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Why We Should Have a Library.

Everyone is agreed that we should have a library. There is no difference of opinion. The only difficulty is that it has to be paid for and there are so many other things that have to be paid for in the city. The demands for contributions toward things we need are so large that people hesitate to advocate anything new.

And yet in spite of that we should have a library. Kelchikan, a little town in Alaska scarcely half the size of Prince Rupert, has had a library for years. They started in a small way, forming a library association and purchasing books with money secured from the proceeds of entertainments and other sources. Today they have a valuable collection of books and are constantly adding to it. They look on the library as a civic asset.

We are rapidly blossoming into an important city, aiming to become the centre of business and culture in the North, and yet we are without a public library. It does not speak very well for our progressiveness.

The long winter evenings are coming on and there are several months ahead when reading will be our chief source of amusement and education. There is an excellent little commercial library in the city, but it does not fill the gap. Reference books are needed, educational books, and all sorts of literature, as well as current novels.

The present is a good opportunity for some local organization to take the matter in hand and push it through. It is one of the crying needs of the community and ought to be backed by some live organization. We know of no worthier outlet for the energies of one of the chapters of the Daughters of the Empire or one of the hundred and one other organizations. What is the good of an organization if it does not accomplish something worth while?

Immigration to This Country.

We cannot hope to succeed with the exclusion of Orientals unless we are willing to populate the country with white people. We cannot sit tight with a dog-in-the-manger policy of keeping out everybody. This is a big country with plenty of room for millions of people to make a living in developing the natural resources. This cannot be done without getting in more people. In Europe the people are finding it difficult to live owing to the crowding. The cheap labor of Europe is taking the business away from the British, and the trade that was formerly British is going to Germany and other countries where they work for lower wages. There is room in this country for the excess population of Britain. They can come here and make good livings and develop. They can get out of the rut in which they have been for centuries and get a broader outlook on life. It will be good for them and will not injure this country. It will give us prestige and power in dealing with our neighbors. We shall be doing great things for these people by admitting them.

If we do not populate this country with whites, we must expect that some day we shall be forced to populate it with people of other races, to which we strongly object. Unless we use the country we have no moral right to it.

Business Conditions Good in Japan.

Business conditions are good in Japan, Germany and practically all the low wage countries except Russia, and even there business is improving in some sections. Japan is doing a lot of building and will soon need lumber. The opportunity for British Columbia to supply that lumber will be offering. It must be remembered, however, that Canada is in competition with the rest of the world and must compete in the matter of price. There is no end of business to be done if we can offer the goods at the right price.

Colonel Dockerill has just returned from Japan after securing some large orders, but the orders go to Vancouver, New Westminster and Vancouver Island firms because they can produce there cheaper than in the North. It is difficult to say why, but it is done.

SMITHERS HAS DISCUSSION ON INCORPORATION

D. S. McGill and Rev. J. Evans Debate Question and Delay is Decided On.

SMITHERS, Oct. 17.—Smithers had a field night on Thursday last when a largely attended meeting was held in the Hall to again consider the question of incorporation.

L. S. McGill, president of the Citizens' Association, outlined the provisions of the Village Act under which it was proposed to incorporate and strongly pressed for an affirmative vote to be immediately taken in order that incorporation could take effect at the beginning of the year 1922, in which event Smithers would acquire the taxes and other revenues for that year.

It was soon made apparent that whilst all were keenly alive to the importance of the matter under consideration, there were two distinct factions present, the one determined on immediate incorporation and the other equally determined that fuller and more definite information be furnished before the question was settled.

Urged Delay.

Speaking on behalf of the latter group, Rev. J. Evans urged that it was essential that a voter's list be prepared, since on a previous occasion commercial travellers and other non-residents had cast in votes on this question. He also emphasized the importance of obtaining definite assurance from the Government as to their contributions to the upkeep of roads etc., and stated that it was not a question of "for or against incorporation" but, whether the time for action had fully come. Mr. Evans then moved that a Committee of four consisting of two against, and two for, be appointed to further investigate the matter, procure fuller information and then report back to the Citizens' Association.

This was vigorously protested by Mr. McGill who claimed that many months had already been spent in investigation and the passing of the motion would mean the shelving of a settlement for another year.

Investigate Work.

A brisk game of battledore and shuttlecock was then indulged in by the local legal luminary and the fighting parson, during which the various pros and cons were passed back and forth to the keen delight of an audience all agog with interest and expectancy.

Eventually the motion to defer for further information was carried by a decided majority and the curtain fell.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

October 17, 1911.

The city council last night investigated the matter of the city purchasing agent. It transpired that although the city has a purchasing agent he is instructed to make no purchases until Ald. Hilditch has seen the requisition.

Last night the city council set the lowest wage on the Woodworth Lake waterworks construction at 37 1/2c per hour.

Olof Hansen has written to the city regarding some big trees near his residence which he fears may blow down.

PARADOXICAL STATE OF AFFAIRS.

Casey—Have yez shtuck a job yet, Moike?
Flinnagan—Shure O'ive not. They all want local rirrencek. A felly can't get a job in this burg until he's worked here for a while.—Boston Transcript.

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Answer—Write to the young woman, asking her if she can spare the loan of \$300 for you to pay Grandpa's fare to Chicago, as he is broke. Perhaps she will change her mind.

Mr. and Mrs. Tinkle write as follows:—"May we call at The Daily News office after the paper is printed tomorrow, to get advice on what to do with some relatives who are on their way from Montreal to spend the winter with us? They are awful nuisances and fault-finders. There are several children. They are funny people, too. What shall we do?"

Aunt Jemima's advice is for you to close up the house when they come. Put up a big sign "Smallpox and diphtheria" on the door. Perhaps they will depart when they see it.

DANCES BANNED BY BOARD OF WELFARE AS BEING IMMORAL

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 15.—From this time on or until the superintendent of recreation changes his ruling, there will be no more one-steps in the dance halls of this city, and with it goes the toddle and shuffle. There remains for the light-footed section of the population, however, the barn dance, fox trot, two-step, schottische and waltz.
R. B. Cook, the superintendent under the board of welfare, bans the three dances mentioned as being immoral.

REMARKABLE AND HUMILIATING WAS OTTAWA SPECTACLE

It is a remarkable and humiliating spectacle that has been witnessed at Ottawa, says the Toronto Globe. First the Government clung to office, abusing the mandate given in 1917 for war purposes, refused to appeal to the people and grew weaker and weaker as the result of overwhelming defeats in the by-elections. At last, on September 1, Mr. Meighen plucked up courage to announce that Parliament would be dissolved. Weeks passed without dissolution and without any indication of the probable date of the election. Then came a series of rumors that Parliament was just about to be dissolved; then the announcement that Parliament had actually been dissolved, but that the date had not been fixed.

Lacking Dignity.

No reason can be assigned for these delays except the anxieties and perplexities connected with the distribution of patronage. As soon as it was known that there would be an election Ottawa swarmed with office-seekers, who, no doubt, realized that Mr. Meighen's power to distribute offices would be short, and who wanted to make their positions secure before their chances would be destroyed by defeat at the polls. It is probable that this scramble for office and shelter has given the Government far more trouble and anxiety than the problem of unemployment of thousands of workers. Personal ambitions, not public interests, have been paramount for the past month and more. The spectacle is sadly lacking in the dignity which might be some consolation for the expectation of defeat.

JINX PURSUES MOTORIST.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Oct. 14.—Joel Wasley, Fraser Valley farmer, believes in the jinx. Here is his record of hard luck for less than one week: Had his car stolen, returned with two spare tires of the population, however, the barn dance, fox trot, two-step, schottische and waltz.
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