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PRINCE RUPERT TODAY; THE WEATHER WE HAVE

SUNSHINE AND BLUE SKIES—CITIZENS ABOUT WITHOUT OVERCOATS—TEMPERATURE LIKE SUMMER—FIRST CANOE TRIPPERS OF SEASON GO PICNICKING ACROSS HARBOR.

With the temperature 64 in the sunshine, cloudless skies, the harbor still as a mirror, and the first sprinkling of the winter's light snowfall fast vanishing from the water, all Prince Rupert citizens basked in the beautiful weather yesterday afternoon. The waterfront was thronged with spectators watching the herring fishers land their glittering spoils, very baby carriage in the city as busy, the proud young mammas of Prince Rupert, with their gaily babies, adding considerably to the sunshine's charm. Soft warm breezes fanned the quiet harbor, and away behind the far off snowy peaks beyond Woodworth Lake a great silvery moon was rising like a pale wraith in the broad daylight.

From the Davis wharf at 3 o'clock a canoe with a lady passenger in summery garb and propelled by two young men in light-colored boating garb, shot softly out across the rippling reflections of the still harbor. Big lazy sea gulls slowly circled around, rested on the water or perched boldly on the wharf timbers, and on any other city in Canada today this record on February 1st is the first canoe trip for pleasure in 1912.

Four o'clock brought with it a steaming whistle the Van Island train. Not an instant did the white plume of steam hang behind the engine smoke stack, vanished into thin air as swift as an Ontario summer's day. The

CONVOCATION FOR FORMATION OF PROVINCIAL UNIVERSITY

HAWTHORNTHWAITE GIVES NOTICE OF MOTION CALLING FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO PEACEABLE ASSEMBLAGE AND FREE SPEECH.

(Special to Daily News.)
Victoria, Feb. 2.—The time of the Legislature yesterday was taken up by the presentation of a petition, presented by Mr. Schofield, Ymir, for the British Columbia Electric Tramway Company, opposing section 44 of the Vancouver charter amendments. It was left over till Thursday next.

The bill to amend the Municipalities Act passed its second reading.

The second reading of the Inheritance Act was moved by Attorney General Bowser.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite took his seat and gave notice that on Monday next he would ask the Attorney General what steps, if any, the Government intended to take to protect the residents of Vancouver in their constitutional rights to peaceable assemblage and free speech.

MISSING LAUNCH STILL UNTRACED

Ketchikan Searchers Make Wide Wireless Enquiries Last Night—S. S. Curacao from North Reports No Sign of the Viking.

Although the wireless stations at Digby Island and along the

coast were kept lively asking for the missing power boat Viking, no trace of the launch has yet been located.

Vessels in the vicinity are keeping a lookout, and Ketchikan and Port Simpson launches are searching today. Although the steamer Curacao's officers were on the watch for the missing Viking as the steamer came south yesterday, they could report no trace of the power boat.

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Right of way arbitration still under discussion.

A winter wear storekeeper is heard to complain that the weather is hurting his business.

The new hospital board is meeting in the court house. Wireless station reports power boat Viking still unlocated.

Rush for remaining seats for "Breezy Point" is hottest yet.

Case of February frost bite reported turns out to be sunstroke.

MADE A BRIEF CALL

Steamer Curacao Was at Wharf for Only Fifteen Minutes.

Having been delayed in Lynn Canal, the steamer Curacao made as brief a stay here as possible. Three passengers from the north landed and about twelve from here boarded the vessel. In fifteen minutes she was away again with her agent, James H. Rogers, lugging her mail sacks up the hill to the post office.

GRAHAM COAL LANDS

(Special to Daily News.)
Victoria, Feb. 2.—S. A. Fletcher, the Government agent at New Westminster, has been appointed commissioner to inquire into the conflicting claims of land stakers and the owners of coal claims and others on Graham Island. He will leave for Prince Rupert forthwith.

FIRE AT HALIFAX

Million Dollars Damage Done to Arcadia Sugar Refinery.

(Special to Daily News.)
Halifax, Feb. 2.—Fire last night destroyed the plant of the Arcadia Sugar Refining Company here, entailing a loss of more than \$1,000,000. One employee is missing and is believed to have perished.

Tom and Jerry at the Savoy.

PARIS THE OTHER DAY; THE WEATHER THEY HAD

DEVASTATING STORMS—WIND THAT BLEW A LIVING GALE, OVERTHROWING STORES, WRECKING BUILDINGS, INJURING CITIZENS—RAIN IN TORNENTS DELUGING THE STREETS.

Paris or Prince Rupert? Which would you rather live in? Just glance over the following extracts from the Herald, English paper published in Paris. They were sent last mail to Mr. E. H. Mortimer by a real estate client of his and Prince Rupert property owner now in Europe, who "just wants you to know." See?

