Don't Be Inarticulate

THERE ARE PLENTY of good ideas in Prince Rupert. The people here are thoughful and imaginative. There seems to be, however, a failure to follow up and get things done.

Take business, for instance. Opportunities are seen and appreciated. Services of various kinds are lacking. Some of them, it is generally agreed, present opportunities to combine the giving of essential service with profitable return. Many think, for instance, that there is an opportunity for a new hotel. We have been hearing how an auto camp or motel would be a profitable undertaking. There are other things that could be mentioned. But everybody seems to think somebody else should do it. As a result, nothing gets done.

Here in the newspaper office we get plenty of free advice about campaigns we should start, causes we should support, editorials we should write, views we should express. Yes, we get plenty of free advice, often about things we have been harping upon for years ourselves with mighty little support or backing as far as John Q. Public himself in Prince Rupert is concerned.

On the one hand many of us are inactive, lack initiative. We have ideas but we do nothing more than think about them or discuss them on the street corner. Otherwise we are inarticulate. We have ideas about what other people should do or say but we do not come out ourselves.

There is one thing that the Daily News is always ready and glad to do-that is to pass along and give expression to the ideas, the suggestions, the views of the people. These may not always be appropriate for one reason or another for editorial expression, However, there is always space to be found in the paper one way or another for the liberal presentation of these ideas. Prince Rupert people may not be as enterprising, as ingenious and active as they might be. There is no reason, however, for them to be inarticulate as long as the News is publishing every day.

A BANK'S BIRTHDAY

THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY of the Bank of Montreal next Monday recalls not only the founding of Canada's first-established bank in 1817 but the very beginning of the nation's banking system. Canada's branch banking system has stood steadfast through all the ups and downs of peace and war since colonial times, and it has been hailed the world over for its strength and flexi-

Because of the unsettled times through which Canada-in common with all the world-is passing, the occasion of the Bank's 130th anniversary is especially worth noting. The study of history has been called the best cordial for weary spirits, and recollection of the endeavours, through the years, of pioneer Canadians, in such enterprises as their banking system, helps, perhaps, to keep our perspective clear in these days of flux and diverse thinking.

FLIGHTS AND CRASHES

THE THOUSANDS OF FLIGHTS made safely by large passenger planes are the ones that never make the screaming headlines. But now and then, numerous valuable lives are finished in a flash and flaming wreckage litter a mountain wilderness.

That's news. The other isn't. The world is becoming more and more hardened to crashes and to plunges in the deep, deep sea.

Another will be due, in a day or so, somewhere. The air, they say, has been conquered. But not quite.

RAILWAY TO ALASKA

A RAILWAY FROM VANCOUVER to Fairhanks, west of the Rockies! The project is heard of, again. Why not? A relative of the late F. D. R. was on the coast during the war, studied the situation, and turned in a report favoring construction whenever it might be regarded as feasible and necessary. Aviation and buses are exremely useful, and who can say the railway does not come within the same classificiation-if not even more so?

A FINE HALLOWE'EN

T WAS a "safe and sane" Hallowe'en in Prince Rupert and everybody is happy today. "No damage" is the gratifying police report and there was a minimum of bother.

After the experiences of the previous two years, it was satisfactoryy, indeed, to have it this way and we are glad to be able to congratulate all concerned—the authorities and service organizations for their precautions and various efforts and, particularly, the young people themselves who restrained themselves so well.

Everyone had a good time and did so without spoiling the night for any one else.

Bank of Montreal Celebrates 130th Birthday

Identified with Canada As It Grew In Stature

British Columbia's first permanent bank—the Bank of Montreal—next Monday completes the 130th year of its pioneering career. The first bank in Cenada, founder of the country's financial system, and major backer of the Dominion's first transcontinental railway, the Canadian Pacific, the Bank of Montreal has played-and still"

plays-a vital part in the de- of \$250,000. Today, the bank's and of the nation.

When the bank was founded, on November 3, 1817, the region that was to become the province f British Columbia had impressed the world as just a wilderness in the back of beyond. prized for its furs, and populated only by Indian and white traders and hunters.

Back east, things weren't much better. The Canadian colonies tered long forest miles apart. Canada. The entire population numbered only about half a million.

