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WHY THERE IS NO CANADIAN CLUB.

Why should a strong Canadian Club not be one of the most important organizations in Prince Rupert? This came up in connection with the visit here of Graham Spry, the youthful national secretary from Ottawa of the Canadian Clubs' Association.

The city is well equipped with service and fraternal organizations whose activities in public and otherwise are widespread and more or less valuable, but the existence of such organizations does not constitute the real underlying reason, however, why a Canadian Club does not prosper here.

One reason why there are many organizations here all trying to exist and few prospering is that the town is too factional. People are too prone to criticize and there is a feeling of suspicion or envy of leaders. Everybody wants to be the leader and there is not sufficent co-operation in the rank and file. The result is small and futile cliques.

It is not the fault of those who are at the head of such organizations that they do not advance and occupy the high place of respect in the community that they should. If there were a proper community spirit here, if there were more people who were truly patriotic to their town, there would be plenty of good work to be accomplished by a Canadian Club. As long as there is the present feeling of apathy toward things ideal such as the development of a love of community, nation or Empire; as long as people live in Prince Rupert who are just waiting to make enough money to get out or being here just because they cannot make a living anywhere else, there will be no room for such an organization as a Canadian Club.

The Canadian Club is meant to be an organization for the uplift of Canadian citizens no matter what their extraction may have been and an organization for the development of love of country. The most of people living in this country intend to remain here. Instead of having a number of national organizations here such as St. Andrew's Society, St. George's Society, Scandinavian Society and such like, it would be more to the point and perhaps more advantageous for all to band together in such an organization as the Canadian Club. People are not to be criticized for cherishing and revering the land of their birth and extraction, but the forming of groups along those lines, however, is unnecessary and, in many cases, undesirable.

In union only is there strength and the proper way for Canadians—English, Scotch, Irish, Swedish, Norwegian, French and all other Canadians—to unite as Canadians in such a body as the Canadian Club. Then there would be something to be gained by the existence of a strong Canadian Club not only in Prince Rupert but in every community in this great Dominion.

PROMINENT CITIZENS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

The same old abhorrence of being in a contest for civic office promises to be manifest in the forthcoming municipal election. With the contest now only a few weeks distant, there seems to be little interest in it. Good material is chary about entering the field and the general inclination is not to make a fight of it but to let those who offer themselves take the offices without contest. It is regrettable that so many prominent citizens should interest themselves exclusively in their private affairs and never offer themselves for the public service. It is a selfish attitude which will always handicap a community.

MAKE IT REAL XMAS THIS YEAR.

Christmas jamborees have for years been popular at Christmas time. Perhaps thousands of dollars have annually been wasted in Prince Rupert at the Christmas season for the doubtful purpose of providing extravagant feasts on Christmas Day for long lists of persons.

Frequently the abundance of the feast has been doubled and redoubled in the same households, and also at frequent intervals liquor has graced the board beside which the Christmas basket has been deposited. The "morning after" Christmas too often has been one of gloomy outlook for the feasters, for after the jamboree there has been nothing left of all the thousands of dollars of money thus squandered to insure anything for the future. If the money so unnecessarily wasted were put to uses in keeping with the true Christmas spirit, in making others remember that it was the anniversary of a great Christian epoch there would be a complete feeling of satisfaction and joy that would only need another Christmas to freshen up.

LEGISLATURE WILL ANSWER ROAD DEMAND

HIGHWAY TO PRINCE RUPERT INEVITABLE, SAYS DR. SUTHERLAND, BUT MAY HAVE TO WAIT FOR FUNDS

How the provincial government intends to answer the road demands of Prince Rupert and Northern British Columbia, will be indicated to the Legislature at its coming session when Hon. W. H. Sutherland, minister of public works, outlines the provincial road building program for the next three years, says a Victoria despatch to the Vancouver Province.

This will provide for an early extension of the present trunk road from Hazelton to Terrace. Following surveys which are being completed now, work on this extension will get under way next year and the road will reach Terrace after two years of construction.

From Terrace to Prince Rupert there will be a gap of something like 100 miles and when this can be closed will depend upon provincial finances. The construction of a road along the Skeena River through the coast mountains would be one of the most expensive projects which the government could under take, costing in the neighborhood of $3,000,000 or more than the Cariboo road. The engineering difficulties to be conquered in this link are enormous and the building work would be of the most expensive character. The expense involved would average about $30,000 a mile.

CERTAINTY FOR FUTURE

While the government could not afford to undertake such a scheme at present the road to Prince Rupert is regarded as a certainty for the future. Meanwhile the less expensive parts of the project will be completed so that between Prince Rupert and the end of the trunk road there will be only a short train journey. This will enable Prince Rupert people to ship their cars and motor anywhere in the province.

In the same way people who wish to reach Prince Rupert by motor will be able to do so with a brief train journey until the province can afford to complete the highway to the coast.

FORMER TEACHER OF THIS CITY MARRIES WEALTHY REGINA MAN

Local friends will be interested to learn of the wedding which took place on Saturday in Vancouver of Miss Jessie Mercer, R.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mercer of Nanaimo, and Andrew J. Lytle of Regina. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William Manson, formerly of Prince Rupert. Mr. and Mrs. Lytle will proceed to California where they will spend the winter, later taking up residence in Regina.

The bride was a pioneer Prince Rupert school teacher and later became a nurse. The groom is a retired capitalist.

THOMAS CARLYLE'S PAPER KNIFE IS NOW IN TORONTO

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Among relics exhibited through the efforts of a local young people's association was an ivory paper knife, with exquisite handle of perforated ornamentation and carved figure inset which had once been the property of the famous Thomas Carlyle, but now belongs to Mrs. John D. Bissett. A quaint ivory fan shown had once been wielded by Mrs. Carlyle.

