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Danger of Narrowness In Small Community.

There is a danger that people living in a detached community will tend to become restricted in their views, petty in their actions and peculiar in their manners. Prince Rupert is much detached from the rest of the world, especially in winter. While there are regular train and boat services, the citizens meet pretty much the same people, discuss the same subjects and tend to become gossipy. It is the same in all places where similar conditions obtain. It is a matter of conditions and has nothing to do with the temperament of the people. Human nature is much the same in the aggregate everywhere.

As the city grows the narrowness tends to disappear, and with it much of the pettiness. Also there is less and less danger of the residents becoming peculiar. The outlook widens, bigger questions obtrude themselves and we become cosmopolitan in our outlook.

In Prince Rupert there are many saving features. In the first place the average citizen gets out occasionally and mixes with the rest of the world. He goes south and sees how things are done in the larger centres. He goes east and gets in touch with the interior point of view. There is also a constant stream of visitors which many meet. The visitors tend to keep us from becoming peculiar. The other two ameliorating influences are literature and the movies. Of these probably the strongest force is the movies. Nearly everyone goes to see the pictures, and while they often do not portray real life they are the same pictures that are influencing the people of other communities, especially when, as is the case here, the high-class pictures predominate in the selection made by local houses.

Value of Literature In Developing Character.

Literature has a great effect in developing character. The books and newspaper we read help to make up our stock of knowledge and also train us in our likes and dislikes, in our viewpoint on life and in our life ideals. Let a man read a number of books by one author and he soon learns to admire what that author admires and to hold up to ridicule or contempt the foibles and faults of the less agreeable characters.

While the movies rather stamped out many people away from the reading of books for a time after their introduction, there is a swing backward now toward a deeper interest in classic books. People are realizing that what has stood the test of time and has influenced thousands of people in the past must have much of value in it. Shorn of its old-fashioned trimmings, it contains much that will inspire and keep us from wandering into the by-paths of novelties.

Modern literature of course can not be neglected. If we would keep up with the times we must read some of the books that are written today. We must all get the modern viewpoint and the latest in science and philosophy. Much of it may be obtained from the best magazines, but there is danger in trusting to the magazines for everything. When a magazine writer becomes sure of himself and his writings are in demand he usually publishes books. The book is usually the work of the more mature mind.

Give Everyone a Chance to Read.

Everyone should have an opportunity to read books. The best thing any man or woman can do is to possess a small library. One by one the books may be gathered, the best being retained for future perusal. One book owned is worth many books borrowed.

With most people it is impossible to buy many books. They borrow them. In a large city there is a large selection to be obtained at the public library. Prince Rupert has no ambition to become a large city, judging by its indifference toward the public library idea. Now that the year 1922 has got a good start and there is hopefulness in every person living here, the library might well engage attention. It would be a shame for there to be another year of growth and material progress and yet no effort be made to develop also the intellectual side of our northern city life.

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RUSSIAN RED CROSS.

Editor Daily News:

The enclosed communication should be of general interest to the people of Prince Rupert, in view of the generous response they have made for aid for the tortured people of Russia, and should be sufficient to satisfy those who have had doubts as to the responsibility of the organization which has been collecting and forwarding money and clothing locally. It confirms the telegrams which the local organization received from New York in October last in answer to our inquiry if "The Canadian Famine Relief Committee was affiliated with the International Red Cross. As previously mentioned, the Canadian Committee is operating as a branch of the Red Cross Society of Soviet Russia, and all money collected is credited to the head office of the latter organization in New York, with the collections made in the U. S., thus enabling large purchases to be made in Canada and the U.S. at minimum prices.

J. H. BURROUGHS,
Secretary Local Committee,
Geneva October 15, 1921.
To the Chairman and Members
of the Central Committee of
the Red Cross:

The Tenth International Conference of the Red Cross, in its plenary session of the 4th of April, 1921, at Geneva, re-organized that the International Committee had taken proper action with regard to the Soviet Red Cross, and advised it to continue the negotiations with the Soviet Government in order to obtain for the delegates of the International Committee and of the Red Cross Societies which should request it, authorization to enter Russia to bring relief to the population.

Pursuant to this suggestion, the International Committee informed the Soviet Russian Red Cross by wireless of the 6th of July that, on inspection of the report of its delegate Dr. W. Wehrli, who has returned from Russia, the Committee was ready to recognize and maintain official relations with it, if normal intercourse were established between the two organizations, and particularly if the Committee's delegate were allowed to go to Moscow to there represent the International Committee in the offices of the Soviet Red Cross and Government, as the delegate of the Russian Red Cross at Bern represented it in the offices of the International Committee.

Affirmative Reply.
An affirmative and satisfactory answer having reached us under date of the 6th August, and our delegate having been able to return to Moscow, we have the honor to make known to you that we can now officially recognize the Red Cross of Moscow as the National Red Cross Society in Russia, i.e., in the part of the Russian Empire which constitutes the territory of the "Soviet Russian Federative Socialist Republic."

This Society, in fact, satisfies the essential requirements which have to be met by every National Red Cross Society.

The Swiss Department of State has certified to us that present day Russia was always considered as one of the signatory states of the Geneva Convention.

National Society.
The Red Cross has been recognized by the Soviet Government as a National Society and as an auxiliary to the official health service (ordinance of the Soviet Government dated the 7th of August, 1918, and the 8th July, 1920, which we copy below); and the official representative of the Red Cross in Russia, Dr. Bagotzky, at Bern, has, by letters of the 28th August and 7th September, 1920, formally stated to us that no other National Red Cross Society will be recognized in the territory of the Soviet Republic.

