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## PLENTY OF WORK NOW BIG DRY DOCK IS STARTED

### EARLY CLOSING OF BAR-ROOMS DISCUSSED BY CITY COUNCIL

**Introduced by Social Reform Association and Debated at Length  
---Feeling That Both Sides Should Have a Chance to be Heard  
But Rev. F. W. Kerr Thinks it Unwise to Start Counter  
Petitions in a Neck and Neck Race**

Rev. F. W. Kerr appeared before the city council last night as the representative of the Moral and Social Reform Council, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Rushbrook and Mr. Davidson, the secretary of the Association. With a few prefatory remarks Mr. Kerr read the resolutions of the Reform Council to be found in another column, and said the council did not ask the city to take immediate action on the early closing of bars, as the most that could be expected in the matter was a notice of motion.

The mayor said it might as well be taken up at once, but Ald. Morrissey did not believe in taking snap judgment on a matter of such importance. Hotel keepers were a source of revenue; had to go to large expense to comply with these laws in providing accommodation for the public, and were hedged around by regulations in the conduct of their business. If they cut down the hours of those who paid li-

censes they would drive the people seeking liquor to blind pigs and objectionable places. While he had the highest regard for the gentlemen in the reform movement he did not think the council should permit itself to be stampeded by one or two clergymen.

A general discussion ensued in which it was suggested that both sides to the question be heard; that each side bring in petitions, and that a special committee be appointed to scrutinize the list of signers, and see that the names were those of reputable citizens. Ald. Dybhuva had no confidence in petitions, and Ald. Douglas said they had to consider the wants of the whole population, and not a section of it.

Ald. Montgomery would stop the making of liquor as well as the selling, and did not think revenue from such a source should be accepted. Ald. Kerr thought more time should be given to the subject as the hotel men had much money at stake and were

vitaly interested. Alderman Douglas said he had voted for the Scott Act, but he thought a notice of motion should be given. After further talk this was agreed to.

Rev. F. W. Kerr closed the discussion, saying he was satisfied to have the Council take up the matter at a future meeting. As to the petition suggestion he thought it would be unwise to have two petitions, one for and one against the early closing of bars, running a neck to neck race for signatures. He would like the Council to discuss the matter on its merits and not from a local option point of view.

#### CANCEL CAFE LICENSES

Vancouver License Board Takes Drastic Step.

Vancouver, April 10.—(Special.)—The license board today decided on a radical change affecting all city cafes. After May 31st all those holding liquor licenses will have them cancelled.

### WILL HELP TRADE WITH THE INDIES

**Preferential Arrangement with  
Canada Has Been Amicably De-  
cided On—An Important An-  
nouncement is Made.**

(Special to Daily News.)

Ottawa, April 10.—Today Hon. George Foster announced the successful conclusion of the conference with representatives of the West Indies for a preferential trade arrangement. The agreement was signed today and is based on broad and generous basis, but it cannot be made public until it has been submitted to the parliaments of both countries.

### PUBLIC UTILITIES OF CITY ALREADY MAKING A PROFIT

**Engineer Matthews' Report Received With High Approbation---  
Power Will be Running Full Load Night and Day---Price of  
Power Will Probably be Reduced to Eight Cents Per  
Kilowatt Hour---Two Big Contracts in Sight**

That the public utilities of the city are already beginning to show a profit was the good news with which the City Council was greeted last night. The report of the Telephone department showed a profit of \$1,147, but this does not include sinking fund expenses. There are now 533 phones in use. The power and lighting report showed a profit over and above all expenses of \$1,469, and was by far the most interesting document read during the evening. Engineer Matthews' report is here given in full:

April 7, 1912

To the Chairman and Committee  
Electric Light and Power De-

partment, City, Prince Rupert  
Gentlemen,—I beg to submit balance sheets for the months of January, February and March, 1912, which show a profit of \$1,469.70, after allowing for all possible charges.

You will note the heavy standing charges in each month, and, dating from April they will be slightly more, and will be as follows for the remaining months of the year, viz.:

Telephones	\$ 12.00
Sinking fund	366.00
Interest	436.00
Insurance	57.25
Taxes	4.50
\$875.75 per month, or say \$10,500 per annum.	

The fluctuation of the accounts is due to the date of the meter readings being put on a better footing, thus making February a longer income month.

We have in front of us the coming summer months when our income will be considerably reduced, but to offset that we will have more customers on the

books, less fuel per kilo-watt hour, and the "day-load."

