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CONSERVATIVE NOMINATIONS AT SOUTH END

Two-Man Government on the Stump---Bowser and McBride at Field---The "Solid Five" Renominated at Vancouver

PIONEER MAKES A LONG MUSH

Missionary Priest Father Coccola Gets In from Fort St. James---To Preach at Catholic Church Tomorrow, Both Services.

Father Bunoz called at The News office this morning and induced Father Coccola, who arrived on the train from a "mush" between seven and eight hundred miles. He makes Fort, St. James, some distance from Fort George, his headquarters, and he arrived from there New Year's day for Hazelton, making the journey by a pony part way, a dog team for some of the many miles and on snowshoes the rest, arriving at Hazelton on March 7th. This is going some, but the reverend father has been mushing through the wilds these many years. He is one of the few remaining pioneer missionaries of the early days of the province, a very long time ago he having founded the St. Eugene mission in East Kootenay. The father is here four years ago and his many friends will be pleased to see this old consolation bearing missionary so hale and hearty. They will have the pleasure of seeing and hearing him at 10 a.m. and evening services at the Catholic Church tomorrow.

PRINCE RUPERT SOCIALISTS NOMINATE MONTGOMERY

W. H. Montgomery is the chosen candidate of the Prince Rupert Socialist party for the upcoming provincial campaign. Nomination was made at a meeting last night, two other candidates being nominated, but withdrawing in order to allow Montgomery's nomination to be unanimous. These two were Walter Shaw and W. Dinny, both well known and popular men in the labor world of Rupert. The Socialists announce that they mean to fight a vigorous campaign for their cause. No platform is announced, but the candidate expresses himself ready to undertake all around revision of existing conditions on lines of his party, and as in-

stanced in his council board work.

On railroad policy in the province he will be outspoken and critically constructive. On the representation of Prince Rupert in the provincial house he will be keen and caustic. He will ask the pointed questions of the electors: "Has Prince Rupert ever had representation?" The claims of organized labor will have the fullest representation in the Socialist candidate.

As candidate for the Socialist party in the present campaign Alderman Montgomery will address his first meeting in the Empress Theatre at 4 o'clock on Sunday.

DEFENSE WITNESSES SWEAR THE WINDSOR IS WELL RUN

This morning the Windsor hotel case was adjourned until Friday, 16th inst., in order that Mr. Peters may secure the presence of an essential witness for prosecution. Magistrate Carr referred to the newspaper comments on frequent adjournments of other cases during the last week or two, but declared the case adjourned.

Mr. Patmore asked for a correction of the Empire's report of yesterday's proceedings. In his evidence the Chinaman had given the impression that he had seen a man come out of room 23. He afterward corrected this to say that the man had come from the corridor, not from the room. The Empire had omitted the Chinaman's correction.

Witnesses for the defense were today examined, Messrs. Miller,

Evans and Coleman, all of whom had been resident in the hotel during the suspected time, declared they had no reason at all to believe the street rumors regarding the conduct of the place. They considered the hotel well conducted. Mayor Newton, chairman of the license board, was present this morning and arranged with the Empire reporter for the correction of the point brought up by Mr. Patmore.

Referring to the woman Daisy Adams, who as housekeeper at the Windsor had struck one witness as efficient and honest in her work, Magistrate Carr after the court adjourned remarked that if this woman was trying to lead a good life it was a shame that slur should be cast on her. He said that Rev. F. W. Kerr's recent sermon appealed to him in this matter.

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

The delegates to the Non-Progressive convention are rattling around like peas in a last year's pod.

The Dick McBride of Prince Rupert has just gone into Millionaire Moody's to have his hair cut Progressive style.

"I Might State" is still in the hands of his friends.

Socialists have just handed their nomination to Alderman Montgomery.

Vice President Lannie this afternoon began to buy lemons by the box.

NEW BREAKWATER

Beginning to Spend Millions on Victoria Harbor.

(Special to Daily News.) Victoria, March 9.—Plans and specifications will be prepared in a few days in readiness to invite contractors for the construction of a breakwater 2,500 feet long off the outer harbor. This is the first plan of harbor works to cost several millions.

ADDITION TO HOSPITAL

Extension to Be Most Important Part of Institution.

The hospital board decided yesterday afternoon to on Monday call for competition plans for the new hospital building, which is to be one of the best on the coast and shadow the importance of the present building. The competition is to be open to outside architects as well as local.

For Similkameen Riding.

Keremos, March 9.—The Conservatives of Similkameen yesterday afternoon nominated L. W. Shatford, late member, to contest the riding in the forthcoming elections.

JUST LIKE RUPERT.

(Special to Daily News.) Edmonton, March 9.—The farm of J. Baggman, which is now inside the city limits, was sold yesterday to a local syndicate for \$850,000. Baggman bought the property in 1891 for \$10 an acre, paying only \$400 down.

ROTTEN RAIL DID IT

Passenger Coach on Grand Trunk Thrown Into Ditch.

