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CABINET CHANGES

THE CABINET CHANGES made by Prime Minister King at Ottawa are interesting and should meet with general approbation. They are along the lines that had been expected and there is no surprise.

Mr. King intimated before that he might accede to the suggestion that he relinquish the personal direction of external affairs, which he has assiduously conducted ever since he became Premier. It had been obvious for some time that Mr. St. Laurent was being groomed for the post to which he appears eminently adapted.

Mr. Ilsley, whether or not we liked him and some of his acts, particularly since the war, did a good job as minister of finance. Tired after the strenuous years in that post, he is deserving of being awarded the honored post of minister of justice, the holder of which is usually looked upon as a sort of senior adviser. Possibly he will later get a judiciary post.

Youthful outlook and progressive vigor should be brought to the department of finance in the accession thereto of Mr. Abbott who displayed distinction and ability in the portfolio of defence.

Mr. King's administration should be the stronger through the changes that have been made.

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TERRIBLE TOLL OF FIRE

THE TERRIBLE TOLL of tragic fires which we have recorded during the last few days, monopolizing our headline space, must have served to make the most of us think how very important it is that we be careful of fire, particularly in these early winter days. When we fail to be careful we may not only be imperiling our own lives and property but that of our neighbors. Here in Prince Rupert there are many hazards which make the utmost of care most important. We have had our fire tragedies here but, on the whole, we have been very fortunate. We should do our utmost, everyone of us, to ensure as far as possible that our good fortune will be maintained.

Many of the major fires have been due to carelessness while smoking or drinking. Others have been due to dangerous practices such as kindling fires with gasoline or kerosene. Still others have been caused by structural defects in heating or electrical installations. Taking chances with fire is nigh criminal.

DISPLACING LABOR

A DISPATCH says that the housing problem may be solved in Britain by the use of aluminum houses which can be turned off the assembly lines one per minute and a half and erected in five hours at cost of $5600. One wonders what would happen to the carpenters if aluminum houses came into very general use. And what goes for the carpenters might go for many other of the trades if scientific mass production and assembly were carried out to what is possibly their capacity in these days of great advancement.

Everywhere we see evidence of where scientific developments have the possibility of great labor displacement, all of which means that economic and social changes must be brought about—along far more extensive and drastic lines than we casually think about and would be willing to accept on first consideration.

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XMAS CO-OPERATION

CO-OPERATION is a word that's coming into use more and more these days. In fact it's probably just about the most important word in the 1946 dictionary, because without it there seems no solution to the problems of men, countries and the world at large.

If people don't co-operate then there are enemies and misunderstandings, if countries don't co-operate, it's war, and if the whole world doesn't co-operate it's chaos.

But despite misgivings of many, it seems as though individuals the globe over are beginning to see the importance of getting together and doing something for their neighbors as well as themselves. And this spirit is probably epitomized best at this season of the year.

Christmas means co-operation. It means it in the dictionary sense of the word, "to act jointly; concurrence" and it means it in the spiritual sense, "to love our fellow men." And at this season one of our most outstanding examples of co-operation can be found in Anti-Tuberculosis Christmas Seals.

Christmas Seals embody all the features of kindliness, of care for our fellows and goodwill for all. A contribution to this campaign makes a great Christmas gift.

TO THE ELECTORS . . .

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

In soliciting your support at the Polls Dec. 12, I pledge if elected my best effort in assisting in directing a common-sense progressive program, with special attention to street improvement and road extension to Fairview Bay.

GEORGE B. CASEY
ALDERMANIC CANDIDATE
OF THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE
—288

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BESNER BLOCK — THIRD ST., DOWNSTAIRS

Support Junior Chamber Radio Auction—Dec. 12, 13 and 14

HEALTH MINISTRY

DUBLIN (CP)—Eire is to have ministries of health and social welfare. Gaelic title of the health minister will be Ant-Air Slainte. "Slainte" is the Irish drinker's equivalent of the English toast "Good Health."

