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BREN GUN CONTRACTS

Hon. Ian Mackenzie has been much criticized for letting contracts for the manufacture of Bren guns to a firm that did not have a factory. At that time no firm in Canada was equipped for the manufacture of Bren guns so that whoever went into it had to start from the ground up. The company that received the contract is so well ahead with the work that the guns will be delivered six months ahead of the contract date. Those who have visited the plant say that it is well equipped and fully capable of handling this or any other orders that may be given it. So confident were the contractors of their ability to show that they were all right that they invited members of the investigating committee to visit the plant, which they did and most of them were quite satisfied with what they saw.

There have been certain journals in Canada, who are said to represent one or more disappointed firms, who have consistently campaigned against Captain Mackenzie and are said to have declared that they would drive the late minister of defence out of public office.

We should like to repeat here that Mr. Mackenzie is the only minister in any administration that has recognized Prince Rupert in the matter of defence. As a result of his efforts two efficient forts have been built to defend the harbor and work is well under way on an airport that promises to be a very important feature of the defences of the coast.

Mr. Mackenzie does not need us to defend him. He is laying his case before the people of Vancouver and is asking for their endorsement. If they give it, we hope we shall hear no more of the objections to the minister. If they do not endorse him, it will be a sign that the disappointed manufacturers have accomplished their purpose.

TWO PATROL BOATS SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The British Admiralty admits the sinking of two armed trawlers—H. M. S. Robert Bowen and H. M. S. Fort Royal—by German aircraft. Four officers and eighteen men were lost. After mombs failed, aerial torpedoes were used to sink the ships. This makes twenty-seven British naval vessels so far lost in the war.

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HOOP GAME DATES SET

February 21 and 22 Confirmed For Ketchikan-Prince Rupert

"It's all settled. The dates are February 21 and 22." These are the words of Art Murray, manager of the Standard Oilers, when approached this morning with regard to the proposed visit of the Ketchikan All-Star basketball squad.

Hi School Dance Is Much Enjoyed

There was an enjoyable Valentine dance by the pupils of Booth Memorial High School Friday night. The affair took place in Oddfellows' Hall which was tastefully decorated in red and white colors with house shields also being used to good effect. Charles Hayward having been in charge of arrangement of decorations.

W. W. C. O'Neill made a brief speech. He referred to the illness of Principal Arthur Sutton, stating that his absence was felt by all.

Dancing was from 8 p.m. until midnight. Music was by Bob Reid's Orchestra and Jack Hopkins was master of ceremonies.

Refreshments were served.

Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Bamford of Smithers will arrive in the city this week to take up residence in Prince Rupert. Dr. Bamford will establish himself in the dentistry practice here, taking over the office and practice of Dr. Bernard Lundahl who is joining the Canadian Army Dental Corps, taking charge of a clinic here.



JAMES CLARK

Formerly assistant superintendent Canadian National Railways, Edmonton, has been appointed superintendent of the Railway's Smithers Division with headquarters at Prince Rupert, succeeding W. H. Tobey who has been made general manager of the P. G. E. Mr. Clark joined Canadian National Railways at Winnipeg in 1908.

Battery Member Here Is Married

Miss Patricia Grimmond Becomes Bride of Gunner James

The marriage took place quietly at 8 o'clock last Friday evening in St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral, Very Rev. James B. Gibson officiating, of Miss Patricia Maud Grimmond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidley Ambrose Grimmond of Victoria, and Gunner James P. Yorston, son of the late John M. Yorston, formerly of Quesnel and now of Sydney, Vancouver Island. Witnesses of the ceremony were Bruce Wells and W. M. Brown. After the ceremony there was a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown, Graham Avenue. Military men were prominent among those attending the nuptials.

The bride arrived last Friday afternoon on the Princess Adelaide from Victoria.

POLICEMAN IS SLAIN

Constable John McDonald Killed In Winnipeg When Safe Crackers Escape Trap

WINNIPEG, Feb. 12 (CP)—Constable John McDonald, aged 28, was killed and Constable Norman Stewart, was wounded with a bullet in the left arm, when three armed thugs shot their way out of a police trap. They were surprised when in the act of cracking a safe in the Winnipeg Motor League Building on Fort Street, making their getaway in the darkness after the gun fight. One suspect was arrested today.

Hockey Scores

Week-end scores were as follows:

Saturday

Rangers 4, Toronto 4 (overtime).

Sunday

Boston 4, Americans 2.

Canadiens 3, Detroit 2 (overtime).

Chicago 3, Rangers 0.

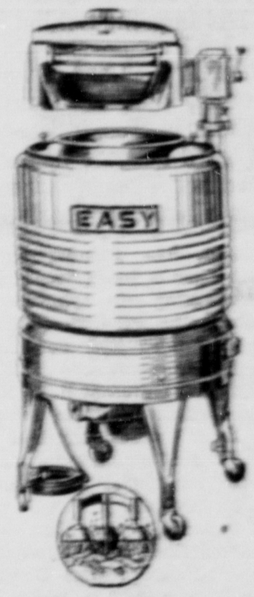
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