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

By DOROTHY GARBUTT, Hostess

Well, at last we've traced that carton of French novels and magazines I told you had arrived some time ago. They were sitting down at the freight sheds but, not being able to speak English, they had a hard time making themselves understood. Every time they squeaked "leevers, leevers" ("Livres" - Books) the checkers phoned up the butchers. This went on and on until our Carl, who speaks French with an English accent, was down looking for some Y. M. C. A. freight. He heard the voices of the poor imprisoned things and recognized their plight. Now they are safely on our shelves and waiting to shed sweetness and light to all our French speaking boys.

Sorry, but last night I said that Frank Ryan's name was Jack. He was very nice about it and only called me stupid a couple of times but somehow I feel he wasn't quite pleased.

Another thing that Bert Fuller was telling us about the overseas work of the Y.M.C.A. is quite interesting. He says that "Y" men are in uniform but, as auxiliary services men, they have no distinguishing rank, neither colonel, captain nor good sergeant major. They are in uniform so that they may mix more easily with the troops who are right on the fighting line. I also read recently that in China there are several Y.M.C.A. supervisors who are prisoners while in enemy countries a number are interned.

There will be no "Y" dance Wednesday night. We will let you know as soon as the authorities let us hold them again. Contrary to an idea that is abroad the Y.M.C.A.-Y.W.C.A. Recreation Hall is not closed down. The various units are cognizant of what is out of bounds for them.

To the boys who are ill—good luck and speedy recovery. Our thoughts and best wishes are with you.

FIVE PINS UNDER WAY

The second half of the Men's Five Pin Bowling League got under way last night with the first and second place winners of last half each taking clean sweeps. Sav-Mor won over Monarchs and Chinese Youth Association defeated the All Stars.

Watts and Nickerson would have made a clean sweep but for a lone pin in their first game against Royal Canadian Air Force. They lost by one point but came back to take the next two games.

Stones eked out the odd game from Burns and Painters lost one to Signals.

Burns rolled high aggregate of 3087 but Chinese Youth had high single of 1109.

Ken Grant, Burns' anchor man, shot 765 to place for high three. His 298 was good enough to be the high single.

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Civic Gov't Is No Cinch

New Mayor and Aldermen of Prince Rupert Are Already Finding This Out

The new city council, now in office almost two weeks, is gradually getting into the saddle but Mayor W. M. Watts and every member of the aldermanic board will agree that the number of the problems and the perplexity of some of them are a good deal greater than they had ever anticipated. The job of city government and the various matters involved therein is a good deal bigger than any of the civic legislators had ever anticipated. For inexperienced council members, there is also a great deal of information to be assimilated before actions can be taken.

With council meeting once a week as does each committee—one Tuesday, one Wednesday and another Friday — the municipal solons are also finding that the running of a civic government takes up a very substantial amount of time for the time being at least.

Building For Salvage Work

Civic Board of Works Dealing With Matter at Present

The civic board of works is dealing with the possibility of finding a building or building site for the local national salvage committee to use as a storage headquarters for goods collected and being prepared for shipment.

Mayor W. M. Watts has agreed that anything that could be done by the city to aid the salvage campaign should commend itself to the council and, in that spirit, the problem is being met.

Anyox Is Closed Down Temporarily

Operations preparatory to reopening the Anyox property have been closed down temporarily by the Ventures mining concern. It is expected there will be a resumption in the spring when conditions are more favorable for carrying on such work.

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EDITORIAL

Dim-out Regulations . . .

New dim-out regulations will come into force in Prince Rupert on February 1. We would suggest that now would be a good time for people to get their premises in readiness for a new state of affairs which will, no doubt, last for the duration of the war. There will, of course, be the usual rush at the end to be ready by the deadline. Difficulty may arise in getting the materials and the time or help to get the job done. It will have to be done anyway so the sooner the better would appear to be good advice.

Meantime quite a few people do not seem to have a very definite idea of the details of what must be done under the dim-out.

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It's interesting to know when reading the Daily News that the people of the whole district are doing the same

AN ALTERNATIVE SPEECH ON TEMPERANCE

On Wednesday, December 16th, the Prime Minister broadcast a speech on Temperance. Canadian Breweries Limited respectfully submits to the Prime Minister what it considers would have been a more suitable speech. It does so, not from any profit motive, since its profits are already controlled by the excess profits tax, but out of a desire to retain the public's respect for its industry and those engaged in it.

