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EDITORIAL

Fine Vessel Lost . . .

Many Prince Rupert people who have crossed to Norway on the motorship Oslofjord will regret her having been sunk by the common enemy. She was a very fine vessel and at the close of the war would have been returned to Norway and probably have been continued in the service. However, every country has to suffer in this war and that is just another Norwegian loss.

Y.M.C.A. Appeal In January . . .

About the middle of January there will commence an appeal on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. War Services fund. A meeting of the central committee was held recently in Montreal when it was decided to make a nation-wide canvass.

It was announced at the same time that arrangements had been made to divide up the territory in such a way that there would be no overlapping of war service activities. There are still places both in Canada and overseas where service is needed but there are no funds available to carry on.

There are at present 240 operations of the Y.M.C.A. in Canada and 50 overseas. The money collected will enable these to be carried on and desirable extensions to be made. It is a very worthy cause.

Carrying On . . .

The London shops are as usual crammed with Christmas goods. Children's toys are not always as well displayed as on former occasions but they are all there tempting the London shoppers to buy. Very little is missing except the ability to display the goods in the windows and the permission to light up the exteriors of the shops.

The British people are paying their taxes, putting some of their money into Spitfires and other war funds and they are eating much as usual and buying the usual goods. They also have their parties and other amusements as long as these do not clash with their war work.

Canadians also are carrying on much as usual. There are no restrictions on what they may eat and drink as long as they have the money to buy. We have scarcely felt the war this year but next year we shall probably feel it more.

Something To Talk About . . .

The Sirois report on inter-provincial relations will undoubtedly give us something to talk about after Christmas during dull times when war news is not coming through. The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce has a committee supposed to be studying it with a view to making a report at the January meeting. Premier Pattullo is going east after the holidays to attend a meeting of premiers with a view to try to get together on a general scheme based on the report.

The Ottawa Citizen says the partisans of the scheme are mostly on the defensive. There is no widespread demand for the reshuffling of constitutional relations to give the Dominion greater financial control than it now has. That paper says it has been engineered mostly by academic reformers. Judging by the newspapers the maritime provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are somewhat divided, assuming a position of watchful waiting and asking more information. Commissioner J. W. Daffoe's influence is lining up Manitoba in favor. Alberta does not like centralized control. Quebec seems to be opposed and Ontario divided.

Speaking generally for the whole country, it may be pretty safe to say that the people generally have scarcely given the matter a thought. Not one per cent of the people have read even a summary of the report and nobody has read it all, not even members of the commission that published the two large volumes. Possibly once it becomes a real live question discussed by politicians and touched lightly upon by newspapers the average citizen will get certain biased views based on the thought of political leaders for or against. If the premiers manage to agree and put a bill before Parliament, we may thank the war pressure for having forced it through.

LIMITATION OF ACTION IS LIFTED

Junior Chamber To Define Relations With Senior Body More Clearly—Monthly Dinner Meeting

Consideration of constitutional amendment with a view to relaxing limitation of action as provided for in relation to the senior body, the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, under the present articles turned out to be the principal matter of business at the regular monthly dinner meeting last night of the Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce. The result of a rather lengthy deliberation on the subject was the posting of a notice of motion by Alf Rivett, who had presented a special report reviewing the constitution as it now stands, that the constitution be so amended as to provide that the action and pronouncements of the Junior Chamber shall henceforth be limited only in regard to matters where politics and government affairs are concerned. The Junior Chamber would thereby be given full freedom in regard to questions of community welfare, public health etc. Last night's discussion of this subject followed complaint made a month previous by G. L. Rorie of limitations imposed by the present constitution. In the course of the discussion, W. M. Watts president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, who was in attendance at the meeting spoke briefly. He felt that the common aim of both Senior and Junior Chambers was to promote the best interests of the community. He knew of no instance where the Senior body had opposed the Junior Chamber in endeavouring to do something to improve local conditions. There had been no such issue raised that he knew of. In fact, he felt he could confidently assure the Junior Chamber that it need only ask the Senior Chamber for assistance in any move designed to better the community and it would be freely given. It was agreed by the members of the Junior Chamber that the Senior Chamber had never in any way endeavoured to hamper its activities although within the Junior Chamber itself that possibility on occasion had been raised. The discussion ended with the receiving of the notice of motion from Mr. Rivett.

Christmas Activities

The Junior Chamber decided to carry out Christmas decoration of Third Avenue again this year, the principal feature to be the adornment of the lamp standards with evergreens. Members of the Junior Chamber will turn out tomorrow to cut the trees which will probably be put up next Thursday. Alf Rivett will be in charge.

