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Province Bankrupt But Credit Remains Good.

A curious anomaly has arisen in the province of British Columbia. According to third party speakers the province is bankrupt or almost so and yet they admit that the credit of the province remains good. As a matter of fact it is just as good as the credit of those other provinces that are quoted as examples for this one to follow.

The cry of blue ruin is not one to conjure with just now. The province is prosperous today and all the pessimism of the Provincials cannot make the people believe it is otherwise. There is today no unemployment, mills and factories are all working, except the one in Prince Rupert which is tied up from financial causes originating in the death of the proprietor some years ago. North and south, east and west the country is more prosperous than it has been for many a day and in spite of the lamentations and weeping of the new politicians, everything is going on well and seems likely to improve.

Provincial politicians when they go out on the stump next time should learn a new piece. They have played the melancholy role to death and if they are not careful will die with it. Let them bring us a message of cheer and we shall receive it joyfully for we are not as hidebound to party as they have us believe.

No Pressure Here On Political Opinions.

Contrary to the intimation of one of the speakers at the little Provincial meeting the other night, there is no pressure put upon people here because of their political opinions. We in Prince Rupert do not penalize a person because of his opinions. Everyone has a right to express himself as he feels proper, unless he be in the public service when he is not expected to campaign for or against any party, either the Government or the Provincials.

If a man had been penalized for his opinions, some of the local people would often have found themselves in difficulties for they have never been backward in giving vent to their opinions.

We have no quarrel with the Provincial Party. If they can improve the condition of the province, we wish them every success. All we criticize is their spirit of pessimism and the misapprehensions of their speakers. Prince Rupert is about as free a place as any in the country. A man can hold any opinions he wishes or be of any religion he wishes and nobody bothers him. All fraternize together and are good friends. They do business with each other and meet socially without the slightest ill-feeling. To convey any other impression is to distort the facts.

Salt Lake Swimming Pool Is Great Asset.

One of Prince Rupert's greatest assets is the Salt Lake swimming pool across the harbor. It is something that nature has provided for the use of the city and which is to be preserved through the recent action of the Provincial Government in setting it aside for park purposes. All that is now needed is to spend some more money on it in order to make it one of the finest recreation parks in the country.

At present the place is not kept as well as it might be. The Provincial Government has, through its member, offered to give \$750 as its share of a fund for the purpose of putting the place in good condition, provided the people here put up a similar amount. This should be an easy matter. The money is so badly needed and the cause is such a good one that the city should be generous and the Swimming Club should be allowed to proceed with the work at as early a date as possible.

Cashing In On Tourist Opportunities.

When the new boat is placed on the Naas River this route should prove an attractive one for tourists who wish to see a little wild life. They could either make the return trip to Aiyansh or, better still, could go up the river by boat and return by way of Terrace or Kitwanga, tramping the sixty or seventy miles from one river to the other. For Prince Rupert people, too, this would make an enjoyable outing.

BOYS GUESTS ROTARY CLUB

Interesting Addresses Given With Good Advice to Lads Who Were Present

VALUE OF EDUCATION

Thirty boys of the High School entrance classes were yesterday afternoon guests of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club at luncheon at the St. Regis Cafe. They were seated alternately around the tables with the members of the club and listened to addresses from George Rorie, Dr. W. T. Kergin, W. E. Williams, T. H. Johnson, C. H. Orme and George Munro, the latter being designated to and the lads in the choice of a business or profession and to encourage them to remain at High School until they had passed their matriculation examinations.

At the close of the addresses of thanks to the club were made by two boys, the vote being proposed by Lloyd Mallett and seconded by Roy Rynne. Adjournment was taken after three causing others and a tiger had been given by the guests for their hosts.

Besides the boys the guests of day included Raymond Fisher of Victoria, son of Refugian W. S. Fisher, and Dr. Sager of Port Simpson.

Dr. Grand presided at the luncheon and before the program commenced he vacated the chair in favor of George Rorie of the boys' work committee.

George Rorie

In his address Mr. Rorie asked the boys to remember that the members of the club always wished to help the boys and were ready to do so. The Rotary Club was simply a bunch of business and professional men who got together and kept together having the idea that service was the basis of prosperity in business and of happiness in life. They wanted to make the boys remember that greater service meant greater happiness and in most cases more material wealth.

