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THE MURDER CASE

Prince Rupert has generally been very free from crime of any kind and the present sensational affair is very deeply to be regretted. It is to be hoped that the culprit will quickly be taken and justice meted out to him.

The difficulty seems to be to find a motive for the horrible deed. It would seem as if it must be the work of a drug fiend with all sensibilities dulled or of a man crazed by liquor who became sobered later by the sight of the nefarious work he had done.

Seldom has the city been stirred as it has been by this awful thing that has happened. Many wild rumors were current at first, unallayed by an official statement, but today it is realized that it is probably the work of some person only partly responsible for his act who will probably have to expiate his crime in the customary manner.

It has always been considered that one reason for the absence of crime here has been the knowledge that escape would be almost impossible owing to the difficulty in getting away from the city. The police say they have been watching all the ordinary avenues of escape so the culprit is probably still here. The least suspicion as to the perpetrator should be reported to the police.

JUDGE COULD NOT STOP HIM

The despatches report that Colonel Jack Currie, a witness in the General Currie libel suit, was so anxious to talk in the witness box that even the judge found it difficult to stop him. He had something to say and he was bound he was going to say it.

Colonel Jack is a member of the Toronto legislature and talk comes as natural to him as it does to a great many other people and he, like they, could not understand why it was everyone was not anxious to listen. The judge found the only effective thing to do was to put the colonel out.

There's a moral to this story. In fact there might be a number of morals drawn from it. We offer a prize of a week's subscription to this paper to the person sending the largest number of lessons to be learned from this incident.

OFFICIALS ALWAYS WELCOME

Railway officials are always welcome to Prince Rupert. In the first place, railway officials are experts in the art of enjoying life and in the second we like to be able to talk over little difficulties with them and straighten out tangles.

The spring business is about due and we look to have a pretty lively time of it soon. It is well for the railwaymen to keep in touch with it and with us. They have it in their power to help us improve conditions and they also by indifference can hold things back. We are particularly glad to have those officials visit us who once lived here and who feel more or less that this is their home town.

SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS

The earth makes a resolution every twenty-four hours.

The difference between air and water is that air can be made wetter and water cannot.

We are now the masters of steam and eccentricity.

Things that are equal to each other are equal to anything else.

Gravity is chiefly noticeable in the autumn, when the apples are falling from the trees.

The axis of the earth is an imaginary line on which the earth takes its daily routine.

A parallel straight line is one which if produced to meet itself does not meet.

Electricity and lightning are of the same nature, the only difference being that lightning is often several miles long, while electricity is only a few inches.—Boston Transcript.

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TREATMENT OF YOUNG CHILD

INTERESTING PAPER BEFORE PARENT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION BY REV. A. WILSON

The regular monthly meeting of the Prince Rupert Parent Teacher Association was held on Wednesday, April 18, in the Borden Street school at 8 p.m. There was a large attendance of members. Owing to the illness of the president, Mrs. Boddie, the meeting was presided over by Mrs. Arnott.

The treasurer's financial statement howed that there was a bank balance f $103.96 and that the recent candy ale brought in the sum of $57.30. A vote of thanks was accorded to all those who helped the committee to entertain the winners of the "Good English Bee' who visited Prince Rupert during the Easter vacation.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. A. Wilson, B.A., minister of the United church who gave a very interesting and instructive address on "The Sense of Justice in the Child."

By the age of five or six, the speaker said, there emerges in the mind of the child a fairly definite sense of justice, and when the child reaches the age of early adolescence this sense of justice is well developed. It is very important that parents and teachers should not outrage this sense of justice in the child. A boy or girl unjustly treated in childhood may resolve not to do those things for which he was punished in a wrong manner, or he may react to the ill treatment in the contrary manner and perpetuate in his life those wrong things. It is not so much the punishment itself that causes resentment in the child's mind but it is more often the illogical reason for that punishment and the manner in which it is inflicted. The speaker gave several illustrations from his own observation and experience to prove this.

AN ILLUSTRATION

A boy of seven was sent by his mother on an errand for butter. This by had the child's natural love of lay and beauty. On his way home he topped at a lilac hedge. He always had the ambition to climb that hedge and get some lilacs. He was given permission to do so and went home proud and happy. When his mother opened the basket part of the butter was mingled with the wickerwork. As a young man he does not remember whether he was chastised on not but he does remember that his mother picked up his lilac flowers and threw them in his face. His mother had touched something very sacred and tender in his young life and his sense of injustice was aroused.

