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CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA

No apology is needed to Prince Rupert people for the amount of space given recently to the people and affairs of Central British Columbia. Many of the people there are regular readers of the Daily News and, through this newspaper, they keep in touch with Prince Rupert and the other communities of the district. Many interior people will visit the city this week or for other events during the summer such as the annual convention of the Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia. The interests of the interior are closely bound up with those of Prince Rupert. If one makes progress, so does the other. We respectfully suggest to the people here that they keep in close touch with the activities of the country districts and see that they are served well and their interests looked after in the best possible manner.

POLITICAL SITUATION

The political situation is bound to attract attention at this time. In Skeena E. T. Kenney is probably surer of his seat than any northern candidate. In passing around his constituency it was found that his activity in the legislature and out and his efforts to serve people of all parties has made a deep impression on the communities he represented in the last legisature. He should be returned with an increased majority. Opposition there comes chiefly from the C. C. F.

In Omineca, Mark Connelly states that he will be returned by an even larger majority than he obtained at the last election. However, Sidney Godwin is putting up a brave fight on behalf of the C. C. F. and seems to be gaining ground a little in the Burns Lake district where he formerly published a weekly newspaper and where he seems to be better appreciated since he left than while he was there. He will probably run Mr. Connelly a close second.

REDUCING NUMBER OF MEMBERS

If the Conservative party should secure a majority of members in the legislature at the present election they are pledged to reduce the number of constituencies in the province which, doubtless, will mean a reduction in the number for northern and central British Columbia. It is suggested that this would probably mean lopping off Atlin and throwing it in with Prince Rupert and eliminating either Omineca or Skeena and making one large riding there. The northern representation of six would possibly be reduced to three or four. This would very greatly increase the cost of campaigning in those constituencies and would make it very difficult for men who were not large capitalists to become candidates. That would mean it would tend to throw the government of the country into the hands of big money interests, a plain step away from true democracy.

We do not know what the saving in the cost of government would be by making the proposed reduction. It would throw the cost of elections on the candidates who would be asked to bear a considerable part of the cost of the change.

BANQUET IS HELD

Splendid Affair by Anglican Young People's Association

The Anglican Young People's Association completed social activities of the season with a banquet in St. Andrew's Cathedral Hall on Friday evening last.

After the banquet Robert Yerburgh proposed a toast to the King which was responded to with musical honors played by Miss Jean McLean. Following this Mr. Yerburgh took the opportunity to make a few remarks outlining the aims of the A.Y.P.A. These aims were worship, work, fellowship and edification. During the year the branch had tried to fulfil these as well as possible.

The worship has taken the form of church services attended by the members on several occasions and a devotional opening at weekly meetings. For work a tea was given. The proceeds of which went partly to the church and partly to the building of an Indian residential school at Moose Factory, the construction of which was being undertaken almost entirely by the Dominion A.Y.P.A. Fellowship had been obtained through parties, picnics and the banquet at which friends had been invited to join in the program. The last aim, edification, had been carried out by addresses given by various speakers throughout the year as well as by dramatic evenings and evenings devoted to physical training. In closing Mr. Yerburgh thanked all the members of the branch on behalf of the retiring executive for their loyal and staunch support during the year.

Ernest Meadows gave the toast to the church in which he appealed to the young people to make an effort to come more often to God's House. The Dean responded to the toast and, in a few words outlined the need of young people in the life of the church. "The church is not a building or a denomination," he said, "but the people who profess and call themselves Christians."

Miss Evelyn Brockway proposed the toast to the visitors expressing the pleasure that the A.Y.P.A. members had in being able to entertain their friends. Wilfrid Hicks, president of the Christian Youth Society, thanked the association on behalf of the visitors for the happy thought of including guests in all the good times they had.

Walter Cross proposed the toast to the A.Y.P.A. by requesting the visitors to give the association three cheers. Judging by the response the A.Y.P.A. must be a popular organization. This toast was responded to by Miss Noreen Gibson who gave a brief outline of the history of the branch since its inception in 1930.

Bishop Rix then spoke a few words of timely advice to the young people in regard to their religious obligations to themselves, to their church and to their country.

The young people, after the banquet, enjoyed dancing. Johnny Comadina was master of ceremonies and added greatly to the zest of the program which was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

The hall was decorated in the A. Y. P. A. colors with blue and white which are emblematic of the Christian life—hopeful and pure. The arch of streamers from the cedar-entwined pillars gave the hall a homelike and cozy appearance.

The A. Y. P. A. will be reorganizing again on September 29.

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April Halibut

April halibut landings at the port of Prince Rupert totalled 1,437,500 pounds, according to figures compiled on the local waterfront, as compared with 1,682,300 pounds in the same month last year. The American landings this April aggregated 664,000 pounds in comparison with 782,300 pounds in the same month last year while the Canadian total this April was 773,500 pounds as against an ever total of 900,000 pounds in April 1936.

PATTULLO'S DETERMINATION Has Brought Results

Premier Pattullo when elected to office demanded two important things:

1. *That British Columbia must receive its JUST RIGHTS under the terms of Confederation.*
2. *That the B. N. A. Act must be revised.*

His demands that the British North America Act should be revised were scoffed at and ridiculed from one end of Canada to the other. He has persistently fought for the equitable settlement of this issue. Today all Canada agrees that the British North America Act must be revised. Pattullo's demands for a proper recognition under Confederation were so effective that the Bennett Government granted an interim annual payment of $750,000.00, or a recognition of British Columbia's claim of 5% on $15,000,000. He has determinedly fought for a Royal Commission to investigate the rights of British Columbia within Confederation. The Mackenzie King government has acceded to his persistent urging and has authorized such commission.

The Public of British Columbia should realize that the issuing of this commission is the most important step from British Columbia's standpoint since Confederation.

Millions are involved. The future of our Province and of the Municipalities is at stake. The Pattullo Government has been preparing British Columbia's case since taking office.

British Columbia asks no favors, but under Pattullo demands its rights.

British Columbia voters cannot afford to take a chance in making any change until this important issue has been determined.

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