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CANADA'S MAJOR NEED

The Mackenzie King Government admits that the western outlet to the Peace River country is Canada's major need and it is pretty sure that something will be done. Possibly by the time this is in print the Prime Minister will have made an announcement in this respect. Kennedy of Peace River and Brady of Prince Rupert brought the matter up in the House yesterday and forced the issue, making it necessary for the Government to announce its policy earlier than was expected.

It is satisfactory to know that the government recognizes the need and will take steps to remedy the present situation. We look for work to commence on this undertaking in the near future. The surveys for the railways should soon be complete and all the necessary information in the hands of the railways and the government.

ELECTION BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT

It is very probable that the definite statement as to where will be the outlet of the Peace River railway, will be delayed until after the election, which is expected to take place this summer. No government would commit itself on such a controversial subject just on the eve of an election. All that can be expected is that a definite announcement will be made that the railway will be undertaken at once. This would satisfy reasonable people.

If the C.P.R. finds itself unable to build jointly with the C.N.R. to connect with Prince Rupert, then it is to be expected that the C.N.R. will make every effort to develop this end of the line. However, we still think the C.P.R. trains will be coming into this city within the next few years. If there is anything standing in the way of this, Prince Rupert people should take steps to have it removed. Before long we should be in possession of sufficient information to enable us to move in the matter.

SELLING BIRTHRIGHT FOR MESS OF POTTAGE


There is talk of bribing some railway to take over the P.G.E. by handing over to them the lands of the Peace River block. This seems like another case of selling our birthright for a mess of pottage. It looks as if any action can be justified as long as it takes the Peace River railway southward instead of letting it take its natural route to the coast.

We think Prince Rupert people will object to the tying up of the fertile lands of the Peace by any railway just for the sake of diverting traffic from its natural course. If these lands could not be settled otherwise, we would have no objection to disposing of them, providing a good deal could be made. This is not the case with the Peace River block, however. Today people are clamoring for land there. All they need is transportation and that should be given them by the big railway companies in conjunction with the Federal Government. Railway building is not a matter for provincial enterprise. It is a federal affair and any effort to transfer it to the province should be blocked.

THE RIDLEY HOME

There are many useful institutions in Prince Rupert and there people who devote much time and attention from the pure love of helping others. Few of these have such merit as the Ridley Home, which provides an opportunity for the homeless to live under the best possible conditions and receive an education and home training equal in every respect to that of most real homes in the city.

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Mrs. T. H. Wright of Hazelton Reports Successful Gathering of Social Service Committee

HAZELTON, May 7.—Mrs. T. H. Wright of Hazelton reports a very successful gathering in Toronto in connection with the Social Service Committee of the United Church of Canada. Every part of the Dominion was represented, about 40 delegates in all being present.

Mrs. Wright is coming west to attend sessions of the British Columbia Conference in Vancouver.

John Bremner returned to the city on yesterday afternoon's train from Terrace where he spent a few days engaged in plastering work.

REPORTS ON CONVENTION

Teachers' Association Had Interesting Meeting Last Night

The regular monthly meeting of the Prince Rupert Teachers' Association was well attended last evening when the delegates to the annual Easter teachers' convention in Vancouver reported on the meetings and activities of the assembly.

Following the regular routine business meeting a committee was appointed to complete arrangements for the June meeting which will take the form of a picnic.

Mr. Hartness gave some general impressions of the convention. He was struck by the great number of unfamiliar faces seen at the convention, a sign of the great number of teachers in the province and also of the many changes that occur in the space of two years in the personnel of the profession. The address by P. H. Sheffield, provincial inspector on "The Education of the New Canadian, with special reference to the Doukhobors," had been particularly interesting.

