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## EDITORIAL

### Post Office Congestion . . .

We had supposed that, after the holiday rush, congestion at the Post Office would have been to some extent relieved but, with two weeks now passed since Christmas, there seems to be little, if any, relief.

There is no intention of criticizing the Post Office staff. Doubtless, they have been carrying on a big job with all the dispatch and efficiency possible under very trying conditions.

The trouble is that the machine is too small to handle the greatly increased job to be done. Two principal proposals have been put forward to provide the necessary augmentation of machinery—one the opening of a new Post Office in the east industrial section, the other the institution of a street delivery system.

We understand that the new east end Post Office should soon be open for business. The street delivery service is said to be impossible just now.

Meanwhile, the public is becoming increasingly impatient and critical.

Local business and, no doubt, vital services are being slowed up by the inadequacy and slowness of the mail service.

It is naturally to be assumed that the authorities concerned are doing everything possible to remedy the situation as speedily as possible.

### Policing of City . . .

It is to be noted with gratification that no proposal has been even mentioned in responsible quarters of making any change from the present system of having policing of Prince Rupert carried out by the provincial force. It might have been thought by some that, with the return of the city to local autonomy, a move would have been made to bring about the return of a city police force. Happily, no such idea appears to be developing.

Possibly, the time has come to acknowledge that the provincial police for many years now has been doing a good job in Prince Rupert—even in this more recent year or so during which conditions have arisen with which complete satisfaction certainly cannot be felt even by the police themselves.

The Daily News has actively criticized and deplored conditions of law and order here. Notwithstanding, we do not consider it inconsistent to say that the men of the provincial police—few enough in number—have been doing a real job in endeavouring to cope with these conditions. Possibly, it would not be amiss to stop and consider for a moment how much worse things might have been had we not had an honest, hard-working and conscientious local police force handling a big job under difficult conditions.

Things are indeed not as good as they might be—the police themselves no doubt are ready to acknowledge that—but they might be worse, too. To say that should imply no expression of satisfaction on our part or make it inconsistent if tomorrow we should again start criticizing and deploring the condition of Prince Rupert again from the standpoint of law and order.

In this spirit, gratification may be well expressed that there is no serious move to change the present system of local policing.

### Increased Subscription Rates . . .

We have already explained why it has become necessary for newspapers generally throughout the country to increase their subscription rates.

Briefly, the situation is that production costs have increased and advertising revenues have commenced to shrink, making it necessary for the readers, if the newspapers are to keep on an even-keel financially, to bear a greater share of the cost of making the paper.

Today the newspapers of Prince Rupert reluctantly find it necessary to announce a relatively small increase in their subscription rates. We have no doubt that our readers will receive the announcement with full understanding of our position in the matter.

If you have something to sell, a classified advertisement in this paper will soon let you know if there is a buyer in the city.

## WEATHER FOR YEAR

Sunshine Was About the Same as 1941 But Precipitation Much Less

Sunshine in Prince Rupert during the year 1942 totalled 1,526.4 hours as compared with 1,548 in 1941, a slight decrease being shown in a compilation of monthly records. However, 1943 was a considerably drier year than 1942 on the whole, the precipitation for the last year having totalled 82.96 inches as against 93.50 inches in the preceding year.

The year 1942 was a warmer year than 1941. The maximum temperature reading for the year recently ended was 84.5 on August 7 as compared with the 1941 maximum of 81.5 in July. The lowest thermometer reading for 1942 was 22 above on February 24 compared with the minimum in 1941 of 15 in January.

The sunshine for December, 1942, amounted to a scant 15.7 hours compared with 42.6 hours in December, 1941, while the precipitation this December was 7.92 inches as against 10.69 inches.

