Glamorous "fashion show" held in Kitimat enhanced by presence of Mrs. Diefenbaker

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It was a memorable "first" for Kitimat and a "thrill-of-a-lifetime first" for me Monday when we met Mrs. John Diefenbaker.

My introduction to Mrs. Diefenbaker came through my long-time friend Mrs. E. Don Forward, who, as wife of the retiring president of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia, was hostess.

The charming wife of the prime minister, displayed her marvelous flair for informality and, as guest-of-honor, lent a national flavor to a "Fashion Show" with an international taste, presented in the Nechako Theatre, by the Hudson Bay Company.

The glamorous event was just one of the exciting functions staged for the women during the three-day convention.

Beautiful as the clothes, were the six professional models from Vancouver with one of Canada's best known fashion experts, Winnifred Mather, commentating.

Topping the fashion news was the lingering waistline at its normal place, outlined by set-in bands, belts or just shaping.

Brown was shown in multi-shades to become the fall and winter basic color, along with combinations of black and white.

Lavish use of fur for trimming, with leopard extremely popular; interest in brocades for evening wear; blouson backs repeated in many ensembles and the "accessory story" were focused in the collection.

Vivid shades of blues, greens and reds were shown in woollens, velours and mohair, but brown woodsy tones took the spotlight.

Biggest news was the feathered cloche and the turreted turbin for headgear and the Chanel jacket for ensemble topping.

While the controversial peek-a-boo hem-line was unmentioned several outfits were just below the knee.

The two-hour afternoon showing of fall and winter clothes was a wonderful fashion social event in Kitimat and this reviewer would certainly like to see a similar show presented in Prince Rupert in the near future.

CHARMING Mrs. John Diefenbaker is pictured above left with Mrs. E. Don Forward, right, convention hostess, Monday on stage of the Nechako Theatre, Kitimat, during a "Fashion Show" interlude. The wife of the prime minister was a fashion-plate in pale blue sateen, flecked with white polka-dots and off-set with a navy blue picture hat. In background is Winnifred Mather. Shown at right is Vancouver model Colleen Sardone in soft-woodsy toned suit featuring blouson back and teamed with matching turban. Doris Blanche is shown at bottom in just-below-knee skirt, accented with popular leopard skin scarf and turban set. Winnifred Mather in background wears black turreted turban and Chanel jacket in black velvet. —Staff photos by Grace Brown.

T. Harding at UBC music camp

Thomas R. Harding of Prince Rupert is one of more than 100 teenagers from all over the province attending the second annual summer music camp at the University of British Columbia.

The 10-day camp concludes August 28 and as a climax students will give two performances on Friday. The concerts will take place on the lawn of the Buchanan building at 2:30 p.m. and in the UBC armoury at 8 p.m.

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FOUR VANCOUVER MODELS are pictured above in the Nechako Theatre Monday while displaying beautiful fall and winter late-day ensembles shown in a glamorous fashion event held during the three-day convention of Associated Boards of Trade of North Central British Columbia and Alaska. Show commentator was Winnifred Mather, one of Canada's top fashion experts. Top choice for basic color was repeated in woodsy tones and luxury notes were given with whimsy hats, brilliant jewellery and mink capes. Brocades, soft woollens and cashmere received high rating in fabric notes while vivid colors were splashed everywhere. —Staff photo by Grace Brown.

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