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LENGTHY TOAST
LISTS

In view of the popularity of banquets in Prince Rupert, either for entertainment or for the purpose of honoring citizens who may for various reasons merit some token of esteem, the following remarks, evidently from a victim of an over abundance of oratory at such an event, are apropos:

"Some potent personage should take in hand the long toast lists at banquets. It threatens to become more and more a menace to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. An indignant friend has handed me the latest atrocity. There were ten toasts, that to the guest of the evening being a mere incident. Before he spoke sixteen other orators had had their innings and nine Ciceros followed him. There were songs also. Finally the company brought its labors to an end by singing 'O Canada,' 'Auld Lang Syne,' and 'God Save the King.' It seems a pity to have left out Psalm CXIX, which, with its 176 verses, would have kept the diners quietly employed until the following Sunday. To cure the evil of the long toast list I suggest an appeal to the provincial board of health. The duty of this body is to extirpate all malignant disorders which undermine the health of the people. Banquet committees were unfortunately forgotten when the criminal code was drafted, so the best plan would be to treat them as germs. I leave the remedy to those who make a study of how to rid us of pests."

TO SCALE M'KINLEY
FOR COOK'S RECORDS

Seattle Mountaineer Plans the
Ascent of Alaskan Peak
Next July With B.C.
Men

Vancouver, Jan. 30—Dr. Frederick J. Cook's records, which he says he left at the top of Mount McKinley, will be the object of search of Mr. C. R. Hall, a Seattle mountain climber, next July, if he ever gets there. Mr. Hall is in Vancouver just now trying to organize a party to scale the Alaskan peak with him next summer.

After talking with Dr. Cook, Mr. Hall says he believes the former accomplished more than the public thinks. The polar explorer assured him that proof of his climb lies in a tube buried on the northeast corner of the summit. If possible, Mr. Hall is going to find this tube. He will be accompanied by his two brothers Messrs. J. D. Hall and Virgil Hall, and two British Columbia mountaineers, as well as an expert on the topography of the country will go with them. The trip is to be taken next July via Cook's Inlet and the Susitna River. Mount McKinley is rated at 20,360 feet, but the base is 11,000 feet above sea level.

If he succeeds in making the ascent of Mt. McKinley, Mr. Hall will try to have his whole party reach the summit. They will follow the same route as the Parker-Brown expedition, which reached a point within about 300 feet of the summit last July.

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There is something wrong Mr. Editor, something which must be rectified. What's the matter with our Liberals? Why don't they get busy on the islands? I am, sir,
A SETTLER
Tow Hill, Graham Island, Jan. 14th, 1913.

New Police Chief.

Nelson, B. C., Jan. 27.—John Simpson, provincial constable at Kaslo, who is well known in Lethbridge and Ottawa, has been promoted chief of Boundary police district, with headquarters at Greenwood, succeeding late Chief I. A. Dinsmore.

The railway track running to the foot of Centre Street has been practically cleared of the huge mass of debris that has enveloped it since the firing of the big blast a few weeks ago, when the rockpile adjacent to the track at that spot was rent asunder in a most spectacular fashion.

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INSURANCE ACT
HAS DRAWBACKS

Too Much Red Tape Causes Fatal
Delay in Relief of Needy
—Doctors Not Zealous
in Treating Sick

London, Jan. 30.—The beginning of working of the National Insurance Act has been attended by some sad consequences, which of course, have been seized on by the opposition papers as a basis for an attack on the government. However much the situation may have been exaggerated in the headlines and the manner of report, the instances afford an excellent warning of the dangers of too much government and the methods of laxity which are only too likely to find their way into bureaucratic institutions.

They might also be pointed to as examples of peril of over-working charity. Men have been known to starve to death while their cases are being properly carded and indexed by charitable societies.

Within less than a week of the coming into effect of the Insurance Act three citizens of London died while taking advantage of Lloyd George's benefits.

The trouble seems to have been due to a combination of card indexing, overwork or carelessness. It may be that when all England is properly indexed the death rate will diminish and it is to be hoped that the majority of

physicians will not think that sickness is to be lightly considered when a patient comes under the Insurance Act, but observation of the contract indicates that bureaucratic doctoring is not particularly conducive to the health of the nation.

WOUNDED IN FIGHT
WITH TACOMA ROBBER

Unmasked Bandit and Pool Room
Owner Exchange Shots—
Both Men Wounded

Tacoma, Jan. 30.—Exchanging five shots with an unmasked bandit in his pool room, J. M. Parker was wounded in the head and believes that one of his shots found a mark in the would-be robber's shoulder. Both men emptied their revolvers in the little store, at a distance of less than 15 feet. Parker's wound is not dangerous.

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