

## FIRE DEPT AT TERRACE

Three Platoons Formed Under Chief James H. Smith

TERRACE—On Tuesday evening a meeting was held in the army fire hall for the purpose of re-organizing the fire brigade of Terrace. It is now in platoons and the platoons will be practising every week night for about a month. Staff Sergeant Darks and Corporal Cooper of the Army fire hall crew are in charge of the practices. The Army fire fighting equipment is to be left in Terrace indefinitely and the fire brigade will be allowed to use it.

Terrace fire department organization is as follows:

Fire chief—J. H. Smith.  
Deputy chief—G. McAdams.  
Secretary—G. Dover.  
Quartermaster—M. Dubeau.

"A" Platoon—H. Smith, V. Imhoff, G. Lambly, F. Smith, M. Dubeau, T. Johnson, G. McDonald, W. Christy, E. Haughland, E. Finlayson, G. McAdams (platoon leader).

"B" Platoon—D. Little, J. Maxted, G. Dover, W. Oliver, T. Turner, D. Graff, W. Osborne, G. Michiel, R. Squires, J. Norman-deau, L. Johnson (platoon leader).

"C" Platoon—E. Smith, S. Kirkcaldy, V. Ross, R. Beecher, H. Whalen, E. Brooks, E. West, S. Olsen, W. Richmond, L. Smith, L. Smart (platoon leader).

## Commissioner Speaks St. John Order Of Ambulance

It Was Ready For Emergency and Played Part in War—History Interestingly Traced

When war broke out which threatened the Pacific Coast and presented the risk of actual attack thereon—and which was closer than most people might have realized—there were at least two organizations trained and ready to meet an emergency—the St. John Ambulance Association with its first aid and nursing workers and the British Columbia Police.

This was the statement of Commissioner T. W. S. Parsons, Provincial Police head in British Columbia and member of St. John Ambulance provincial executive, who was the guest speaker at a dinner meeting of the Women's Canadian Club, Ald. Nora Arnold presiding.

Commissioner Parsons spoke interestingly on the history of "The Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem" and also gave an informative review of its wartime achievements.

In opening, Commissioner Parsons alluded briefly to his personal association of thirty-four years with this district. There had really been great development and progress in Northern and Central British Columbia since 1906 when all there was at Prince Rupert was a pile driver and unopened muskeg. There had been delays in the realization of some hopes and aspirations but he could assure his listeners that, as a result of his travels, he had come to the conclusion that it would not be long now before the promise of this area would be fulfilled.

The commissioner brought the regrets of the provincial Canadian Club organization that of late it had not been possible to send as many speakers here as might have been desired. The Prince Rupert Club should not, however, feel that it was being forgotten.

Speaking of recent achievements of the St. John Ambulance organization, Commissioner Parsons recalled the hundreds of trained first aid and nursing division workers who were ready when World War II

## THIS AND THAT



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broke out in 1939. Many enlisted in the forces where the special training which they had received was of the greatest use. Training of new workers was spurred by the war condition and classes were held more intensively. Workers of the nursing division helped to keep the hospitals going and others went into civilian defence. When the war finished there were from 50,000 to 60,000 trained workers which was no mean record.

"Had British Columbia been attacked, they and the British Columbia police would have been the first in action. You would then have appreciated just how stabilizing an influence it would have been to have trained people going around, knowing their business and knowing what to do," the speaker declared.

After concisely reviewing the wartime accomplishments of St. John Ambulance, Commissioner Parsons delved back into history for 900 years to trace the progress of the organization which had originated at Amalfi in Italy near Naples in an organization of merchants who banded together to found a hospital and form "The Brothers of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem." The order grew and expanded to widespread importance in Europe and its ministrations were active in the days of the Crusaders. Jerusalem, Cyprus, Rhodes, Malta had well known its services—both as a military and a hospital order. The fighting knights of the order had, perhaps, played a great part in moulding the future of Europe than might have been realized. Had it not been for their resistance, the inroads westward of the Turks might have been much more extensive. "We might have been Mohammedans instead of Christians today."

Quiet Glory On Past Greatness

Long since the fighting aspect of the Order had passed away and now only the hospitalers—"The Order of St. John"—remains. It was a new scene these past many years but there is still "a quiet glory which one feels is not uncomparable with the greatness of the past. Possibly, that it is one reason why we of the Order are so proud of our association therewith."