(Special to Daily News.) Toronto, March 9.—A fatal train wreck occurred on the Grand Trunk near Vareny last evening. Owing to a rotten rail the passenger coach went into the ditch and two commercial travelers were so badly injured they will die.

Men, Attention! Dr. Large of Port Simpson will speak to men only at men's mass meeting next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Methodist Church. Subject, "Men Wanted." Come. 2t

Princess Beatrice southbound 9 o'clock tonight.

SEARCH FOR A PARK ON ACROPOLIS HILL

Mayor, City Engineer and Members of Council Proceed on a Pilgrimage With Representatives of Recreation and Athletics Interested in Proposed Grant of Ground

With the Mayor and City Engineer several members of the City Council and representatives of those interested in athletics in the city yesterday afternoon made a tour over Acropolis Hill and around the reservoir under construction to select, if possible, a suitable area for athletic grounds. The party consisted of the Mayor, City engineer, Alderman Morrissey, Alderman Maitland, Alderman Bullock - Webster, Alderman George Kerr and the redoubtable Alderman Douglas, also Rev. W. H. McLeod, Hubert Crew and A. Toby. The result of the tour proved that suitable ground extending to a considerable area exists on Acropolis Hill for the purposes proposed, and City Engineer Davis is going to prepare from the plans alternative schemes for athletic grounds, which will be staked out and then reconsidered on the spot by the Council and those interested with a view to the final decision. That the city is disposed to grant the ground is certain.

Tom Took a Drink.

Yesterday's excursion was like a brief repetition of Mayor Manson's famous water devining expedition around the basins of Morse and Hays creeks. The

party set out from the city hall and scaled Acropolis Hill to the reservoir works, which were examined with interest by the Mayor and Alderman Morrissey, but with more intimate interest by Alderman Tom Maitland, who had a drink from the rock men's pail and a chat with the boys at the drills. It would have taken but slight persuasion to have got him to take off his coat and get busy himself.

Fine Armory Site.

Armed with a formidable scroll of blue print, the City Engineer led the way around by the west side of the hill facing the sea. Here, just below the reservoir, there is a considerable cleared and fairly level space which is most likely to be the site of the new drill hall and parade grounds granted to Earl Grey's Rifles. Seen from the harbor an imposing armory erected on this site will form a commanding feature of Prince Rupert some day, and the ground can be graded with reasonable ease for the drill park.

Douglas Lay Down.

Now the party plunged into the scrub cedar and uncleared area on the west side of the hill. Even after the past weeks of strong sunshine the ground proved marshy in places, and the Mayor bewailed his forgotten rubbers. Alderman Douglas made manful progress just as he had done on the water devining trip, but took

advantage of certain stops for discussion to assume the recumbent position.

Maitland's Motor Car.

The road was rough, but Alderman Maitland had his auto car with him, the latest model from Paris imported to Prince Rupert on Wednesday by a friend. He exhibited its points proudly as he produced it from his waistcoat pocket, but did not offer the party a joy ride in it. As a phenomenal tobacco pipe, however, it featured notably in the afternoon's enjoyment.

Back amongst the trees there is an open space favored as a park site by Alderman Kerr. It is tolerably level, commands a magnificent view of the harbor and beyond, and could be speedily put in shape. This space will be reconsidered after the Engineer has laid out a sketch plan.

Tennis Club's Attitude.

Discussion between the Mayor, Rev. Mr. McLeod and Mr. Crew at this stage indicated that the tennis club is averse to the idea of sharing with the proposed athletic association in getting an athletic park grant large enough to accommodate all classes of outdoor sports, including baseball, football, cricket and tennis, with tennis courts distinct from the rest of the park, but access-

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TAKING EVERY PRECAUTION

Candidate Manson to Have Special Provincial Constables at Every Poll Specially Instructed to Maintain Law and Order.

The opening of the present provincial campaign was ushered in by a descent on this constituency of a large flock of road bosses, trail builders and fire wardens, although the whole of the interior is covered deep with snow.

Another contingent to arrive early next week will be a battalion of special constables, whose energies will be devoted to maintaining law and order (heavy on the law and order) in every polling subdivision in the riding, all polling stations having less than ten votes will possibly be supplied with two special constables, in

order that there shall be no breach of the peace.

It is a very wise precaution on the part of the members and ex-mayor, Mr. Manson, to provide for every possible emergency and to stamp out the first indication of disorder on election day. Remembering the desperate condition of the city during the riot of a year ago and the absence of police protection, Mr. Manson will see to it that law and order will be maintained on election day at all cost.

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"EARLY" COMPLETION OF GOVT. WHARF

Whole of the Recent Correspondence With Mr. Manson and the Department---No Hopes of Wharf For This Season

The whole of the business men of Prince Rupert, irrespective of party or of the factions into which one of the parties is split up, believe that the early completion of the so-called people's wharf is of vital importance to business interests. They were led by government representatives to believe that it would be ready for business this time last year, and "Hope deferred maketh sick the heart." Promises after promises, yet weeks have lingered into months, months crept on to years, and promises of Manson only increase one's fears. The News a short time ago "butted in" to get some expression of fact in regard to the matter from our legislative representative, and wired him at Victoria. The following is the whole of the correspondence referred to. It is worth carefully reading, especially by those who believed Mr. Manson the man best fitted to represent this growing city at Victoria.

