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NO MORE TITLES

Efforts are made occasionally to revive the granting of titles to Canadians by the King on the advice of the Canadian government, as was the custom prior to the war. One such effort has just been made by trying to have a committee of the house of commons make recommendations in regard to it. Happily the house voted down the proposal and also it was announced that not one member of the Mackenzie King government was in favor of it.

This is a most satisfactory outcome of the move. To give titles only to the wealthy was not in accordance with the intention and yet to grant a title to a poor man made it somewhat of an empty honor if not a mockery. As a matter of fact, Canadians as a people do not want titles. Even in Great Britain, which is looked upon by many as the real home of snobbery, the best statesmen have usually refused titles. W. E. Gladstone, one of Britain's greatest prime ministers, died without a title and proud of the fact, while today there are a number of eminent men who have steadfastly set themselves against the acceptance of any such honors. One such is David Lloyd George.

If there were some manner of granting titles which would be perfectly just, there might not be any objection, but the experience of the past is against it. Men who contributed largely to campaign funds received recognition, while others much more deserving were passed over. If we could add the title "Senator" to the list of the discarded, we should have approached much nearer to the ideal of democracy.

COLD IN EUROPE

The intense cold in Europe is much the same as that which often visits the interior of Canada with the difference that in Canada the people are prepared for it and welcome it, whereas in Europe it came as a surprise. The people there are not clad in a proper manner to resist it and the houses are not so constructed as to keep it out. The result has been disastrous, especially to the poor and to those who did not take proper precautions.

THE POWER AGREEMENT

Today we are publishing the revised power agreement in its final form, as it is to be voted on. We suggest that everyone read it. That there will be any considerable opposition to its adoption is not expected, but there are a number who seem to want further information and they should be able to secure this either from the mayor or the representative of the purchasing company.

The city council has done its work well, giving an immense lot of time to consideration of the agreement and its revision. The best possible advice has been secured in regard to it and now it remains for the people to have their say and doubtless they will accept it. Further delay would be very disadvantageous if it is to go into force this year.

DOUBTLESS WILL EXPLAIN

Major Motherwell, chief inspector of fisheries, doubtless will be in a position to explain the order of the department in regard to fishing areas. Until that explanation is received it is too early to say anything about it. In the meantime, there seems to be considerable hostile feeling in regard to it.

FORD S. KUMPF



Former vice-president of The Dominion Life Assurance Company, who at the annual meeting held recently, was elected as president of the company, succeeding Mr. Thos. Hilliard, who has asked to be retired. In addition Mr. Kumpf will retain the position of managing director, which he has held for the past ten years.

COLD WAVE IS LESS SEVERE EUROPE TODAY

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—The cold wave moderated somewhat throughout Europe last evening, but the cold was followed by a heavy fall of snow. The schools here are still closed because of the lack of fuel to heat them. They have been closed now for a week.

In Vienna the people are on rations, the extreme cold weather preventing supplies arriving.

Reports of deaths due to the weather conditions continue to come in.

APPROVAL

"Do you think they approved of my sermon?" asked the newly appointed vicar, hopeful that he had made a good impression.

"Yes, I think so," replied his wife; "they were all nodding."—Christian Register.

LOADING OF GRAIN BOAT PROCEEDING

Swedish Steamer Should Get Away in a Few Days, Sixty Four Cars of Wheat Coming

Loading of the Swedish freighter Sydland with a full cargo of grain for the United Kingdom or continent is proceeding at the Alberta Wheat Pool's Prince Rupert elevator and it should not be long now before the vessel gets away.

Sixty-four carloads of grain are reported to be west of Jasper Park bound for the local house. This will more than take care of the requirements of the Sydland both in quantity and grade.

ARTIFICIAL CELEBRATION

Mrs. Haightee (to her seagate butler)—James, tomorrow is Christmas Day and I want you to turn on the electric refrigerator and make some snowballs for Master Bertram to throw at you.—C. D. Gibson in Life.



"NORTHERN" Rubber Footwear

The "Northern" range of Overshoes for Men, Women and Children offers a wider selection than ever. Jersey or Cashmerette in various heights with buckle, strap or Whizzer fasteners.



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A complete range of 'Northern' Rubbers and Styl-Shus is on hand to meet your needs.



THE FAMILY SHOE STORE

Prince Rupert, B.C.

MANY ENJOYED PECK VS. PECK

Mock Trial and Other Features Given To Packed House at United Church Last Night

The United Church was packed to the doors last night with an appreciative audience to witness Peck vs. Peck, a humorous mock trial, in which members of the court, including the judge and jury, were mostly women. Much of the interest centred in the makeup of the characters which was extremely funny. One of the most outstanding was that of Earl Barrie, who made a most excellent and charming lady gowned in yellow satin with black picture hat decorated with a huge ostrich feather, the plaintiff in the case.