Miss Garnett reported on the address by Dr. G. C. Sedgewick on "The Problem of Examinations." The speaker emphasized that he was putting forward his own individual views and was not necessarily speaking for the faculty of the University. He deprecated the tendency to compare results of examinations as any indication of the quality of the teaching in the different schools. Such overemphasis of results was vicious, caused over-teaching, and under-education, enervated the intellectual muscles and did not test the true qualities. He made an appeal for a broader outlook in the educational world.

Miss Easthope gave an interesting talk on "The Correlation of History and Geography," a subject that had been discussed in a sectional meeting under A. S. Matheson, of University Hill Superior School. Many changes were suggested in the content of the work at present assigned to the grades of the elementary schools. The teaching of geography with the history of the adventurers and early travellers and explorers should be the guiding thought in planning such courses of study. The early explorations of the French in Eastern Canada were taken as a practical application of the theory and exemplified the utility and practicability of the method.

Mr. Halleran reported on "The New Junior High School Arithmetic," a subject that had been discussed at a sectional meeting of the Senior Grades. The book was of a much more practical type than the book previously used. It dealt with problems that the ordinary child might meet in everyday community life and not with weird arithmetical gymnastics mental trials. Thus its utility as a contribution to the education of the coming citizen was recognized.

Miss Rothwell reported on the "Model Assembly of the League of Nations." This was undoubtedly the outstanding feature of the convention apart from the speeches of Sir John Adams. This model assembly was arranged by the Modern History Club of the Victoria High School, who were assisted on this occasion by students of the Vancouver High School in some of the minor parts. It represented the proceedings of the Tenth Assembly of the League of Nations held in Geneva in September, 1929. The hall was arranged as it might have been at the actual meetings and the students took the parts of the representatives of the different nations signatory to the League. The actual speeches made on that occasion by the representatives of the different countries were given verbatim by the students, and so effectively that the audience could well imagine themselves actually listening to the original speeches. The atmosphere, sincerity, importance, dignity, and effectiveness all seemed to be actually reproduced. Not the least impressive was the fact that the speeches were reproduced in the language of the country represented so that Greek, French, Chinese, Japanese, Norwegian were all used by the boys and girls representing the country of their origin.

Deep Impression

Miss Mercer, Mr. Halleran and J. S. Wilson supplemented the chief speaker's report and all gave the impression that the event had made a deep and lasting impression of the actuality and fact of the League of Nations as the most powerful factor in the history of the world.

J. S. Wilson reported on the business meetings of the Federation. The registration was upwards of 800 and many meetings were atten-

ded by more than 1,000. The membership of the Federation was the highest on record. In Prince Rupert only one teacher was not a member so that the local association had one of the best records in the Federation.

Mr. Wilson commented on some of Sir John Adam's addresses. The teacher as an engineer required to know what was going on inside the minds of the children just as an engineer was required to know the mechanism of his machine, its ca-

abilities and construction. The study of psychology was the teacher's science and its application in the classroom his duty. The difficulty of satisfying many modern parents and in some cases officials that the old ways and methods were out-of-date was a real problem but it was the duty of the teacher to educate these parents, where necessary, and justify the modern trends of education along the most improved lines and with the broadest education of the child

the aim. All authorities were unanimous in agreeing that health was the first consideration of education but a great many parents thought that organized games, practical application of the rules of health and such new developments in education were fads and an excuse for some teachers to shirk the real teaching. Education of grown-ups along these lines was necessary.

