Work of I.O.D.E. in Prince Rupert Has Been One of Achievement Since Formation 19 Years Ago

Just 19 years ago a few ladies in Prince Rupert made application for and were granted a charter from the provincial chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, authorizing the founding of a primary chapter in what was then thought to be the coming city of the last great west. The names of these charter members were Mesdames Du Vernet, McLennan, McLeod, W. Manson, A. McIntyre, O. H. Nelson and G. R. Naden and Misses and Des Barras, and the chapter was named "Queen Mary" Chapter after the present queen, whose coronation was shortly to take place. The first regent of this chapter was Mrs. C. A. Eggert, and many ladies soon became members. The objects of the order were always kept in view during those early years, and amongst other things done by them was the complete equipping of a ward in the Prince Rupert General Hospital, since known as "Queen Mary Ward."

In 1912 at the auction sale of city lots held by the Government in the Westholme Theatre, through the courtesy of the B. C. Government and the kind indulgence of the general public, the chapter acquired at the upset price of $5,000, two building lots on Fifth Avenue, borrowing the money to make their first payment of one quarter cash—$1250.

When war broke out in 1914, the borrowed money having been repaid, and the taxes paid on the property, the chapter now devoted all its time and energies to war work, and later on, after the formation of the Red Cross Society, worked in conjunction with that body. Other chapters now began to be formed—"Hill 60" Chapter, formed in 1915 and named after the famous battle where the Canadian troops displayed such prowess and heroism; "Adair Carss" Chapter, formed in 1917 and named in honor of a young promising Prince Rupert lad who made the supreme sacrifice for his country, and the "Girl Guides" a junior chapter formed about the same date. Every member of these four chapters did a little bit to help in the great struggle for freedom.

In 1918 the senior chapter, "Queen Mary" made application, that a charter be granted to form a municipal chapter, and this was acceeded, the first Municipal Regent being Mrs. J. C. McLennan. To give the chapter a start financially,, Mr. McLennan made them a present of the sum of $85.

During the war years the interest on the unpaid balance on the city lots acquired by Queen Mary Chapter, had accumulated, until at the time of forming the Municipal Chapter, there was a total indebtedness due to the government of about $5000. Through the efforts of J. C. McLennan equities in government lots were purchased at a discount and for the sum of about $12000, which sum was loaned without interest to Municipal Chapter by W. McLennan. Enough equity was got to turn over to the government to make up the outstanding balance and interest on the lots, and the Municipal Chapter was granted a deed to the property. In about a year the loan was repaid, and the chapter was clear of debt.

Building Fund

Its next problem was the erection of a building and for that purpose a building fund was started in 1920, which by the generous cooperation of the various chapters in staging carnivals, vaudeville shows, dances, bridges and other forms of entertainment, capital grew, till in 1923 it amounted to well over $3000. The building of a hall was now considered. Plans were discussed and approved, and finally, in the fall of 1925 ,the building was opened. Financial obligations, incurred during the erection of the building, exceeded the cash on hand, necessitated the raising of money on mortgage to pay these outstanding bills, and it was burning of this mortgage which was the clumination of ten years of very creditable effort on the part of the local order. During those ten years the chair of Municipal Chapter was held by the following ladies and in the order named: Mrs. J. C. McLennan, the late Mrs. F. G. Dawson, Mrs. S. P. McMordie, Mrs. A. F. Parkin, Mrs. R. Blance and Mrs. S. Darton.

In addition to all this should be mentioned the $800 spent by the Municipal Chapter in 1919 and 1920 on furnishing and equipping a nursery in the Prince Rupert General Hospital, a work which has been a great comfort to the doctors and nurses and has been appreciated by the mothers as well as the babies themselves.

The individual chapters also have done their part in patriotic, charitable and educational directions. The Adair Carss Chapter has also in the hospital a ward, which they have furnished and look after. More especially should be mentioned the soldiers' plot, looked after and maintained by the same chapter, a noble tribute to those men who gave their best. Hill 60 Chapter has devoted most of its efforts during the past few years to furnishing and maintaining a children's ward in the Prince Rupert General Hospital, another truly noble work.

Service and love of country are the watchwords of the order, and in Prince Rupert, the local chapters are worthily upholding this tradition, and are taking their little part in the building of a united Canada, and a Unitier Empire.