In the old days there was a nation went wandering in the wilderness and then they set up a golden calf. That spell ruin. So it was well for us to remember not to set up the dollar sign as the only thing worth while. Setting up that was apt to blind us to other things and those other beauties would be missed. He recommended that the boys complete their education by going through High School, and thus lay the foundation for the after life.

Dr. W. T. Kergin

Dr. W. T. Kergin expressed the opinion that they often had important guests but never any more important than the ones there that day. Apart from entertaining the boys they had it in mind to bring home to them the value of education. Many grown people would today have been thankful if they could have received a better education and gone through High School.

Speaking of the practice of medicine, the Doctor spoke of it as one of those which were honest, honorable and brought a fair remuneration. He believed that in every boy was the desire to serve mankind but often in later life the fine ideals were curbed by the daily grind. Medicine offered an opportunity for service.

Dr. Kergin urged the boys to choose a business or profession that appealed to them and which they thought they would like. If they did not do this life became drudgery instead of happiness. However, most desirable things were hard to get and this was true of the medical profession. There was hard work ahead for years but it was not out of reach for any ambitious man who had courage and grit to go in for it.

W. E. Williams

W. E. Williams told of meeting Sir Wilfrid Laurier and talking

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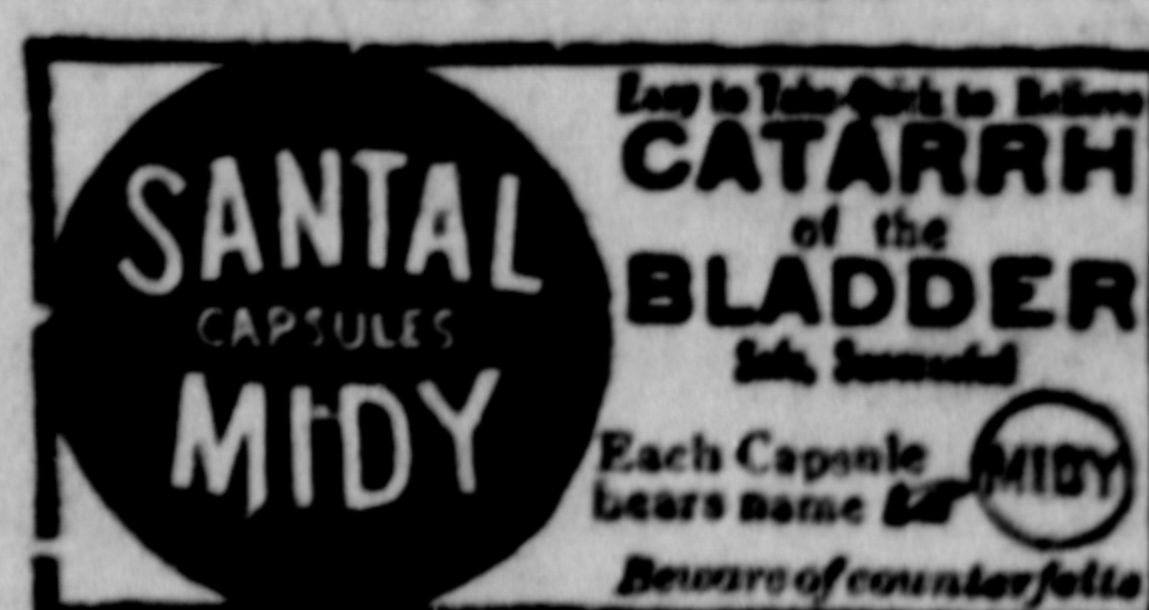
Prince Rupert is suggested as the stopping off point between Vancouver and Sitka for the round-the-world flight which may be attempted from the Panama Exhibition at San Francisco next year.

A special train is to be run from Prince Rupert to New Hazelton on May 24 to take the baseball team and citizens of this city who plan to take in the celebration there.

Construction of the first of the twelve pontoons at the dry dock has commenced. The wood used is chiefly British Columbia fir reinforced with steel.

A LA MR. SPOONER

"Say, Bill, I was held up by the coffee trap today."
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