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SHOULD USE DOGS

Editor Daily News:

May I please be allowed a space in your Letter Box column to express an opinion which I consider might eventually be to the public interest and future benefit?

Since reading all the details re the recent loss of the provincial police officer whilst enroute from Surf Inlet to Butedale by trail, it brings to my recollection other fatal losses of this kind (ie) the loss of father and son this winter on Calvert Island, still unsolved and undoubtedly there will be from time to time other such happenings in our district, I would therefore like to offer the suggestion that the Provincial Police Department be petitioned to have stationed here with the police detachment one or possibly two well trained dogs such as are used by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for tracking lost persons. The cost to the government would be comparatively small and these dogs could be kept in constant training by the local police so that at a moment's notice they could be despatched with their trainer to wherever they were needed without loss of valuable time.

I am sure that anyone who has had experience with dogs in this country whilst hunting will bear me out that one well trained dog would do more effective work than possibly fifty of a search party In spite of the fact that much of this country is swampy it would not by any means destroy the keen faculty which these wonderful dogs have of tracking. Even with the ordinary hunting dog I have seen them on an exceptionally wet day pick up from the air the scent of a deer which has been lying down some hundred yards away, the scent for the human for which they were hunting to these trained dogs would be to them just as keen as the deer was to the hunting dog.

I well realize the fact that in cases where persons are lost in the bush the government has always done all in its power to trace them and at considerable expense but it would appear that in most cases these searches are fruitless, so why not let us endeavour to stop this loss of valuable lives and try something which others such as the R. C. M. P. have found to be so effective.

HUBERT WARD.

Clergy Changes Are Announced

Rev. B. Shearman, formerly at Kitkatla and for the past few years at Kitwanga, is to return to Kitkatla as missionary teacher; it is announced by Bishop G. A. Rix. He takes the place of Rev. G. H. Goodread who recently left for the Old Country. Mr. Sherman's successor at Kitwanga is not yet named.

Another change in Caledonian diocesan clergy involves the departure of Rev. Geoffrey Parrott, from Rolla to Calgary where he is to be assistant at St. Stephen's Church. Rev. A. H. Scott, a recent graduate from Emmanuel College at Saskatoon, will be Mr. Parrott's successor at Rolla.

Whifflets From The Waterfront

Sockeye Fishing Starts Off Fair—Smaller Trollers Doing Best at North Island

Sockeye fishing has got away to at least a fair start on the Skeena River this season following the opening Sunday evening. First reports from boats fishing in the river placed the average at about twenty fish per boat and outside about the same, high boat reporting 275. Naas River average is similar.

Captain Douglas Edenshaw, who was in the city at the week-end on his way to North Island from Butedale, said that, while the larger boats had not done very well this year, the hand trollers had made good catches. Some had earned $25 and $30 a day with a row boat. Evidently the fish had been congregating in shallow waters where the large trollers could not go. He said that most of the fish taken at North Island had been delivered by his packer, the Edenshaw, to Butedale.

Union steamer Catala, Capt. James Findlay, returned to port at 11:30 this morning from Stewart. Anyox and other northern points and sailed on time at 1:30 this afternoon for Vancouver and waypoints.

Coming in with a short trip on account of Capt. Jack Christensen having suffered a couple of cracked ribs as a result of being struck by a brailer while fresh herring bait was being loaded from a seiner near Pacofi, the local halibut boat Margalice was in port today with 2,500 pounds of fish. The skipper is now strapped up and should be able to resume work again soon.

The Alaska freighter Taku, Capt. E. Hansen, arrived in port at 4 o'clock this morning from Ketchikan with frozen and mild cured fish for transshipment East over Canadian National Railways, sailing at 7:30 a.m. in continuation of her voyage to Seattle after discharging.

Freighter Salvor, Capt. Albert Georgeson, was in port this morning from Vancouver discharging coal and building materials.

Daily advertising in the Daily News is sure to bring daily results.

