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Salute To The Ass'd. Boards

PRINCE RUPERT is again honored as the meeting place for the Associated Boards of Trade of Central B.C. and the affiliated Chambers of South-east Alaska.

No organization will be more warmly welcomed by the people of Prince Rupert than this group of boards and trade and chambers of commerce which has probably become the most influential body concerned with economic development in the large area it serves.

It is a tribute to those older citizens of the various communities stretching from the Alberta boundary to the coast of British Columbia and more recently extended to our good neighbors in Alaska, that the organization they created has grown in numbers and in power to the end that today it is recognized by the presence of cabinet ministers and the powerful Board of Trade of Vancouver.

The resolutions that will be presented from the various chambers and boards will reflect in true measure the problems each community considers of most pressing importance.

With due consideration of each resolution by the group as a whole and properly drafted by the resolutions committee, the final composite resolutions will be those that no government can afford to ignore, unless it is seeking political suicide, which at times we fear that it would appear to be so.

We live in a dynamic age. Men and women who give freely of their talents and time to public service in their communities are tired of the procrastination of government on the problems of central and northern B.C.

Members of government "dressed in brief authority" should take heed of the resolutions to be passed by this convention of associated boards of trade, and remember the historic statement which can be applied to this convention, "Magna Carta is the law, let the King look out."

Sincere workers for their communities are no longer going to waste their energies on public service if their efforts are ignored, stalled and piously explained away and only a masterly inactivity shown by government.

The visitors and guests are welcomed as cordially by Prince Rupert as is the Association. Time has been allotted for sightseeing and entertainment by the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce whose members have worked indefatigably to make the convention both successful and enjoyable.

We salute the Associated Boards of Trade of Central B.C. and affiliated Chambers of Alaska and hope their endeavors will this time be fructified by positive results.

Scripture Passage for Today

"See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."
—I Peter 1:22

Boat Fined For Illegal Fishing

KETCHIKAN.—The seine boat Hustler's captain and crew have been fined a total of \$1750 in the U.S. commissioner's court here following a plea of guilty to fishing in a closed area.
Captain Joe Johnson was fined \$500. Crew members were fined \$250. The Hustler was apprehended at the mouth of Old Tom Creek by Fred Fredrickson, fisheries enforcement officer.

New Juneau Radio Station

JUNEAU.—A new radio station is slated for this northern city. The Communications Commission has granted application of Aurora Broadcasters, Inc., for installation of a new station on 630 kilocycles, 1000 watts daytime, 500 watts at night.

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As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

How Pay Pensions?

THERE IS one great danger in the new national pension scheme, which is due to be launched in Ottawa in about a month.

Somebody may try to "put over" the same flat rate taxation as we have in the iniquitous B.C. Hospital Insurance Scheme. That is, the poor may be compelled to pay exactly the same amount as the rich to finance the new plan.

The basis of any good and fair plan is that all people pay a PERCENTAGE of their income or their wealth. The basis of a bad scheme is one where the richest multi-millionaire in the country has to pay only the same amount as the poorest widow, in the way of social welfare taxation.

THERE ARE four ways which are proposed to raise the money which Canada will need to pay all old persons the new national pension:

1. By a 4% sales tax. This would be a terrible injustice to the ordinary people for the rich would escape their proper contribution.
2. By a 4% income tax, added to the present levy.
3. By a payroll deduction of a certain percentage. This is also a weak and inefficient way, as the cost of collecting is very high and also there is no way to include rural people and others who do not draw wages or salaries from companies.
4. By simply taking the money from the combined revenues of the country.

THE LAST named way is in fact the most efficient and most economical. We raise the money for our army, navy and air force and all our civil and national services by general taxation. It is no more difficult to raise the money for old age pensions in this way than it is to raise the money for children's allowances.

Incidentally, the cost of administering the children's allowance plan is a tiny fraction of administering the unemployment insurance plan. Part of the extra cost of the unemployment insurance plan is due to the costly bookkeeping and other "paper work" connected with the individual levies.

THE FAIREST, simplest system of direct levy, on the individual citizen, is by income tax. Everybody has to pay income tax, anyway, over most of a lifetime. Hence there will be little, if any, extra cost of adding a certain percentage to pay the cost of national old age pensions.

