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Ninety garden enthusiasts sat down together at the annual banquet of the Prince Rupert Horticultural Society last night at the Boston Cafe, the highlight of the evening being a lantern address by Fred Cole of Seattle, a graduate of the Kew Institute of London, England and now a garden architect at the Puget Sound city. Mrs. J. T. Mandy, vice-president of the society, presided in the absence of Charles Balagno, who was unable to attend. Dr. C. H. Hankinson, who brought Mr. Cole to the city to plot his garden, had a seat at the head table.

There were about two hundred pictures shown, mostly photographed in their natural colors, of various scenes in the famous Duffy Gardens at Seattle which

Mr. Cole laid out. The speaker told how he transformed this piece of steep wild woodland into a beautiful garden for the millionaire owner. He got his inspiration one evening from a wonderful sunset in which there were splashes of radiant color extending in every direction in the evening sky so he set about to imitate it in the garden. How well he succeeded was illustrated in the views he showed.

Many of the views shown were little dells and splashes of color formed by the use of the most common flowers, the seeds for which cost only a few cents. At one moment were seen the blues of massed hydrangeas, the mauves of candytufts, the creams and pinks of astilbes, vari-colored godetias, the scarlet of azalea, walls covered with aubretia. Evidently one of his favorites was the soft blending nepeta, heather, lavender, thyme and similar flowers. Most of the pictures shown were of common flowers easily grown in Prince Rupert. It was the way in which they were used to create such a succession of pictures that proved interesting to local people. Mr. Cole said this famous garden was open to the public every Wednesday and was visited by large throngs of people. It was a common thing for as many as six hundred people to visit it in one day. Out of town visitors could see it at any time by request.

The question of fertilizers was discussed after the showing of the pictures, the speaker urging the use of small quantities of fertilizer at frequent intervals rather than large quantities at one time which were often wasted. Wood ashes were just as good as artificial fertilizers but they should also be used sparingly.

A vote of thanks was passed to the speaker and after the meeting adjourned many crowded around the visitor asking more specific questions, all of which were answered, Mr. Cole declaring that if ever he had the opportunity he would return to Prince Rupert and meet the local people again.

In order to give the visitor the whole evening for his pictures and talk, the business meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, March 29, when the election of officers will take place.

Mrs. Neal Carter and Mrs. C. J. Norrington were in charge of arrangements and decorations.

SIGNS STILL POINT TO LONG AND ACRIMONIOUS SESSION

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is no evidence (nor is there in the evidence any ground for suspicion) that the minister or the deputy minister or any officer or official of the Department of National Defence was guilty of any act of corruption or anything in the nature of corruption."

Despite this definite statement, however, every attempt is and has been made by the Opposition to keep on with insinuations and innuendos but with no definite charges.

The motion by the C.C.F. member, Mr. MacNeil, to refer the contract and the entire matter to the public accounts committee was accepted right away. The Prime Minister pointed out that, if Mr. MacNeil did not proceed with the motion, the government itself fully intended to do so.

Although no member had read the contract or knew anything of the details of the agreement the Conservative Party, not to be outdone by the C.C.F. party, immediately moved an amendment that the agreement be cancelled, the effect of which would have prevented the entire matter going to the public accounts committee but which amendment, however, was ruled out of order by the Speaker. The Leader of the Opposition challenged this and so the House witnessed the spectacle of the C.C.F. and Social Credit joining with the Conservative party in voting against the Speaker's ruling even though that ruling protected the main motion of the C.C.F.

Later on the same day Harry Stevens moved another amendment to the effect that the entire matter be referred to a committee of the whole House rather than to the public accounts committee. This shows to what an extent the Conservative party went to steal any political "kudos" from the C.C.F. party. When the vote was called on this, the Conservatives stood alone and, although the government was most anxious that the whole matter go to the committee as soon as possible, they forced a vote on the final motion to show

their sincerity in the matter. That most of the speeches made by Opposition members were made before they had read either the contract or the documents relating thereto was evidenced during the debate. Many, including the Leader of the Opposition, and others were accused of not having done so and there was no denial.

Minister's Policy

Here let it be said, that the Minister of National Defence has never departed from his own views, that the manufacture of guns and armaments should be in a government owned factory but when on evidence the government was informed it would cost thirty-five or forty million dollars for the government to do so, it became a serious money question and it is doubtful indeed if Parliament would have voted such a sum of money for this specific purpose.

Hon. Ian Mackenzie has repeatedly informed the House, that all contracts were available for inspection but no attempt was made last year by the Opposition to avail themselves of this opportunity. The likelihood of an election, however, this year has evidently changed their attitude in the matter.

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With spring travel now in the northerly direction, there were only fifty-six passengers aboard the Princess Norah which was in port yesterday afternoon southbound from Skagway to Vancouver. Four persons disembarked here. The vessel took one passenger from this port.

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