Undeterred By Mystery Of His Fate, Search For Lost Police Officer Is Still Continuing

Although there have been no new developments since yesterday and the trail has seemingly now gone cold, a provincial police search party, led by Staff Sergeant Ernest Gammon of Prince Rupert, is continuing without letup the quest for Constable Clifford Prescott of Butedale, who has been missing since early Monday afternoon of last week when he left Surf Inlet to cross rugged Princess Royal Island, a distance of fifteen miles, for Butedale.

Ironically enough, it appears that Prescott may have met with mishap when within almost sight of his goal after having unfalteringly traversed steep and rocky mountain slopes, treacherous muskeg swamp land and undergrowth and deadfall which at some points was nigh impenetrable. The terrain of Princess Royal Island, in fact, is just about as difficult as anything to be encountered on the north coast. The trail which Prescott set out to follow was a very little used one and the markings were very poor. Only an experienced woodsman would ever be able to get through but, notwithstanding this, Prescott pushed on without hesitation, having had to ascend above snow line at some points to avoid swamps or pass cliffs.

Searchers report to provincial police headquarters here that they traced Prescott a distance of thirteen miles from Surf Inlet, through a canyon pass and over a divide, separating the easterly and westerly slopes of the island to a precipice on Butedale Lake, about three miles from Butedale. There, to progress further, a detour evidently became necessary, alternatives being to take to the water by raft or by swimming or to climb to the top of the cliff, a distance of some three thousand feet. Faced with this blockade, what Prescott decided to do and what happened to him in so doing is the baffling mystery. Three rough hewn sticks which have been found suggest that he may have started out to build a raft during which task, before completion or launching, he either changed his mind or was disturbed. A thorough examination of the face of the cliff and dragging of the water thereabouts by searchers, using two rowboats, has failed to disclose any further trace.

Prospects for the officer's safety appear now to be none too bright but hope has not yet been given up and, in view of the possibility that he may still be alive, the search continues energetically.

Staff Sergeant Ernest Gammon, making his headquarters at Butedale, is being assisted by Constables Walter Deane and Nels Nelson of the police boat P.M.L. 7, Frank Fox of Surf Inlet, Frank Geoffrey of Butedale and Ed Maitland, a native guide and woodsman, who has been giving invaluable assistance.

FAMILY REUNION

PLYMOUTH, Eng., June 27: (CP)—Three brothers were reunited after 21 years when A. F. Hunter of Regina, Sask., landed on Plymouth pier to greet M. H. Hunter and Capt. F. J. C. Hunter. They had parted at the Armistice.

SINGAPORE RAIDS

SINGAPORE, June 27: (CP)—Straits Settlements government does not now favor evacuation of Singapore in wartime. Earlier the evacuation of congested areas to rural camps had been supported by the government.

CANADA IN OLD PARIS

Students And Others In French Capital Enjoy Receptions at Home of Canadian

By GLADYS M. ARNOLD
Canadian Press Correspondent

PARIS, June 27: (CP)— When Madame Vanier, wife of Colonel George P. Vanier, Canadian Minister to France, arrived this spring and began putting her Avenue Foch apartment in order she told this correspondent the first social effort was to be for the Canadian students in Paris.

"Our only worry is how we shall get in touch with them all," she said. "Each one must tell everyone else how anxious we are to have their names and addresses so that we may keep in touch with them."

True to her word, a series of informal receptions are bringing together young men and women from every province and city in Canada in the charming salon of the minister and his wife.

The first of these receptions was held on a May Sunday afternoon Wearing a simple but beautifully cut gown of sheer black with sleeves embroidered with tiny white beads, her only ornament a necklace of pearls, Madame Vanier welcomed the guests with comradely simplicity.

"We've already discovered nearly 200 and we're finding more every day," she told us delightedly as a buzz of French and English filled the rooms. The students found themselves very much at home in the sympathetic atmosphere created about them.