A vote of thanks was tendered to Commissioner Parsons on motion of Mrs. W. J. Nelson. Honored guests of the evening, in addition to the speaker, included Inspector H. H. Mansell and President W. L. Armstrong of the local St. John Ambulance Association branch and members of the executive.

## SMITHERS CHAMBER

L. K. McLeod Is President—Five Important Objectives

SMITHERS—At the annual meeting of the Smithers District Chamber of Commerce Wednesday afternoon at the Telkwa Hotel in Telkwa, the election of officers for 1946 resulted as follows:

- President—L. K. McLeod.
  - Vice President—A. H. Dockrill.
  - R. W. Calderwood continues as secretary.
- This annual meeting for the past four or five years has been more of a social gathering than a business meeting.
- On the agenda of the Chamber of Commerce for the coming year are five important projects:
- 1—An outlet to Chapman Lake;
  - 2—Hydro electric development of the north line;
  - 3—A water system for the village of Smithers;
  - 4—Improved radio reception for Central B.C.;
  - 5—The erection of coal bunkers at Prince Rupert.

ROMAN ROADS

After the collapse of the Roman Empire good roads disappeared from Europe for some 12 centuries.

## 'New Deal' for Education

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"However," he said, "it will not eliminate what is known as the 'little red school house.' Elementary education will still be gained in local schools, although the more advanced grades will be centralized."

The recommendations for a uniform mill rate of five mills on the whole assessed value of land and on 75 per cent of the improvements throughout the province should reduce the basic mill rate on education in Prince Rupert from its 1945 level of 19.54 mills to somewhere in the neighborhood of seven or eight mills including extraordinary expenditures.

### Higher Government Grant Is Provided

Of the total cost of education for the year, estimated at \$15,785,000, the government's share would be \$8,630,000 or 55 per cent of the total, according to the recommendations of the Cameron report. At present the provincial government pays 32 per cent. The 55 per cent figure, if adopted, would be the highest contribution of any government in the country toward educational costs.

The report recommends that basic teachers' salaries be from \$1,000 to \$1,650 for elementary school teachers, from \$1,200 to \$2,010 for junior high school teachers, and from \$1,300 to \$2,170 for high school. In addition there would be bonuses for teachers in isolated points.

Recommended in the report is the abolition of personal property taxes in unorganized districts; that the seven per cent contribution now paid by school boards to the teachers' pension fund be paid by the government, and that 50 per cent of the cost of new buildings and fundamental equipment be paid by the government. It also recommends that 50 per cent of the cost of transporting pupils to school be paid by the government.

Mr. Perry paid high tribute to the inspectors and members of the teaching profession of the province who, he said, are doing a splendid job of educating the children.

During his term as minister, Mr. Perry said, basic teachers' salaries had been boosted from a minimum of \$780 annually to a minimum of \$1,200 for elementary teachers, \$1,400 for junior high school and \$1,500 for high school.

Other recommendations in the report suggested continuation of

administration of the schools through school boards and the establishment of an agency to secure equalized assessment of property throughout the province.

Expressing regret that he would not be able to pilot the bill through the legislature, Mr. Perry, nevertheless, commended it highly as a progressive move in the educational realm.

"It is in the community, in the environment we create that the pattern of our young people's lives are set," Mr. Perry concluded. "If that environment is sordid and mean we should not denounce the children for their failings. We should denounce ourselves."

"If we set a pattern of beauty and charm we can be sure the effect will be such as will give us satisfaction and pride."

Mr. Perry was thanked for his address by club president J. H. Thompson. Guests included J. S. Wilson, Jarvis McLeod, Commissioner T. W. S. Parsons and Inspector H. T. Mansell of the B. C. Police, Frank Dockrill, Telkwa; W. J. Davies, Queen Charlotte City; W. L. Armstrong, Oscar Pearson and Ted Kingston, Vancouver.

## 4th Century Mosaic Found At Canterbury

CANTERBURY, Eng.—Excavation in cellars of buildings here disclosed a mosaic measuring about four feet. The remainder of the pavement is believed to be a room measuring about 10 feet. It has an elaborate design as a centre, with a circle of blue and white diamonds at the top and bottom. Red and blue colors predominate.

Roman bronze coins found above the pavement date the building as fourth century.

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