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Deeply Indebted to Visitor.

The people of Prince Rupert are deeply indebted to Miss Helen Stewart of Victoria for the able manner in which she has presented the library issue here. She has worked hard all the time since she arrived, addressing four or five different gatherings in one day and having consultations over methods of getting a library started and carrying on. In addition to that she has met a great many people personally and has had one topic of conversation. Her services have proved invaluable. In order to come here she had to square herself with the management of the Victoria library, where she is librarian. Her payment will be the knowledge that in Prince Rupert her services have been appreciated. There is every indication that on Wednesday next the library bylaw will pass and that the ideals which Miss Stewart has been telling about will commence materialization here.

Value of Good Books Mentioned.

The Winnipeg Free Press in a recent issue says editorially: "Good reading is one of the most potent factors in life. The habit of reading has both instructional and cultural value, and in its effects has a decidedly utilitarian value. One of the business men of Winnipeg who takes a strong personal interest in boy life tells about a great change that came in his life after listening to a lecture on books and reading by one of the provincial premiers of the last generation. From that time he dropped the sensational and fanciful type of reading and procured 'My Schools and School Masters,' by Hugh Miller, and Macaulay's 'History of England.' These gave him a new and greater interest in life and in the problems of his country and citizenship.

"The cultivation of good reading is all the more necessary in these times when there is so much current literature available. For real mental discipline and culture, continuity and concentration of thought on a subject is needed. 'Mere indiscriminate reading of any kind,' said Dean Farrar, a man of wide culture himself, 'should be resolutely abjured. The hasty, omnivorous swallowing of all kinds of intellectual pabulum will as certainly produce mental dyspepsia as thoughtless gluttony will ruin the physical digestion.' A few standard authors well read will prove an invaluable help in securing an education that will really function."

Head of University Coming Tomorrow.

The head of the British Columbia University, Principal Klinek, is expected to arrive here tomorrow evening and will address the Canadian Club and also speak under the auspices of the Elks. As head of the institution of advanced learning in this province, Principal Klinek should command large audiences and what he has to say should prove of great value to us. He is an able speaker and an authority on many subjects.

We all take a pride in British Columbia if we are worthy of our Canadian citizenship, and of the Canadian institutions one of the most important is the university. Many of the leading men of the next generation will get their inspiration there. It is an institution which we all help to keep up and which we all may utilize. It should be worth a great deal to meet a man with such a standing in the province.

Sir Lomer Gouin Faithful Follower.

After being premier of the province of Quebec for many years Sir Lomer Gouin is content to fall in behind Premier Mackenzie King and serve his country in that capacity as he served in the other. As head of the Quebec government he was a little king. Now he has to give way to another leader and show that loyalty which he formerly demanded of others. That is democracy.

Sir Lomer has for many years been an outstanding figure in Canada. His presence in the Dominion government adds strength to it. The broad sympathies of this French-Canadian will aid in the unification of the Canadian nation by suppressing those racial and religious barriers which cause so much heart burning. The declaration by Sir Lomer yesterday that he was in full accord with the Liberal policy of his leader was what might have been expected from so big a man.

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ANYOX AFFAIRS ARE DISCUSSED

Daylight Savings and School Matters for Consideration—Kelly Sports Secretary.

ANYOX, B. C. March 18.—The Anyox Community League held the regular meeting Wednesday evening, the President, G. Willis-Croft in the chair. The policy of the coming sports season was outlined and it was announced an attempt will be made to make all recreational endeavors self-supporting.

It was decided to appoint Frank M. Kelly of Victoria to be the new secretary, and he is expected to report for duty on or about April 1.

A referendum is to be held on April 8 to decide the question of the adoption, or otherwise, of a daylight saving bylaw for the town, the idea being that it might give the community a longer evening for recreation.

Arising out of a report by the home and school section of the league regarding the school situation which has been brought to a head recently owing to the resignation of one of the teachers, the council decided to call a public meeting when the inspector, H. C. Fraser, who is expected in town shortly, will be invited to be present. The council decided that the whole matter needed very careful attention and this meeting would enable the public to express their views on the matter, this meeting to be called as soon as definite word is received of the arrival of Mr. Fraser.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

The city of Prince Rupert is offering a reward of \$200 for information leading to the conviction of the person who sandbagged Rev. W. H. McLeod a few nights ago.

Fred Renworth and W. J. Jefferson are opening up a new shoe store in the Smith Block.

Ald. Montgomery, Socialist candidate in the provincial election contest, was heard at an enthusiastic meeting in the Majestic Theatre last evening.