Montreal began with a capital tion.

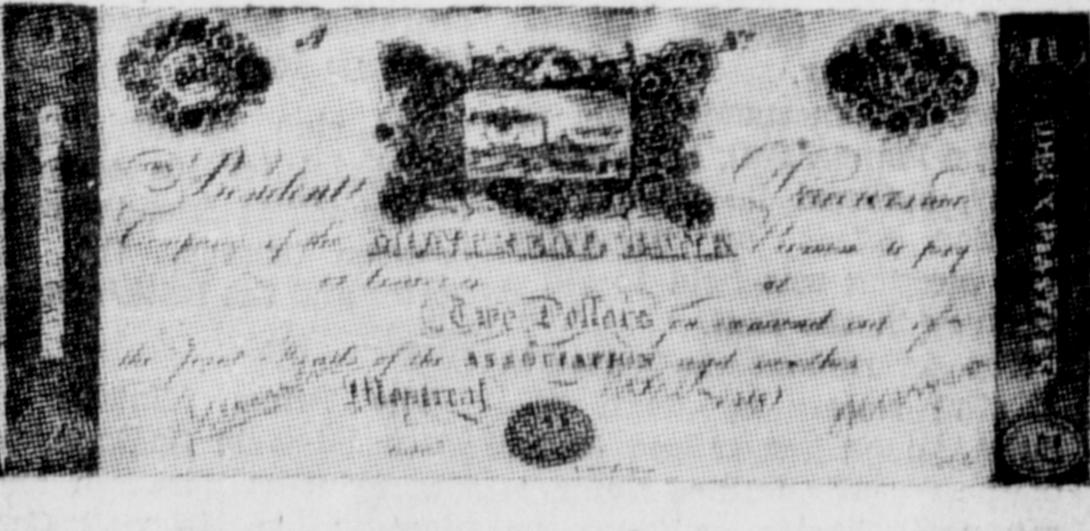
velopment of British Columbia capital and reserves amount to \$78,000,000, and its resources appreach the two-billion level. Just as spectacular has been the increase in staff-from seven persons in 1817 to more than 8,000 in 1947! The bank has over 500 offices, including branches in Newfoundland, London, New York, Chicago and San Francisco. Its depositors number more than 1.500,000 one out of were primitive settlements scat- every five bank depositors in

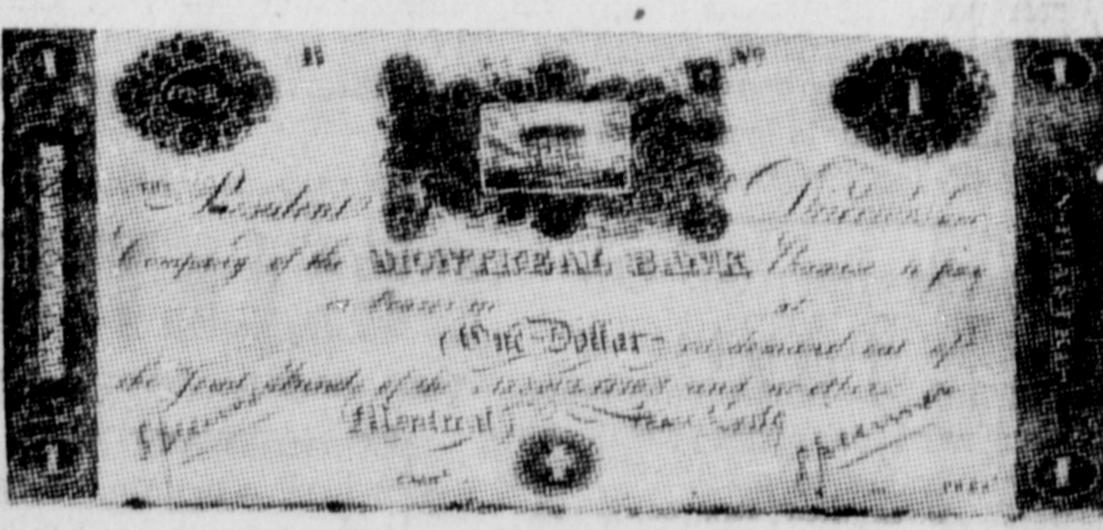
If all these people and their dependents, plus all the others Since 1817, Canada has grown whom the bank serves, were from colonial infancy to rebust counted together, their number nationhood. The old bank which would form a surprisingly high did so much to make possible proportion of the Canadian the high standard of living and population. In effect, Canada's swift progress of the voung coun- oldest bank has become part and try has also grown. The Bank of parcel of the fabric of the na-