Here is the first clipping:
"Rain in torrents which at intervals yesterday drenched the streets of Paris was driven into the faces of pedestrians by a northwestern gale blowing at a speed of seventy-four kilometres, or for six miles, an hour. The severity of the gale in the channel may be gauged from the fact that the steamship Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, from New York, suffered a delay of five hours in reaching her pier at Cherbourg."

Fancy the steamer Prince Rupert being delayed five hours in reaching her berth in Prince Rupert harbor! But next day in Paris was worse.

"The severe gale which swept over Paris and vicinity on Wednesday continued yesterday with redoubled violence, and numerous accidents due to the wind were reported. Walking in the streets of the city was a difficult matter, and in the more open spaces in the suburbs the gusts of wind brought pedestrians to a complete standstill. So strong was the wind in the western sub-

urbs that a number of trees were blown down, notably at Versailles.

"The gale was accompanied by heavy rain, which turned the streets into veritable rivers. People were unable to protect themselves with their umbrellas, for the wind caught them and turned them inside out. On the boulevards the stall-keepers in the majority of cases shut up their stalls and abandoned all attempt to do any trade. In the avenue des Gobelins one stall was blown away by the wind. It was carried across the electric tramway line, and a tram dashed into it, one of the passengers being badly cut by broken glass.

"About 3 o'clock in the afternoon the wind blew down the scaffolding of a house under construction in the boulevard Victor. The bricklayers who were working on the scaffolding were dashed to the ground and four of them were seriously injured."

"We have had three days of this kind of weather in Gay Paree." Mr. Mortimer's client adds the laconic comment scribbled on the cutting.

Paris or Prince Rupert? Now which would you rather live in?

New Arrivals.

Just Arrived—New prints, gingham and curtain goods.—Wallace's.

BIG BATTLE OVER "CLAUSE SIX"

Business Men Petition Council to Fulfill By-law Pledge Affecting Hydro-Electric Labor

DAY LABOR HAS IT TO SHAWATLANS

Chairman Morrissey Strong for Contract System Across the Sea Passage and Has Mayor and Clayton With Him—Montgomery and Maitland, Day-Labor Champions, Meet All Comers—Still Undecided Beyond Lower Lake

Decision that the section of the hydro electric construction work from Acropolis Hill to Shawatlans Lake be done by day labor was arrived at by the City Council last night after a troubled session. Discussion of the rest of the problem contained in clause 6 of Alderman Morrissey's report is deferred. This decision of the Council is so far all the reply given to the petition presented by representative business men last night demanding that the present council make good the pledge of the past council, and have the work done by day labor, competitive station work and contract system, as set forth in the bylaw sanctioned by vote of the people. For the petitioners L. W. Patmore last night suggested that the matter might have to be referred to the people again, and that meantime steps might be taken to prevent the ratification of the bylaw in the Legislature.

Council proceedings last night opened with the hearing of the petitioners, who included in their group L. W. Patmore, M. J. Hobin, W. J. Alder, H. F. McKee, and J. H. Pillsbury. Mr. Patmore presented the petition which bore 101 names. On investigation by the city clerk 69 of these were found to be property owners under the latest assessment.

Quick Adjustment.
The fire loss at George Leek's office last week has already been adjusted by J. Lorne MacLaren for the companies represented, and work of repairing the premises is being done by Anderson & McKinnon.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

"CLAUSE SIX."

The Point in Morrissey's Report Where the Pinch Came in Last Night.

(6) That the total construction and transportation of material east of Shawatlans Narrows be performed under the open contract system, either in one blanket contract or in subdivided sections, as your Council and City Engineer may advise, always with a view to financial economy and guaranteed durability.

The Opposition Amendment.
Clause 6. Adopt day labor or divide the work into sections for station gangs.

The members of the deputation were content to leave the argument for the petition brief and direct as Mr. Patmore put it, viz., that the present council is considered by the practitioners bound by the pledge of the last council, and that if necessary the question should go again to the people. "Meanwhile," said Mr. Patmore, "it may be necessary to take steps to prevent the ratification of the bylaw in the House at Victoria."

Mr. Hobin represented the Board of Trade in unanimous support of the petition.

Mayor Newton was in favor of fulfilling the pledge, and having all backfilling on the pipe line done by day labor, trenching by competitive station work, and the large portions of the work by contract. He hoped the council would assent to this.

"This was an issue fought out at the election in January," said Ald. Montgomery. "If the citizens had wanted the work done in the old method by contract, you, Mr. Mayor, would not be sitting there tonight. The citizens would have returned Jack Hilditch."

Referring to the hydro-electric clause in his published platform, the mayor in a lengthy explanatory speech seemed to suggest that because he had been returned on this platform, the public who returned the aldermen composing his council expected to see the work done his way.

This Ald. Montgomery resented. "You tried to get up a platform and failed," he said. "You cannot hold that plank in your platform as a club over the heads of the rest of us aldermen."

The Mayor tried to explain that he did not mean to do anything of the kind, but he fancied the council might see the matter as he saw it.

Up rose Ald. Douglas on the war path. "Are we a kindergarten?"