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DUCHESS DIES

LONDON, March 27:—The dowager Marchioness of Cambridge, sister-in-law of Queen Mary, died yesterday of septic pneumonia.

JANITOR DISMISSED

VICTORIA, March 26:—A. E. Brakes chief janitor of the parliament buildings was dismissed by order in council on Monday, and F. R. Popham, deputy sergeant at arms was named in his place.

Keep a watch upon your tongue and see that the watch isn't a repeater.

BRITAIN ALONE REDUCES ARMY

Secretary of War Points Out U. S., Italy, Germany, France and Russia Increased

LONDON, March 26:—Great Britain is the only country in the world which can show a reduction in military expenditures during the past five years, according to comparative figures cited in the House of Commons recently by Rt. Hon. Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, secretary of state for war. In five years the annual cost of Great Britain's army has dropped 11 per cent. In the same period the expenditure of the United States has increased by $40,000,000; of Italy by $50,000,000; of Germany by $25,000,000; of France by $120,000,000, and in Soviet Russia the total budget for army, navy and air force had increased by $200,000,000.

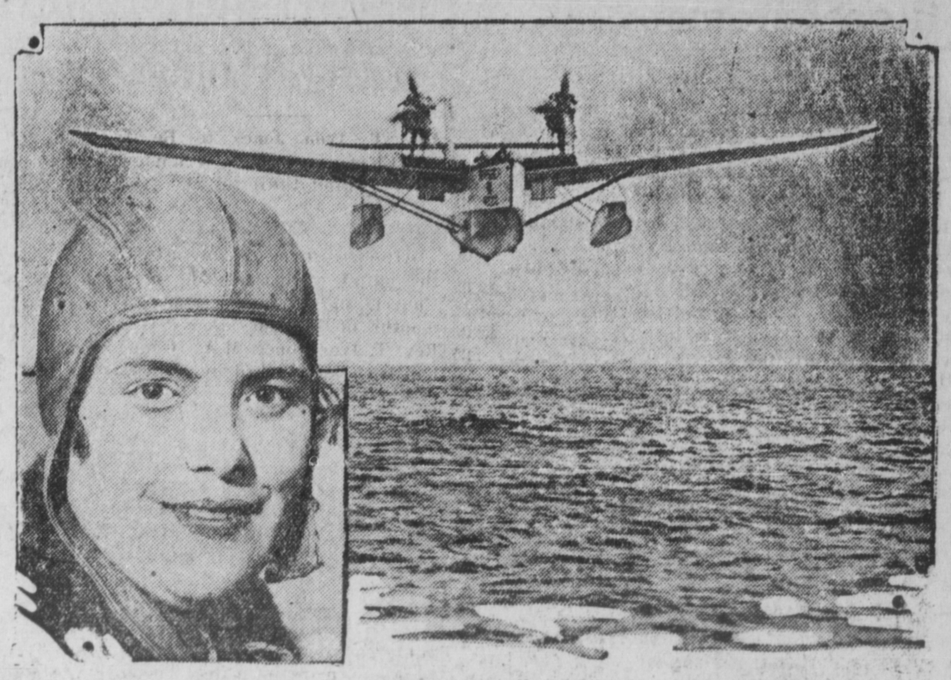
"That is the answer," said the secretary for war, "to those who call upon this country to give a lead in the matter of disarmament. It has only been possible by the devoted efforts of all officers in the cause of economy." Drastic as had been the economies effected in the British Army, they had not precluded modernization, Sir Laming explained. Modernization of armies meant mechanization, a process which had begun in 1921 and now covered every branch of the service in varying degrees. In this respect, he remarked, his own special sphere, the Royal Tank Corps, had a just claim to pre-eminence in strategy and equipment.

A STRIKING TEXT

A Congregational minister living in the suburbs was telephoned by a local paper for the subject of his next Sunday morning's discourse. "Wise as serpents, harmless as doves," was his answer.

When the paper came out he was electrified to read that he would preach on: "Why is a serpent as harmless as a dove?"—Methodist Recorder.

GIRL SAILS TO EUROPE BUT WILL FLY BACK



Mildred Johnson, inset, well known aviatrix, is preparing to sail for Europe, where she will organize a return flight to this continent. According to present plans she will return in a Rohrback plane, shown above, which will carry a regular cargo of freight. Miss Johnson will not pilot the ship, but will travel as "custodian of the freight."

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