Quoting from Scripture: "We love him because He first loved us" the speaker reminded his audience that children react to love and encouragement. If parents and teachers rightly develop this sense of justice in the life of the child they will make an important contribution to the welfare of humanity.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

During the evening Miss Jackson and Mr. McPherson sang solos which were very much enjoyed. Accompanist: Miss Lorna Tite.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all those who helped to make this one of our most successful meetings.

Refreshments were served and a ocial half-hour was enjoyably spent.

Man in the Moon

The jaded flapper talking to the tiresome boy friend: "You remind me of the sea. You make me sick."

The first thing to do when buying a new car is to choose a fancy radiator cap. Then it might be well to contract for a supply of oil and gas on the easiest payment plan, which is cash down.

In the spring a young girls fancy
Lightly turns to thoughts of clothes
Longingly she looks them over
While powdering her shiny nose.

Many a man is weighed in the balances and found wanting to take some of the flesh off.

See the hero on deck standing
Ready there to do his bit;
Sees the lady almost drowning,
Jumps, then nearly takes a fit.

Americans are always talking about the gold Alaska has produced, but they say nothing about the cash she has absorbed.

Amateur gardners who find it difficult to make things grow might try their hands at raisin pie.

The most important business talked about in a beer parlor is beer.

There are good people and people not so good and often the people not so good are the most pleasant people to live with.

HIS DESERTS

A little girl returned from school proudly flourishing a paper.

"It's a composition about Socrates," she said, handing it to her mother with a grand air. "Teacher told us about him and then we wrote it. You can read it if you want to."

And mother read: "Socrates was a great man. He was a sort of tramp. He told everybody what to do and they gave him poison."—Tit Bits.

BORSTAL PLAN IS ADVOCATED

ENGLISH METHOD OF DEALING WITH YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS EXPLAINED BY SPEAKER

EDMONTON, April 19.—A strong plea for the establishment in Canada by the federal government of a system similar to the British Borstal Institution, to take care of the boy or girl over the "juvenile age" (10 years in most provinces) for whom there exists today only the jail or the penitentiary after one probation has been granted to a first offender, was made at an Optimist club luncheon at the Macdonald hotel, by Alan B. Harvey.

Mr. Harvey, during his recent sojourn in England, had ample opportunity to examine the Borstal system, its application and its effect in the turning of potential young criminals into ways of earning an honest livelihood at a trade, and he returned to Canada convinced that the solution of the "juvenile criminal" problem in this country depends upon the establishment of some system of this kind.

INTRODUCED IN 1908

The Borstal system, Mr. Harvey told fellow-Optimists, was introduced in England by the Prevention of Crime act end of 1908. In the period from 1910 to the end of 1927, 6,140 boys and 836 girls had passed through the Borstal institutions, and despite the fact that many of them were beyond the "first offenders" stage, between 65 per cent. and 75 per cent. of these boys and girls have made good, and are now leading honest lives.

In Canada, Mr. Harvey pointed out, offenders over the juvenile age are placed on probation for a first offence. For the second or subsequent offence there remains only the jail or the penitentiary—the direct road to a life of crime for a large proportion of these young people who first set their feet into paths of ill-doing.

PLACED ON PROBATION

The Borstal system provides that where a boy or girl over 16 and under 21 years of age—and who may have offended four, five, six or more times had been placed on probation—shows tendencies of becoming an habitual criminal, the offender is sent to a Borstal institution—of which there are four, thre for boys and one for girls, with a fourth one to be built soon for boys—for a term of two or three ears.

Here, vocational training for various rades is put into effect, and under xpert artisans, the boys and girls learn the trade to which they appear to be best adapted.

Rudimentary education goes hand in hand with the vocational training, and life in the institutions follow closely along the lines of the great British public schools — Eton, Harrow and thers.

LIKE BOARDING SCHOOL

Each boy is assigned to a "house" nder a "house master"—usually an Oxford of Cambridge graduate with particular aptitude for "getting under the skin" of the youths. The boys play games, house against house, and later, institution against institution, and the monitor system is in vogue, with special privileges to the "monitors" which promotions are eagerly ought.

The highest grade in the institutions wins a "blue," and "blues" wear a lue suit instead of a brown one, are llowed to go out to technical classes nd the like without supervision, and in general are placed on their honor, with excellent results.

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JOBS ARE FOUND

But it is in the after care for the x-Borstal boy or girl that the system particularly shines. Borstal associates ll over the country are assigned the task of finding jobs for these boys and girls, of seeing them settled in good homes, and of receiving frequent reports from them during their "license" period, which is usually for one year plus the unexpired term of the Borstal sentence which may have been remitted for good conduct.