GEORGE W. SPINNEY, C.M.G. president of the Bank of Montreal for the past five years of the bank's 130-year history. A member of the staff since 1906, he joined the bank as a junior at his native town of Yarmouth, N.S. Mr. Spinney served at a number of posts in the bank before his appointment as assistant to the general manager in 1922. In 1928 he was appointed an assistant general manager and eight years later he became general manager. During the war, Mr. Spinney was chairman of the First Victory Loan campaign and for two years he was chairman of the National War Finance Commit-

B. C. GARDNER, vice-president and general manager of the Bank of Montreal, who is also president of the Canadiah Bankers' Association and vice-president of the American Bankers' Association. Mr. Gardner, whose wide experience in banking includes service in England, the United States and Newfoundland, as well as in eastern and western Canada, became an assistant general manager of the bank in 1935. In 1942 he assumed the duties of general manager of the organization and two years later became a director and vice-president.





CANADA'S FIRST REAL MONEY—One of the first steps taken by the Bank of Montreal after its founding, in 1817, was to issue its own bills. Canada's first bank bills, did much to facilitate the development of trade and commerce in the young colony. Until then, Canadians had to rely on an unwielding mixture of foreign currencies which circulated in the country. As tehir rates of exchange constantly fluctuated, the transaction of business was a difficult matter, and trade was conducted chiefly by barter. The bills reproduced above are specimens of the bank's first money. On the two-dollar bill appears a picture of one of the steamboats that travelled on the St. Lawrence River in those days. It is believed to be one of several owned by the Hon. John Molson, a famous Montreal merchant of the early 19th century, who, from 1826 to 1834, was president of the Bank of Montreal

'COPTER MAIL SUCCESS

ABERDEEN, Scotland (P)-The experimental helicopter mail service which each day carried 200 pounds of mail to and from the King during his stay at

Balmoral Castle, was described in official circles as an outstanding success.

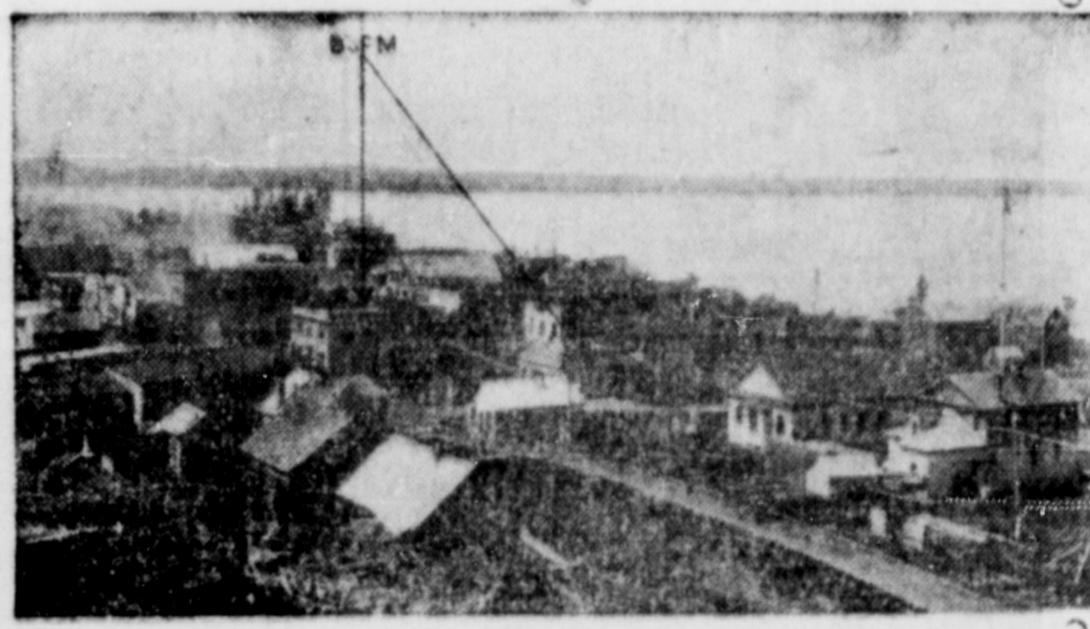
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CANADA'S FIRST BANK BUILDING



