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Financing Arena

ALL MUST be agreed on the desirability of a curling and skating arena in Prince Rupert. Everything that has been said in favor of the project has our hearty approbation.

But there is one thing we must be sure of and that is the sound financing of the project which we were told last night would cost a minimum of \$75,000 with an estimated annual overhead of \$7000 and probable revenue of \$10,000.

Responsible local citizens in public discussion expressed confidence that ways and means could be developed to put a modest ice arena here on a sound financial operating basis. That is reassuring but it is something that should be made very sure of at the outset.

A poorly-financed project might turn out to be worse than none at all.

To cut the cloth according to the resources from the start is the important realistic approach—and to emphasize this is not to throw a wet blanket on the undertaking.

Criticism

NO ONE really escapes criticism and the more eminent one is the more criticism may be expected, says a banking publication. That is a price one pays for holding a distinguished position. It is as Addison said in his essay on Censure—"Folly to think of escaping it and weakness to be affected by it." There is no defence but obscurity.

Fair criticism implies a desire on the part of the critic to judge with clarity and say with honesty what he believes to be true. His judgment will be based upon his own experiences, his disappointments, his burned fingers, and his beliefs. At the same time, he will make an effort to get the other fellow's point of view and take the gentle and indulgent side of most questions.

Fair criticism does not judge without factual information. It considers the event on which it is to pass judgment in the light of these factors: what was said or done? what did the person mean to say or do? what was his reason for saying or doing it? what is the effect of what he said or did? why do I object to it?

If we are on the receiving end of criticism, we must school ourselves to rise above all that is petty and to accept and use what is worthwhile. There are times to fight back but these must not be decided by inclination but by answering the question, after searching consideration of the criticism: Is it right?

Scripture Passage for Today

"This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."—1 John 5:3.

New Cars For Newfoundland

MONTREAL.—The Canadian National Railways has ordered 40 steel-framed box cars from the Eastern Car Company for use on the Newfoundland lines of the railway. This contract brings the total cost of new equipment on order by the railway to \$56,000,000, said E. A. Bromley, vice-president, purchases and stores, in announcing the new order last night.

The cars will have a capacity of 30 tons and 218 cubic feet. An unusual feature is the extra wide side doors which measure 7½ feet as compared with the standard six feet and are supported from the bottom instead of hanging by the top rollers. The extra width has been adopted to facilitate loading and unloading.

The cars are equipped with metal running boards and the cast steel trucks have brake-beam safety ladders that are cast integral as an added safety feature. The new equipment will be painted standard CNR colors and bear the CNR insignia.

TROUT BATTLES HERON
DUNSTER, Somerset, England
—When a hungry heron attacked a trout on the head the fish bit and held on to the bird's tongue. Both were drowned.

Old Timers Are Seen In South

The number of local old timers who are settling down "for keeps" in or around Victoria or Vancouver appears to be increasing.

"Spend a few hours on Hastings Street or anywhere else in Vancouver, particularly if the weather is fine," remarked a visitor the other day "and you meet more folks who lived in Prince Rupert in the early days than anywhere else in B.C."

Canadian Pacific Loses Tax Case

VICTORIA.—The Canadian Pacific Railway will have to hand over \$6 millions in tax to the Provincial Government on past or future sales of the railway-owned rich timber belt in Vancouver Island. The Governor-General in Council announced the decision after the railway fought the case to the Privy Council in London. The present decision was handed down after the railway lost their appeal on moral grounds to the Federal Government.

For action use News classifieds.

RAY... Reflects and Reminisces

Mayor Fred Hume, newly elected to that office in Vancouver, declines to accept the salary, which is \$7,500. He prefers to see it used, where it would be more needed. There will not be the least trouble finding the necessity.

Seattle Scots have placed an order for haggis for its near the time when the "great chieftain of the puddin' race" will be in demand. But the sales can't be made because the Department of Agriculture declines to stamp haggis pure. The department's assistant district veterinarian is Dr. J. E. LeBlond. He does not sound Scottish. Perhaps not. He was born in Quebec. His mother was born in Ireland. His father was born in France. The doctor wed a Manchester girl and their son was born in Winnipeg.

Cold weather stories from Korea multiply. There's plenty of real ice as well as snow. It may be due to ignorance but we never heard of a Korean hockey player, a Korean curling team or Korean skiing.

Completing a secret flight from Texas the world's biggest bombers—ten-engine and capable of flying 10,000 miles, with atom bombs—have landed in England. It won't stay a secret long—especially in certain parts of Europe.

Seventy mile gusts are said to have been blowing in Victoria Monday afternoon. But this may be surpassed in gale force within another few weeks. Opening of the legislature is pending.

To say more travel is going on today than ever before can hardly be called an exaggeration. From Prince Rupert, which certainly is not a large city, persons leave on world tours, cross an ocean or continent in what usually ap-

Scientists Watch Herring Fishing

Experiments in herring fishing, originated five years ago, are to be continued, according to Dr. J. L. Hart speaking of the recent annual meeting of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada.

At the time the experiments were started, it was observed on the west coast of Vancouver Island that excellent year-broods originated from poor spawnings. This suggested that quota restrictions on herring might be detracting from effective use of that resource.

Quotas have been removed from herring fishing on the west coast of the island and the fishery is being followed in comparison with that on the east coast of Vancouver Island, where quotas have been retained. Since tests have been begun there, however, a succession of good year-broods have supplied a successful fishery.

