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G.T.P. TO SPEND \$20,000,000 THE COMING SUMMER

REAL ESTATE MARKET IS GROWING FIRMER EVERY DAY

COMPARISONS MADE BETWEEN PRICES A YEAR AGO AND PRICES TODAY SHOW A STEADY STIFFENING—STRONG DEMAND FOR HOUSES PREDICTED.

Real estate interests in Prince Rupert are rosier today by far than they were this time last year. Recently published lists of the sales of lots in various sections of the city which show prices obtained to be steadily rising, not by leaps as yet, but showing never a sign of falling off. A chat with any of the leading real estate men in the city at once shows the confidence that prevails in the soundness of Prince Rupert lots. Messrs. H. F. McEae and McCaffery & Gibbons show promising lists of transactions during the past month, and so many of the purchases are made by local investors that it can be clearly seen how firm is internal confidences in the city. "There are few cheap snaps

going," remarked W. H. Kinkade this morning. "People are not giving anything away, and I can tell you that our transactions for the past month show a very different tale from last winter. Considering that this is the depths of winter, the sign is good for real estate prospects in spring and summer. House renting is increasingly busy, though people are out of town at this time, and I predict a strong demand for houses with increased rents in the spring. Every mile the G. T. P. stretches nearer linking up now means improvement in Rupert really. There is at present no better real estate centre for its size on the coast, and a year before the railway gets through Rupert will be a peach."

WHAT MANSON IS TO ASK FOR

List of Demands that Were Given Him by the Conservative Association Last Night.—Here's Wishing Him Luck.

At a well attended meeting of the Conservative Association last night, after considerable discussion, the following programme of requests were drawn up and given to Mr. Manson, with instructions to push them at Victoria:—

Increased appropriations for Skeena District. Immediate commencement on the construction of an adequate court house and a county jail. That the government lots still unsold in Sections 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 be put on sale.

The granting of \$40,000 towards a new wing for the hospital.

That steps be taken to begin at once construction of a driveway around Kaia Island.

That an appropriation be made towards the bridge to connect with section two.

That, if found possible, a trunk road be started to connect Prince Rupert with the Skeena River valleys at Kitsumkalum and Lakelse.

That a site for a school in Section Two be set aside.

A vote of confidence in the McBride government and in William Manson, the member for the district, was passed before adjourning.

The meeting was well attended, and keen interest was evidenced in the proceedings. Mr. Geo. D. Tite presided over the meeting.

Sons of Norway

Meet in Carpenter's Hall Sunday, Jan. 14th, at 7 p. m. All Norwegians invited to attend. 2t

TO SALVE THE STEAMER GRANT

Captain Crockett, with Captain Eabington and Captain Broadhurst, on Way to Visit Wreck in Launch Rover Today.

In the launch Rover this morning Captain Babington, Captain Norman Broadhurst and Captain Crockett of the wrecked American fishing steamer Grant left for Banks Island to survey the vessel with a view to salving her. A diver will accompany the party, as the Grant is under water.

Asked if he thought there was much chance of salving the vessel successfully, Captain Crockett replied that he could not tell until after the survey. "There are nine fathoms of water over her bow, and four over her stern," he told a News reporter. The Rover will be away over the week-end at Banks Island.

HER THIRD MASTER. Old Henriette, Dowager of G. T. P. Fleet, Has Another Skipper.

After a single voyage under command of Captain Roberson, the Henriette has again a new captain, D. Donald, formerly pilot of the Prince Rupert, being now in charge of her. He is her third captain in a month's time. Captain Donald is a first-rate seaman, knows the coast like a book and is also one of the champion bowlers in Prince Rupert.

Notice to Contractors. Tenders will be received up to Saturday, January 13, 1912, for the erection of a bungalow for N. Schumann. Plans and specifications at the office of J. W. Potter, architect. d13

WILL INTRODUCE A BILL TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR RAILWAYS

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE AT OPENING OF LEGISLATURE FORESHADOWS ANOTHER RAILROAD POLICY FOR FORTHCOMING PROVINCIAL ELECTION.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Victoria, Jan. 12.—The Provincial Legislature opened today in a business-like manner. In the speech from the throne important legislation was foreshadowed regarding taxation and measures to provide for greater railway facilities throughout the province.

