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## DIGBY MARINE STATION SHOULD BE EQUIPPED

Board of Trade Asks for Separation From Victoria, Making This Independent Branch.

A resolution asking that the Digby Island Marine Station be made, as originally intended, a branch station instead of a sub-station of Victoria, was passed by the Board of Trade last night.

In introducing it G. W. Nickerson said:

"In the original plans of the Dominion Government in improving the port of Prince Rupert a quarantine station was built, as well as a marine station, it is my understanding that the marine station was built with the object of establishing a branch of that service on Digby Island. It seems this station was never used for the purpose for which it was intended, it being used merely as a branch of the station at Victoria. There seems to me to be no good reason why this work should not be divided up and a proper use made of the station at Digby Island. The boats engaged by the light-house service could be to much better advantage handled from that point instead of as now exists at Victoria.

### Infrequent Calls.

"I understand that these boats merely call at Digby Island at very infrequent periods during the year, chiefly bringing most or perhaps all of their supplies and stores for the light-houses from Victoria. The station at Digby should be the headquarters for at least one of the light tenders, being more convenient to the light-houses and making proper use of the station there. The same reasoning applies to the Fishery Protection Service.

### New Boats.

"Since the loss of the Galiano, I understand the Government has arranged for three new boats for this service. Certainly we should expect and demand that at least two of these boats have their headquarters and home port at the Digby Island station. As it now exists the Fishery Protection boats are very seldom seen in the northern part of the province, where it would seem to me that they are most needed.

### Equipped in Victoria.

"Like the light-house tenders these boats are supplied and equipped from Victoria and since the establishment of the station at Digby, Victoria and southern influences have managed to keep this service centred in the south, when half of it at least properly belongs to the north, and I think that a vigorous effort should be made to get the Digby Island station established as a branch station and not merely as a sub-station of the Victoria office, and a move as follows:

### The Resolution.

"That a telegram be sent to Lieut.-Col. Peck, V.C., D.S.O., M.P., urging upon him to use every effort to see that at least two Fishery Protection steamers are made to have their headquarters at Digby Island, and that one light-house tender be likewise maintained there and that the coast of British Columbia be divided into two sections, the headquarters of one remaining at Victoria, the headquarters for the other at Digby Island, thus carrying out the original intention of the Dominion Government, towards this port and the station at Digby Island."

## SOCIETY DRAMA IS SHOWN AT WESTHOLME

Norma Talmadge in "De Luxe Annie" Is Feature at the Big Theatre.

"De Luxe Annie" is the name of a first rate society drama that is to be shown at the Westholme Theatre. Norma Talmadge is the heroine of the play and being a constant film favorite there is no doubt but she will prove a great attraction. The play is one written originally for the stage by Edward Clark, a big seven-reel super-feature.

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## SWANSON BAY HAS RECORD FOR PROVINCE

Surf Inlet Runs close Second in Matter of Rainfall—Rupert Very Low.

The wettest place in British Columbia during 1918 was Swanson Bay, where 295.70 inches of rain fell. The biggest contrast is found at Alkali Lake where the precipitation was only 4.14 ins.

The foregoing are among the interesting figures to be found in the annual report of the B. C. Division, Dominion Meteorological Service, just completed by Superintendent F. Napier Denison at Victoria.

Next to Swanson Bay the dampest place was Surf Inlet, where the rainfall was 203.25 inches. Many districts registered over a hundred inches, but the Okanagan did not need umbrellas on many occasions as the rainfall was 10.95 inches at Vernon, 9.16 inches at Penticton and 6.54 inches at Summerland. The question as to whether more rain falls in Vancouver than Victoria is settled, for while only 28.83 ins. fell at the capital, Vancouver received 58.51 inches. However, New Westminster was even damper, for 60.49 inches descended. Prince Rupert had slightly over 86 inches.

The snowfall shows an even more striking variation. At Esquimalt, for instance, "only a trace" was observed during 1918, but at Glacier 556.60 inches of "the beautiful" mantled the landscape. Victoria was sprinkled with 1.80 inches, Vancouver with 42 inches and New Westminster with 40.50 inches. Anyox received 268 inches. Atlin received 4.16 of rain and 69 inches of snow.

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