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EDITORIAL

Don't Forget the Boys - -

Once again we remind local people not to forget the boys overseas. Not only are those who have friends glad to be remembered but there are others who have not many friends yet are imbued with a desire to serve the country in its time of need.

The Post Office Department states they have had complaints about parcels and articles such as tobacco not reaching their destination. It points out that some vessels have been sunk by the enemy and the parcels thus lost. No fewer than four thousand parcels sent by one tobacco firm were on one of those vessels. In some cases it was found that the articles complained about had never been sent and in other cases there had been delays in transmission. All parcels mailed should be addressed with the regimental number, the rank and name, full name of regiment or unit, C.A.S.F., Care of Base Post Office, Canada.

There are men in the air force, the army, and the navy who are always looking for letters from home. Do not disappoint them. If a parcel fails to arrive, send another. We have plenty of food, plenty of tobacco, plenty of luxuries. See that the boys at the front are not neglected.

Paying Our Bills - - -

This year we are all going to find the tax bill heavy, perhaps heavier than we think. The war has to be paid for and the people of the country have to pay, particularly those who stay at home and take advantage of the absence of the fighters to earn good wages or salaries.

At such a time, with slight increases in the cost of living, it will be difficult to pay some of our bills. We have to cut our cost of living to the level of our income.

We have just come across a list of suggestions that might be helpful at this time:

"Be honest with the people to whom you owe money. You'll find they appreciate it and will show you every consideration.

"Arrange with them to pay off so much every pay day, keeping the amount at a figure you are certain you can pay. Then live up to your arrangements.

"Don't incur new obligations until the old ones are taken care of.

"Do not buy what you can not afford to pay for.

"Budget your income so that you can meet all your responsibilities and have a little left for emergencies.

"Don't ignore bills that are overdue. See your creditor and arrange a basis on which you can make regular payments on old accounts."

Sending In News - - -

We have had a good many inquiries as to whether we are willing to publish news if it is sent in, either from Prince Rupert people or from the surrounding districts. We are always glad to receive reports of doings of any kind. The articles must be written plainly on one side of the paper only and great care should be taken to see that all names are written correctly and clearly. We charge for advertising future events and notices, cards of thanks, etc. Many people write a report of an event and end it by thanking all those who took part. This is not considered news.

Letter Box

NEWCOMER'S REFLECTIONS— URGES GOOD CHEER

Editor, Daily News.—

A year ago this month my family and I came to the city of Prince Rupert. We came from the inland of the United States. To my family it was quite a change to come to the coast and live by the water in a rugged mountainous country. To me, personally, it was like returning to scenes of my childhood and early youth as I was born and raised by the ocean.

Although a citizen of the United States I have come to feel very much much attached to the community in which we live and work for the present. I have come to love the rugged beauty of nature, both on land and sea. Both my family and I have come to feel at home with the people in this city, not only those of the racial group among whom we have been called to do a special work but among all the people in the community. We are very grateful for the goodwill and the cordiality and friendships that have been shown us and established with many.

As a student of history and of human life in many fields of endeavor in the past, present and future, and especially on account of the fact that we are passing through, perhaps, the most eventful period in all recorded history, many thoughts, questions and considerations have forced themselves upon me during this year, particularly in regard to the community in which we live and act together with all others young and old.

When coming to the city the first time certain things impressed me. I knew not much about the city except in a general way. I knew that, during the early days people came here with a certain enthusiasm and with many hopes and aspirations for the future. Some, perhaps, had ideas about big things, that, somehow, material prosperity would be very abundant and that the community would in a short time become one of the large cities on the west coast. Undoubtedly, many things have had to be discounted. Disappointments have been experienced, uncertainties have had to be endured and plans have failed to materialize. Trying to create in my mind a composite picture of the city of Prince Rupert a certain Norwegian expression came to me. It is an expression supposed to characterize a young boy at a certain age. It is the word "slyngeladeren."

It is hard to give an adequate translation of the word. It indicates something that is shapeless, awkward, unfinished, but which possesses energy and latent talents that may develop into what is fine, attractive and useful. Naturally, it had to be thus in a pioneer city on the extreme frontier of the North American continent. One of the very important facts, which I

soon learned to know is that this pioneer community has a public school system that is very splendid. This is really remarkable, considering that the city is yet very young.

Mingling with the people here, I have come to recognize two groups—first, those who lived through the early years, made their contributions, reaped their rewards and are to some extent satisfied in merited security. Of course, among the pioneers are also some who have regrets and who have had to struggle with disappointments of various kinds. On the other hand are those who came later. Some have made good and are contented and hopeful for the future. Some came by chance, without definite aim. Many have experienced disillusionment. In the life of the young city, like in that of the individual, there have been, and will be periods of difficulty and distress, of optimism and of discouragements.