Legislative Assembly, Victoria, Feb. 27th, 1912.

David H. Hays, Esq.,

Prince Rupert, B. C.

Dear Sir: Referring to our correspondence in regard to completion of government wharf at Prince Rupert, I beg to enclose herewith copy of a communication which has been received by me from the Deputy Minister of Public Works explaining the matter in detail. You will also find copies of letters therein referred to. Your very truly,

WM. MANSON.

Victoria, Feb. 26th, 1912.

Wm. Manson, Esq., M. P.,

Victoria, B. C.

Sir: In connection with your letter of February 12th and interview with the Minister relating to the delay in completing the Prince Rupert wharf.

That there has been a great deal more time consumed in the completion of this structure than was originally expected is a fact that has occasioned much concern to the Department, but the weekly report sent by the clerk of works indicated, in the first place the unforeseen trouble in driving piles, i. e. the filling up of the bed by huge boulders thrown out during the course of the G. T. P. blasting operations. Then this difficulty having been overcome it was expected the work could be rushed to completion, but further trouble was experienced owing to the extreme high water and height of tide at Rupert, pre-

venting for a long time the placing of lateral braces, and even now work is proceeding very slowly owing to the above difficulties.

You will find enclosed a copy of a letter from the Westholme Lumber Company relative to the delay, and I also enclose a copy of a communication addressed this firm Feb. 9th, with copy of a letter referred to therein, written Mr. Kauffmann, by which you will see the Department has taken every action possible to preclude the likelihood of any unwarranted loss of time.

Might I also draw your attention to another feature of the case, viz: This wharf is the only one of its kind on the Pacific coast, and I am quite sure yourself and constituents will concur in the plan of having it a model one, and it would be an unwise act, for the sake of getting it into operation at this particular season, to overlook any essential features tending toward economic or satisfactory management. After the undersigned had visited Rupert and reported to the Minister, it was decided to rearrange the whole plan of shed room originally proposed, and in pursuance of the general policy of the Department separate tenders were asked for, after revised plans had been drawn out, which of course necessitated further loss of time.

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DIED WHILE EATING A MEAL CAUSE OF DEATH MYSTERY

To imagine himself in such good health that he could order a plate of liver and onions, yet to be taken up dead before he had eaten more than a few mouthfuls, was the fate last night of Edward Shear, whose body now lies at E. L. Fisher's funeral chapel awaiting decision of Magistrate McMullin regarding the postmortem.

Shear died at the Eagle Cafe on Second avenue at about 1:30 last night. Falling in a faint over the counter after ordering a meal, he was taken out into the air, but never rose from the sidewalk where he was laid while a doctor was called. Constables Merritt and Adams summoned the aid of Dr. Tremayne, who

found life extinct. The doctor is unable to state precisely the cause of death and there may be an autopsy. The circumstances point to either apoplexy or heart failure, but the cause may be more obscure.

Deceased was a clever pianist and used to play the piano at the Knox Hotel, where he was well known. He was a man of about 40 years of age.

Opening services continued March 10th in the new Methodist Church. Rev. G. H. Haley will preach at 11 a. m. Rev. Dr. J. H. White will preach at 7:30. The choir will render special anthems. Everyone invited.

GASOLINE LAUNCH WRECKED ON FIRST RETURN JOURNEY

A new gasoline launch went up in smoke off Banks Island and two of the owners who had put their savings into it are deserving of sympathy, although they did escape with their lives. The energetic pioneers are Antoine Crompt and Robert Perry, and their gasoline launch cost about \$3,000. Their first trip was to Queen Charlotte City. They were returning from there to this city for a cargo of gasoline when off Banks Island there was an explosion and they had barely time to clamber into their little row

boat before the launch disappeared.

They managed to make a landing on Banks Island, denuded of their supplies and everything except the clothes they wore, and after some trouble and delay managed to get an Indian to bring them here in his canoe. With them was a friend named A. Sullivan.

The three men were landed here this morning, and Messrs. Crompt and Perry returned to Queen Charlotte City on the Prince John this afternoon.

GLOOMIER AND GLOOMIER GROWS STRIKE OUTLOOK

(Special to Daily News.)

London, March 9.—All is still quiet among the strikers and they seem determined and confident of winning. Outside of this the situation grows gloomier and gloomier. Every hour brings news of other industries added to the long list of those shut down for want of fuel. Few trains are running and only the oil burning river boats and ferries.

Premier Asquith has again invited the parties to the coal dispute to a conference, for free and open discussion of all the points involved in the strike. This is to be held this afternoon. The gov-

ernment's proposals have not been made public, but the Premier expresses himself as hopeful of bringing the parties to an amicable settlement at this conference.

Several calls for troops have been received from mine owners for the protection of their properties, but no troops have been moved yet.

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