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Wages, Prices, Strikes

Announcement of President Truman's new wage-price formula providing for the facilitating of wage increases and raising of price ceilings to make such increases possible was soon followed by announcement of the settlement of the big United States steel strike dispute. The same formula may be expected to result in the settlement of other labor-management disputes in the United States.

It is gratifying, of course, to see the strikes being settled but it is, on the other hand, obvious enough that the prescription of settlement cannot mean continued and permanent health on the economic front in the nation which is already beset by the ills of inflation.

In this case, the workers have their increase. The steel company gets permission to increase the prices so that the higher wages may be paid. The consumers, who are to large extent the wage earners, will have to pay the shot. So, when one comes to think of it, it is difficult to see where anyone is ahead of the game.

Depot Facilities

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is modest in its request of the railway company that something be done about improving the waiting rooms in the local railway station. They have long been a drab and ill-appointed shelter for the public.

The Junior Chamber would have been warranted, as a matter of fact, in asking for a much more extensive improvement of depot facilities here. The scruffy little old building is certainly not much in keeping with what might be expected at an important port and terminus of a trans-continental railroad.

This is one of the things that the people of Prince Rupert themselves do not notice for it is seldom they personally need the facilities of a railway station. A stuffy and dilapidated railway station, without even the convenience of a light eating place, leaves its impression of an unfavorable kind on people who are strangers and have nowhere to go when awaiting arriving or departing trains.

And, while we are on the subject of an improved railway station, we might also consider the utter lack of waiting facilities here for the people who travel by the sea and have to wait on the docks for their

ships. There is absolutely nothing to provide them with a little comfort or convenience and something really ought to be done about it.

What a Lovely Day!

As a service club leader from Portland, Oregon, who visited the city this week, said, people of Prince Rupert are not appreciative of the blessings—even the gentle and refreshing rain—with which Nature has imbued Prince Rupert.

We think sometimes about Vancouver people unduly knocking Prince Rupert weather and talk over much about the rain here. As a matter of fact, probably there are no worse knockers and complainers about Prince Rupert weather than the people of Prince Rupert themselves. We as newspaper folk who get around a bit know of many occasions where visitors have been revelling in our fresh, bracing air and blessing rain when the local people at the very same time have been going around with long faces complaining about and apologizing for the "terrible" weather.

Boosting should, of course, commence at home and, when a lot of us do so much grouching about the weather, what can we expect from people who do not know anything about it except what they hear from us ourselves?

How many of us this very day, for instance, thought how "fine" rather than how "bad" the weather was? How many of us think on the "bright" rather than the "cloudy" side? After all, the weather, like other things, is often how we take it. It is rare enough in Prince Rupert, indeed, on which we really have anything much to complain about.

Radio Advertising Nuisance

In newspapers, people read the advertisements because they want to read them, because they are interested in what the ads have to say. Surveys have shown that people would rather have their newspapers with ads than without ads. On the radio, however, the advertiser's message is usually an intrusion and an annoyance. Few people want to listen to it. Here is new proof:

According to results of a recent radio audience survey roughly half of 6,429 men and women who answered the question "Do any announcements you hear on the radio particularly annoy you?" expressed themselves as being annoyed by commercials.

While the survey can by no means be used as an infallible yardstick for the country as a whole, it may be indicative of how radio listeners in general feel about radio commercials.

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More and more manufacturers are advertising their products in the daily newspapers of Canada. The increase in this national advertising in 1945 over 1944 was over 8 percent.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS HONOR GUARDIAN

Delightful Surprise Party Last Night on Mrs. Alex Mitchell's Birthday

Esteem and affection for their guardian and mentor was happily exemplified last night when forty or so members of the local Bethel of Job's Daughters gathered at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Kergin in a delightful surprise party for Mrs. Alex Mitchell. It was the occasion of the ever popular "Laura's" birthday.

The evening was gaily spent in playing of bingo and other games, community singing and other diversions and the highlight of the proceedings was the making of a novel gift to Mrs. Mitchell by Miss Dot Kergin. A gift was also made to Mrs. Kergin by Miss Ruth Walton.

Feature of the refreshments was a handsome birthday cake, replete with candles, which were blown out in the customary manner by the evening's guest of honor.

LEGION LADIES GREETED 200 VETS

Welcome Hut Busy Spot Since Last September

The pleasure of returning home has been enhanced for almost 200 of Prince Rupert's war veterans by the warm welcome extended by the Women's Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion since last September 7 when they took over the Welcome Hut on the C.N.R. wharf.

How many gallons of coffee have been served to the returning warriors, the Legion ladies do not know, but during their six months of meeting boats and trains 190 packages of cigarettes have been given away free.

Names of more than 180 soldiers, sailors and airmen and women have been recorded in the register book kept in the hut, but Mrs. Rothwell, who, with Mrs. Henry Smith jr., does "welcome" duty on Wednesdays, says that some have arrived who have not had their names recorded.

"Some of the boys are met by their parents at the gangplank or train and are whisked off home without stopping at the

hut," says Mrs. Rothwell, whose rosette welcome button is a familiar sight on the wharf when the Prince Rupert docks on Wednesdays.