The conviction has grown strong in me that the community has come to the end of a certain period in its life. Perhaps it would not be entirely wrong to hold that some of the activities so far have been rather sporadic and temporary. That would be only logical in a period of pioneering. However, in order to build securely, stable and sound foundations are imperative. For a time at least, the fishing industry has been the main thing in Prince Rupert. It has provided normal livelihood for a large number of people. However, the activity being only seasonal and, the season being rather short, a sense of uncertainty and insecurity has no doubt offered itself to many people. I have met this attitude in many of the people whom I have been called to serve. There have been questions and doubts regarding the future.

I think it would be extremely unfortunate if citizens should begin to doubt and worry regarding the future of this community. And I also think it is entirely unjustified and unnecessary. Some people express either the wish for a great business and industrial boom after the war or a dark fear of great calamities. In my opinion, no one should wish for an artificial, temporary boom. And I do not think there will be anything like it. The people and leaders, both in Canada and in the United States, learned bitter, but valuable lessons after the last war. They will remember and make use of those lessons. On the other hand, I feel certain that Prince Rupert will not be among the cities that will die and disintegrate when the war is over. Quite the contrary, I think we should wish, and work and plan for normal conditions with work and possibilities for substantial and steady growth and development along such lines as would assure the unfolding of a fine, prosperous, cultured and contented community in this marvelous north-west country.

Perhaps someone would say: "Well, that is only a dream, that

can not come true"—I do not think it is only a dream. I think it is not only possible but quite certain. It will come true.

Until this year, I have known very little about Western Canada, including British Columbia. Now, I have made it a point to learn to know this province. I have tried to find out facts. I believe it is true that British Columbia is one of the most richly endowed provinces in Canada. At the same time it is a very little developed and very sparsely settled part of Canada. It is a virgin territory that nature has endowed abundantly in many ways. It is a country just waiting for heads and hands to plan and to work with the result that hundreds of thousands of more families than at present will find homes and happiness in the valleys, on the inland prairies and along the rugged coast of this great province. Prince Rupert is the terminal of one of the large transcontinental railroads in North America. Undoubtedly, this railroad will come to mean much more in the future than heretofore. That, naturally, will place the terminal city in a very prominent position. The time will come in the not too distant future when the mighty forests all around us in this territory, instead of rotting down decade by decade, will be made use of in manners worthy of intelligent people to whom the Creator has entrusted such riches also, as we can look at for hundreds of miles, along the coast and into the inland. I wonder if it would be only a vain dream to visualize both a large saw-mill and a still larger paper mill running all the time in Prince Rupert? In that case it would not be necessary for the young people of today to go idle or to look with a question into the future when they realize that the fishing industry will not have room for all of them.

In my opinion, regardless of the present war, Western Canada should have unlimited possibilities for development. Just think of it "Canada, a country much larger than the United States and only eleven million people! Most of whom are crowded into the south-eastern corner of the Dominion! And this vast country where Prince Rupert has the privilege to be a very key point and port hardly touched in place and possibility! That the international highway to Alaska will be built would seem a reasonable certainty. Having in mind the position Prince Rupert holds as a seaport it would not take very long before a highway would be built to connect the seaport with

the important Alaska road. That would serve greatly to settle places in the inland that now are of no use and it would stimulate trade in both directions.

I believe it is true that much of the fruit and vegetables that Prince Rupert now must get from the south can be raised in British Columbia's own inland. But there must be people to work and cultivate the soil. And, without doubt, the people will come. They will come after the war as never before.

Regardless of the war, I feel certain that both Canada and the United States will make more and continuous efforts to maintain adequate protection for the countries long military lines in all departments—land, sea and in the air. This will be done in spite of the fact that neither country desires war—far from it. But, just as long as it is necessary and proper to maintain law and order in the local community by having a well trained and well equipped police department, just as long will it be necessary, even for peace loving nations, to make all provisions necessary for self-protection and to maintain law and order among the nations of the world. For we know now that there are criminals also among the nations.

With this in mind, it would be very surprising if Prince Rupert would not become and remain one of the very important points on the west coast of North America in the years to come.

There are unlimited possibilities for the future in this territory. The natural resources are present in a degree that is impressive and remarkably varied. Life will go on. Both the brain and the brawn necessary will gradually offer itself to take up the challenge that life's demands and nature's abundance in this grand country create. Prince Rupert, as a community, is gradually undergoing the change that marks the transition from the "slyngeladeren" period into sturdy and progressively active manhood. Instead of being gloomy and doubtful regarding the future, every citizen and resident should have faith in the community, be optimistic, hopeful and, in every way possible, contribute intelligent effort to establish the people and build the community into the future.

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