Another activity tomorrow will be the commencement of the radio auction to assist the Salvation Army in its campaign for the raising of Christmas Cheer funds. There will be a broadcast tomorrow afternoon and again Monday Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Bob Parker, chairman of the radio committee, reported that arrangements had been made whereby the Salvation Army would handle all financial matters in connection with the broadcast, the Junior Chamber being merely in charge of the program. The studio will be in the Metropole Hall and Norton Youngs will act as announcer.

Reporting for a special committee on the subject of local rental charges which had been named at a previous meeting, Fred Conrad stated that this matter was now in the hands of a local rentals tribunal which had been named by the federal government.

Correspondence included a letter from the Prince George Junior Chamber of Commerce ratifying the appointment of W. G. Stark of Prince George as district chairman of Junior Chambers of Commerce.

Communications from the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Canada referred to the recent convention in Toronto. Importance of study of the Rowell-Sirois Commission report on federal-provincial relations was emphasized. This was a subject upon which all young

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business and professional men should be well informed. Other matters referred to in the correspondence from the Dominion body included national tourist campaign, clean up and paint up activities, promotion of sale of war bonds and savings certificates, improved attendance at general conferences, postponement of normal public works during the war, post-war rehabilitation activities, co-ordination of national appeals for funds. The convention report also disclosed that there were fifty Junior Chambers of Commerce in Canada today, a decrease of three from a year ago.

Last night's was one of the best attended dinner meetings of the Junior Chamber in some time. President Gordon German was in the chair and guests were Owen Hooper and Len Cripps. Douglas C. Stevenson was elected a new member of the Chamber.

GOT WHITE PHEASANT

DAVENPORT, La., December 14 (CP) — Walter Wanser bagged a pure white pheasant on a recent hunting trip, the first seen in this area in many years.

NEWS OF THE MINES

Regarding Shipment of Antimony From Fort St. James—Surf Inlet Officers—Mining Operations in Omineca

Because an initial shipment of antimony-gold ore has been made from an optioned property on Stuart Lake, twelve miles from Fort St. James, does not mean that this property is going to go on a regular production basis, says Dr. Howard T. James, managing director of the Pioneer Gold Mines and a former resident mining engineer at

Prince Rupert. Whether the property will be operated again next season depends upon the market price for antimony. The gold content is not sufficient to make the ore commercial, Dr. James explains. The first car of ore from the property went forward to Montreal en route to Great Britain about the middle of November, amounting to thirty-six tons. The shipment will show a small profit on the cost of shipping and treatment but would not pay for mining. Therefore, it must be considered in the nature of a salvage operation. The crew has been withdrawn for the winter but the chances are that another shipment, readily available from the present workings, may be made in the spring. Should the price of antimony improve in the meantime, development may resume next year. Otherwise, a closedown is indicated. The outlook for the price of antimony is not altogether clear. It is necessary for war purposes but Great Britain is understood to have an ample supply on hand for some time. In the past year the New York price for antimony has increased from twelve to fifteen cents.

China is the main source of supply for antimony and in normal times only low cost producers can operate at a profit. Antimony is used in making shrapnel. Its principal

peace time uses are in type metals and paints. The Surf Inlet Consolidated Gold Mines Ltd has elected officers for the year as follows: President, Robert L. Reid, New York; vice-president, J. R. Pyper, Kamloops; secretary, Charles K. Moffly, New York; treasurer, W. R. Watson, Vancouver; board of directors—D. H. McDougall, Montreal; Donald W. Partridge, Montreal; and George Cary Jr., New York.

Dale L. Pitt, who passed through Prince Rupert Wednesday en route to Premier for a visit, has retired after twenty-seven years in the service of the American Smelting & Refining Co. Former general manager of the Premier mine in the Portland Canal district, Mr. Pitt has been for the past few years manager of the Big Bell operation of Premier Gold Mines Ltd. in Western Australia. Mr. Pitt reported that Big Bell was making good progress, having handled 1,300,000 tons of ore since the property was opened three years ago. The mill treats 1400 tons daily.

High cost of material due to war, exchange restrictions on Australian gold taxes have created new operating problems, Mr. says.

Speaking recently in the Legislature, M. M. Connelly, M. L. for Omineca, talked of mining operations now going on in Omineca. Operating at the present time, he said, were three placer mines and one of the largest mercury properties on the continent. Several more properties are under development. Mr. Connelly made a plea for increased grants for mining roads.

A. Sherman, operating Duthie mine near Smithers, reports that he has another shipment of ore ready to go through from the property before Christmas.

The Germansen Placers operation on Manson Creek near Fort St. James has been closed down for the winter and McCorkell, who has been in charge, passed through Prince George a few days ago en route south. Robert C. McCorkell is interested with his brother, Bert, in this mining undertaking. The McCorkells have also become interested in the Zeballos mining area on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

FATAL GRAVITY LAWS

WASHINGTON, December 14 (P)—It is figured here 30,000 Americans die each year from attacks of the law of gravity—in the home—and at least 10,000 of these accidents are preventable.

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