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How British Are Governed.

The method by which the people of Canada, like practically all British people are governed, proved an intensely interesting subject to the members of the Rotary Club yesterday as outlined by Hon. A. M. Manson, Speaker of the Legislature. He clearly showed that there is no attempt at government by outside authority, but that the people of Canada manage their own affairs absolutely. There are certain laws and traditions which we have inherited from our fathers and which are improved from time to time. No restrictions are placed on our powers so far as our own affairs are concerned. He might even have said that we are a republic in fact although not in name, with the added advantage of belonging to a powerful empire which protects us against possible enemies and whose wonderful prestige we share.

Wonderful Heritage To Be British.

It is a wonderful heritage to be British. In saying this there is no attempt to speak slightly of any other nationality. Most men are proud of the nation that gave them birth. They take a pride in her great men and great deeds. They like to see that country prosper, even though they have left her shores.

Many people who were not born under the British Empire have come to Canada and have accepted citizenship in the country. They have become British in doing that, for this is a British country. The forefathers of most of us came to Great Britain or Ireland and accepted citizenship in those countries, so there is little real difference between us on that score. The moment we swear allegiance to the King we become Britishers. It is not necessary in doing so to give up all love and admiration for the land of our birth, but the first place must be given to the land in which we live and which we have chosen for our future home.

There is a small section of people who on becoming citizens do not quite realize that in becoming Canadians they become British, and in doing so get the advantage of all the prestige that goes with the flag. There are a few people who profess to scoff at the idea of there being any advantage in living in a British country. Such people should go elsewhere. There is no room for them here. Canadians generally are jealous of their citizenship. They are proud to know that they are Canadians and proud also to know that Canada is part of the great British Empire.

Do Our Part to Enhance Its Glory.

In speaking of the greatness of the Empire, it is not necessary to forget that there has been much in it of which we do not approve and that even yet there are a great many reforms necessary. We are still working out a better form of government which will give more equal opportunity for every citizen. No one can be blind to these things. As we see the imperfections, it is perhaps just as well to glance at the imperfections of our neighbors, without dwelling on them, in order to see that with all our imperfections there is no heritage in the world we would exchange our own for. If there is a better place, that is where we should be.

If we are to do our part in the British Empire, it is for us to make the part in which we live a credit to the rest. Right here in Prince Rupert is the place for us to begin. We can every one help to make the best possible city in the best possible province in the best possible country.

It is a custom to sneer at reformers, yet we must all be reformers if we are to have improvement. Every socialist is a reformer because he would like to have what he considers a better form of government. Every man with ideals which are higher than the actualities of the day is a reformer.

Far Away Fields Are Often Green.

We all know that far away fields look green. We all know the opposite side of a muddy road always looks cleaner than the side on which we are walking. So it is with governments and countries. We see the other kind and it looks good to us, whereas in actual experience probably it may not be anything like as good. There are in Prince Rupert people who point to Russia as an ideal, yet what one of these people would exchange their positions here for anything Russia could offer? Some hold up Switzerland as a model republic, yet we hear of no emigration from this country to Switzerland.

There are many who leave Canada for the United States, but it is not because they have a better government in the United States but because in the larger centres of population there are more opportunities for the man with big ideas or with abundant energy. The warmer climate of the south calls to many. In every case it is not the idealistic urge which takes him away, but the urge of individual opportunity, of sensual gratification or the spirit of wanderlust. There is nothing anywhere so good as we have here in opportunity or in liberty. People who have gone away all speak as if they would be glad to be back. The far away fields are not as green as they looked when viewed from a distance.

SPEAKER WILL MAKE CHANGES

Hon. A. M. Manson Expresses Intention of Taking Action at Forthcoming Session.

In his address to the Rotary Club yesterday Speaker Manson mentioned the danger of wholesale deleting of old customs all of which had grown up for some specific reason. At the same time it was his intention at the next sitting of the House to make further changes in the detail of procedure. It was wonderful how much some members talked with little to say.

In discussing the independent members he said he was not listened to with any authority for he had neither leader or following. It was in the caucus that many of the most important questions were thrashed out.

"The very essence of Government is compromise," declared Mr. Manson. When there are two absolutely divergent opinions the only thing is for each to give way until they agree. Compromise is absolutely necessary in the best interests of the whole country. Government by a class for a class is never for the good of the country.

