



CUB PRESENTATIONS—A few nights ago Cub Roy Prystay of Fifth Prince Rupert (Annunciation) Wolf Cub Pack received, for proficiency, a mounted wolf's head presented by Bill Scuby, local fur dealer. The picture shows Mr. Scuby making the presentation. Also seen in the picture are District Commissioner F. E. Anfield, Cub Master James Gorman and Cubs Billy Smith, Billy Saunders, Alex Brebner, Larry Olsen, John LeRoss, Bobby Good, Sid Dickens, Pierre LeRoss and Robert Armstrong. The smaller picture shows Joe Ward, local boxing mentor, presenting cups to Cub Billy Saunders, Scout Dick Bury and Cub Roy Prystay following a recent boxing tournament.

YEAR-END REVIEW—

**Pensions Changes Topped
Ottawa's 1951 Legislation**

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OTTAWA (CP) — Parliament made major changes in Canada's old-age security program in 1951 and set its sights on a 1952 study of a national health-insurance plan.

At spring and fall sessions, old-age security measures highlighted the legislative program.

In the spring the government obtained authority to share on a 50-50 basis with the provinces the cost of \$40-a-month pensions to needy persons between 65 and 70. The payments will start in January in those provinces which have concluded agreements with the federal government. An estimated 145,000 Canadians will be eligible.

In the fall, parliament approved payment of \$40-a-month pensions to Canadians 70 and over, regardless of means, provided they have lived in Canada for at least 20 years. These pensions, with payments to start in January, will be administered solely by the federal government and will be financed through special, earmarked taxes. About 700,000 Canadians will be covered.

The new act replaced legislation under which pensions of \$40 a month were paid to needy persons 70 and over who had lived in Canada for at least 20 years. The federal government paid 75 per cent of the cost and the provinces the remainder.

Expected to cost about \$400,000,000 a year, the new pensions for all 70 and over will be financed under what has become known as the "2-2-2" formula. It will consist of a two-per-cent levy on personal incomes, a two-per-cent tax on corporation profits, and a two-per-cent sales tax.

Contributions through personal income tax will be limited to \$30 a year. No increase was made in the existing sales tax of 10 per cent. The pension act simply earmarked one-fifth of the sales tax for pension fund purposes.

Improvements also were made in pension for the blind.

TO STUDY INSURANCE

Demands were made for a national health-insurance plan to round out the federal government's social security program. Health Minister Martin prom-

ised to establish a committee at the 1952 session to study national health insurance. But before any national plan can be introduced in Canada, the unanimous consent of the provinces will have to be obtained.

Other legislation covered such things as military commitments abroad, construction of the St. Lawrence seaway, equalization of freight rates across the country, financial assistance to the publicly-owned CBC, aid to universities, and amendments to the Criminal Code, the Canadian Citizenship Act, and the Indian Act.

Parliament approved the dispatch of an army brigade to serve under Gen. Eisenhower in Europe. Provision was made to extend to Canada's brigade in Korea the benefits granted to veterans after the Second World War.

The seaway legislation marked a concrete step by Canada to undertake the multi-million-dollar project without assistance of the United States. However, the door was left open for the United States to join in the project before the work actually starts.

PROTRACTED DRIVE
The freight-rate legislation was based on recommendations of the royal commission on transportation which studied Canada's transportation problems for two years. The drive to equalize rates is expected to take years.

The government, acting on a recommendation of the Massey

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**Setting Up of
Dental Clinic**

While all returns of questionnaires were not available and in many cases reactions of parents to the proposed Prince Rupert Children's Dental Clinic were disappointing yet the committee, at a meeting on Wednesday evening, decided that there was every good reason to proceed with the setting up of such a scheme. Delegates elected a slate of officers to carry on with the inauguration of the plan with the hope that it would be in operation in the New Year.

Officers elected, with power to add, were:

President—J. S. Wilson.
Vice-President—Mrs. L. M. Greene.
Secretary-treasurer—Frank Derry.

Executive—Dr. Duncan Black and Dr. Munthe.
There are many details to be worked out but, with definite financial backing from some of the organizations already promised and with 113 favorable replies from parents on file, it is hoped that a satisfactory plan can be worked out.

For the start only pupils in Grades One, and pre-school children of three years and over can be taken care of. These will get the necessary dental treatments for a year for the sum of \$4.

The treatments will continue from year to year once the scheme is in operation and, with successive years, all the children will ultimately be cared for.

The expected interest of parents in the welfare of their children was shown in several cases where the fee of \$4 was sent with the questionnaire. This is not necessary as parents will be advised when to pay as soon as the details have been worked out by the committee.

It is expected that the offer

**Christmas Hop
To Naas River**

Pre-Christmas flight with holiday goods for the Naas River village of Aiyansh was made Wednesday by Queen Charlotte Air Lines Norseman piloted by Norman Gernym. Landing was made on the river which is still open and very high, having risen seven feet in three days as result of heavy rains.

Yesterday the Norseman made a flight to Stewart and Alice Arm. It took D. E. Robinson as a passenger to Alice Arm and brought back a full load of passengers.

commission on arts and science, decided to provide an annual parliamentary grant of \$5,250,000 to the CBC for five years. It also voted \$7,000,000 in aid to Canadian universities.

The Criminal Code was amended to tighten laws covering drunken driving, sex perverts and bookmakers. The Canadian Citizenship Act was amended to prevent retention of Canadian citizenship by persons who have renounced allegiance or shown by their conduct that they are not loyal to Canada.

The Indian Act was overhauled to give the 135,000 descendants of Canada's original settlers greater say in the management of their affairs.

At the spring session, a new department was established to handle Canada's \$5,000,000,000 defence production program for the next three years.

A sum of \$25,000,000 was voted as an initial contribution to the Colombo plan for aid to South and Southeast Asia.