The weather summary for this December, as officially announced today, was as follows:

- Maximum temperature, 52 on December 12.
- Minimum temperature, 24 on December 9.
- Mean temperature, 37.4.
- Maximum barometer reading, 30.14 on December 10.
- Minimum barometer reading, 29.35 on December 9.
- Precipitation, 7.92 inches.
- Sunshine, 15.7 hours.
- Maximum wind velocity, 46 miles per hour on December 26.

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## TO ELECT OFFICERS

Queen Mary Chapter I.O.D.E. is in Session

The regular monthly meeting of Queen Mary Chapter Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, was held last night at the home of Mrs. William Brass with Mrs. W. C. Stuart, regent, presiding, nomination of officers for 1943 being of foremost importance in the evening's routine of business. Mesdames Keilbach, Lamb and Brass were elected as councillors and Mesdames Boddie and McKenzie were appointed scrutineers.

Mrs. E. V. Whiting and Mrs. Taylor were tendered a vote of thanks for their splendid work on the chapter's yearly round trip raffle. Results were very satisfactory. D. G. Borland was thanked for the use of his theatre to conclude the raffle.

Letters were read from the Provincial Chapter appealing for more books for the armed forces and leather. These scraps of leather are made into jerkins for sailors at sea. The provincial chapter recommended the CBC Sunday evening broadcast of "Our Canada" to radio listeners.

One new member was welcomed into the Chapter. Next meeting (election of officers) will be held at the home of Mrs. A. T. Parkin on February 3.

## ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. AND Y.W.C.A.

By DOROTHY GARBUTT, Hostess

I've discovered a marvellous cook in the forces but it, or rather he, is a dead secret because he may get spirited away to another unit if I say too much. He makes buns, those lovely hot bread buns with rich brown syrupy tops, that melt in your mouth. If he is married and has children when they in turn get married I wonder if they'll say to their spouses: "You'll never be able to cook the way father did!"

Yesterday afternoon Bill Morgan, who is an officer's steward on one of the minesweepers, held me enthralled with his tales of roller skating activities. In civilian life he is a roller skating instructor and professional roller skating performer. He has his own act—and this will make the boys jealous—his own little lady partner. They do two-and-a-half turns, some sort of a waltz in 6-8 time and, what seems most intricate, a fourteen-step dance. The old march tune "Semper Fidelis" (Always Faithful) is the best music for this. He agrees with me that this town needs a roller skating rink but wonders if anyone would sink their money into what might be considered a money making proposition only for the duration. I may be a false prophet but I think Prince Rupert will be a good risk after the war with Alaska opening up and the North Country really coming into its own. Show tonight at the "Y"—the show schedule has been slightly altered so it might be as well to take note and save yourself a lot of trouble by going out on a rainy—pardon—on some night when you thought there was a show on and, surprise, there wasn't. For the time being the first show of the week will be on Monday night instead of Tuesday as heretofore. The other two regular nights are Thursday and Saturday.

It's just three hundred and fifty-one more days until Christmas. Makes you think, doesn't it?

## SPORT CHAT

The \$1,250,000 National Hockey League celebrates its 25th anniversary this season amid wartime conditions recalling its stormy First Great War origin.

Born of adversity Nov. 22, 1917, the league which started as an all-Canadian circuit and gradually expanded into one of the world's greatest organizations faced its biggest crisis last fall before permission was obtained from the Canadian and United States governments to operate in 1942-43. But there were plenty of difficulties aheer. More than 90 former N. H. L. players had joined the armed service, leaving their teams to continue with players outside military age categories. One result was a new lease of life for veterans of the game and blossoming of rookie talent—where rookies could be obtained. There were transportation difficulties too. Early in the new season, overtime play was cancelled. The second pang of war-born retrenchment was experienced a few days later when the N. H. L. board of governors decided to reduce maximum player limits for each team from 15 to 14. Some technical rule changes were made.

In practise, pressure hockey remained the vogue. Emphasis on offence increased goal scoring to the extent that Toronto Maple Leafs became the first team in N. H. L. history to count 100 goals before the end of December.