During the three months we have sold approximately 58,300 kilo-watt hours of current at a coal cost of 4½c per kilo-watt hour.

Alderman Clayton, chairman of the Light and Power committee, said the report was a high compliment to all the workers in the department. They might naturally expect the profit to increase. Application had been made by the provincial government for ten arc lamps for the government wharf, and a contract was now under way with them for a minimum of two years or a maximum of five years. The contractor for the Grand Trunk Pacific depot work asked for from fifty to a hundred horse power for day and night load, and other applications would shortly be made. Power would be supplied to consumers at 9 cents per kilowatt hour, but the engineer felt that later this could be reduced to 8 cents.

### THE MAYOR PLACED UPON DEFENCE OF HIS POLITICS

**Ald. Morrissey Took Issue With His Worship Upon the  
Peculiar Course Followed by The Empire  
During the Election Campaign**

Mayor Newton last night defied the News or anyone else to prove that he had not acted up to the principles upon which he was elected and given a non-partisan administration. It came up suddenly on a talk started by Alderman Morrissey about blind pigs. He said it was reported to him that there were two blind pigs running openly.

The Mayor said he had received a similar report and suggested that the matter be turned over to the police.

In reply to a remark from Alderman Montgomery, the Mayor suddenly referred to election matters. He said: "I announced myself when seeking election my intention to give non-partisan service, and if up to the present time I have acted otherwise in dealing with city business I would like to be shown."

Alderman Morrissey could not

reconcile his worship's statements with the Mayor's stand in the last election.

The Mayor: "I would like you or any other member or citizen to show where I have shown a partisanship manner as mayor. I reserve the right of my citizenship when I am not doing city business."

Alderman Morrissey: "The Empire never was so strongly partisan as during the last election."

The Mayor: "The paper supported William Manson long before that."

Alderman Morrissey: "It was a great grievance to the people when your worship took the stand you did."

Alderman Kerr said the discussion was entirely out of order and with this the political squabble ended.

#### WITH THE ODD FELLOWS

Members of the Order and Lady Friends Entertained.

In Odd Fellows' Hall last night was given a social evening for members and their lady friends, during the course of which there was good music and singing, games, refreshments and dancing until this morning. The entertainment committee consisted of W. G. Barrie, J. W. McKinley, S. Wright, J. Keller and R. Moore, and among the entertainers were M. Davis, solo; H. Daggett, recitation; A. Brooksbank, piano selection; Mr. Bain, recitation; A. Gray, piano solo; Mr. Kelly, comic song; J. S. Gray, violin solo, and addresses by Rev. Warren McLeod, George M. Naden and C. V. Bennett.

Lecture Tonight on the Hydro Electric System.

The Presbyterian Club of this city has arranged for an illustrated lecture to be given in their hall on Fourth avenue on the hydro electric system. This is bound to be of intensely practical importance to any men of a scientific bent of mind. The new radiophone will be used to throw pictures of the different parts on the screen, to be fully explained by the lecturer. Mr. Kearney represents the Canada Electric Co., is a graduate of McGill and well known in the city. The lecture is absolutely without charge and the general public is cordially invited.

Do you pay your bills? Could you pay them if you were burned out? Get a policy in the Commercial Union Fire Assurance Corporation. Assets \$141,000.00. The Mack Realty & Insurance Co., Agents.

G. Laf. Peck of the Georgetown Saw Mill Company is in the city.

Cowichan eggs 40c per dozen. Stalker & Wells.

### WAS NO FIGHT AT CITY HALL

**Ald. Clayton and Mayor Seemed  
to Have Beaten Their Swords  
Into Plough Shares Because  
Pastors Were Present.**

"The lion and the lamb shall lie down together and a little child shall lead them," was the way one of the irreverent spectators commented on the meeting of Alderman Clayton and the Mayor at the city hall last night. The Finance Minister, in a stage whisper aside, also made a classical comment, to the effect that the warriors had beaten their swords into plough-shares because there were so many ministers of the gospel present.

There was no large crowd present and there was nothing sensational in the meeting. Not all the members of the council were present when Dr. Clayton came in. At the lower end of the long table there was a little hand-clapping as he made his way to his accustomed seat, and the crowd hustled to the railing in anticipation. But nothing happened out of the ordinary during the whole evening.

There was a great deal of business before the council and in the course of it Ald. Clayton spoke several times, at length upon the report of the engineer and the applications for electric power and on other subjects, always using a more than customary deference to the presiding officer.

Henry Doyer, owner and manager of the Mill Bay cannery on the Nass River, is in town.