It has at its head a Central Committee, the membership of which we give below. It admits to the organization all its nationals without distinction of sex, faith or political opinion, and includes in its sphere of action the whole territory of the Soviet Republic. The bylaws show that the other requirements are likewise satisfied.

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mittee does not intend to renounce the de facto relations which it has with the former Russian Red Cross organization, in view of the humanitarian activity which it has demonstrated and is still carrying on outside of the territory of the Soviet Republic on behalf of the Russian refugees in foreign countries.

Committee at Moscow.

The Central Committee of the Russian Red Cross at Moscow is at present made up of the following members: Dr. Zenobius Solovieff, chairman; Dr. Alexander Goloubkoff, vice-chairman; Eugene Korovin, secretary; Dr. Michael Baranof, Maxim Litvinof, Alexander Dogadof, Michael Urivayof. His address is: Leontievsky 11, Moscow.

Please accept, gentlemen, the assurance of our very high regard.

For the International Red Cross Committee,

PAUL DES GOUTTES,
General Secretary.

GUSTAV ADOR,
Chairman.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

January 26, 1912

Diver Ole Evindsen worked for an hour this morning in the water at the scene of the sinking of the tug Glen Rosa. He brought up the watch of Captain Tallander but was unable to find trace of either his body or that of his son.

The Burns Anniversary Banquet was held last night in the Premier Hotel and the immortal memory was fittingly celebrated. President M. J. McNeil was toastmaster and beside him sat D. C. Sidart, treasurer, in all the glory of the national garb. Rev. F. W. Kerr, chaplain, Malcolm McLeod, director, and Dr. N. M. McNeil, physician. There was a long toast list and a fine musical program.

A meeting of Prince Rupert business men was yesterday held in the office of J. W. Palmore, the purpose being to promote a greater interest being taken in city affairs by the business men. Committees were appointed to confer with the city's financiers at the council and the bank.

ENGINEER LEAVES FOR PREMIER MINE CHARGE OF THE MILL

Among the passengers going north today on the Pacheana was W. Haseltine, a mining engineer, who is to take charge of the mill at Premier Mine, Stewart.

Mr. Haseltine has worked for the Guggenheim interests for a number of years and has had experience at Cobalt and also in Nevada and other mining states. Several years ago he did some preliminary work on the Premier ore which led to the establishment of the concentrator. The Premier ore is very complex and it will be the duty of the

SPECULATORS IN TICKETS

Traffic Is Killing Theatrical
Business in New York.

By BEN DEACON

Canadian Press Correspondent.
NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The drama which has brought the greatest joy to New York theatregoers within recent weeks was staged in the Federal District Court. It was drama of the old fashioned type in which the villain gets his just deserts. But it had modern improvements. The old drama had one, or at most two, villains. The Federal Court drama had nine. All were ticket speculators. Halted before the court, they were fined a total of \$3,200.

The theatre tax still is in force in the United States. In order to collect it on tickets sold by speculators, the U.S. government has provided certain forms for them to fill out. These forms were changed recently to enable the authorities to determine how much in excess of the customary 50c-per-ticket rake-off the speculators were charging, as half of the amount of this extra gouging is the property of the government. The nine ticket traffickers refused to make this return disclosing the extent of their profits. They preferred to be fined. So they entered a plea of guilty, and had the last laugh. They probably got back twice the amount of their fines before they said their prayers and went to bed that same night by driving the harpoon just a little deeper into the pocketbooks of the unwise and unwary few who still purchase their tickets from the speculators' shops. Nevertheless, the spectacle of ticket speculators in any sort of trouble is balm to the sore theatregoer.

Theatres Losing Money

About six shows out of sixty are making money in New York today. A few others are just managing to keep the wolf from the stage door. The remainder are running at a loss or eulging up and dying after a brief, pitiful struggle for breath. And yet New Yorkers appear to have money to spend for other things no more essential than theatrical entertainment.

The reason? Well, the ticket speculator is probably the chief reason. New Yorkers have been fond and proud of the ticket speculator in the past. He has fitted in wonderfully with the much-touted "White Lights," the dollar tip to the hat boy, and similar large and loose institutions which the New Yorker conceived to be essential to enjoyment of gay life in a great city. Buyers from Montreal and Toronto who run down for a few days now and then also enjoyed his spectacular methods. It was very impressive to go back and tell the boys how it cost six-fifty per seat to see "The Nightingale," the latest Broadway success. Throwing money away was the proper New York caper, and the ticket speculator was obliging and useful in this process.

Is Tightening Up.

But the average New Yorker is beginning to tighten up. The ability to waste money is not looked upon as quite so necessary to the enjoyment of life. In some circles it is even coming to be regarded with a certain amount of disfavor. The guyners from Canada too are becoming wary. The exchange situation clips off enough of their good Canadian bank rolls without casting any large percentage of it before the speculators. Therefore the theatres which have all their good seats in the hands of speculators have practically all their good seats empty. People are going to the movies or climbing up into gallery seats, which may be purchased in unlimited quantities at the box offices at the regular prices. But it is the ground floor of the theatre that produces the essential revenue and with a very few exceptions New York theatres have but very slim orchestral patronage. Until the producers eliminate the speculator and sell their seats from the box office direct to their customers, it is declared by those who have studied the situation the show business in New York will remain in its present unhealthy state.

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