Taken from an old hand-colored engraving, this winter scene is a view of St. James Street, Montreal, as it appeared in 1830, thirteen years after the Bank of Montreal's founding. The building on the right was the first head office of the bank, which served as headquarters for the Bank of Montreal from 1819 to 1848. This was the first building especially constructed for banking purposes in Canada. Today a post office stands on this site, while adjacent to it, facing historic Place d'Armes, is situated the bank's present head office building, completed and occupied in 1848.

OLD AND NEW IN PRINCE RUPERT



This unique picture taken some time ago shows the old and new of the Bank of Montreal in Prince Rupert. The vertical line points to the movern, permanent building which for years has been the home of the Bank of Montreal here. The oblique line points to the little old building on Fifth Street (now occupied by Chandler's photographic studio) where the local branch was founded back in 1910.

LOCAL BANK OFFICE HAS 37-YEAR HISTORY IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

The pioneering spirit of the Bank of Montreal, and which celebrates the 130th anniversary of its founding November 3, which has done so much to promote the prosperity of Canada, still characterizes its activities. One of the bank's greatest pioneering periods was during the first decade of this century

when it aided in the develop-* ment of so many of the new communities of British Columbia and the other western prov-

The local office, established in May 1919, opened here when the city's population consisted of several thousands of transient prospectors. There were few businessmen and no real industries in the frontier community.

However, the coming of the railway and the permanent establishment of the mining, lumbering and fishing industries have made a tremendous difference. Streets have been naved and sidewalks laid, so that Prince Rupert now compares favorably with other cities of like size. The local office of the bank has contributed to this rapid expansion.

G. R. S. BLACKABY ESTEEMED MANAGER

Manager of the Prince Rupert branch of the B. of M. for the past seven years, G. R. S. Blackaby has become a well-known and popular member of the community. Mr. Blackaby was born in Hertfordshire, England, on August 5, 1891, and he received his education at Ware and Hertford grammar schools. After a vear or two in commercial life in London he entered the service of the London City and Midland Bank, leaving them in July 1911 to join the Bank of Montreal at London, England. Coming Canada in September of that ton, N.B., Merritt, Rossland, Vernon, Kelowna, Armstrong, Summerland, Vancouver, Cloverdale and Terrace and Williams Lake branches, coming here from the latter branch in July During World War I Mr.

Blackaby served overseas with the 2nd Brigade Machine Gun Company, First Division, being wounded at Passchendaele and gassed at Hill 70. He was for three years president of the of the Williams Lake and District Board of Trade.

has lived in Prince Rupert, Mr. South Atlantic can wear out a Blackaby has taken a very ac- heavy pair of boots in six days. tive part in almost every worthwhile public effort, serving on See the Spies and Meckling the executive of the local Cham- ad this week.



PRESENT MANAGER HERE-G. R. S. Blackaby, esteemed in business circles and also active and popular in several lines of public and community

ber of Commerce, Industrial Development Committee, Victory Loan drives and as treasurer for the Chinese and Russian Relief campaigns, as well as for the Home Front, Red Shield appeal, and as chairman of the combined War Services drive. Mr. Blackaby is an active Rotarian and also takes a live interest in church work. His recreational interests include music and literature as well as work with children and young people. year, he served in the Frederic- These interests he has shared to the full with his fellow citizens Phone 174 of Prince Rupert and while he has recently had to restrict his participation in local affairs since a heart attack last fall, he Public Accountant, Auditor, etc. maintains a very keen interest Income Tax Returns Compiled in all the city's activities.

FALSE LEG BANK

ADELAIDE, Australia (P)-An ex-soldier collecting money for disabled veterans and their dependents is taking no chances. the He has cut a hole just below 147 4th East Phone Black 48 Central Cariboo branch of the the knee of his artificial leg Canadian Legion and president and drops the money in there.

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