Fresh eggs, 3 dozen for \$1.00. Stalker & Wells.

Panorium Pioneer Cleaners. Phone 4.

#### IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS

Passed by Moral and Social Reform Council Last Night.

1. That the Council respectfully suggest the appointment of a committee to look to the early furnishing of the library and reading room in the new city hall.

2. That the Council put on record its hearty and unanimous approval of the action of the Mayor by himself—and also in conjunction with the license and police commissions—in their endeavors for the moral welfare of the city.

3. Resolved, That this meeting of the Moral and Reform Council of Prince Rupert, while in favor of the early closing bylaw now before the City Council, is strongly of the opinion that the licensed liquor business should also be included in this movement for earlier closing, otherwise a most unfair advantage is given to a special trade which does not tend to promote the welfare of the community; and

That this meeting respectfully requests the City Council to amend the present liquor bylaw so that the hour for closing all places licensed to sell intoxicating liquor shall be 10 o'clock in the evening of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 9 o'clock in the evening of Saturday of each week.

ACCIDENTS—The only complete protection is a policy with the Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation, the largest casualty insurance company in the world. The Mack Realty & Insurance Co., Agents.

Choiceest steaks at the Royal Hotel.

### NOTHING SOMNOLENT ABOUT THE MORAL REFORM BOARD

**Officers Elected Last Night and Strong Resolutions  
Passed and Presented at the City Council—  
Promise of Vigorous Activity Given**

Owing to the fact that a number of members of the Prince Rupert Moral and Social Reform Council are absent, the annual meeting of the society, held in St. Andrew's church hall last night, was rather sparsely attended.

Nevertheless, the council, after electing its officers for the year, took very decided action on the hours of bar room closing, and sent strong resolutions to the City Council. Text of these resolutions is featured separately.

Following are the officers elected: President, Bishop Du Vernet; vice president, Dr. Cade; secretary-treasurer, J. T. David-

son; executive, Dr. Kergin, Dr. McNeil, L. W. Palmore, A. J. Galland, Alex. Douglas, W. Allison, W. R. Morrison and C. C. Purdy.

Bishop Du Vernet briefly summarized the efforts made by the society to effect certain improvements during last year.

Steps will probably be taken to adapt the council to the broader basis of a society for the promotion of civic welfare. This idea was discussed and came in for support, but in the meantime there is a stirring toward vigorous activity.

### I. W. W. MAN'S BROAD VIEW

**Speaker at Canadian Northern  
Strikers' Meeting at Lytton  
Says Strike Was Called Too  
Hastily—Might Have Agreed.**

Kamloops, April 10.—The camps along the line of construction of the C. N. R. are idle in this vicinity, but here and there small gangs of men are at work. At Lytton a meeting was held today by the strikers and one I. W. W. leader said he believed that too much haste had been shown in calling the strike. He thought that the grievance should first have been submitted to the contractors, who, he believed, would have met the men half way.

Wanted—Position as experienced saleslady or chamber-work at once. Phone Black 148.

Frank A. Ellis was among the arrivals this morning.

Concert and Pantomime.  
Remember the concert in McIntyre Hall tonight. Auld Robin Grey pantomime will be given and the best talent in the city will contribute. Admission 25c.

### UNKNOWN MAN FOUND DEAD

**Documents Lead to Supposition  
That He Was Hugh D. Willis of  
Cornwall, Ont., but Victoria Po-  
lice Cannot Trace Him.**

(Canadian Press Despatch.)  
Victoria, April 10.—The body of a man believed from papers found upon his clothing to be Hugh D. Willis of Cornwall, Ontario, was found on a bench at the foot of Menzies avenue this afternoon. The police were unable to find out anything about the man. He was about five feet ten, of medium build and had a light brown mustache.

#### KOOTENAY BY-ELECTION

**Robt. F. Green Will Accept Con-  
servative Nomination.**

(Special to Daily News.)  
Victoria, April 10.—In view of many requests that he offer himself for election at the forthcoming by-election in Kootenay for the Dominion house, Robert F. Green has stated his willingness to accept nomination if it is offered him by the Conservatives.

### PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

There is nothing so rare as a June day in April. Odds were even at Odd Fellows' Hall last night. Postmaster McIntosh has a headache. Six days' mail showered onto him today. The Mayor putting on his diving suit. Submarine blind pig discovered near the wharf. Finance Minister declares it a draw and all bets off. No money back. Course being made in athletic park for early closing petitions to run a marathon.