hesitation was mom-Pressing his left hand to mouth and nose, he passed rapidly forward, stooped, caught a limp body by the belt which every sailor wears, and, with a mighty effort, slung i into the sea, where it sank instantly. So the shark, like many a human congener of higher intellect, had only missed his opportunity by being too precipitate, whilst the cormorants and Dated Sept. 12, 1911. gulls, eyeing him ominously, did not know what they had lost.

Then the man returned to the sail Jones, a man of whitewash, polish, and peered beneath. Neither of the onlookers could distinguish anything of special interest under the heavy canvas sheet. Whatever it was Brand apparently resolved to leave it alone for the moment.

He shipped a pair of oars, and, wit two vigorous sweeps, impelled the derelict away from the charnel-house atmosphere which evidently clung to

Then the shark engaged his attention. It was floating, belly upwards, its white under-skin glistening in the sunlight. Two long gashes were revealed, one transverse, the other lengthwise, proving how coolly and scientifically Brand had done work. An occasional spasm revealed that life was not yet extinct, but the furtive attack of a dogish, attracted by the scent of blood, which stirs alike the denizens of the air, land and ocean, was unresisted.

The rower stood up again, drove a boat-hook into the cruel jaws, and lashed the stock to a thorl-pin with a piece of cordage. This accomplished to his satisfaction, he looked toward the Gulf Rock for the first time since he drew the knife from its sheath, gave a cheery hand-wave to the shout ing pair on the balcony, and settled down to pull the recovered raft close

heaved the dead man overboard," he announced, "so there's a live one under the sail." "Why do you think that?"

"Well, you saw what happened to coal and petroleum on and

A light splash came to them, and, the other pore devil. Either him or land on Graham Island described as follows: the cap'n had to go. It 'ud be the aft. Them there birds-- But come along, boss. Let's give him a hand. They hurried down to the iron-bar- Dated Sept. 11, 1911. red entrance. Jones shot outward a

small crane fitted with a winch, in case it might be needed, whilst the Skeena Land District - District of Queen Charlotte sailor climbed to the narrow platform of rock into which the base-blocks of the lighthouse were sunk and bolted. Affording but little superficial space

inch to spare. Here, at sea-leved, the Atlantic swell, even in calm weather, matter of activity. At this stage of the tide each wave lapped some por- mencement. tion of the granite stones and receded quickly down tht slope of the weedcovered rock. The gulls and cormorants, filling

the air with raucous cries, were rustling in rapid flight in the wake of the boat, darting ever and anon at the water or making daring pecks at the

Soon Brand glanced over his shoulder to measure the distance. the ease o fa practised carsman he turned his craft to bring her stern on to the landing-place. "Lower a basket!" he cried to

Jones, and, whilst the others wondered what the urgency in his voice betokened, there reached them the deep strong blast of a steam-whistle blown four times in quick succession. Each and all, they had forgotten the Princess Royal. She was close in, much nearer than mail steamers usu-

ally ventured. At first they gazed at her with sur-Brand even suspending his manoeuvres for a moment. Then Jim, knowing that a steamship trumpets the same note to express all sorts of emotion, understood that the officers had witnessed a good deal, if not all,

that had taken place, and were offer-

ing their congratulations. "Blow away, my hearties!" crowed Jim, vainly apostrophizing the vessel. "You'll have somethin' to crack about very much mistaken. he went on, "take the cover off. It's alive, I suppose. Is it a man, or a

#### CHAPTER II. A CHRISTENING.

woman?"

a night of lonely vigil, itself the cul- of the southeast corner of C. L. No. 4470 thence mination of two days of hard work, north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of shocked into active existence the reserve of latent enrgy which every Located August 1st, 1911. healthy animal unconsciously hoards Pub. Aug. 19.

for life-and-death emergencies. But there was another reason. Het had scarce gained the comparative safety of the boat before he was, in the same instant, horrified and astounded to a degree hitherto beyond his experience. Not even the stiff pull of two hundred yards sufficed to restore his senses. So Jim's question

fell on his ears with the meaningless sound of the steamer's siren. "What is it, mate?" repeated his fellow-keeper, more insistently. "You ain't hurt anyways, are you?" "It is a baby," said Brand, in a curi-

"A baby!" shrieked Jones, whose crudely developed nervous system not have exhibited greater concern. "Yes, a baby-and it is living. Jones was pallid and streaming heard it cry," murmured the other, sitting down rather suddenly.

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# COAL NOTICE

Skeena Land District-District of Queen Charlotte

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Located August 1st, 1911.

Take notice that Austin M. Brown of Prince Rupert, occupation saddler, intends to apply to

Skeena Land District—District of Queen Charlotte Re- and under the following described lands on the

Matinee Monday afternoon at 2.30 "THE MARRIAGE OF KLITTY" Prices 25c and 50c Seats on sale Saturday morning, Theatre office 10 a.m.

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