The public accounts presented by Hon. Price Ellison for the last fiscal year show satisfactory conditions in the business and growth of the country. The increase of the revenue over that of the preceding year is \$1,618,150. The increase in the aggregate expenditure amounts to

\$1,811,809.68, the totals for the contrasting periods being: Net revenue, 1909-10, \$8,874,741.94, and 1910-11, \$10,492,892.27.

The net expenditure for 1909-10 was \$6,382,993.27; for 1910-11, \$8,194,802.95. At the close of the fiscal year ending March 31st last the balance sheet showed the total of the Provincial assets over all other liabilities to be \$1,497,694.35, with a cash balance in the banks and in the treasury of \$8,744,197.63.

For Sale. Five draft horses, from 1,400 to 1,600 pounds, cheap. At Prince Rupert Dairy. 6t

JUDAS UP TO DATE. Striking Subject of Rev. W. H. McLeod's Sermon Tomorrow.

"Judas Up to Date—Can He Be Found in Rupert?" will be the Rev. Warren H. McLeod's sermon unique and interesting subject of tomorrow evening in McIntyre Hall. Service commences at 7:30 o'clock. Letters of importance will be read at this service, which will be of interest both to the members of the church and the congregation. Other services at the usual hours. Strangers and visitors invited. All services held in McIntyre Hall, Third avenue, near Sixth street.

Panorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

G.T.P. ANNOUNCE BIG PROGRAM

Will Spend Twenty Millions This Coming Summer

Winnipeg, Jan. 13.—E. J. Chamberlin, general manager of the G. T. P., announced last night that the company's construction program for the year will involve the expenditure of twenty millions. It includes the building of six branch lines on the prairies, an hotel at Regina, the completing of the line westward through the mountains to Prince Rupert, leaving only 150 miles to finish in 1913.

REMINDER OF RUPERT Smooth Paths and Palm Trees Sent Us by an Old Friend.

"To remind you of Prince Rupert," writes Mr. G. O. Munroe, formerly of The Daily News staff, on a picture postcard of lovely smooth sward, level garden path and palm groves in Jamaica. It may be mentioned in passing that Mr. Munroe is honeymooning there. A little bird let The News into the secret that our well-liked colleague was quietly married to the girl of his heart when he went home, in the east. Further particulars the little bird has yet to whisper.

Choicest liquors and cigars—Savoy.

MAY EXPECT WATER FROM MORSE CREEK ON MONDAY

STRENUOUS EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO PRESS ON THIS WORK AS THE THAW TODAY DOES NOT AFFECT THE DAMS ON THE MOUNTAIN.

Every effort is being made to press on the completion of the Morse Creek pumping plant, and this morning Superintendent Ole Crosby mentioned that with reasonable success and freedom from hindrance the pumps would be sending water into the city mains on Monday night. Only a two-inch main at first can be gotten into connection with the downtown supply, but this in itself will immensely help the present shortage. Although there is a thaw on the townsite just now, the Water Superintendent says that not an increased trickle is getting into the dams on the mountain. All up there is still frost bound.

The water pressure is still reduced for the greater part of the

day, full pressure being given only in the morning. There is still a plentiful reserve in case of fire, but citizens are warned to spare the water all they can. Once the new pump starts up on Morse Creek the skating will be stopped on the reservoir, as the water being drawn from below the ice will make it cave in or form dangerous bridge surfaces only.

F. B. Deacon Back.

F. B. Deacon is back in town again after a prolonged business visit to Vancouver and the coast cities. Mr. Deacon finds Rupert as ever looking good to him. He is one of the pioneer real estate and insurance men of the city.

HAWAIIAN LINER VIRGINIAN RAMMED THE BRITISH STEAMER STRATALBYN

Big Vessels Crashed Together off Three Tree Point Half Way Between Tacoma and Seattle—One of the Stratalbyn's Crew Was Killed in His Bunk and Two Others Injured

Tacoma, Jan. 13.—The British steamer Stratalbyn and the American Hawaiian liner Virginian met in a collision near Three Tree Point, half way between Tacoma and Seattle, at a few minutes past 8 o'clock last night. The passengers of the steamer Flyer witnessed the accident and

according to their report, the bow of the Stratalbyn is badly stove in. Both vessels refused assistance and are making their way slowly to port.

The failure of one of the vessels to reply to the other's signals is said to be the cause of the collision.

