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### Prevention of Gossip Society Being Formed

LONDON, May 2: (CP)—A Society for the Prevention of Gossip is being established by the Rector of

the Village of Beckington, near Bath. Seemingly its operations are to be confined to within the borders of the parish. Presumably what is aimed at is the suppression of gossip that is malicious or slanderous, not the innocent tittle-tattle which justifiably goes with afternoon tea. For the time being the names of the officials of the society are being kept secret. There are those who

assert this will set gossip going all the harder.

Some of the ancient parishes of England still possess the ducking stool, in which women who had been condemned as "scolds" would be soured in the horse-pond. Whether the Beckington anti-gossip society proposes to revive this kind of punishment is not yet revealed.

## MAY DAY OBSERVED

Several Hundred Attended Open Air Gathering Yesterday

### Speakers Heard

Canadian Labor Defence League Session in Evening

The athletic ground on Acropolis Hill was the scene of an open-air meeting yesterday when the Unemployed Councils called a united front gathering of organized labor in celebration of May 1, International Labor Day. An audience of several hundred attended and listened attentively to the speakers.

In his opening remarks, the chairman outlined the objects of May Day from its inception by the American Trades Unions in 1866, when the struggle for the eight-hour day began to the present day, it now being a world-wide institution as a determination of the will of the working class to destroy class distinction through social change.

Charles Chapman, candidate in the local provincial election riding, spoke on the immediate needs of the unemployed in Prince Rupert and the deportation of foreign-born workers by the government as undesirable public charges.

Tom Bradley spoke of the alleged suppression of the workers throughout the world by the capitalists. The authorities of this country were lowering the meagre relief of the unemployed and, at the same time, making substantial additions to the police. He spoke of the policy of the Hitler dictatorship in Germany in suppression of the Jews; the Japanese, aided by the Chinese imperialists, suppressing the Chinese masses and the supposed pact of the European power to attack the Soviet Union.

Ex-Alderman Oscar Larson spoke on May Day and its meaning to the workers and of its growth until now it was internationally recognized.

There was a liberal display of banners bearing slogans, such as "Fight against Fascism," "Down with War," "Demand 25% Increase in Relief," "Against Lay-Offs," "Fight Wage Cuts," etc.

A collection was taken to help defray expenses in the trial of Anyox strikers.

#### Evening Meeting

The meeting in the evening in the C. L. D. L. Hall was well attended. The chairman, Neil Lang, delivered an address dealing with May Day and passed on to present day conditions in general. He remarked that it was doubtful if the World War of 1914-18 had had more ill effects on the workers than the economic war which followed.

J. M. Dunn spoke on the alleged exploitation of labor. Looking back on progress made since last May Day, he affirmed that the Fascist regime in Germany was a disappointment to many but was unavoidable and could only be considered as a final stage in the dissolution of capitalism. There was no indication that this reactionary stage of the one time strong social-

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Building permits issued in the city of Prince Rupert for the month of April totalling \$50 and including only small repairs brought the total for the year up to \$4265 as compared with \$26,860 last year to the end of April. Permits in April, 1932 represented a value of \$1025.

### BOWSER TRIMS HIS SAILS TO PASSING WIND

NELSON, B.C., May 2: (Canadian Press)—On the day it came into effect, W. J. Bowser, continuing his campaign here, announced he would repeal the metal tax, if elected. Instead of this "aggravating and worthless" levy he proposed to give

ist and communist movements which existed in Germany was permanent. Proof was to be found in Italy where Fascism has existed for ten or twelve years and yet had solved none of the economic problems of that state. When it was considered that problems of Germany were infinitely greater than those of Italy it could be readily assumed that the present German dictatorship would be of a transitory nature.

Mr. Dunn's address was interrupted by an announcement that the train then leaving town was taking four Finlanders under escort for deportation and the meeting adjourned to the depot to give them a send-off.

"Our statesmen must give up the selfish viewpoint and work for the good of the whole world or we will never get out of our trouble," Lady Astor.

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