BROUGHT EXHIBITS IN BY HORSEBACK

Lasqueti Island Fair held last Friday was a success despite the great handicap of having to bring the exhibits in by stone-boats, launch, or on horseback, says the Comox Argus.

The roads are so poor that it is practically impossible to get a wheeled vehicle over them and so the transportation of exhibits to the fair ground presented unique difficulties. There was a keen rivalry in the many exhibits which were confined exclusively to grain, fruit, butter, cooking and vegetables. In quality the exhibits which were were equal to those shown in much larger fairs and with the opening up of the island by roads Lasqueti is bound to be a rival of Denman and other islands of the Gulf.

MANY TRAPPERS HAVE GONE OUT FOR FURS

Poor Fishing and Other Causes Drive Many to Woods to Seek Living.

Frank Dowling, telegraph operator from Second Cabin, arrived in the city last evening. He reports that a great many people both Indians and white people have gone north this fall for the hunting and trapping. The poor fishing season and the lack of other opportunities of making a living have made an unusually large number go out after furs.

Mr. Dowling says there are a lot of fur-bearing animals in the north, especially beaver. He tells about beaver stealing sticks which he has left around and of their being a nuisance in some sections of the country owing to the large numbers there.

HIGH OFFICIAL OF BOY SCOUTS COMING

Lieut. Col. Rev. A. Woods will be Here Early in November in Connection with Campaign.

Lieut.-Col. Rev. A. W. Woods, D.S.O., will be in Prince Rupert early in October in connection with a campaign for the advancement of the Boy Scouts organization in British Columbia. He will also go to Prince George. Lieut.-Col. Woods has been connected with the Boy Scout movement for the last twenty-five years. During the Great War he was senior chaplain of the Third Division.

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WILD GOOSE NEVER DESERTS ITS MATE

That is Why Photoplay at Westholme Tonight Is Named "The Wild Goose."

Was it a good omen when, during the filming of "The Wild Goose" at the Cosmopolitan studio in New York, a flock of wild geese passed over the studio on their flight south, honking merrily? Albert Capellani, the director, says yes, and the result it seems, was the Paramount picture which will be shown at the Westholme theatre tonight.

There is an old saying among ornithologists that a wild goose never was known to desert its mate and that there devotion endures until death. This theory has been made the basis of a powerful story by Gouverneur Morris, the author, which was further strengthened in the picture. The theme deals with the marital troubles of a wealthy architect because of his romantic minded wife's infatuation with another man.

The development of the story is rapid and there are numerous dramatic moments that thrill the spectator. Mary McLaren, is the wife of Holmes E. Herbert the husband. The cast is excellent and it includes such players as Dorothy Bernard, Joseph Smiley, Norman Kerry and Rita Rogan, the remarkable child actress.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

September 23, 1911.
Tenders have just been called for by General Superintendent Mehan, of the G. T. P., for the excavation work for the new station site, round house site, yard clearing, dry dock and ship building yards in line with the big developments promised by the company after the settling with the city of the assessment matter.

George Anderson, of Seventh Avenue, fell under a freight car in the railway yards yesterday and his leg was so badly crushed that amputation above the knee was necessary. The operation was performed in the General Hospital by Dr. Eggert.

The Man in the Moon SAYS—

SAYS the Cleveland News, the proper length for a skirt is just above reproach.

"DEAR me this is so sudden!" exclaimed the girl when the little man asked "Will you have a little shrimp?"

AMONG the things that don't get you anywhere is buying cheap chocolates for your girl.

ANOTHER thing that does not get you very far is worrying about the bogey of a hard winter.

THE only hunting story that has not been brought in this year so far is that one about shooting so many geese and losing them in the swamp.

ANOTHER thing that does not get you anywhere is arguing about production for use instead of for profit.

WHY ask some people what they are living on? It is better to ask why they are living on?

THE little girl who could not wake her mother asked if she was really asleep or just pretending she was a telephone.

WHY not a Church auction where the price of a halo would be so much, the price of a crown a little higher and a harp with a pure white gown be sold at a million?

A correspondent wishes to know if a poem can be beautiful when there is something wrong with its feet.

DRAMATIC RECITAL BY IONA ROBERTSON

Miss Iona Robertson gave another of her delightful recitals last night at the Empress Theatre, but the attendance was not very good. The feature of the evening was Ben Hur's Chariot Race, which was the best thing of its kind ever given here.

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