SMITHERS IS PROGRESSING

Population Shows Steady Increase and Improvements Are Following.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING SOON

Shortage of Houses Likely to Be Remedied During Coming Season.

SMITHERS, March 18.—The Municipality of Smithers is working at high pressure to get the town affairs into smooth running order. The town assessor is busy at present re-assessing properties. Three commissioners are responsible for the affairs of the municipality: J. R. McIntyre, chairman of the commission; N. P. Moran and George Wright, commissioners, while F. Ockleshaw is clerk and treasurer to the municipality.

Building.

During the past year building was very active in Smithers despite the fact that building costs were high, some \$200,000.00 having been expended, the majority of which was outlayed on the building of residences to accommodate the ever increasing population. Even with this healthy expenditure there still exists a shortage of houses.

Present indications point to the coming season far exceeding this amount in building which augurs well for the future growth of this thriving town.

Hospital.

The Bulkley Valley Hospital accommodation is proving inadequate, and while splendid work is being done by the superintendent, Doctor C. H. Hankinson, and his staff they are considerably handicapped for the lack of room. It is anticipated that in the near future a nurses' home will be built and that additional space will be provided for the hospital.

While the electric light undertaking is practically completed, in that the poles have been erected and the houses, hotels and stores are wired ready to receive the "juice," as soon as the Canadian National Railway have the dynamos installed, unfortunately a long delay is being caused through the non-arrival of the necessary machinery to complete the plant. However, the directors of the Smithers Electric Company have the matter well in hand, and it is anticipated that the plant will be completed and the town brilliantly lighted in the near future.

School.

Smithers has an up to date superior school combining high school and second year secondary public school teaching, under the direction of C. R. Eisey, principal, assisted by Miss H. I. Sangster, Miss J. Sangster, and J. Wilson. Between 100 and 120 pupils are on the attendance lists, and three teachers are engaged in the public school in addition to the principal who teaches the entrance and high school classes. It is expected that the number of students passing the entrance examinations this year will demand a special high school teacher being engaged. The teaching staff has been increased from one to four teachers in the last three years, and an addition to the school building of two extra class rooms was opened last September.

Social.

The social life of the community is well taken care of. There are already organized a Masonic Lodge, Oddfellows Lodge, and the Rebekah Lodge, whist drives and concerts have been held during the winter season which have proved very successful.

The Catholic Church, Father Rivett; the Methodist, Rev. Jas. Evans; and the Anglican, Rev. Abbott, have taken a very prominent part in the social welfare work and the Ladies' Auxiliaries have proved themselves indispensable to the community life.

Telephones.

The Government Telephone department is installing a new telephone switchboard to take care of the ever increasing demand on the telephones. This will enable local towns with Hazelton and Burns Lake, and is being connected up to the main line.

Fred Hale returned this morning on the Princess Beatrice from Ocean Falls.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY WAS HELD

Splendid Report for 1921 Is Presented—Miss Hudson Elected President.

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church took place in the parsonage yesterday afternoon. Reports for the year submitted that the work had been very successful and gave good promise of becoming even more so. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Miss F. Hudson.
First vice-president, Mrs. G. G. Harker.

Second vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Kergin.
Recording secretary, Mrs. E. V. Ling.

Corresponding secretary and treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Kergin.
Superintendent of Christian stewardship, Miss Hudson.

Mrs. Harker was chosen delegate to attend the provincial branch meeting to be held at New Westminster.

This afternoon the children's branch of the society is holding a tea and sale of home-made candy in the church under the direction of Miss Hudson.

CANADIAN CLUB

Only Members in Good Standing to Be Allowed to Attend Luncheon.

At a meeting of the executive of the Canadian Club on Thursday afternoon it was decided to sell tickets only to members of the club unless it was found that there were insufficient tickets sold when outsiders might be allowed to purchase them. It was not expected that there would be any available outside of members as there are already 150 members in good standing and for such a prominent man as Principal Klinek of the University of British Columbia there would surely be a demand.

It was further pointed out that no person was a member of the club who had not paid his dollar dues this year in addition to the price of the luncheon ticket.

The club decided to adopt the version of "O Canada" used by the other Canadian clubs and the Rotary Clubs and not the one used in the public schools at present. A letter from the Minister of Education stated there was a proposal to change the version authorized for the schools but no official action had yet been taken.

The luncheon to Principal Klinek takes place on Monday at the St. Regis rooms upstairs at 1 o'clock.

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