As the service men and women come off the boats and trains they are taken to the Welcome Hut where they are fed lunch and coffee and given cigarettes. Often they use the telephone in the hut to call taxis.

The ladies feel amply repaid for their work by the expressions of gratitude which the veterans are inclined to express.

Sometimes service at the Welcome Hut becomes almost a family affair as in the case of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Parent who have come down together. Mr. Parent and Mr. Robertson extend welcomes on behalf of the Legion. Mrs. Rothwell is often assisted by her two sons who help in preparing lunches.

Among those who have taken part in the welcome program are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Parent, Mrs. W. Rothwell and sons, Mrs. Henry Smith jr., Mrs. G. V.

Kitsilano Boys' Band May Hold Concerts Here

The prospect of inviting the famed Kitsilano Boys' Band to play a series of concerts in Prince Rupert is being investigated by the Canadian Legion here which hopes that the plan can be arranged some time this spring. A suggestion has been put forward that the Vancouver band hold concerts in Ocean Falls and Ketchikan as well while on the proposed northern tour.

OPTIC SUNBURN

Snowblindness is actually sunburn of the eyes.


Hanley, Mrs. W. Murdock, Mrs. J. R. Croxford, Mrs. C. Morrow, Mrs. Robert Murray, Mrs. Hugh Durken, Mrs. J. Yellowway, Mrs. C. Michaloff, Mrs. Henry Smith sr., Mrs. A. McNeill, Mrs. C. Barker, Mrs. G. Hebb, Mrs. A. Guyan, Mrs. M. J. Keays, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Robertson, Mrs. T. J. Boulter, Mrs. F. Dirk, Mrs. J. McGreish, Mrs. A. Dickens, Mrs. F. Barber, Mrs. F. Ellison, Mrs. F. Miller, Mrs. W. Nesbitt, Mrs. Cliff, Mrs. Percy Bond.

SURPRISE PARTY ON ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blakely Are Honored by Friends

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blakely, Ninth Avenue East, were honored on Wednesday evening by a large number of friends who came to congratulate them on the occasion of their tenth wedding anniversary. In presenting them with the gift of a plant, Bruce Mickie expressed the esteem of the present and wished them many more years of happiness. Present also were G. Henderson and Jim Taylor were welcomed back to Prince Rupert after having just returned from active service at sea.

Refreshments were served by all. Miss Ann Zarko entertained the company with humorous anecdotes and Bud Taft offered numbers. The evening with the singing of "For Are Jolly Good Fellows" and "Auld Lang Syne."



75 YEARS AGO

SUN LIFE INSURANCE

Incorporated

Sum Insured, \$ 5,000,000

Age, 27 Years.

Whereas, John [Name] hereinafter called the Assured, hath proposed to the COMPANY OF MONTREAL, upon the basis of the contract between him and the said Company, on the life of himself


Now, therefore, the said Company shall be bound to pay to the said Assured, or to his assigns, the sum of **One Hundred** dollars annually on the first day of [Month] in the present year and annually thereafter until the death of the said Assured.

days after satisfactory proof of the death of the said Assured shall have been received by the said Company, the sum of **Five Thousand** dollars.

In Witness Whereof the Seal of the said Company having been hereunto affixed, we the President and Managing Director of the said Company have signed this *Fifteenth* day of *June* one thousand eight hundred and *seventy one*.

From the 1945 Annual Report

BENEFITS PAID SINCE ORGANIZATION	\$1,800,672,431
BENEFITS PAID IN 1945	\$90,226,067
ASSURANCES IN FORCE	\$3,390,372,327
NEW ASSURANCES IN 1945	\$241,409,819



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SUN LIFE OF CANADA

Copy of the Annual Report for 1945 will be sent to all policyholders, or may be obtained from

E. T. APPLEWHAITE — Local Representative

NOTICE

All 1945 Dog Licenses expired January 15th.

1946 Dog Licenses are now due and payable at the City Hall.

H. D. THAIN,
CITY CLERK.

CHRONIC BRONCHITIS

Does a stubborn bronchial cough, (either phlegmy or dry and hacking) make you choke, gasp, wheeze, keep you awake nights? Relieve it—now! Do as thousands have done—get Templeton's RAZ-MAL—and stop that cough! RAZ-MAL has helped others—let it help you. 50c. \$1—at druggists everywhere. R-14

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A Home Away From Home
Rates 75c up
50 Rooms, Hot and Cold water
PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.
Phone 281 P.O. Box 196

Plumbing and Heating Engineers

OIL AND COAL STOKERS

Barr & Anderson LIMITED

Corner 2nd Ave. and 4th Street
Phone Red 389 P.O. Box 1294

RADIO BATTERIES

'EVEREADY'

- No. A2600—AIR CELL, 1000 hrs. 7.95
- No. A1300—AIR CELL, 1½ volts 3.25
- No. 740—DRY "A" BATTERY, 1½ volts 2.40
- No. 386—EXTRA HEAVY DUTY "B" 3.95
- No. 770—HEAVY DUTY "B" 3.20
- No. 385—MEDIUM DUTY "B" 2.55

ALSO BATTERIES FOR PORTABLE RADIOS AND FLASHLIGHTS AT STANDARD PRICES.

McRae Bros. Ltd