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Street Difficulty Being Overcome.

Everyone in Prince Rupert must realize the difficulty in the matter of street work with which the city council has to deal. Most of the wooden roads were built about the same time just after the townsite was cleared and many of them were replanked later. Now the underpinning has rotted away and they are unsafe for traffic.

The city had four alternatives. One was to close the streets and leave the people without means of getting to their homes; another was to rebuild the plank roads; a third to grade the streets, and the fourth to make them semi-permanent as was done with Fifth Avenue. In most cases the city council is adopting the semi-permanent method and the results so far have been excellent. The difficulty is to cope with the whole situation. A good deal of patience will be necessary on the part of the residents in some districts where transportation is difficult. Finances as well as conveniences have to be considered and, so far as can be seen, the city is doing excellent work with the means at its command. Mistakes may be made. The work here is very difficult. The main thing is that little by little the city is being given a modern appearance with modern conveniences of transportation and that in the course of a few years we shall have a road system that will serve us well and will present a good appearance to visitors.

Pleased With This City.

A number of visitors who have been here recently have expressed themselves as pleased with the appearance of the city. They have commented on the manner in which buildings are painted, gardens kept and especially on the new roads which have been recently built. Everything looks prosperous, and that is a great thing. We must carefully avoid any appearance of running down at heel. Possibly the city looks better today than it has ever looked before. Citizens who are aiding in this work by putting their places in order are to be congratulated. The example of one person on a street is often enough to set everyone else there working.

Few Shacks Should Be Pulled Down.

Complaint has been made that there are a few shacks in the city that should come down. They are unpainted and unpleasant of appearance and not only destroy the uniformity of the city but also have a deteriorating effect on adjacent property. The city regulations in regard to such property should be strictly enforced. It is done in other cities and should be done here. We cannot afford to have anything here that makes the city look shabby and uncared for.

Many Complaints About Oiled Streets.

Many complaints have been made to this paper about the present condition of the streets. Individual cases of considerable damage to carpets and mats have been cited and complaints have been loud and long. It is pointed out, however, that it will be only a few days before the streets will be in good condition and then we shall be glad to have had the inconvenience because of the benefits that will follow.

In other cities oiling has been done in a similar manner and in some cases has had to be discontinued owing to the large number of suits brought against the city for damages. In one city, that shall be nameless, a person fell down and spoiled a new suit of clothes and collected the price from the city. Then came a deluge of accidents. People were falling all day and coming to the city asking for new clothes to replace those injured.

It is suggested that there must be a way of oiling streets without bringing about a condition such as that which has obtained here during the past few days. We do not know anything about it, but hope that if there is a better way it will be discovered before next year.

MANY PEOPLE ARE JUST LUMPS OF BEEF

Lady Correspondent of Paper Stands for Art, Love and Romance to Stop Suicide

A correspondent of one of the southern papers discusses the relation of art to suicide as follows:

"Reading in your issue of the 12th a leader on 'Child Suicide in the United States,' might I express the opinion that the sinner in these cases is not the child but the parent who would thoughtlessly bring a child into an atmosphere where there was neither love or romance — two necessities of life. The eugenists prate a lot about the right to be well-born, by which they mean the right to be a good lump of beef. The happiest and finest minds are by no means found always in first-class, beefy bodies.

What a child needs is love and romance. The former should be found in the home; the latter in art (sense of beauty). If there was as much money spent upon beautiful things to go into the mind as there is upon sticky things for the stomach and obvious mindless tunes to tickle the feet and superfluity of ornament to attract the vacant eyes, there would certainly not be child suicide. There are people thinking these things in England and here, but they are not heard of, being neither movie stars nor politicians."

BRINGS CONCENTRATES

Power boat Confidence, Capt. C. D. Payne, arrived in port this morning from the Salt Chuck mine near Ketchikan with 27 tons of palladium concentrate for transshipment over the Canadian National Railways to the smelter at Irvington, New Jersey.

The Man in the Moon SAYS:-

THERE is a possibility that the visiting airmen may not get out of town once they arrive. If they attempt to cross some of the streets they will probably get entangled.

THE Prince of Wales is fond of petite Canadian girls and would like to marry one, according to a New York authority. I must say I like the taste of His Royal Highness.

THE good die young. Had they lived they might not have been as good.

WHEN a man considers taking risks, he loops the loop in an airplane or writes a policy on a consumptive but the greatest risk to many women is bobbing her hair or marrying a rake.

LONG dull sermons do a lot of good. They train the hearers in patience and endurance and they keep others away from church.

THE smaller the town the more people know—about their neighbors.

