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Daily News on Daily Doings

METLAKATLA'S LOYALTY.

No higher compliment could be paid the British Flag than the homage done it, and the royal house of Britain by the original inhabitants of the countries which are now British Dominions. In the action of the Metlakatla Indians with the plan to excel themselves in the effort to do particular honor to the Duke of Connaught is seen a typical example of this. There is wisdom, too, in the method chosen by the Indians to celebrate the coming of the Duke, for it is certain that they will derive satisfaction from their outlay long after the Governor General has gone from the district while still whenever they hear or look upon their handsome instruments they will remember the occasion of their purchase.

CANADA AND PANAMA.

While other countries expecting to derive benefit from the opening of the Panama Canal are except for terms of treaties, in no position to retaliate in case of actual unfairness by the United States in administering the Canal, Canada is in a different position. Canada has power to show in manner which America cannot but keenly appreciate, any dissatisfaction the Dominion may feel with the United States actions regarding the Panama Canal. Canada is also in the position today of having played a nobler part over canal administration than the States proposes to do by the recent Senate decision. One million dollars and more have been paid by Canada for the construction of canals opening access from the great lakes to the Atlantic. More American vessels than Canadian use the Welland Canal, and Canada allows them toll-free passage. If the freedom of ocean passage is thus allowed on fresh water and inland waterways by Canada to the United States, would it not seem more fitting still that a canal from ocean to

ocean should be administered with absolute equality to all nations needing its advantages?

STILL THE SOREHEAD SPOILS SPORT.

Judging from the opinions expressed by champions of the opposing football factions in Prince Rupert today, there exists still the small sore-head feeling on both sides which is bidding fair to destroy the proper interest that the community might otherwise take in the young men who are rivals in athletic sport of this branch. Every effort made to develop good going athletics in present day Prince Rupert is a step towards the day when Prince Rupert will have a public recreation park renowned along the Pacific Coast, and a company of high-spirited athletes renowned throughout Canada, and perhaps also the world, a credit to their city. But while the time is wasted by petty and unpleasant sounding bickerings between the budding teams of athletes, between individual runners, and other followers of sport the proper object of athletic enterprise in Prince Rupert is sadly missed.

REALTY MEN ARE ALL ROSEY.

There is something distinctly promising for Prince Rupert's speedy prosperity in the confidence evinced in the city at present by the real estate men. One and all they are quietly contented with the progress of the city from their point of view. Such wide outside interest is attracted towards Prince Rupert, that hardly an enquiry's dropping in to one or day passes without some new other of the realty men promising a profitable deal, or on which a profitable deal is not completed. The outlook of the realty men always tending towards the day of the greater Prince Rupert is a more inspiring one than that of the man compelled to focus his mind on the narrower aspects of the city's life today.

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Rev. F. W. Kerr Replies to Capt. Tutte

To the Daily News:

I know that there must be so many differences of conviction upon the deep mystery of human destiny not only among ministers but among all classes of men that I am not surprised that one of my fellow ministers, Capt. Tutte, has uttered a protest against my position.

In the Scripture texts there has been difficulty with the words Hades and Gehenna, both translated Hell—yet Hades implies only the shadowy abode of good and bad alike without any implication of punishment. Gehenna, on the other hand, was the place of burning.

It might be well to deal with one direct statement of Jesus—Matthew 25:46: "These shall go away into everlasting punishment." The word translated everlasting is aionios. An aion is a completed period, almost always implying the period for the fulfillment of a task or purpose. At the time of Jesus, it was also used to mean "everlasting," but in its original sense the one thing it did not mean was an indefinite extension of empty time. The implication is qualitative rather than quantitative, whether we say "everlasting punishment" or "everlasting life." However, I think most scholars would agree that from the word aionios a dogmatic conclusion could not be drawn that Jesus meant interminable.

But the real significance of this sentence can not be understood unless we consider very carefully the word used for punishment. Here again the Greek has two clearly defined words, "Kolasis" and "timoria" where we use the one translation "punishment." Timoria means ven-

geance and is always used for punishment that is retributive; Kolasis means correction and whenever used means punishment that is remedial. The word used by Jesus in this verse is Kolasis. If we are true to his meaning, therefore, we ought to believe that the wicked go into age-long correction.

I know that these minutiae of exegesis are too often used by preachers to find material to confuse their people and buttress up their own theories. But in this case it is necessary for the very soul of our religion to search and see if Jesus did not mean something more consistent with man's idea of just and wise treatment. After all, we are men and have the rights of men, and we would not call any judgment upon us righteous unless we are tried and convicted by our own standards of right and wrong. If God had a code of His own different from our moral code by which He tried us, it would be sheerest injustice. Our code says that to pursue a man with purposeless retribution is a lowering of our own proper nature; that it is not Godlike but ignorant cruelty. I would prefer a doctrine even to violate isolated texts than to violate the entire conception of God's wisdom and love as taught by our Master.

Not that I think wise, chastening punishment to be inconsistent with love. Browning says "All's law, yet all's love." And the laws of love are not fleece-lined; they are iron and inexorable but never spasmodic nor arbitrary.

Thanking The News for valuable space, yours sincerely,
F. W. KERR.

RUPERT HAS PLEASED PARTY OF VISITORS

Departing eastwards now after a pleasant stay of over two weeks in Prince Rupert the guests of their relative, Mr. J. E. Dyer, members of the large house party Mr. Dyer has been entertaining, one and all express the greatest delight in the city and surroundings which they have by boat and auto car enjoyed during their stay. The party consists of Mrs. Edgar Hurlbut, of Owen Sound; Dr. and Mrs. Archer of Port Perry, Ont., with their niece Miss Leila McMillan; Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Paterson, of Bellingham, Ont., and Mr. W. E. Dyer of Columbus, Ont. The latter is a graduate of the Guelph Agricultural College, and has taken a great interest in the garden development of the city from muskeg soil. The party amongst other enjoyments attended the Methodist Metlakatla picnic with much pleasure.

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FORESTRY ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The fourteenth annual convention of the Canadian Forestry Association for the reading and discussing of papers, and the passing of resolutions based thereon, will be held upon the invitation of the government of British Columbia in the city of Victoria, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 4, 5 and 6, 1912. Sir Richard McBride, premier of the province, and Hon. W. R. Ross, minister of lands, are taking a personal interest in this convention, and will address the delegates upon this subject which is now the uppermost one in British Columbia. While papers and addresses will naturally deal with matters that concern British Columbia, they will not be confined to this, and in every way the convention will be national in character and embrace every part of Canada.

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