PRETTY WEDDING AT RUPERT EAST CHURCH

Miss Hilda Doris Beale Became Bride of Robert Ross Duncan Saturday Ceremony

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in the Rupert East United Church on Saturday evening at 7.30 when Rev. Evan Baker united in marriage Hilda Doris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Beale, 1144 Seventh Avenue East, and Robert Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Duncan, 1157 Ambrose Avenue. It being the first wedding ceremony to be performed in the church, Rev. Evan Baker presented to the happy couple an excellent Bible as a reminder of the occasion.

The bride was given away by her father while Miss Kathleen Duncan cated as bridesmaid. Charlie Currie supported the groom and the little Misses Janet and Mary Thompson acted as flower girls. Mrs. R. Wilson played the wedding march.

The bride looked very pretty in a dress of white silk flat crepe trimmed with silver and a bridal veil crowned with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses, carnations and lilies-of-the-valley. The bridesmaid, the groom's sister, wore orchid silk crepe and carried a bouquet of carnations. The flower girls had frocks of pink silk crepe and carried baskets of carnations and baby's breath. The church was tastefully decorated with white streamers and huge bells, the wedding ceremony taking place under a canopy of these. There were about fifty invited guests as well as a number of visitors.

The gift of the groom to the bridesmaid was a cameo brooch, gold brooches to the flower girls, and a gold pin to the best man.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the groom's parents where about fifty guests gathered and extended to the happy couple good wishes for their happiness.

MOOSE CONCERT WAS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Large Crowd Heard Splendid Program Rendered Last Night

A fine program was rendered last evening at the Moose concert held in their own hall at 9 o'clock. The attendance, in spite of the inclement weather, was good and a silver collection was taken up for the work of the Order. A feature of the evening was the playing of the Moose orchestra which delighted the audience with various selections. The following program was rendered:

March—"American Union"; Orchestra
Waltz—"All for Love." Orchestra.
Song—"Come Back Old Pal." Miss B. Derry.
March—"Starry Emblem." Orchestra.
Serenade—"Moonlight Love." Orchestra.
Piano solo—Selected. Constable Scrogg.
March —"Graduation Day." Orchestra.
Address—W. H. Montgomery.
Flower song—"Youth and Beauty." Orchestra.
Schottische—"Flirtation." Orchestra.
Song—Selected. J. S. Wilson.
March—"Traffic Club." Orchestra.
God Save the King.

Miss Derry was encored as also were Constable Scrogg and Mr. Wilson. The latter's contribution was so appreciated by the audience that he was encored three times.

In The Letter Box

CONTRIBUTION TO GYMNASIUM

Editor, Daily News:

Some time ago mention was made by your paper of a proposed gymnasium and swimming pool to be erected in Prince Rupert. Lots of things could be erected here if the people all assisted in one common cause and, instead of people always saying this is a slow town and nothing to do, we would have places of amusement and pastime that would benefit the whole community. This swimming pool is the best idea yet in the history of Prince Rupert and I for one wil be willing to help with a small sum of five dolars.

HAPPINESS AND GOODWILL.

MOOSE XMAS TREE HELD YESTERDAY

Three Hundred Children and Many Grown-ups Enjoyed Festivities

Nearly three hundred happy children as well as many of the grownups packed the Moose Hall yesterday afternoon to await the coming of Santa Claus. They were not disappointed for soon a couple of messengers arrived on ponies announcing a wire from headquarters and soon Santa's chariot, drawn by an immense moose of the northland, came bounding through the door and hurriedly circled the room to the delight of the little ones. After a few remarks by Santa who inquired concerning his little friends, he distributed to each and every child a present from the large Christmas tree.

During the afternoon the children were further entertained by Mrs. Field, who sang, and the Moose mouth organ band.

The committee of arranagements consisted of Einart Larsen, N. Mussallem, J. Judge, T. Rorvik, F. Scadden, P. O. Peterson, J. H. Meagher, L. Lawler, O. C. Baggen, T. Elliot, O. Young, and Joe Slaggard, Mrs. C. Edwards, Mrs. F. M. Crosby, Mrs. L. R. Parry and Mrs. Jack Ratchford.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

DECEMBER 20, 1916

Bert Flewin of Port Simpson returned to the city this morning, having been invalided home after a strenuous time in France.

The train last evening brought 130 passengers from the east. Most of the passengers come from between here and Prince George.

Word has been received at the local post office concerning an inventory of all males between the ages of 16 and 65 inclusive.

Mrs. Percy Godenrath who has been at the front as a nurse, addressed the local branch of the Red Cross Society yesterday afternoon.

Four more joined the Vikings of Canada regiment yesterday.

MRS. EDWARD LIPSETT GIVES CHRISTMAS TEA FOR ROTARY AUXILIARY

Mrs. Edward Lipsett entertained the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Rotary Clinic at her home on Pender Street, Vancouver, on Wednesday afternoon, little Miss Jerry Lipsett opening the door to the guests.

The reception rooms were prettily arranged with greenery and Christmas motifs. Presiding at the tea table was Mrs. Harry Lipsett. After tea was served, the guests spent an enjoyable afternoon viewing Mrs. Lipsett's large collection of Indian baskets and other curios.

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The Children Will Catch Cold

Mothers should never neglect the first sign of a cold or cough where their children are concerned, for if they do some serious lung trouble is liable to follow.

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Temptation Sale Price
$1.95

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CANADIAN COMMONSENSE LEADS THE WAY TO TRUE TEMPERANCE