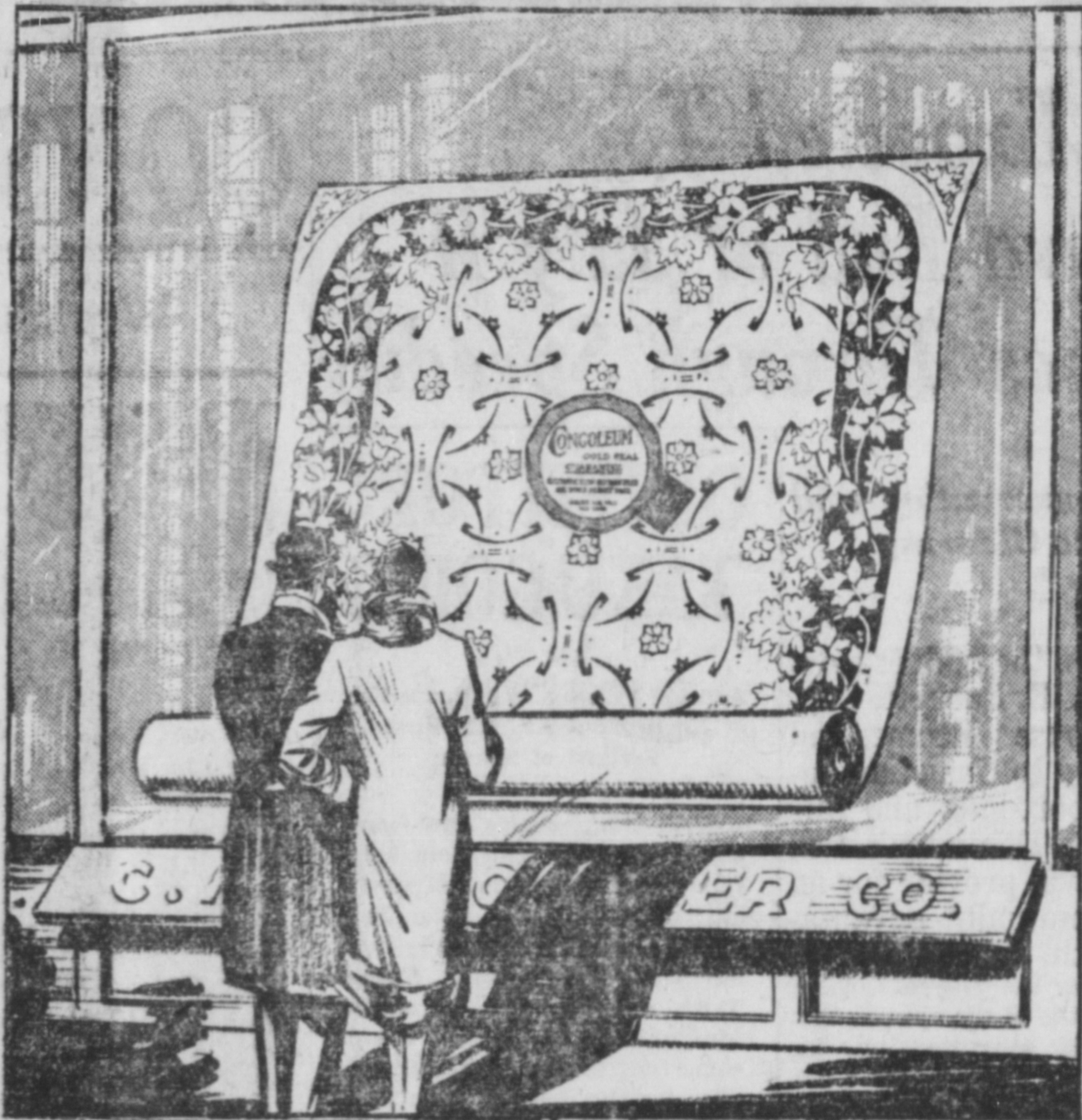
Those Present

In addition to the chairman, J. S. Wilson, and the secretary-treasurer,

W. W. C. O'Neill, there were present: Miss E. A. Mercer, Miss MacDonald, Miss McLeod, Miss Pierce, Miss Harrison, Miss Shiel, Miss Vickers, Miss McKay, Miss McArthur, Miss Palmer, Miss Moffatt, Miss Curry, Miss Rothwell, Miss Easthope, Miss Garnett, Mrs. Walker, Miss Mitchell, Miss Grassie, Miss McGuire, Miss Lamb, Messrs. Hartness and Halleran.

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