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Six Against . . .

Rev. S. McM. Kerr of Vancouver points out that there were six provinces opposed to the Sirois Commission report and not three as generally stated. He claimed it was a scheme of the financiers and its purpose was to make the people dig deeper into their pockets for taxes. He blamed Prime Minister King for bringing up a contentious matter at a time when every effort should be devoted to winning the war.

Position Of France . . .

The position of France is causing Germany considerable worry. Marshal Petain, who is dictator of the country, continues to hold out against German demands. The Germans would like to enforce the demands by occupying the country only in that case there would probably be a flight of French warships from Toulon and General Weygand with his army of over a million men in Africa would definitely align himself with the British. This makes it desirable that any negotiations with the Vichy government be carried out in a peaceable manner if possible.

Fall Of Derna . . .

The taking of Derna by the British, while not an outstanding event, is another step toward the eventual freeing of all Africa from Italian domination. Eighteen years ago Mussolini became dictator of Italy and one of the features of his appeal to the Italian people was the building up of an Italian colonial empire in Africa including the driving of the British from that country and securing control of the Suez Canal. Ethiopia was taken and so was Albania and the feats of arms were so magnified as to appear very important. The Italian navy and merchant marine were built up and the air force strengthened. So puffed up with success was the dictator that he had visions of domination including Greece and, possibly, Turkey. A move was made against Greece but it was stopped at the outset and the Italians were driven out of a large part of Albania. Then the British began to move and only one more stronghold remains in Libya to be captured for the British to hold all of that province and the country to the south. Ethiopia and Somaliland are likely to be given up soon. Tripoli will then be the only remaining Italian province in Africa.

Mussolini now sees his life work crumbling. His hold on Italy is weakening and no one can tell what will be the outcome once the power of the Fascist regime is broken. The people of Italy have been told only part of the story of defeat and even today they seem to believe that the Italian navy is supreme in the Mediterranean. Gradually the truth of the situation is seeping through and only this week a big Fascist demonstration was called in order to prevent the people from starting a movement for a change.

Canada's Output . . .

Those who sometimes feel doubtful about the extent and value of the contributions of Canada to the war effort may be cheered by a few lines from "Overseas," published in London, England. It says: "The speed and scope of the war effort in the Dominion of Canada is being increased beyond anything imagined possible in the earlier days of the war and, with the tremendous and accelerating output in the United States, the other Dominions, and the amazing improvement in production in the United Kingdom, promises soon to relieve any possible anxiety about arms of every type for the great armies now growing to full strength in Great Britain and the Middle East."

SEEKS AID OF PEOPLE

B. C. Bracewell, City Commissioner. Speaks to Rotary Club on Civic Work—Man of Experience

"Fortunate is the community where the business element is welded into a unit desirous of the welfare of the community rather than gratifying its own selfish purposes." That was one of the interesting statements made by B. C. Bracewell, Prince Rupert's new city commissioner, who addressed the Prince Rupert Rotary Club yesterday afternoon at its regular luncheon, Dr. Neal Carter presiding.

Mr. Bracewell suggested that men broad enough to do this would be successful in business, at the same time exerting a far reaching influence for community progress. A municipality had not reached its greatest use which had not developed the best possible civic consciousness.

In considering municipal affairs the question to ask was whether the municipality or personal interests were to benefit. A really successful municipality would return in value to its citizens more worth than they individually could obtain themselves by expending an equivalent amount to what they paid in taxes.

Mr. Bracewell did not favor the single tax. He said it might be all right in the early stages of development of a municipality. Land as land did not need policing. Neither did it need fire protection or education. Education, he suggested, certainly should not be charged against the land.

Roughly, the activities of a municipality resolved themselves into formulation of policies and supervision on the one hand and executive and administrative activity on the other. Normally the former was looked after by an elected body, but no council functioned without reference to public opinion and no commissioner could give effective service unless he had public opinion behind him.

Mr. Bracewell suggested that an organization composed of representatives of various public or semi-public bodies might be an influence in formulating policies in keeping with the best interests of the community. In that matter he asked for the help of the people of Prince Rupert in order that he might carry out his work successfully.

The speaker said he was a great believer in the ballot as one of the greatest watch dogs ever invented. Yet popular decisions often were a curse to real progress.

Sketches Career
Mr. Bracewell gave a very brief sketch of his own official life. He said he did this with reluctance but he thought it due the people here to have some idea of his experience. He joined the provincial service on October 1, 1938, but, prior to that, he had had 28 years of municipal experience in British Columbia. For 25 years he was municipal clerk at Penticton and, prior to that, was connected with the municipality at South Vancouver. In answer to a question, he said the city of Penticton was in first class condition financially with \$100,000 surplus in its sinking fund. Yet for several years during the depression the municipality had been unable to keep up its sinking fund payments.

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Whifflets From The Waterfront

None of the local salvage boats which left here to assist the United States transport Kivchak, ashore and sunk in Finlayson Channel, have yet returned to port so there is no direct report received locally as to the progress of salvage operations. The Daily left Wednesday night with additional equipment, being met part of the way down by the Bentinck which is assisting her with the tow. It is thought the motor vessel Caneolim, which played an important part in the rescue of Kivchak's passengers, may come in here.

There were thirty-three passengers aboard the steamer Princess Norah which was in port from 3:30 to 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon southbound from Skagway to Vancouver. One person disembarked from the vessel here while twelve went aboard at this port for the south.

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Canada At War 25 Years Ago

January 31, 1916 — Zeppelins dropped bombs on six English counties, killing 59 persons and injuring 101. French stopped German attempt to pierce Allied lines northeast of Arras. British took prisoners in raid on German trenches west of Messines.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

January 31, 1916
Prince Rupert won the third game in the hockey series at the Market Place rink from Hazelton, the score being 3 to 2. Buck Irwin and Lionel Holtby starred for Prince Rupert and Keddie, MacDougall and Warner were outstanding for Hazelton.

F. G. Dawson has returned from a business trip to Alaska and Northern British Columbia. He tells of extremely cold weather in the north. At Juneau it was sixteen to eighteen below zero.

A daughter was born at the Prince Rupert General Hospital yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brooksbank.

CADDIES' SANTA

SUTTON, England, January 31: (CP) — W. Boucher-James never forgot his golf caddies at Christmas. He died last August, and left his usual caddy, James Hopper, 70, \$20 (\$89) and the others £10 (\$44-50) each for a Christmas box in 1940.

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