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The Prince Rupert branch of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League met last even with President Jack Preece in the chair and a good turn-out of mem

Premier T. D. Pattullo presiding, north. was presented with the views of the But bumper crops were the order

The Legion has asked that all! goods manufactured for the visit of Cross workshops in Canada.

men and also for hampers for fam- placed it at \$40,000,000. ilies where needed.

ship from N. Bokshytz, Andrew G. approved.

Reports of the troop committee of the Legion Troop of Boy Scouts indicated that the troop gave every prospect of living up to the highest ideals of the Scout movement. The members are taking a keen interest in the troop and are looking forward to paying a visit at an early date to see the boys in action. The Boys' Club will be supplied with a photograph of His Majesty.

### Twenty -Five Years Ago

December 15, 1913

As soon as the heavy snowfalls are over and the crust permits travelling by dog team, several parties will be leaving Stewart to prospect for placer in the country about eighty miles northwest of Meziadin Lake. That is considered a very promising gold field.

J. G. Johnston, well known pioneer of the Queen Charlotte Islands, has left for Toronto, New York and London to arrange for the financing of developing of oil and coal ground on the northeast of Graham Island.

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Bumper Yields in Most Producing Countries Made for Poor Market

By FRANK FLAHERTY

(Canadian Press Staff Writer) OTTAWA. Dec. 15 (CP) - The wheat problem, never absent from the minds of Ottawa cabinet o'ministers during the past eight vears, assumed a new form in 1938. For the first time it became directly related to governmental fi nance with the prospect of a wheat board deficit estimated variously 2 un to \$50.000,000.

This arises from the fact western wheat growers receive a fixed min mum price of 80 cents per bushel basis No. 1 northern at Fort William, and the market price during most of the autumn was about from 15 to 20 cents less.

The Canadian wheat board must buy all wheat offered on the basis of 80 cents and sell on the open orld markets at the prevailing price. The difference must be made un out of the federal treasury.

In former years the problem was nore one for farmers and western economy in general than for the Presented on Interview Dominion government. They were wears of either short crops or low rices or both. This year the crop be "as of normal size, 324,000,000 bu shels for the three prairie provin es, but the price is low and it is he Dominion treasury which must !!

The vast drought area in south-! ern and central Saskatchewan couthern Alberta and southwestern 1; Correspondence from the Provin- Manitoba, where crop failures have cial Command told of the inter-been the order for several years | view between the provincial exe-disappeared in 1938. The greater [ cutive of the Canadian Legion and part of the area received normal the cabinet of British Columbia, rains and produced a crop. Some | 106 At this meeting the cabinet, with idrought was experienced farther is

Canadian Legion on the question of in nearly all wheat-producing having the Dominion government countries and as the 1938 harvest provide an economic allowance for advanced prices declined Early in unemployed single ex-service men. August under the wheat board act The Legion also presented a reso-the government set 80 cents as the lution regarding provincial sweep- price the board should pay farmers for their crop.

### Profit Certificates

the King and Queen to Canada next In addition, the farmers received a year should plainly show the coun-participation certificates entitling try of origin and also that, where them to share in the board's propossible, such goods might be man- fits, if any Unless prices improve ufactured in the VetCraft and Red during the winter the board will | have a loss which has been esti-Arrangements were made for the mated as high as \$50,000,000. Pre-Christmas dinner for ex-service mier John Bracken of Manitoba

The high fixed price tended to Applications for regular member- speed up deliveries of wheat from the farms to the elevators and, MacDonald and H. L. Landry were early in November approximately Na 80 per cent of the crop had left

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the farms. Exports during the first three months of the crop year, Give Churchill August, September and October were brisk, particularly in October, Top Book Honor aggregating 46,500,000 bushels. The Top Book Honor aggregating 46,500,000 bushels. The carryover at the start of the crop year, August 1, was small-23,000,

At November 1, taking 103,000, 000 bushels as domestic require ments for seed and consumption the Dominion bureau of statistics estimated Canada still had avail

nonths of the crop year a total Times."

the Canadian surplus.

were each given one day's impris- respective categories were: onment.

Noted Statesman Writer Awarded Gold Medal for Life of Ancestor

LONDON, Dec. 15: (CP)- Winable for export 319,000,000 bushels. ston Churchill, reputed to have This compared with 88,000,000 earned a small fortune for his litpushels at the same time in 1937, erary works and articles on curollowing the small crop of that rent political affairs, has been ear. Should exports continue at awarded a gold medal for his latest he same rate as in the first three book, "Marlborough: His Life and

wort for the crop year of some- Britain's noted statesman shared hing over 160,000,000 is indicated this honor with three other auth-This would leave a carryover ors whose works were adjudged nto the new crop year as of July "the most outstanding" during the 31, 1939, of approximately 100,000,- past year by a jury of distinguished '0 bushels. While this would be writers. The medals, awarded by considerably less than in preceed- the London Sunday Times, were ng years when difficulty was en- presented after thousands of books countered in finding markets for had been reviewed at the National Book Fair.

Mr. Churchill's study of the life of his grandfather, the seventh Carl Schreider and Ivor Enlund Duke of Marlborough, was placed opeared in city police court yes- | first among the year's output of erday on vagrancy charges and biographies. Other awards in their by F. D. Ommaney.

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