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**DAILY MAIL SERVICE**

Prince Rupert has been asking for a daily mail for many years. Now, according to a despatch from Ottawa, the matter has never in the past been seriously placed before the postmaster-general. Possibly the fact that Edmonton is asking for the same thing may have had an influence on the postmaster-general. At any rate, the minister seems to have awakened to the fact that there is a need here and that is the first step toward securing that for which we are asking. We are glad Mr. Brady was able to elicit this statement from the minister.

**THE ULTIMATE OBJECT**

It is sometimes asked what is the ultimate object of the League of Nations. That object, as enunciated by President Wilson, is to banish war from civilization as a means of settling international differences.

While protagonists of the league agree on this as the ultimate objective, they have never proposed that individual states shall be left without sufficient armed forces to maintain internal order and uphold the law.

It is recognized that the league is dealing with men, not angels, and with a state of society that is far from perfect. For a country to hope to maintain order and authority in general strikes, riots and revolutions with the aid of a small police force would be to say, the least farcical, and would merely invite the activities of the enemies of society.

Study of the league's policies, however, shows that one of its ideals is to limit those forces to just such numbers as are necessary for internal safety and to banish the idea of a standing army either for defence or aggression in connection with other nations. The same idea is held in regard to naval policy, each state being permitted to maintain sufficient armed ships to protect its nationals and commerce from piracy on the high seas.

These ideals may seem Utopian at the present time, but supporters of the league feel that the general sanity of the world will eventually make them realities. In the meantime, men and women of goodwill in every country in the world will use their influence to limit the mad race of competitive armament and continually stress the need for permanent peace.



Mother: "Run over to the shop and get me a packet o' hair-pins."  
Girl: "Not me—I don't want people to know my mother is so old fashioned."  
—From Passing Show, London.

Some merchants advertise; others let their old stock accumulate on the shelves.

**The Letter Box**

**CITY WORK**

Editor, Daily News:—

At the last council meeting, seems to have been the first time this year any one picked up courage enough to criticize. I think there is room for lots more. Personally I have been off and on in cities that are entitled to that name, and, if the city work was done by day work and not contract, the ratepayers were the first to receive consideration. Not so in Rupert. It appears as though the mayor, city engineer and foreman consider the city work (\$4.60 per day) as a dole.

Any drifter coming along can work for the city in preference to a ratepayer. If we are going to have a charitable institution let us have one right—a soup kitchen. We know there is no one asking for a pick and shovel job if he does not need the work.

Personally, I saw the engineer last fall about work and also the foreman and they told me to register at the City Hall which I promptly did. Men went to work for the city right after I had enquired, single men at that, and not ratepayers. As a ratepayer I would suggest: let all work by contract. There is no question but that we can have it done cheaper. If the average poor ratepayer is not going to benefit by the present system.

I have reason to believe we have some \$175 and \$200 a month men that are not required and some we could perhaps do quite nicely without.

When the time comes that we can have a change, I would suggest to elect a body of men to run our affairs who would be in favor of giving work first to married householders and next to single men who are ratepayers. If we need more help, first come, first served. If this suggestion is common sense, at the next election let us choose candidates who will do the most good for the majority.

Thanking you for the valuable space in your paper,

A RATEPAYER.

**LIGHT FACTOR BIRD MIGRATION**

Professor Says It Does Not Know That It Is Migrating

EDMONTON, May 1:—That the length of daylight was a prime factor in the migration of birds was the declaration of Dr. William Rowan, professor of zoology at the University of Alberta, speaking to members of the Northern Alberta Game Protective League who met here.

Professor Rowan's statement was made in the light of experiments conducted by him over a period of years during which time records of birds had been kept.

The migration of birds had always interested men, he said, and had formed a study for centuries, but even today it was not known where all birds went when they migrated.

**Bird Doesn't Know**

"The bird does not know itself that it is migrating," he said. "It is an inherited tendency that is aroused by the action of some of the glands of the body at certain periods of the year. Various reasons have been advanced, such as barometric pressure, low temperatures and lack of food supply, but these can be discarded as many birds start to migrate as early as July when the weather is still warm and food is plentiful.

"I have worked along the theory that the lengthening and shortening of the days may be a factor, led to this by the discovery that artificial light had lengthened the days for poultry and increased laying power.

"Since starting my investigations I have discovered that light has an effect on the reproductive organs of the birds and that this corresponds to their migratory habits. I kept some during winter with long days by aid of artificial light. Others I kept the ordinary daylight day. I liberated some of each. Those who had been in the artificial light disappeared when liberated

but those who had not remained, because when the period of activity of the reproductive organs is past, the bird becomes sedentary. From examinations I found the reproductive organs of the artificial light birds to be the same as those of birds at the migration season although they were liberated in December. They left, the others stayed. This is, to some extent, proof of my theory that migration is affected by light."

**AIR GUNS SUBJECT OF COMPLAINT AT THE POLICE OFFICE**

Complaints have been received by the city police of promiscuous shooting of air guns on Fifth Avenue East in the neighborhood of the Prince Rupert General Hospital. It is pointed out by the authorities that use of such weapons is contrary to law and it is the intention to take action against parents of children found with guns. Last Tuesday the window was shot out of an automobile by a child.



Montgomery Williams, English artist, lives in a houseboat on the Seine and moves at will.



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*and a happy heart*

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