There would be an additional advantage in adopting this method now—as the Finance Minister is grossly over-taxing us right now. In fact, at the present rate of taxation, Canada can easily pay the entire cost of the old age pension scheme out of current revenue.

I SEE one definite advantage in making a definite personal levy, through the income tax, to pay for old age pensions.

It is not only a good thing for every person to know that he, or she, is laying aside a certain amount to provide for income in old age. But it is also a good thing to stop the government and the politicians from talking nonsense about how much the government is "spending" on pensions. The government has never spent a cent, either on children's allowances or old age pensions. All the money comes

ray ..

Reflects and
Reminisces

Do your Christmas shopping early!

Dorothy Black says her idea of hell is a large, cool drawing-room with well dressed people sitting round with folded hands and blank faces, making polite conversation.—Ex.

SOMEWHAT WISER

The twenty mile plague spot that for a few weeks was a sort of vaccination point in Saskatchewan, exists no longer. The Minnontic, who had grown dissatisfied with their prairie home and moved to the heat and dangerous risks of Honduras, have returned. They are a little older, poorer, sadder and much wiser.

Children died from disease and others felt the infection. An area of health-blessed territory was set aside, virtually quarantined, until such time as the afflicted recovered, and the general public could safely travel and mingle. Far away, fields are sometimes more black than green.

WHAT HE LOOKS AT!

Churchill, at the festival, visited South Bank, where he was being shown the wonders of the Heavens. "And there Sir," said the guide, "are the Pleiades and the Great Bear." Suddenly Churchill interrupted. "Young man," he declared, "don't bother with the stars. Just show me the earth. That's all I'm interested in."

Pioneers of Cariboo will have their own recorded history and museum, and it's none too early to make a formal commencement. Enough has happened in Cariboo, over the past half century or even longer ago to provide one of the most valuable and impressive memorials in the history of British Columbia. And the day will come when similar action will be taken in Prince Rupert and Skeena.

A BETTER BALANCE

Developments at Cordova, Alaska! Another moose—a lady—has arrived, which makes two, for a herd of six bulls. The presence of the second belle is considered a happy situation, from either the standpoint of the gentlemen moose or the government agents. The latter are interested in keeping what is called "a balance of nature." Roughly speaking, that's about what the bull moose are interested in, too!

The cease fire conference between the United Nations and Chinese Communists kept dwindling away until at last it became something hard to describe. Thinking of something to say out loud must have become unbelievably difficult. Communists would sit and sit and sit in silence. The United Nations did not appear to do much better—unless it was to deny charges said from elsewhere to be utterly false. All in all the occasion could not be called business like.

from the production by the people in the first place.
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LETTERBOX

WATER AND POWER

Editor,
Daily News,

May I seek to acquaint your readers with a few more facts I gathered myself in connection with the water and power problem in the city of Prince Rupert?

A couple of weeks ago there appeared a news item in the Daily News informing the people of a break in the power company's transmission line about 35 miles from Prince Rupert and that the diesel plant at the dry dock took over the load and avoided a disruption of service.

But no mention was made of the fact that the Shawatians plant was opened to full capacity in order to carry the load and that the reservoir which carries the city's water supply receded until there was but a foot of water. This in spite of full operation of the booster pump at the time.

The water was still receding up to the time the repair was completed, so you see the power service was maintained at the expense of city water supply.

What have you to say to that, Mr. Manager? The superintendent of our water system is the source of my information.

Now, regarding the B.C. Power Commission and its function in relation to public service. I gathered the following information at a conference between the city council and the Power Commission in 1949.

First, the commission operates on the principle of production for use, not for profit. Users of electricity receive the service at cost.

All money used in capital expenditure is borrowed on the open money market on the credit of the provincial government of B. C. and is repaid to the government through revenue produced by the commission's operation of utilities.

Another point stressed by the commission was that if the citizens wished to be served by the B.C. Power Commission, they should so inform the commission as early date as possible to enable the commission to examine all present and future requirements of the city, including the hydro potentialities of the district.

Secondly, should the city council desire to purchase its electrical requirements in bulk at the city gate and look after the sale and distribution itself, it, News classified.

such an arrangements could be made with the commission.