Tacoma (Later).—The Virginian reported at this port at 11:30 badly injured, and the Stratalbyn limped in at 1:30 this (Saturday) morning. One of the latter's crew is killed and two injured, as a result of the bow of the Virginian crushing into the fore-castle of the Stratalbyn.

BITTEN BY THE FROST FIEND

Chief Owen of the Provincial Police Tells of His Experience of Frost Bite in the Yukon—Painful and Dangerous Thing.

The condition of the trapper, Orville Aliff, whose feet were frozen while he was near Kistela this week, is improving. Chief Owen of the Provincial Police inquired about him at the General Hospital yesterday and it was reported that the left foot might come all right, but the condition of the right foot was still serious, the toes being badly frost bitten.

Chief Owen himself has had considerable experience with frost bite cases in the Yukon, and from his accounts of them it would seem that Aliff has been fairly fortunate in having one foot left him. The foot acts like a burn, the flesh first turning white, then black as a cinder. It takes a very few minutes only in much below zero weather to render a hand or foot useless. The limb grows numb and feeling returns with the agonizing pain of "thawing out" the frost bite. Chief Owen saw one case in the Yukon where the man, noticing that one finger of his mitted hand was bitten, took off his mitts and tried to restore circulation in the open air by rubbing his bare hands together. Both hands had to have all the fingers amputated.

The new furnished rooms are now ready in the Alberts Block. Steam heated, bath, etc. 2nd avenue, head of Centre street. 1t

Best meal in town at Savoy.

SAINT ANDREW'S NEW OFFICERS

M. J. McNeil Is New President—Committee Will Arrange a Burns' Anniversary Banquet for the 25th.

A splendid attendance, marked by many new members, greeted the annual business meeting of the St. Andrew's Society last night, and the annual reports showed the society to be in very prosperous circumstances.

A strong committee was appointed to arrange for a Burns' anniversary banquet, to celebrate the birthday of the famous bard. The officers for the year were elected as follows: Hon. President, George Kerr; President, M. J. McNeil; first vice president, George Sutherland; second vice president, Thomas McMeekin; secretary, S. D. Macdonald (re-elected); treasurer, D. C. Stuart; chaplain, Rev. F. W. Kerr; directors, J. H. Kelly, George Scott, W. B. Kerr, Malcolm McLeod, W. G. Dennis; solicitor, A. M. Manson; physician, Dr. N. M. McNeill; piper, R. McLellan; warden, J. McKechnie; auditors, J. H. Meikle, P. Black.

Case Dismissed. Necha John, charged with stealing a sewing machine from an Indian girl, had his case dismissed this morning, there being insufficient evidence. The girls had been drinking to excess though it was hard to find where they had gotten the liquor.

For row boats and launches telephone 320 green. Davis boat house.

IN THE HOUR OF SUCCESS

Ald-Elect L. Bullock-Webster Finds Indication of the Need for Decisive Attitude on Labor and Promises a Square Deal.

Congratulations were showered upon Mr. Bullock-Webster when he went yesterday after his election as alderman for 1912. "Don't let the I. W. W. have too much of their own way," remarked one of his congratulators to him yesterday afternoon in the presence of a News reporter. "Not more than they are rightfully entitled to, but their full rights all the same," replied Mr. Bullock-Webster firmly. "I consider that the proportion of laboring men citizens is very considerable and the rights of these men must on no account be belittled by the Council, however other sections of the citizens may regard them."

Thus in the hour of his undoubted success, L. Bullock-Webster met with indications of the difficulties he will have to face as alderman in the coming year. "I realize that the position is an onerous one in many ways," he said, "but I shall certainly do my best to give a square deal to all."

Trades and Labor Council. The adjourned meeting of the Trades and Labor Council will be held in the Carpenters Hall on Monday evening next at 8 p.m. A full representation of delegates is requested.

Prince Rupert's leading hotel—Savoy.

TWO LAYMEN ON CHURCH UNION

At the Presbyterian Service in the Empress Theatre Dr. Kergin, Methodist, and Mr. A. M. Manson, Presbyterian, Will Speak.

The Sunday evening service in the Empress Theatre tomorrow will be of unusual interest, as the very urgent question of church union will be discussed from the layman's point of view. Before March 15th of the present year a vote of all members and adherents will be taken to ascertain whether they are in favor of a union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches, to form a new church called by a new name. This is the final stage of negotiations reaching over several years.

