

Optimism
expressed

Other Inspiring Address by Hon. H. G. Perry.

another eloquent and inspiring address on the subject of war problems, his second of day, by Hon. H. G. Perry, Minister of Education and Chairman of the Postwar Rehabilitation Council, featured regular monthly dinner meeting Monday night of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce.

Perry expressed satisfaction having found in Prince Rupert the spirit of pioneer enterprise that had built up this city. There had been hardships and disappointments in Central British Columbia, but, in the same good land in the interior, the same open and strategically located port at Prince Rupert, this country possessed resources which would bring richness, happiness and prosperity to thousands of people. He believed that there was part of the Empire that would look forward to the future with greater optimism than when once again freedom and ride triumphant throughout the world. Mr. Perry looked to the Orient, particularly to Asia, as a field for enterprise. A tremendous flow of commerce must inevitably go through this port in that trade in one or two years, one or two decades.

Perry referred to the dependence of Canada, and particularly British Columbia, on foreign trade. There were intricate, deep, baffling and perplexing problems to be faced and there was no simple solution. Such a simply conceived scheme as having the government take over and the Indians run industry would defeat the objectives which he sought. The national income was almost double what it was before the war, must be maintained. Printing money could only accentuate collapse. Perry spoke of plans which governments were already considering to maintain the productive industries and provide employment.

Here in British Columbia," he said, "we have done a great deal of work and the government is not neglecting to study the recommendations." The importance of industrial research was another matter to which Mr. Perry referred. Regional planning, inventory of resources, power development including rural electrification among matters which had been studied.

The importance of making life attractive was stressed by Mr. Perry. He foresaw eventually thousands of prosperous farms and contented families in the Bulkley and Nechako valleys.

Perry then went into a session of conditions that could be anticipated immediately after the war and then more remotely after. Prince Rupert now experienced buoyancy due to war activity, particularly shipbuilding, would have welcomed in western Europe, he asserted.

Goebbel's Says No Surrender

BERLIN, Dec. 8 — "Germany will never surrender," declared Propaganda Minister Goebbel in a broadcast yesterday. More British and American forces would be welcomed in western Europe, he asserted.

against a foe who would destroy and break up the way of life they had known and enjoyed.

It is up to us, the fathers and mothers, to have for them when they return a land where they can make living, a land where they can improve themselves and find better things than we enjoyed," concluded the speaker. "I think the governments are living up to their trust in that regard."

Vice-President W. J. Scott, in thanking Mr. Perry, acknowledged the inspiring nature of the address. Mr. Perry had shown that the chairmanship of the Postwar Rehabilitation Council is indeed in capable hands.

A bylaw allowing four and one-half per cent interest on taxes prepaid before March 31, 1944, was approved by the city council in meeting Monday night.

As for the youth who would return from the wars, Mr. Perry felt they were not concerned not so much with the establishment of a Utopian era as they were fighting merely for ordinary things, the simple privileges, to which they had been accustomed before they went to war. They were fighting

PRE-CHRISTMAS PAY RULED OUT

OTTAWA, December 8 (Canadian Press)—Department National Defence headquarters announced last night that the usual authority for the issue of December pay and allowances to Canadian Army men in Canada before Christmas will not be given in line with the government's policy of non-essential expenditures for fort.

PUSHED OUT BY GERMANS

Russians Forced Out of Populated Place Around Kiev—Soviet Menaces Dnieper Bend Rail Junction.

LONDON, December 8 (Canadian Press)—A German counter-attack, using 1700 tanks, pushed the Russians from a number of populated places in the Kiev bulge of Northern Russia. Moscow admitted Tuesday night.

Meanwhile the fall of Znamensk rail junction in the Dnieper Bend to the Reds was believed imminent with Russian columns converging from three directions.

Wartime House Sale Discussed

The possibility of Wartime Housing Ltd. selling some of the houses it had erected in Prince Rupert was brought up Monday night at the meeting of the city council. Mayor W. M. Watts suggested that a committee be sent to Wartime Housing to assure that the city's interests were protected in such sales. There might be general effects from such sales, it was felt.

Laud Teheran Declaration

LONDON, Dec. 8 — London morning newspapers heralded the Teheran declaration as a guarantee of complete victory and as a foundation for peace. Stockholm reports believed that the first reaction was to turn attention toward the possibilities of Turkey entering the war.

Nazi circles asserted that the Allies realize that they are unable to start a Balkan offensive without Turkey's help.

Goebbel's Says No Surrender

BERLIN, Dec. 8 — "Germany will never surrender," declared Propaganda Minister Goebbel in a broadcast yesterday. More British and American forces would be welcomed in western Europe, he asserted.

against a foe who would destroy and break up the way of life they had known and enjoyed.

It is up to us, the fathers and mothers, to have for them when they return a land where they can make living, a land where they can improve themselves and find better things than we enjoyed," concluded the speaker. "I think the governments are living up to their trust in that regard."

Vice-President W. J. Scott, in thanking Mr. Perry, acknowledged the inspiring nature of the address. Mr. Perry had shown that the chairmanship of the Postwar Rehabilitation Council is indeed in capable hands.

A bylaw allowing four and one-half per cent interest on taxes prepaid before March 31, 1944, was approved by the city council in meeting Monday night.

As for the youth who would return from the wars, Mr. Perry felt they were not concerned not so much with the establishment of a Utopian era as they were fighting merely for ordinary things, the simple privileges, to which they had been accustomed before they went to war. They were fighting

Turkey Is Now In Spotlight

LIBRARY DISPLAY

Interesting Book Show at Local School Yesterday.

Indicative of the progressive approach of British Columbia educationalists to the difficult business of installing learning into the modern school child is a display of books which was open to the public yesterday and today at King Edward School.

Arranged by a group of book publishers with the cooperation of the department of education and B. Thorsteinsson, Inspector of Schools, the display is a colorful surprise to the visitor who remembers the drab textbooks of his own school days.

And that, as explained by Mr. Thorsteinsson, is the keynote of the whole idea—to make the process of learning a colorful adventure to the child.

The modern idea is to present educational material so attractively that it will be sought out by the student," he said. "We no longer hold with the method of trying to cram it into them."

Color, simplicity, and familiar comparison, seems to be the common note among all the books arranged on tables in the King Edward display room. Bright illustrations with simplified texts invited the younger children to turn the pages of the books meant for them, and the illustrations themselves implore the child to read the accompanying text.

It is part of the activity or enterprize approach to education which encourages students to dig out information for themselves," Mr. Thorsteinsson explained. "The idea is carried out with modifications in application, but not in principle, to the higher grades."

The books now being printed contain the works of the most skillful illustrators, and are vividly written by the best writers. They range from colored pamphlets to children's encyclopedias.

The idea behind the display is not to sell books to school students. Mr. Thorsteinsson emphasized. The expense to parents would be prohibitive. School libraries are the answer he is certain.

"It draws attention to the need for added library facilities in schools," he declared, "for only in that way is it practical for students to have access to a great number of books at small expense."

Teachers are not neglected by the representation of books either. One display table is given over to books on teaching methods based on the latest advantages in instruction and psychology.

Hon. H. G. Perry, Minister of Education, was among those visiting the display.

The provincial government through the Department of Ed-

through the Department of Ed-