Now, whether appraisal of Northern B.C. Power Company's assets is done directly by the Power Commission, or by the Utilities Commission at the instigation of the Power Commission, matters not. A fair and honest evaluation of all assets is all we should require.

But as our water and power requirements for the next 30 or 40 years comprise our pressing problem today, we must face facts and do something about it. I beseech all to become alert and do some thinking. If the power company insists on monopolizing the water in the penstocks of Woodworth Lake, then they should be prepared to pay the cost of pumping water from Shawatians Lake to the city reservoir. Otherwise they should relinquish their operation at Woodworth Lake entirely.

Remember, the demand on our water supply is growing greater each year. The situation today is not as it was 25 years ago when the power company took over.

ALD. GEORGE B. CASEY.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Frizzell and son, Doug, in company with Mr. Frizzell's brother, Howard, of Chicago, returned to the city Sunday after a two-weeks holiday together at Jasper and Babine Lake.

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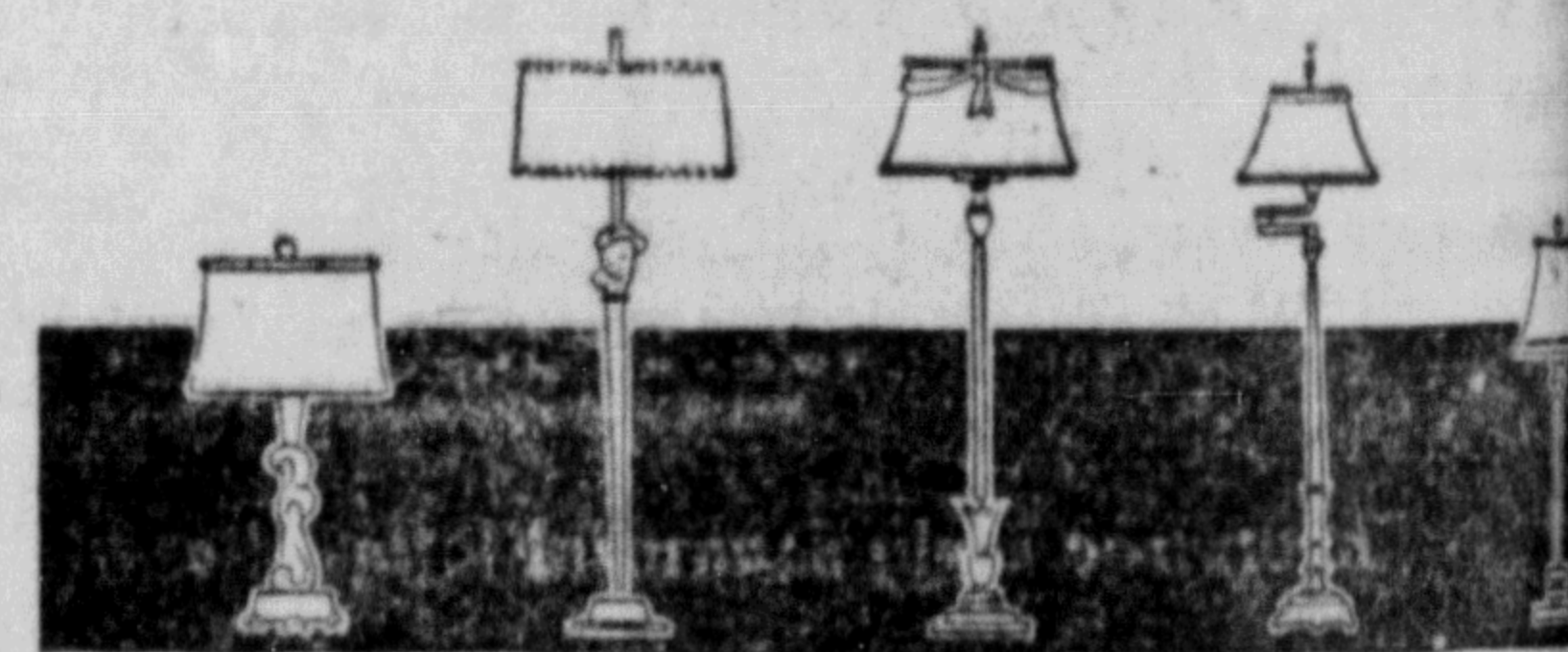
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