It will be of interest to hear the views of the representative laymen on Sunday evening. Dr. Kergin, a Methodist, and Mr. A. M. Manson, a Presbyterian, will each give addresses.

The morning Presbyterian service is held in the Presbyterian Hall, Fourth avenue. The congregation will be glad to hear Miss Sutherland, the deaconess, who is to conduct the morning service.

VICTORIA VICTORIOUS

Beat Vancouver Pro. Hockey by 10 to 7

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Victoria, Jan. 13.—The local professional hockey team defeated Vancouver's last night by 10 to 7.

Patronize home industry and get your suits made at Sweder Bros. d8

ALD. HILDITCH ON ELECTION

After His "Goliath" Act to Newton's "David" Stunt, Ald. Hilditch Is Good Humored and Offers His Opinion Freely.

"Certainly I would have appeared and spoken at Alderman Newton's congratulatory meeting last night had the invitation come to me in time," said Alderman Hilditch in answer to an enquiry by a News reporter yesterday afternoon. "I was in the hall for part of the time, and fully intended to speak if invited, but there was an oversight and the invitation did not come till after I had left."

"I hardly expected such a landslide," admitted Alderman Hilditch frankly, "for I thought the Grits would have come out for me. As it is, I bear no grudges. I said I wouldn't and I have the certainty that during this year I shall be the honest business man while others get the criticism, well or ill founded."

Referring to the suggestion in The Daily News that he might be appointed to one of the vacant commissionerships rather than Alderman Newton's nominee, Alderman Hilditch said: "No! I should not accept it at all. I think that the commissioners as they are at present, with the exception of the necessary City Council representation, might very well be left unchanged. They would serve the interests of the city as well if not better than any new blood."

Notice.

Property Owners' meeting next Friday night. Remember this. The sewer question will come up, also other important matters. It

EXPRESS MESSENGER VANISHES WITH WAD OF ABOUT \$70,000

WINNIPEG CHIEF OF POLICE ISSUED A WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF GEORGE POWERS, EMPLOYEE OF DOMINION EXPRESS CO.—HAS SEVERAL HOURS START.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Winnipeg, Jan. 12.—A warrant was issued today by the Winnipeg police for the arrest of George Powers, an express messenger employed by the Dominion Express Co. Powers is alleged to have stolen a big sum entrusted to him to deliver to the city banks. The warrant mentions a sum of \$10,000, but the detectives state it is between \$60,000 and \$70,000. All of it is in negotiable bank bills.

The theft is believed to have been committed at 8:30 this morning, but was not reported until late this afternoon. Powers had several hours start to get away with the money as dozens

of trains were leaving the city for all parts of the country. He undoubtedly has some confederates.

Winnipeg (Later).—At the home of a friend at St. James, a suburb to the west of the city, the detectives today arrested Geo. Powers, the missing Canadian Express messenger. Powers had only \$300 on him and was still under the influence of liquor. He could not give any clear statement as to where he planted the money packages. His whereabouts were found out by shadowing his wife at midnight from their home near the police station to his hiding place.

THREE THIEVES GET EXEMPLARY SENTENCES

Three Years Each For John Ankers and Fred Wortner—Two For Charlie Ring—"Had There Been Violence I Should Have Added the Lash," Said Judge Young

Heavy sentences were this morning imposed by Judge Young on the three men charged with stealing \$50 from John Ralagen, a Finlander, who had been drinking.

Three years imprisonment in New Westminster penitentiary was the sentence on Frank Wortner, and John Ankers undergoes the same penalty. Charlie Ring who turned King's evidence got off with two years imprisonment.

All with hard labor. The evidence proved conclusively that the men had framed it up to rob John Ralagen. They drank with him in the Central Bar and Frank Wortner filched the money away from the Finlander in an alley near by. The three hid the money first under a plankway and later on the G.T. P. line, a little way out of town. All three were arrested after a little detective work by Chief

Vickers and Constable Merritt. Ankers was arrested by the Chief in the Grand Hotel.

In passing sentence Judge Young was most severe. "Had violence been offered," he said, "I should have made it much longer and added the lash to it. The maximum term for offenses of this kind is fourteen years' imprisonment."

"My God!" exclaimed Wortner as he heard his sentence.