The experiment will be continued until at least one poor year-class is encountered so that biologists can have definite evidence whether or not concentrated fishing does affect future catches. Average catches before Christmas this year were 189 tons per seiner per day.

pears in a matter of course way. It cannot be said expenses are any the less. There used to be a time in Canada when to journey from coast to coast was a whale of an adventure and for a Maritimer to view Quebec or Ontario was an experience to describe in detail later on.

Premier St. Laurent, home from the conference in London, told the press yesterday that the international situation was "showing an improvement." A Prime Minister can hardly say anything else. Even if it were not so, it is unlikely he would state the reverse. The general tone of his remarks continues cautious, with an undertone of optimism.

Want Ads, Sure Results!

25 YEARS AGO

January 17, 1926
During his visit here this week Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, was waited upon by a committee from the newly formed Fishermen's Co-operative Association asking that a site be granted on the government wharf for a fish handling plant. The minister gave his assurance a site would be available when required.

L. S. McGill, Smithers barrister, has been a visitor in Vancouver this week. In an interview published by one of the southern papers, he speaks very optimistically of mining prospects in this district.

It was three o'clock in the morning when the big dance given by the First Battalion, Northern B.C. Regiment, broke up, and then those present seemed reluctant to go home.

10 YEARS AGO

January 17, 1941
A party of Prince Rupert Co-Op basketball enthusiasts was defeated in a game against the Metlakatla Maple Leafs by a score of 69 to 45 at Metlakatla.

As a token of appreciation and recognition of his work and leadership in local Boy Scout activities, Rev. (Captain) Roy Durnford, chaplain of the local garrison area, was presented with a Scout statuette at this week's gathering of the local Boy Scouts.

John May is sailing this afternoon on the Princess Norah for a vacation trip to Vancouver.

CONFUSING
CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z. — A witness in a Supreme Court case here insisted his Christian names were Robert John, not Richard John as had been called by counsel. The judge intervened: "Any property you own, is that in the name of Robert or Richard." The witness replied: "In my wife's name."

Veteran of Four Wars

VANCOUVER — Sgt.-Maj. A. H. O. (Rattlesnake Pete) Freemantle, who spent 48 years and 34 days in the army, has died in Vancouver at 93.

He fought in four wars, starting with the Zulu War of 1879. The veteran of many campaigns got his nickname in the First World War. In 1914, he was training recruits and when he found them doing something wrong, they received one warning and then he "struck."

Sgt.-Maj. Freemantle was born in Somerset, England, in 1857. After the Zulu War, he set out for Canada. He served through the Riel Rebellion campaign in 1885 and in 1899 fought in the Boer War.

At 57, he re-enlisted for the First World War. Once on parade in England, he was asked by King George V how old he was.

"Forty-five, Sir," Sgt.-Maj. Freemantle said.

"Your regimental age, I presume?" the King replied.

Sgt.-Maj. Freemantle won the D.C.M. in France and was seriously wounded later.

In 1939, at 82, he tried to get back into the army. He didn't make it.

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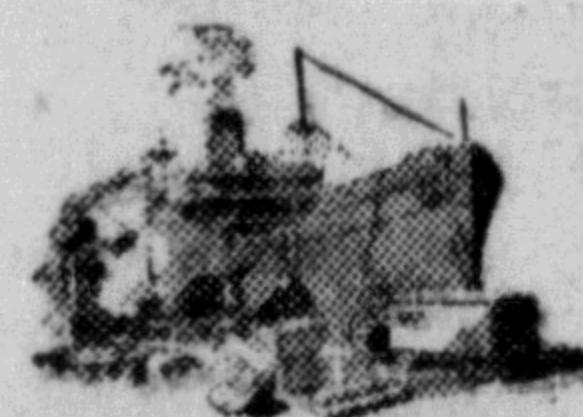
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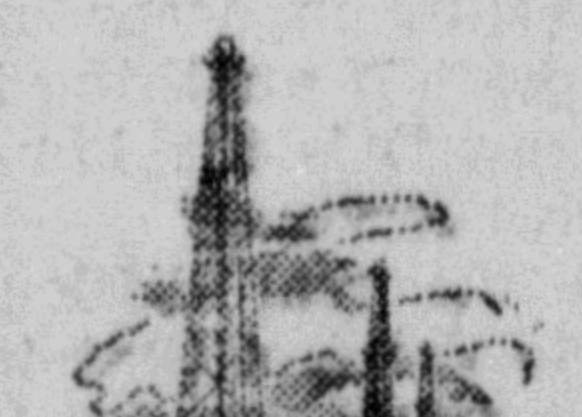
Manufacturing was almost three times greater.



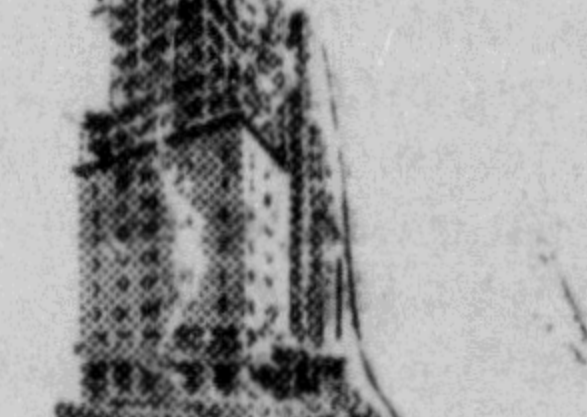
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