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NOT LIBERAL BUT—

According to the press reports Thomas Reid, Liberal member for New Westminster, speaking in the House of Commons at Ottawa when criticizing the expenditures made by the provincial government, proved himself to be a humorist. He spoke of a charge that was made against the government, "not by a Liberal, it was laid by a man with a conscience." Doubtless Liberals as well as Conservatives enjoyed the joke.

Happily for the good of the country there are men with consciences in all political parties in spite of the criticisms that are sometimes levelled at them.

REGISTER AT ONCE

The presentation of a redistribution bill to the Legislature indicates that the government is seriously considering the possibility of an appeal to the country before the next session of the House. For that reason it is desirable that every person, no matter of what political shade, should register if not already on the list of voters.

Voting in the city has nothing to do with the provincial elections. The lists used are quite different. When election time comes there are always dozens of men and women who would like to vote but who find themselves unable to do so because they are not registered. We strongly urge Liberals and Conservatives and Labor men to see that their names are on the list. Now is the time to act. It is useless to whine when it is too late.

GET OUTSIDE AND DIG

The season so far has been very suitable for gardening. A good many people have commenced but others are awaiting the warmer days when working in the garden is more pleasant. Not a few have been breaking up more ground and making a place for a few vegetables for salads as well as flowers.

Roses are beginning to arrive from the outside, some local gardeners replenishing the stocks with the fifteen cent roses such as were imported in such large numbers last year and which did so well. Some rose gardens show the effect of the severe late frosts while others do not seem to have been affected much. How they will come out is too early to say. Those banked up at the roots seem to have wintered better than the neglected trees. The winter frosts do not seem to injure the trees. The damage is done when a sharp frost follows bright sunshine in the spring. It seems that the sun brings up the sap and the frost then has more chance to get in its deadly work.

Crocuses are coming in bloom and tulips will be out very soon if the mild weather continues. Nearly all the garden plants are showing signs of new life. This should be a temptation to people to get outside and dig.

IN THE LETTER BOX

SCHOOL BOARD EXPENDITURE

Editor, Daily News:

The expenditure on Schools in Prince Rupert makes up approximately 60% of the ordinary civic annua expenditure, and accordingly the efforts of the City Council to keep down its mill rate, depend largely on the co-operation of the School Board. This year the City cannot finance School expenditure to the same extent as in previous years, and unless the School Board, with the co-operation of the Teachers' Federation, can see their way to effect considerable economies in their requirements, a very awkward situation will arise.

Within the past four years School expenditures have increased from \$74,000, to \$89,000, and of this increase of \$15,000 the whole amount is attributable to salaries: that is to say, salaries which in 1928 came to \$54,000, had increased by 1931 to \$69,000—an increase of 25%. Whether we now have a higher standard of school education or more efficient teachers than we had in 1928, I am not prepared to say, but on the other hand the population of the city has not increased since that date. Nor has the cost of living. It is difficult to see any justification for an increase of \$6,000 in 1929, a further increase of \$6,000 in 1930 and a still further increase of \$3,000 in 1931, and it is for the ratepayers to say whether they are satisfied or not. The School Trustees are supposed to represent the ratepayers, and if the ratepayers desire retrenchment, the Trustees must comply with their wishes. The teachers, janitors and secretaries are employees of the Trustees. Beyond a certain point it is not for them to reason why, nor to dictate terms to the Trustees. If these employees are not prepared to be loyal in its time of need to a city which has in the past treated them with every consideration, their remedy is available by 30th June. The very nature of their profession should however render them sufficiently broadminded not to allow selfish interests to outweigh their duties as citizens.

The estimates submitted by the School Board for 1932 amount to \$81,000. The actual expenditure for 1931 was \$89,000, thus showing an apparent decrease of \$8,000. The School government grants however receivable by the City will this year be decreased by \$7,500 and therefore the reduction in the estimates only results in a net saving to the city of \$500.

A point that has to be kept in mind by the taxpayers is that whatever the School estimates for ordinary expenditure amount to, the City has to levy for that amount and pay it over to the School Board whether it is collected or not. In past years the City has collected about 85% of the current levy. This year it may safely be anticipated that collections will not be so good, and if for instance they were only to amount to 50%, it would have the effect of sending the mill rate beyond all reason, and would undoubtedly eventually lead to more properties reverting to the city for unpaid taxes.

With a view to further economy in School expenditure, the matter of maintaining Domestic Science, Manual Training and Commercial classes has been the subject of considerable criticism, and under existing conditions it would appear to be advisable to close them down either temporarily or permanently. They are not indispensable, and their cost is not compensated by practical efficiency on the part of the pupils. If shut down a saving would thereby be effected of approximately \$11,000 per annum.

It is worth noting in this connection that recent advices from Victoria state that the Government have agreed to give municipal councils power to discontinue such educational frills as the foregoing classes.

At present the majority of the School Trustees is averse to any reduction in its estimates. In this it is supported by the Teachers and other employees. The whole matter can be settled by a reasonable compromise, and the sooner public opinion is brought to bear on it the better.

The crux of the matter is simply that the City foresees that it cannot afford to pay the existing rate of salaries. Until the School estimates are revised the City Council

cannot fix its tax rate for 1932, and unless these estimates are considerably reduced, the taxation of improvements will be unavoidable.

Your faithfully,
GEORGE RORIE.

T-BONE STEAKS

Editor, Daily News:—

I beg that you will allow me a little of your valuable space to comment on an item which appeared on the front page of Saturday's issue of your contemporary.

This item dealt with the visit of a local lady to a butcher's store where, she informs us, she bought a leg of lamb. The lady is evidently a person of some substance for she had, as she further informs, bought a new hat and dress. Naturally so substantial a lady was shocked, nay horrified, to find in the butcher's store a man with a relief ticket buying a t-bone steak. The whole conventions of society are thereby shaken to their foundations. A man on relief has no business eating so succulent a food as t-bone.

We cannot concur with this good lady. Even at the risk of causing her further pain we must differ with her implied statement that this man's insistence on having t-bone was a most immoral proceeding. We are peculiarly in a position to appreciate the abstruse mental processes of this relief ticket holder. We realize that he probably had denied himself for days, perhaps weeks, consoling himself as he chewed on the humble and leathery clam that, one red-letter day, he would have a t-bone steak!

We contend that, extraordinary as it may seem to the correspondent of the eminent Evening Empire, all men, whether unemployed or employed are perfectly entitled to t-bone steaks or even caviar or pate-de-fol-gras if they have aesthetic leanings that way.

We protest against this lady's narrow, and shall we say bigoted, attitude toward her less fortunate fellow-mortals. We must think that so discerning a lady also reads the Daily News as well as the erudite Empire. We trust that when next she has remarks regarding the worthless unemployed worthy of inclusion in the columns of the Evening Empire she will season them with mercy and understanding.

SECRETARY,
Prince Rupert Local, Canadian Labor Defence League.
N. LONG, Sec'y.

Girl Guides on Church Parade

Members of First and I. O. D. E. Companies Attend Anglican Cathedral

Yesterday being Palm Sunday, a joint parade of about forty uniformed Girl Guides from the First Prince Rupert and the Sixty-Second I. O. D. E. companies was held to the Anglican Cathedral. The First Prince Rupert Company was under the leadership of Captain Rogers and Lieutenant Brewerton, while the I. O. D. E. Company was in charge of Captain Heilbronner. Dean Gibson preached an appropriate sermon.

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