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MANSON TWITTED ABOUT LAST ELECTION

Parker Williams' Insinuation That Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company Held Up City of Prince Rupert With a Gun

Parker Williams states in Legislature that ex-Mayor Manson was hopelessly repudiated by the people of Prince Rupert. Mr. Manson says this is incorrect and Mr. Williams retorts that it was nevertheless true that Manson's candidate for mayoralty received very few votes.

When the bill to validate this city's agreement with the railway company as to taxation to be paid by the company to the city came up for second reading in the Legislature, Parker Williams of Ladysmith spoke in opposition. A brief summary of his remarks was received by wire and published at the time. The following is a more complete account from the columns of the News-Advertiser:

In connection with Prince Rupert itself it was rather surprising to see a bill of this kind brought down so soon. Here was a city that had started on government land without any of the complications that must be faced by cities that grew up of them-

selves, as it were. Notwithstanding this, after this city had only been in existence for two or three years, they found it coming back to the House virtually to seek relief. The bill indeed should have been styled "A bill to relieve the city of Prince Rupert."

A few years ago the Government made an agreement by which the Grand Trunk Pacific was to erect certain buildings at Prince Rupert, and now here was another bill to the same effect showing that there was no effectiveness in the first bargain. Again it seemed to him that the Grand Trunk Pacific was getting off altogether too cheaply in the way of taxation. The Premier had said that the Government's holdings in Prince Rupert were worth \$13,000,000. They owned a quarter of the townsite and the G. T. P. the other three-quarters, so since the G. T. P. owned three times as much as the Government their property should be worth \$39,000,000.

It showed the helpless position the city was placed in when it

accepted a taxation of \$15,000 a year on \$39,000,000. It was claimed that the bill had been endorsed by the people of Prince Rupert. Well, a man sometimes complied with another man's demand when he placed a gun at his head and told him to hold up his hands.

To show that it was not so favorably regarded he might remark that the gentleman who represented Prince Rupert in the House, who was a former mayor of the city, and had spoken in favor of this agreement, had been hopelessly repudiated by the people of Prince Rupert only a few weeks ago.

Mr. Manson: That is incorrect. Mr. Williams said the gentleman was entitled to deny it if he wished, but it was nevertheless true that his candidate for the mayoralty of Prince Rupert had received very few votes and was badly defeated. While it would be useless for him to vote against the bill, he hoped that his action would not be regarded as an endorsement.

HOME RULE BILL AT LAST PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT

IRELAND TO RECEIVE SUBSIDY OF TEN MILLIONS A YEAR—THE REPRESENTATION IN IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT TO BE GREATLY DIMINISHED.

(Special to Daily News.)
London, Feb. 2.—The Daily Chronicle this morning publishes the progress of the Home Rule bill. It provides for an Irish parliament, which is given full control of the province and of excise, and provision is made for a continuance of complete free trade between England and Ireland.

Ireland is to receive for fifteen years an annual imperial subsidy of \$10,000,000, after which she is to make contributions to the imperial expenditure, based on a percentage of revenues.

The Irish parliament will consist of two houses, a legislative council of fifty members and a legislative assembly of 103 members, the council to have a suspensory vote on legislation. In the event of disagreement be-

tween the two houses, after the second rejection of a bill by the council, it is to be submitted to the two houses, deliberating and voting together, and adopted or rejected according to the decision of the majority.

Ireland is to continue to be represented in the Imperial Parliament, but in greatly diminished numbers.

The Irish parliament is to have no control with respect to the navy, army or militia, with the foreign policy, the coinage, the military camps or coast lighting, and will be forbidden to establish or endow any religious institution.

According to the forecast, it is understood that the Irish constabulary will be controlled by the imperial authorities for twelve years.

THE WEATHER.

Twenty-four hours ending 5 a. m., February 2: Bar., 30.145; max. temp., 62.0; min. temp., 37.0.

Public debate is to be held in the McIntyre hall on Tuesday next at 8 p. m., under the auspices of the Anglican Club. The subject for discussion is: "It is resolved that there should be an educational qualification for voters."

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Notice.

For the purpose of electing officers and the transaction of any other business that may come before it, the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association will be held in the K. of P. Hall Friday evening, Feb. 2nd, at 8 o'clock. All Liberals, whether members of the association or not, are requested to be present. St. P. W. ANDERSON, Sec.-Treas.

HOLDUP AGAIN IN VANCOUVER

Two Bold Bad Men Walk into Restaurant and Hold Up Woman Cashier While Guests Gape with Astonishment.

(Special to Daily News.)
Vancouver, Feb. 2.—At 9 o'clock last night, while a dense fog was hanging over the city, two armed men entered the McIntyre Cafe on Seymour street and held up the lady cashier. They secured \$300 from the till and escaped before the astonished guests were aware of what was happening. The restaurant is across the street from the Telephone Company's central office on an important downtown thoroughfare.

Best room in town at the Savoy.