Of the others, Mrs. Sollows made a dignified judge; Mrs. Wilkinson was capable as clerk of the court; Miss Earl was eloquent and impressive as counsel for the plaintiff; Mrs. Rochester defended with ability and womanly wiles; George Stocks was meek and mild as befitted his character; the witnesses, Mrs. J. S. Black, W. J. F. die, H. M. Harper and B. S. Stevens, gave their evidence with emphasis, Fidler as the darkie servant being very humorous, and G. V. Wilkinson as a police constable preserved all the traditions of the force.

The jury women were particularly distinguished for the style of their hats and their most unusual demeanor toward the court and the witnesses. The members were:

Miss Gummer, of the Capitol Theatre, Miss V. Krievsky; Miss Olgerson, a Swede, Miss D. Sharp; Mrs. Stumps, a politician, Mrs. H. M. Harper; Miss Reader, literary, Miss C. Irvine; Mrs. DeLacey, one of the 409, Miss E. Grassie; Miss Kalsomine, colored, Mr. B. Irvine; Miss Parcels, of Jabours' department store, Miss B. Arney; Mrs. Diamond, of the 500 club, Miss A. Barrie; Miss Sour, of a certain age, Miss A. Garnet; Mrs. O'Bean, Irish, Mrs. A. McNeill; Mrs. Shuffle, of the Bridge club, Miss E. Vickers; Miss Freelingheiser, German, Miss P. Lamb.

The trial was produced under the direction of Mrs. John Manson.

One big feature of the evening was the excellent playing of Professor Pryce's Juvenile Orchestra, which gave several selections and was much appreciated.

The sketch from "A School of Scandals" one of the classics of the stage, given by Miss Adelia Thuber and Miss Beryl Birch, was excellently produced, the young folks proving themselves real artists. The old-fashioned costumes added much to the effect. Miss Maribelle Stiles danced nicely a "Minuet in G." these two numbers being prepared under the management of Miss M. A. Way.

A. Way. Mrs. Birch trained her daughter and Miss Thuber in their respective parts.

A duet by Mrs. P. C. Miller and J. S. Wilson was immediately preparatory to the farce.

Many favorable comments were heard in regard to the entertainment after it was over.



"If I were dictator I would sweep away all tariff barriers."—Rt. Hon. Mr. Baldwin. —The Daily Record, Glasgow.

59th Annual Statement

THE MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

HEAD OFFICE: WATERLOO, ONTARIO

1928

A Year of Substantial Progress

- 1. SURPLUS EARNINGS**
\$4,888,816
The earnings surpassed those of the previous year by \$387,000 and amount to \$49.84 per \$1000 of assets.
- 2. NEW BUSINESS PAID-FOR**
\$57,072,790
The new paid-for business exceeded that of the previous year by \$7,291,698.
- 3. ASSURANCES IN FORCE**
\$422,795,453
Representing an increase for the year of \$36,080,000.
- 4. TOTAL ASSETS**
\$98,089,366
Assets represent the book value of the Company's securities and would appear substantially larger if current market values were used. The increase for the year is \$8,850,000.
- 5. DIVIDENDS PAID POLICYHOLDERS**
\$4,752,509
An increase of more than \$1,000,000 over the previous year, which includes a Special Extra Cash Dividend of approximately \$700,000.
- 6. SURPLUS FUNDS and SPECIAL INVESTMENT RESERVES**
\$11,853,824
Insuring the continuance of liberal dividend distribution.
- 7. EXPENSE RATIO**
14.27%
Again the expense ratio has been materially reduced.
- 8. RATE OF INTEREST EARNED**
6.36%
New investments made during the year exceeded \$12,000,000 and, notwithstanding steadily declining interest rates, the average rate of interest earned is well maintained.

A Purely Mutual Company

Established 1869

Progress of the Company

Year	Income	Assets	Paid to Policyholders	Business in Force
1878	\$ 59,277	\$ 142,619	\$ 12,469	\$ 1,885,311
1888	393,075	1,297,587	122,894	12,041,914
1898	923,941	4,126,132	360,397	23,703,979
1908	2,546,141	12,983,674	827,749	54,693,882
1918	7,021,103	34,755,736	3,291,418	137,640,614
1928	22,223,234	98,089,366	9,750,691	422,795,453

HUME CRONYN, President
 R. O. McCULLOCH, 1st Vice-President

C. M. BOWMAN, Chairman of the Board
 W. H. SOMERVILLE, General Manager

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