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Kashmir

THE VALE OF KASHMIR, celebrated in romantic song and story, has been feeling the hand of war. What amounts to civil strife in India has widened to include this mountain Eden in northwest Hindustan.

Despite high altitude and at times a cool climate, the fruits and flowers, corn and wheat attest a rich fertility, not to mention natural beauty of rare charm.

NEW PRINCE GEORGE

TODAY THE TREND is towards simplicity and streamlining. The new Prince George being built in Victoria is a magnificent ship equipped with one huge funnel—this vessel takes the place of an old three-stacker of the same name.

REVERSE MIGRATION

MUCH IS HEARD just now of the increasing number of young Canadians who are moving into the United States in the belief that, by so doing, they will find prosperity and prospects more satisfactory and encouraging.

SENTIMENTAL OR PRACTICAL

THERE IS SENTIMENT in bringing home to the United States of bodies of soldiers killed in far-away battlefields. Such will give some measure of comfort to the bereaved.

Possibly, if the same effort, outlay and use of deepsea shipping essential in "operation taps" had been applied to the problems and perplexities of the living, and the honored dead left to remain undisturbed, more actual and practical good would have been accomplished.

POWER OF DESCRIPTION

ALL SIGNS POINT TO 1948 being the greatest travel year the Pacific Coast has ever known. Many thousands who, for a variety of reasons, did not come north last season will be here next.

The scenic seas of the "inside passage" offer a charm not outmatched in all the immensity and beauty of the rest of Canada and the United States. That's why they come. If a holiday journey such as can be had here, is described so much the better for all concerned.

There is such a seeming anomaly as having good vision, and yet being unable to see. There is, with some, possession of an inner insight that gives a true picture of a place without ever having been there.

Education Week

DEMOCRACY IN EDUCATION

(By a Teacher) "The kind of environment we place around a child will invariably react on the child." If the school prepares him for "Democratic living" it is performing its job.

The needs for democratic living are many. The Canadian Educational Council deals with the plans and curricula to make this possible but, beyond all, making them effective is the teaching profession.

Let us briefly trace a child through his school career and then take an inventory to see whether or not the school has prepared him for democracy.

The school receives our child in a group that has a great variety of individual differences. He may or may not have had experiences in getting along with others. He may or may not have learned habits of cleanliness.

Now, we see him in school, where he becomes one of a group. The opportunity for his proper development exists and he finds many new things to hold his attention.

His previous training will now play an important part in his school life. He may find school interesting and a happy place to be or he may suffer from the attention his parents shower on him.

Since his attitude and position is secure school will become a happy place to be. Educational growth may be rapid and he will make friends and find good in everything.

Finally he grows into manhood. He must find his vocation in life. Is he prepared to meet this challenge? Let us now evaluate the man we have had the honor and responsibility of training.

Has the church done its share? Has the home? Has the school? Is the child capable to fit into a field of work in which he will be familiar and happy?

If we have taught the child instead of the subject so that he can measure up to this test of citizenship, surely we may proudly say: "Our child is prepared for Democratic living."

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Spitfire Out: Rocket Now

By STUART UNDERHILL Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, ©—Britain's famous Spitfire fighter, pride of the Royal Air Force in the Second World War, is becoming obsolete in a world of jet aircraft and will gradually be retired, it is reported in British flying circles.

"Spitfires are still operational and will be for some time," said an Air Ministry spokesman, "but they may be replaced by another type of aircraft."

This "other type," it is reported, is the Vickers Supermarine Attacker, a single-seat fighter fitted with a Rolls-Royce jet engine developing more than 5,000 horsepower.

The Attacker lacks the Spitfire's graceful lines, but has a maximum speed of 590 miles an hour, an operational ceiling of 48,500 feet and can climb 30,000 feet in 6.17 minutes.

The first Spitfire took the air in 1937 after six years of planning. Its initial speed was 362 miles an hour, which was increased to 450. Later models could climb at 4,800 feet a minute, compared with an original 2,500 feet.

Its basic design was never altered, although experiments were made with wings and engines, and it served the R. A. F. as a fighter, fighter-bomber, reconnaissance plane and aircraft carrier plane.

It cannot, however, be converted to jet engines.

Features of the Attacker are an engine set amidships and a cordite operated jack which can jump the pilot out of the aircraft in an emergency. It can cruise at 380 miles an hour for 1.6 hours or for 3.78 hours when a 270-gallon drop tank is fitted.

Its armament consists of four 20-millimetre cannon and two 1,000-pound bombs or four 300-pound rockets. The Spitfire started with eight .303 machine guns, four in each wing, then two 20-millimetre cannon and six machine guns. Later there were four cannon, then 250 and 500 pound bombs, and finally rockets.

There are hundreds of legends about the Spitfire, including the rigger who made an unintentional trip at 300 miles an hour,



MEET MR. 'EDSAC' — Professor Dr. H. V. Wilkes, director of the Cambridge mathematical laboratory in England, is busy putting the finishing touches to his electronic brain. This two-ton "memory" machine is the first in the world of its kind and has been called "Edsac" (electronic day storage automatic calculator).

LET THERE BE LIGHT

MONTREAL © — Window washing is a big item in this city's budget. Price of the low-bidder for the washing contract, to run April 30, 1950, was \$8,550.

clinging to its tail, and the German who awarded his Iron Cross to the Spitfire whose pilot shot him down.

Its origin goes back to 1931, when a supermarine aircraft won the Schneider Trophy for speed. Experience gained in the victory went into the Spitfire through the mind of designer R. J. Mitchell, who struggled against illness to complete his task. He lived just long enough to see the aircraft's first flight in 1937.

ENROLMENT TOTAL 1055

Considerable business was transacted at the regular sitting of the Prince Rupert School Board last night which remained in session until 11:30.

Present were Dr. R. G. Large (chairman), Bruce Brown, A. J. Dominato, Mrs. E. W. Becker, School Inspector E. Hyndman, Mr. Aleny, and Mrs. Roper, secretary.

Permission was given to the Canadian Legion to visit the schools Friday in connection with poppy distribution.

A communication from the Indian day school at Port Essington, expressing thanks for co-operation and assistance, was received.

The total school enrolment for the month was 1055.

Enrolment in Borden Street School for October was 202 with average percentage of 90.46. There had been the customary inspections, with the general school routine satisfactory. As for the children's health, there had been whooping cough and colds but illness had made no serious headway.

In Booth Memorial School the general average attendance had not been so good. Enrolment was 475. Percentage attendance was 92.62. It was suggested by the principal that some students were not progressing as they might, the main reason seeming to be disinclination to work.

King Edward School enrolment was 271 with average daily 247.35. In the school fire drill, the building had been emptied in 1 minute 17 seconds.

The Conrad Street School attendance was 107.

Reports were also received from Port Simpson, Port Edward and Digby Island schools.

The architect firm of Gardiner & Thornton wrote from Vancouver, saying it was under-

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stood a new school was to be built here. They asked that their services be considered.

The board received a written suggestion from Principal Alan Hurst, Booth School, inquiring about the desirability of utilizing some of the school rooms, in the evenings to accommodate certain local groups interested in training, and preparing for a variety of activities as the winter season comes on. This would mean a rearrangement of hours for the janitor. Before any action is taken, there will be a conference between board representatives and the janitor.

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