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## BRITISH COLUMBIA LOSES

The development of that part of the Peace River country which lies within the province of British Columbia should be tributary to the more settled part of the province. Instead of that it is now tributary to the settled part of the province of Alberta and is served by them.

What is needed and that right quickly, is a western outlet for the huge district, or perhaps several western outlets. British Columbia has been planning and talking for many years, but now people are rushing into the Peace River country and the district is being well advertised. If British Columbia does not secure a direct connection, the business lines will become established at the Alberta centres and it will take years of effort for British Columbia to draw the business westward.

Of course, we think the outlet should be in northern British Columbia, preferably at Prince Rupert, but this plea is not for Prince Rupert, but for British Columbia. Why let all the business go east when it should naturally come to the coast?

## NEWSPAPER LEGISLATION

New legislation in regard to newspaper libel has been introduced in the Quebec legislature and as it is a government measure it will doubtless be passed. It makes it necessary for anyone bringing a libel suit to do so within three months after the event;and to give the newspaper an opportunity to retract if in error before suit can be brought and if a full retraction is made only actual and real damages may be claimed. The bill also makes law what has become a custom such as the right to publish reports of proceedings of legislative bodies, or government publications and the proceedings of law courts. It also provides for a judge asking security for costs in cases where such may seem necessary. This does away with the possibility of spite actions againt newspapers and is in line with requests made by publishers.

## INHERITANCE TAX

The government is securing the passage of a bill in the legislature doing away with the tax on inheritances amounting to less than $20,000. Possibly there is a good reason for this, but so far it has not become apparent. What is clear is that the government must raise approximately $20,000,000 by taxation of various forms. One of these is the inheritance tax. When a man dies, a portion of his estate goes to the government. In Britain this inheritance tax is very heavy, but here it has never amounted to very much.

Those who inherit property or money have not earned it. It comes to them as a windfall and if they get $15,000 instead of $20,000 they have not lost anything. They only receive less than they otherwise would. It is different from a tax on income or industry. The ideal condition would be one where a large part of the estate after death reverts to the country or province, thus doing away with the advantage of accumulating. The danger of this is that it tends to exclude wealthy people from the province. If every country had the same inheritance tax, it would be a good thing to have it very high, especially on large estates. As it is, there is no tax which does so little injury to the individual as a tax on inheritance.

VISITOR: "I think it's wonderful how you've worked for forty years and reared a family on fifteen shillings a week."

RUSTIC: "S-s-h—Not so loud, sir—she thought it was fourteen shillings and sixpence." —From Passing Show, London.

# NEWS OF NORTHERN B.C.

## NEW HAZELTON

Miss Cooper, who has been at the Hazelton Hospital for some months, has left for Vancouver.

William Sherriff of the Silver Cup Mining Co.'s office, who spent a few days in Prince Rupert recently, has entered the Hazelton Hospital for medical treatment.

Miss Sheridan of Victoria has arrived here to take over the duties of house keeper at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Wrinch.

Dr. H. C. Wrinch, M.L.A., who has been attending the session of the legislature at Victoria, is expected home next week, accompanied by Mrs. Wrinch.

No further cases of infantile paralysis have broken out at Hazelton but a strict quarantine is still being maintained.

The Felix Bridge Club met this week at the home of Mrs. W. W. Anderson.

## SMITHERS

Delegates from various parts of Central British Columbia are commencing to arrive here for the executive meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade which will be held on Monday.

The Smithers Conservative Association has elected officers for the year as follows: president, J. W. Turner; vice-president, Lieut. Col. R. L. Gale; second vice-president, J. G. Stephens; secretary treasurer, H. M. Mathews; executive, C. A. Bowland, W. J. O'Neill, Dr. C. H. Hankinson, J. A. Rutherford, Dr. R. C. Bamford, Charles Morris and William Kirton.

T. W. Brewer, who has been in charge of Forest Branch work in Smithers for several years, has been advised of his transfer to Nelson. Vic Williams, it is understood, may also be moved to Nelson.

Smithers merchants are paying the farmers $1.90 per hundred for oats and $2.75 for wheat.

A daughter was born here last Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Arnold.

## PRINCE GEORGE

William West of the Government Telegraphs has recommended that Summit Lake be connected by telephone with Prince George during the coming summer or early next year.

Rev. Peter Connal, pastor of Knox United Church here, left on Tuesday for Vancouver where he will attend a meeting of the Home Missions committee of the church.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Prince George Hospital was held this afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. Guest.

The wedding will take place here next Wednesday of Miss Laura Turner and Orel Bordeau, both of Longworth.

There was a large attendance at the funeral here of the late Mrs. Harry Avison who died in hospital at Edmonton where she was receiving surgical treatment. Besides her husband, she is survived by two small daughters.

A wax works exhibition staged last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. A. Matheson by the girls of the junior choir of Knox United Church under the direction of Mrs. W. J. Pitman, was a novel and very interesting entertainment, there being a large attendance. Mrs. John Ferguson was among those who took part.

The Prince George Women's Institute is to increase its prizes for children's exhibits at the local fair this year.

The weather here recently has been fair with cold nights. The temperature ranged during the week from 22 to 52 above zero.

E. G. Loney of Regina, who is interested in the development of mining properties in this section, plans to use airplane service to get into the north this season.

Walter Smith arrived in town from Vancouver this week, having come up by car.

## TERRACE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETS

### E. T. Kenney Gives Paper on Gardening and Other Matters Dealt With By Gathering

TERRACE, March 16:—The regular monthly meeting of the Terrace Women's Institute was held in the Terrace Theatre on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. F. Hall, president, in the chair, and only a fair attendance.

The president requested that it be made known to all ladies in the community interested in the work and intending to join the institute, that the government grant for the year is based on the membership at the end of March and it is therefore desirable that as many as possible pay their membership fees before that date.

Mrs. McConnell, as organizer of the Pig Club was instructed to send for the necessary tags in preparation for starting this year's club.

The committee to arrange for a play reported progress.

A helpful paper on "Gardening," prepared by E. T. Kenney was read in which suggestion of getting the most use as well as the most pleasure out of a flower garden were given. Time and method of planting bulbs for early spring blooming was explained as well as care of the bulbs after the flowering season had passed. Using the same ground bulb culture could be easily followed with flowers for summer and fall blooming, thus assuring the gardener of blooms from early spring until late fall.

Afternoon tea was served by Mrs. Jas. McConnell and Mrs. J. McLaren.

## UNPRECEDENTED WEATHER CONDITIONS, NORTH WALES

A motor car embedded in a huge snow drift on the Conway-Penmaenarr Road in North Wales, where the oldest inhabitants have no recollection of similar conditions in winter.

## HIS LOSS

"I hear you are going to California with your husband, Jane," said Mrs. Jones to her maid, who was leaving to get married. "Are you not nervous about the long voyage?"

"Well, mum," was Jane's reply, "that's his lookout. I belong to him now, and if anything happens to me, it'll be his loss, not mine."—Halifax Chronicle.

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