**Three Sisters
Cafe Purchased**

The Three Sisters Cafe on Third Avenue has changed hands. The new owners are Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hicks who have bought out Jack Clough and Harry Nelson and have taken possession. The new proprietors formerly operated the Fraser House Hotel. Mrs. Hicks has been spending some time in Victoria but is expected back in the city shortly.

**Is Critical
Of Medicos**

OTTAWA—The CCF member for Vancouver East, Angus MacInnis, was criticized in the Commons when he declared that, so long as doctors make their living from diseases, it is unlikely they will devote much time toward health promotion. Dr. E. A. McCusker (Liberal, Regina), parliamentary assistant to the minister of health, described the statement as disgraceful and one that should be stricken from the records.

of the Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce for a radio program will be accepted and a discussion "over the air" will enlighten the public on the scope of the plan.

It is expected that as details are made known all parents of eligible children will give the plan their full support.

**Special Train
From Vanderhoof**

Canadian National Railways will move a special train from Vanderhoof to Vancouver on Sunday, carrying 150 Mannix construction workers on the Nechako dam project south for the Christmas and New Year holiday season. The train, consisting of day coaches and a diner, will go by way of Red Pass, turning to Vancouver from there without going to Jasper. It will leave Vanderhoof 11 a.m., and arrive Vancouver 4 p.m. on Monday.

William Cruickshank, general agent, passenger department



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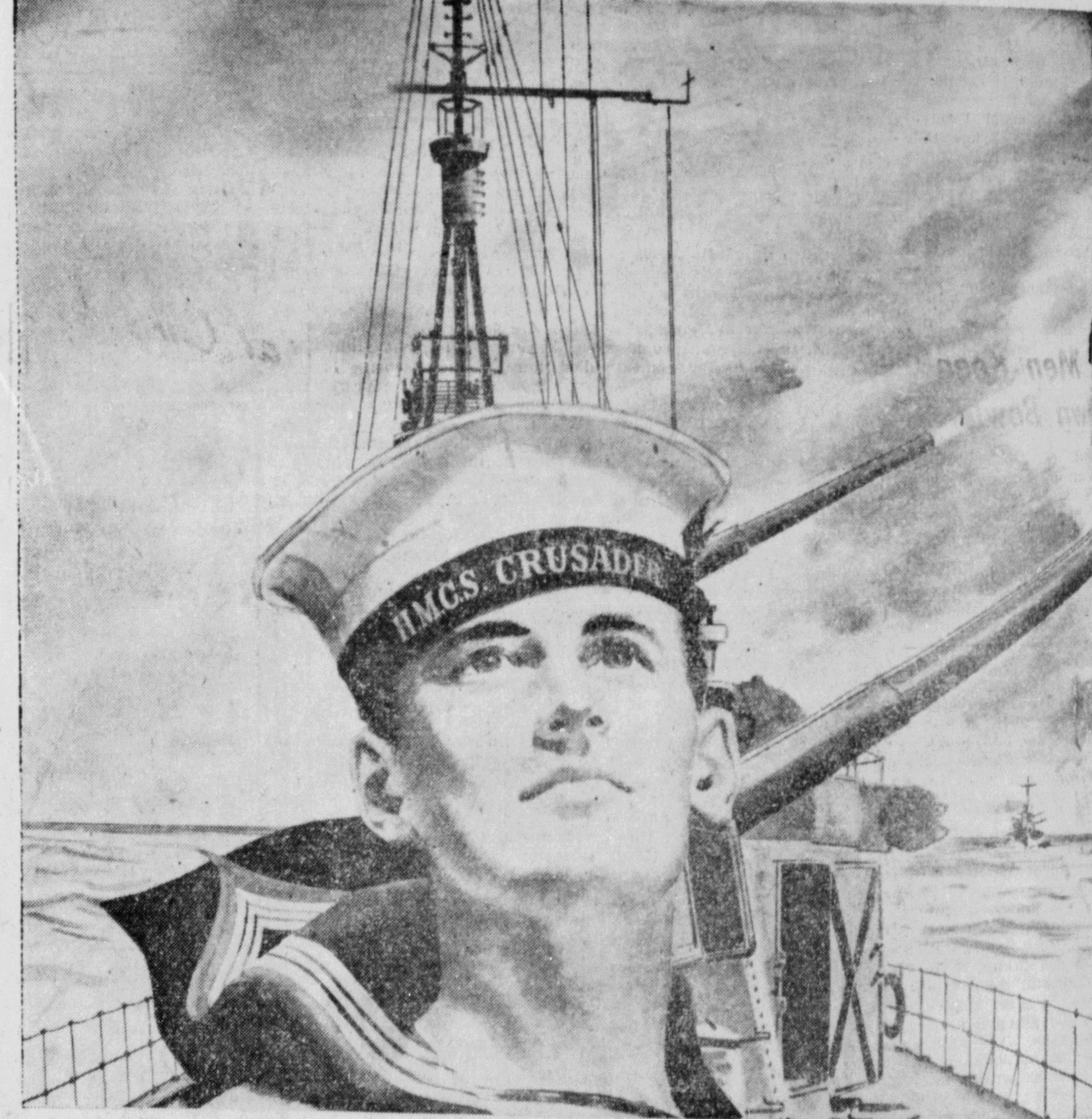
here, left on last night's train for Vanderhoof and Nechako in connection with the movement. Jack Loutit, travelling passenger agent, will accompany the special train.
One hundred other workers from Nechako will go by regular trains to Edmonton and Calgary for the holiday season.

**NEW LIBRARY SERVICE
NEW DELHI** — Plans are under way for the establishment of a Bibliographical centre here to serve as a means of reference to research workers and information to the general public. Foreign experts are discussing India's library program with the government.

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