THE use of beer, wine and spirits has for long been a controversial subject in Canada and from time to time your government is called upon to find a point of harmony between those who do not drink at all and would like all those beverages prohibited, and those who drink moderately and resent any interference with their liberty. If such a point of harmony could be found, and the whole subject put outside politics and religion, it would be a good thing for Canada's unity in wartime, and later, in peace.

It is important to decide whether or not this should be a moral issue or whether we should look upon drinking in the same light as eating and smoking. The evidence before me shows that many Canadians indulge moderately in beer and spirits. These consumers, as well as those who manufacture the beverages, resent the implication that they are not good Christians.

I think the issue becomes a moral one only at the point where individuals drink excessively and become a nuisance. All parties should be able to agree on this. Let us say therefore, that moderation is the ideal which all good Canadians are eager to attain.

The next thing to determine is whether or not ours is a temperate nation. I have every reason to believe that it is. I know that we consume less beer in Canada, per capita, than they do in Great Britain and the United States. This being so, the problem reduces itself to one of dealing with a few irresponsible people who give the advocates of prohibition a falsely dramatic impression of current conditions.

My attention is drawn to the increased sales of beer and spirits since the beginning of the war, but these increases are only at half the rate of the rise in the National income. Many workmen are now busy who before were idle and penniless.

Let me say at once, there's no question of any unwillingness on anyone's part to make sacrifices for the war, least of all among the brewers who have co-operated in every way possible and I am sure will continue to do so. But it should be pointed out here that fifty men can produce a million gallons of beer, and the basic raw materials necessary to supply the whole of Canada's need of beer are available locally in abundance. Any curtailments that do become necessary we will make with precisely the same attitude and impartiality shown to other consumer goods. The one thing I always regret when restrictions are made is that moderate people are invariably the ones to be deprived.

There is a great deal of medical evidence to prove that a hard-working man who drinks beer moderately, not only nourishes his system, but relieves the nervous and physical strain of his busy day. No one will want to deprive him of this form of relaxation, nor to make its availability so difficult that a worker on a night shift will have to resort to a bootlegger to get his drink. It is important that in this part of the British Empire we retain as high a reserve as possible of physical and nervous energy. We must encourage every form of wholesome relaxation to relieve the strain of war.

So far as the army is concerned I am certainly not going to put myself in the position of saying that a soldier who is old enough to fight and kill is too young to choose his refreshments with good judgment. Here again the reputations of many are spoiled by the few.

It has been suggested to me that I should ban liquor and beer advertising but how could I in fairness do that when we continue to permit other manufacturers, whose goods are rationed or in short supply, to maintain their advertising in order that they may keep their trade names before the public. Furthermore, no one will want me to banish English and American periodicals from Canada. Most of them carry advertisements for brands on sale in this country. How could we ban such advertising in our own publications and allow them in those from the United States.

In conclusion let me say this: Everyone of us has his own ideas of what character our fast growing nation should develop. As our urban centres grow there are bound to be differences of opinion between people of some rural districts and those in the large cities of what civic rights shall be allowed to the people. Our laws must be so designed as to allow to each as much freedom of choice and self reliance as possible. Some sections of the population look askance on dancing, theatres, smoking, drinking and many types of literature.

Let us resolve therefore not to force the views of one section of the community on the other. When a reasonable self-reliant people have an unreasonable law imposed upon them they simply ignore that law with disastrous results to the legal institutions of the country. We learned this at bitter cost during prohibition years. The greatest friend of temperance would not want to greet our men's return from abroad with the evil spectacle of prohibition.

I am convinced we cannot force the principle of moderation but we can teach it. I appeal to all in this nation to be temperate in everything they do in order that we may exert the maximum impact on the enemy. In particular I appeal to brewers and distillers and those interested in true temperance to join forces and use every additional means at their disposal to spread the principle of moderation. I appeal to the provincial authorities to so frame the regulations for retail sale that the business will be conducted in the open and on the highest ethical standards and not driven underground and to the bootleggers. Surely this is an effort to which all parties can agree harmoniously.

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