The British public has taken kindly to the system, and that frequent dread of the ex-offender striving to lead an honest life, viz., that he is a marked person against whom society is leagued —is practically non-existent.

While the Borstal system has not been officially discussed by the Canadian government, Mr. Harvey stated that public opinion was being educated to a point where some move for the saving of the young offender from a life of crime, must follow in the future.

How serious the situation in Canada is, is shown by the fact that in any year, about 10 per cent. of the total penitentiary population of Canada are young people under 20, while nearly 50 per cent. are under 30.

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BIRD AGAIN HEADS VETS

LECTION OF OFFICERS LAST NIGHT —GRANT MADE TO ADAIR CARSS CHAPTER, I.O.D.E.

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Honorary President, Col. C. W. Peck, V.C., D.S.O.

Honorary Vice-Presidents, Col. S. P. McMordie, D.S.O. and Major John McGregor, V.C.

President, S. A. Bird.

Vice-president, M. M. Lamb.

Second Vice-President, Fred Hardy.

Executive, M. J. Dougherty, Jack Flint, Thomas Silversides, J. Smith and Shef Thompson.

Trustees, S. A. Bird, T. Silversides and Dr. J. A. West.

Auditor, C. V. Evitt.

A grant of $25 was made to Adair Carss Chapter, Imperial Order, Daughter of the Empire, towards the upkeep of the soldiers' plot in the local cemetery.

Business was otherwise of a routine nature.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

APRIL 19, 1918.

There are varied opinions as to the success of Union government in Canada. Some newspapers in the East are coming out emphatically against the system.

H. McCall, G. A. McNicholl, Reginald Beaumont and Capt. C. H. Nicholson, G.T.P. officials, left last evening for Victoria.

H. S. Wallace left last night by the Prince George on a trip to San Jose, California.

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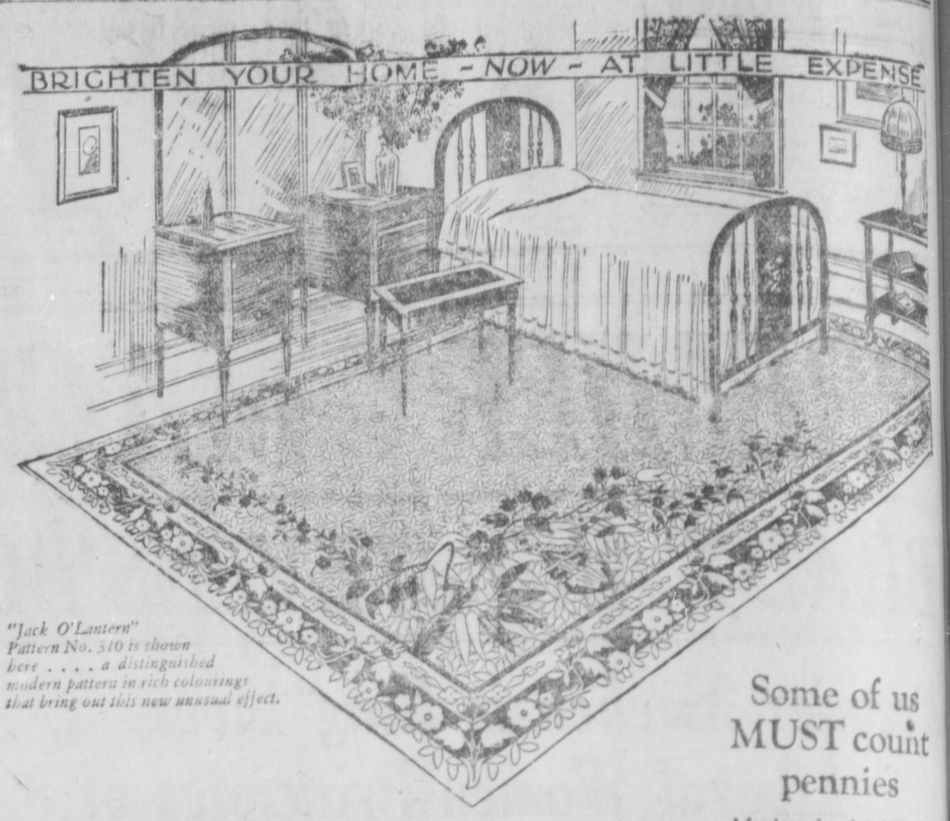

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