Geo.
J. Dawes

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EARLY NEWS IS WELCOME

Local news items, to ensure publication, should be in the office by 10 a.m. Contributors are asked to bear this in mind. Items of social and personal interest are always welcome.

LETTERBOX

SOME CIVIC QUESTIONS

Editor,
Daily News:

Now that the time has come to think about electing our city council for 1947 let's get them off to a good start by giving them a general idea of public opinion.

How? Well, the local press have plenty of room to publish opinions, so how about it? In unity there is strength. One man's words mean nothing so don't be bashful now, break loose with the paper and pencil and lets hear your opinions.

A few weeks ago I wrote a letter asking why our roads couldn't be repaired. So far I have received no answer so I have boiled it down to two reasons.

1. The city is broke.
2. We haven't a man in Rupert who knows how to build roads.

In the first case if we are broke why not borrow some money from the federal government. Here we could put over a good business deal. The Federal government has signified its intention of reimbursing the city for damage sustained to the roads, if we borrow say $250,000 from them and we owe them money we are more likely to get a larger grant when they decide to pay up than if we didn't owe a cent. In other words—if we owe $250,000 and the intended grant was $150,000 we could press the issue and have the debt cancelled and call it square or hove at least $200,000 knocked off leaving $50,000 to pay. That isn't much when we consider the amount that has already been wasted on the roads.

Of course we shouldn't let the provincial government off free either. If we take an average of 700 cars in Rupert over a period of 20 years the revenue from licences and tax on gasoline etc. should amount to somewhere around $1,000,000. What percentage of that went towards the roads that those cars were driven on?

Now my second reason. I think we should have some fair road-builders hanging around town. How about giving some of our ex-service men a chance. During the war for example the Royal Canadian Engineers had to build roads over the fields of France and through the forests of Germany—not in months or years but in hours and days. There was no time to worry about how, why, where or when, the job was to be done. Orders were "build it," the army has to get through" so, under shell and machine gun fire, through air attacks and over mined areas, the roads went through. For a moderate salary we should be able to secure such men. You don't need professors with college educations — just plain intelligent fellows with a little bit of practical knowledge and common sense will do the job.

There are also a few more questions I'd like to have answered.

1. What does the city engineer get paid? Why? What are his qualifications?
2. What was the cost of repairing the section of Third Avenue between McBride and First Street and why wasn't the job done properly?
3. Why was a man paid $20 or $30 a day as a valuator to go around and tell us what our property was worth? Why couldn't a young, intelligent ex-serviceman have done the job? All he did was gossip with the housewives and ask them how good their property was and after having a cup of tea and listening to the news over the radio moved on to the next house for another gossip—for $30 a day too (or somewhere around that price).
4. Why can't the city have an efficient inspection and complaint department so that, if someone has a load of wood dumped across the sidewalk that hasn't been moved in the last two weeks or the neighbor's dog is troublesome or the telephone is not working, the water main is broken or there's a foot of water on the street near your house, you can 'phone in and receive an intelligent reply and get action.
5. Why can't we force the N. B.C. Power Company to give better service? We talk about industries. Where's the power to operate them? All the extra power the Americans had has been removed.
6. When buildings were available at moderate price equipped with modern heating, electrical and plumbing fixtures, built in refrigerators, hotel type cook stoves, electric steam tables etc., why was it found necessary to build a new Pioneers' Home? If these buildings were not suitable as they stood they could have been made so in my opinion for a lower price than what a new building cost, especially with the shortages of building material. That new material could have built a few good homes for ex-servicemen's families who probably will have to spend Christmas in some crowded hotel or share a home with another family.

Now, if these questions could be answered in the Daily News before the next election I'd have a better idea of who to vote for.

There's no reason for secrecy. Our taxes pay the people who have the answers so lets hear from them and how about some support or if you citizens think I'm wrong, write the Daily News and say so. I can take it.

