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NO POLITICS

The most satisfactory note which rang through the recent meeting of local fishermen with the representatives of the fisheries advisory board was "no politics." Nearly every man who spoke on the subject emphasized the fact that politics had nothing to do with the fishing business, and that, in this question at least, politics had been shelved as having nothing whatever to do with it. F. H. Cunningham expressed his pleasure that this was so, and ventured the remark that he had never been a politician.

Yesterday F. H. Cunningham wired to George Nickerson that the herring concessions had been granted. He also took the precaution of sending a wire to the same effect to Joe Merryfield. What, in the name of all the herring that ever were spawned, had Joe Merryfield to do with it? With politics entirely outside it would have been just as sensible to send a wire to every fisherman in the district.

Of course, Mr. Cunningham might have meant that Mr. Nickerson was to inform the fishermen and that Mr. Merryfield was to tell the herring. In that event Joe would have some difficulty in distinguishing between the Conservative and the Liberal herring, and it would be out of the question to expect him to tell them both.

While on the subject of politics, why should it be recognized as a good thing to leave politics out of the fishing business and yet allow it to interfere with the affairs of the city? It is a well known fact that the reason why the council came to a deadlock over the Digby Island water scheme was that politics interfered. The labor difficulty could easily have been

overcome by arrangement with the contractors before the contract was ratified, but the real difficulty, which was insurmountable, was that the "peanut" politicians who rule this city wanted to have the work arranged to their own liking. The last wire from Ottawa on the subject plainly intimated that the work would not proceed except along the lines laid down by the government.

One result is that there is much less work here this winter than there would otherwise have been, and another is that the city will have to spend \$1,000 in laying a new main along Park Avenue, as a result of which the residents on the hill will have to do without their hydrants. The machinations of petty politicians has retarded the growth of this city in the past, but the day is near when the Merryfields and the Mansons and their gang will be put where they belong, and the whole district will be given a new lease of life.

OUR WOUNDED SOLDIERS

Friday is Red Cross Sale Day. Sweder Bros. tailor shop, 6th St., is headquarters from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Dawson will conduct the sale. The ladies of Prince Rupert will supply the cakes, pastry and home cooking. This invitation is good for all. More cakes and pastry can be disposed of than are received. Don't wait for some one to ask you to assist. Start cooking right now. 289.

VITAL STATISTICS

The health officer reported 13 births and 5 deaths in September, and 4 births and 3 deaths in October.



WILLIE HOPPE

The phenominal billiardist who made a new record in New York. He ran 308 points in the final match with Welker Cochran whom he beat by 500 to 18. Cochran was allowed 200 by handicap, making his official score 218.

PATRIOTIC FUND DEMANDS YOUR SUPPORT

To the Editor:—The Canadian Patriotic Fund is calling for more subscriptions to enable it to carry on its great work during the second year of the war.

For this purpose a vigorous campaign is being carried on throughout the province to meet the ever increasing demands made upon the fund by the wives and children of those who have gone to the front. There are now in France and England, and in training, more than 150,000 men from the Dominion, three times as many as at this time last year; and about one tenth of that number have gone from this province.

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amount required will be about \$6,000,000, and in this province alone the sum will be \$750,000. It will, therefore, be realized that every effort must be made to meet this requirement, and help to maintain the families of those who so nobly have taken up arms to uphold the right and preserve the integrity of the British Empire. Surely the least we can do is to see that the wives, children and dependent mothers who have already so much to bear, are assured of a reasonable degree of comfort.

As Prince Rupert and district have been asked to contribute \$8,000 to this worthy object, the local branch of the fund has arranged to canvass the city on Monday, December 13th, when every one will be given an opportunity of doing their "bit", and so contributing to the success of the campaign. It is hoped that wherever possible there will be a systematic giving of a stated amount—a plan which is being followed in most places with great success—not necessarily a large amount, but enough to be a sacrifice and a recognition of our duty and privilege.

Perhaps it will be thought that enough has already been given for this cause in Prince Rupert:

At the battle of Langemarke the general commanding in the field approached Brigadier Gen. (Continued on Page three.)

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