"It's a little bit of Canada here," said Kathleen Lovelock of Portage-la-Prairie as she was being helped to a piece of real "devil's food" chocolate cake. One must be away from Canada a year or two to realize the sheer pleasure of seeing a Canadian layer cake again. Miss Lovelock is working hard on a thesis in French literature.

Port Arthur is represented by George McGillivray who was talking about his sister in New York with a great deal of pride. "She has a cool head and is making a wonderful career for herself modeling."

"Are you buying a gas mask?" a voice said in our ear. "Canadians in Paris are to have the same privilege as the British—we may have them for 40 francs $1.10) apiece—I think I'll take one home for a souvenir. It sounded like the voice of Frank Pickersgill, of Winnipeg.

Many Ambitions

Every conceivable profession and every branch of study appears to have its disciples among the students, from landscape gardening to political economy. Euouard Fiset, completing his seventh year in Paris studying architecture, was lamenting the fact that he must leave soon to return to his native Quebec. "I shall miss Paris terribly," he said. "Bpt, on the other hand, I'm anxious to get back to Canada and begin work—there's something to be done there."

Emily Aharples of Montreal discussed the trials and tribulations of the dance for she is studying ballet seriously. "The biggest trouble I have is to find a really convenient place to live. My most important lesson is from 12 to 2:30—the sacred lunch hour in France—and it seems to be unheard of that anyone should want to lunch after that hour. It's even hard to find a restaurant that will serve one."

Colonel and Madame Vanier appear to have prodigious memories for in less than no time they seem to know everyone, where they came from ,what they were doing. "You must be good for I've had a letter from your family," said Madame Vanier smilingly to Marion Hagerman of Saskatoon.

"It gives me a great deal of pleasure to see so many English-speaking Canadians chattering away in French as though they had been speaking it all their lives," said Colonel Vanier. "We are amazed at the numbers studying in Paris and the serious work they are doing."

As well as the large number of young students completing their studies the Canadian student body includes many doctors and professors doing post-graduate work or taking special courses, some of whom are in Paris with their wives.

LONDON, June 27: (CP)— The bootmakers are smiling. War Office orders totalling 1,000,000 pairs of boots for militia men and territorials have been placed since Britain's conscription program was introduced.

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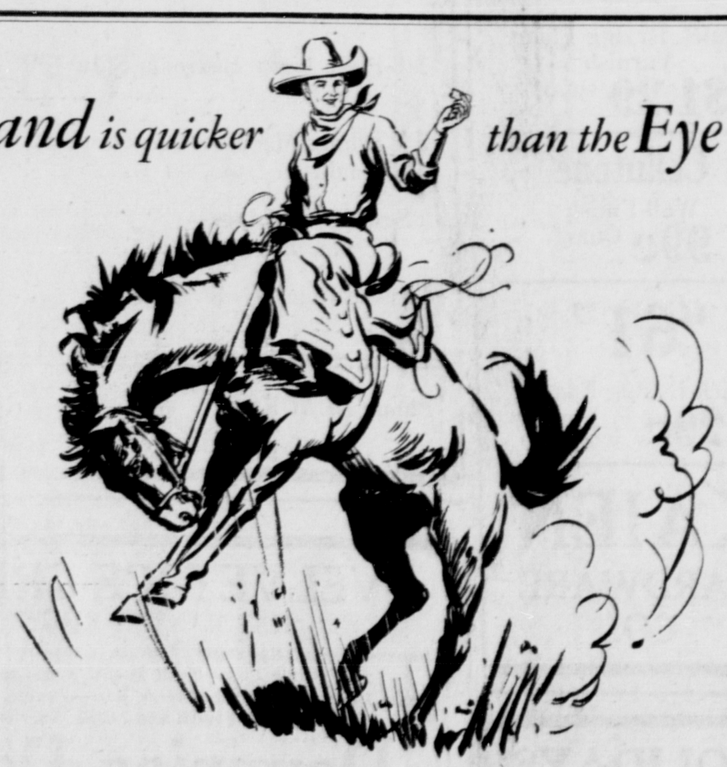

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