J. A. UNWIN.

PIONEER HOME COMPLAINTS

Editor,
Daily News:

Regarding Ald. Norah Arnold's report on complaints made as to the conditions and welfare of the elderly men now living at the Pioneer Home. I have no way of knowing as to how many, if any complaints were made outside of myself. I therefore feel that I must make a reply to her statement as I do not make any complaints or statements just to hear myself talking.

No one can say that my complaints were not justified. That is now a known fact inasmuch as what I complained about and asked to be done has since been taken care of. I therefore, take it for granted that Ald. Arnold was not referring to Mrs. Richardson or myself.

ROSS RICHARDSON.

DEWEY RE-ELECTED AS GOVERNOR OF N.Y.—Thomas E. Dewey, Republican governor of New York, was returned to office by the greatest margin ever given a Republican candidate for the governorship, and as a result becomes a leading contender for the 1948 presidential nomination. Opposing Governor Dewey, shown here with his wife as he signed the register at the polling station in New York, was Democratic U.S. Senator James M. Mead.

Sea Cadet Orders

R.C.S.C.C. "CAPTAIN COOK"
Lieut.-Cmdr. A. S. Mitchell,
Commanding

Parade Orders, Dec. 11

19:10—Markers Fall In.
20:00—Hands Fall In.
19:20—Hands Fall In.
19:25—Colors.
19:30—Hands to Classes.
20:10—Stand Easy.
20:20—Hands to Classes.
21:00—Secure.
21:10—Sunset.
21:15—Dismiss.

Duty Watch—Nelson Division.
Duty Officer—Midshipman L. Young.
Duty Petty Officer—L/S McArthur.

V. B. CICCONE,
1st. Lieut., R.C.S.C.C.

HORSE MEAT

LYONS (CP)—A stable boy stole French racehorse Joeris in Lyons, said he was going to sell it to a butcher to get the fare to his home in Argentina.

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HILL SIXTY CHAPTER IS IN SESSI

Transaction of general business and planning of future activity featured the regular monthly meeting of Hill 60 Chapter, Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, at the home of Mrs. C. McF. Smith on Monday, the regent, Mrs. R. S. Donaldson, presiding.

Sgt. L. A. N. Potterton has consented to display scenic pictures of interior British Columbia in January when it is hoped to further augment the War Memorial Fund. Meantime, the chapter decided to contribute $70.

A donation was made to the Leonard Campbell fund, also the usual monthly sum to the Centre.

The chapter had assisted the tag day in connection the Institute for the Bl... this had been quite suc...

Plans were made for a ... tine tea to be held on F... 12.

Mrs. J. A. Frow was ap... the chapter's representa... the "Jessie Burke" can... and Mrs. G. E. Moore p... convenor.

Mrs. Martin Stuart w... monthly raffle.

The next meeting will ... at the home of Mrs. D. C... McLeod on January 13.

VOTE THUS ON THURSDAY
For MAYOR

ARNOLD — NORA ETHEL
DAGGETT — HARRY MARK — X

VOTE THUS ON THURSDAY
ALDERMEN (Two Year Term)

ANDERSON — GEORGE, UNION SECRETARY — X
BLACK — EDITH A., HOUSEWIFE — X
BROOKSBANK — ARTHUR
CASEY — GEORGE B.
FIELD — ALBERT E.
HILLS — GEORGE E. — X
KRAUPNER — HUGO
McKAY — ROBERT
MURRAY — ARTHUR, JR.
NICKERSON — ARTHUR SMITH
SELVIG — GUNNER
TAYLOR — JAMES — X
VANCE — ALLEN DEWSTOW

VOTE THUS ON THURSDAY
ALDERMAN (One Year Term)
ONE TO BE ELECTED

BLACK — THOMAS BENNET
BRETT — WILLIAM H. — X

SCHOOL TRUSTEES
FIVE TO BE ELECTED

BECKER — MRS. DOROTHY
BROWN — ARTHUR B.
DAWES — GEORGE J.
DOMINATO — AMERIGO J.
LARGE — RICHARD GEDDES
MONTGOMERY — ROBERT — X
STONE — WILLIAM F.

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