Confounding popular theory, the league flourished financially. An unofficial survey showed attendance for the first quarter of the season only slightly lower than in the same period of 1941-42. Boston Bruins announced proceeds of four home games would be contributed to the Red Cross Society.

The same Bruins provided the season's outstanding surprise. Off to a shaky start, the 1940-41 Stanley Cup champions climbed from last to first place in 30 days by winning nine and tying two of 12 contests. They were promised plenty of competition in the Stanley Cup chase by Toronto, Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Black Hawks. Leafs looked only slightly less capable than the Toronto team which ousted Red Wings in the seven-game Stanley Cup series last spring.

New York Rangers found many new adherents in Canada as the season started because most of their players are from Saskatchewan, but the N. H. L. titlists dropped almost out of sight in the early play. Steve Buzinski, 25 year old netminder from Swift Current Sask., intermediate ranks, allowed 55 goals in New York's first nine games before Manager Lester Patrick replaced him with Jimmy Franks of Melville, Sask.

Montreal Canadiens, selected for third place in the early-season forecasts, bogged down defensively and entered 1943 needing victory in a majority of their remaining games to reach the four-team playoffs.

Meanwhile, amateur hockey prospered. Service teams were represented in almost every senior league across Canada. It appeared almost certain another service team would succeed Ottawa R. C. A. F. Flyers, who won the Allan Cup last year after a five-game battle with Port Arthur Bearcats. Junior Leagues operated as usual.

## BOWLING RESUMED

Ladies' League Gets Under Way For Second Half of Season

The second half of the Ladies' Bowling League commenced Tuesday night with results as follows: Savoy Swingers 3, Knox Hotel 0. Optimists 3, Nursing Sisters 0. Annettes 2, Big Sisters 1. Lucky Strikes 2, Rangers 1. The individual scoring was as follows:

<b>Annettes—</b>	1	2	3
Selig	111	187	167
Nickson	216	132	129
MacPhee	197	100	230
McEwen	137	190	142
Dickens	148	120	192
<b>Totals</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>870</b>
<b>Big Sisters—</b>	1	2	3
B. Gomez	191	237	188
J. Dickens	62	90	114
E. Rothwell	128	119	143
M. Bond	133	182	124
P. Alexander	219	147	185
<b>Totals</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>754</b>
<b>Savoy Swingers—</b>	1	2	3
Reaugh	178	130	195
McLeod	172	135	156
Wesch	231	146	190
Croxford	185	199	272
LaBelle	165	133	175
<b>Totals</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>938</b>
<b>Knox Hotel—</b>	1	2	3
Eyford	110	120	121
Zelisko	137	157	167
V. Balaski	81	84	141
Lykegard	117	130	155
LaBelle	116	135	133
H. Balaski	102		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>747</b>
<b>Optimists</b>	1	2	3
Eastment	110	219	218
Tourgon	172	133	234
Borland	207	172	131
Mahood	97	133	163
Valpy	109	198	117
<b>Totals</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>868</b>
<b>Nursing Sisters—</b>	1	2	3
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<b>Lucky Strikes—</b>	1	2	3
Menzies	123	120	148
Smith	138	119	140
Warren	155	90	119
Nelson	165	193	141
Rushworth	181	266	183
<b>Totals</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>734</b>
<b>Rangers—</b>	1	2	3
Petersen	122	131	184
McKeown	163	114	153
Reid	85	180	245
Montgomery	86	109	245
Asemissen	227	140	210
<b>Totals</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>1037</b>
<b>Amateurs—</b>	1	2	3
Armstrong	113	118	185
McIntyre	163	190	182
Davies	190	195	137
Wick	153	161	170
McMeekin	94	184	195
<b>Totals</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>839</b>
<b>Bluebirds—</b>	1	2	3
Pierce	155	199	195
Boulter	133	192	185
MacDonald	130	171	191
Marks	192	194	151
Keron	236	158	192
<b>Totals</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>914</b>

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