ONE way of enjoying life is to go to the woods and look at the millions of feet of lumber you don't have to cut. It tends to cheerfulness.

THE difficulty with local contributors to this column is that they want to become very personal.

A LOT of people around this town are suffering from superiority complex. Jake calls it swelled head.

THERE is no institution which tends so much to that feeling of democracy as the swimming pool.

HOME is a place where you hang up your hat and do not have to pay a boy a dime to find it when it is lost. You make your wife do it.

WHAT I like about home is being able to snarl audibly when I lose something.

MOTHERS are responsible for a lot of the unpleasantness of the present day. When they quit being valets to their sons they will see a great reform sweep the world.

FORECASTING EVENTS IS EXPLAINED AT SCIENTIFIC MEETING

British Association Hears Address on Psychological Subject at Toronto

TORONTO, Aug. 13.—"I have a feeling that I have gone through all this before." This common observation of having been subjected, if only subconsciously, to a set of circumstances identical with a succession of real events, was made the subject of an address to the psychology section of the British Association today by Dr. J. T. MacCurdy, of Cambridge

University. "Deja vu," as the phenomenon is known to psychologists, is caused by the activation of an unconscious memory of a real event, a fantasy, or a dream, which is some way resembles the coincident, conscious perception.

"This memory, although stimulated, does not enter into consciousness as such, but affects it only as an obsessive feeling of familiarity," Dr. Drever said. He has been able to shed further light on deja vu by his observations of the "perplexity" type of insanity cases, which are characterized by a peculiar feeling analogous to the psychic experience of normal beings. In studying the perplexity cases, the mental processes which result in the dubious attitude are easily discovered, and the mechanism of the production of deja vu is revealed at the same time. The results are important owing to the bearing which such factors have on the understanding of the nature of normal recognition.

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NO CAUSE FOR LEAST ALARM

Economic Condition in Britain Will Adjust Itself Says University Professor

TORONTO, Aug. 13.—The economic outlook in Great Britain need give no cause for alarm, it was indicated by Prof. A. L. Bowley, of the University of London, who compared in the economics section of the British Association today economic conditions in the British Isles at present and 10 years ago, in respect of population, employment, prices, wages, income, production and trade.

"The standard of living is at present re-established at the pre-war level, although working hours are reduced," he said. "Necessary imports are obtained in return for reduced exports."

"The problem of employment is still one of post-war adjustment. In a few years' time the increase in the number of the employable population will be checked."

"Certain adjustments in distribution of occupations and in relative wages are necessary, but till European affairs are more settled it cannot be foreseen whether an increase in external or internal trade should be the objective."

"Meanwhile there is little development in home industry and it is doubtful whether output can

be increased without extension of the working week, or whether full occupation can be found without reduction in wages."

That the difficulties are not of an insuperable nature, was the economist's conclusion. The adjustments necessary are of a minor character, he said.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

August 13, 1914.

The city council at a meeting yesterday afternoon unanimously protested the action of Mayor Newton and City Solicitor Peters in asking that troops be sent from the south to guard the city. A telegram was sent to Mayor Newton, who is in Victoria, stating that such action was unnecessary and that local men could do such special duty.

The Daughters of the Empire, represented by Mrs. J. H. McMullin, Mrs. G. R. Naden, Mrs. C. W. Peck, and Miss Du Vernet yesterday reported to the city council that they had raised \$1200 for the hospital ship fund. The objective was \$500.

R. A. Stalker of the Prince Rupert Retail Merchants' Association, in a letter to the press, denies the published report that local merchants had taken advantage of the war situation to raise prices.

LUTHERAN CHURCH MERGING FORCES

Five Domestic Mission Boards to be Board of American Missions

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—What promises to be the most important administrative merger of overlapping interests in the American Lutheran Church will take place during the next two years if the plans of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America are fully endorsed. The proposal, offered after much discussion at a recent meeting in Atlantic City, is to unite five great home or "domestic" mission boards into one organization, to be known as The Board of American Missions. It is believed that thousands of dollars of administrative expense and an untold amount of energy will be saved.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick H. Knobel, president of the United Lutheran Church, states that in the proposed merger of these boards into the Board of American Missions "it is not our purpose to curtail in any way the most efficient work which the five sister boards have been doing, but rather to organize one powerful board which will co-ordinate all of this work in such a manner as to serve best the highest interests of the Lutheran Church in America. Under the new arrangement, which we hope will be adopted at the Chicago Convention in October, the mission interests of the United Lutheran Church will be served by three major organizations—the Board of Foreign Missions, the Inner Mission Board and the new Board of American Missions."

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