

## Letters to the Editor

### WANTS BETTER RADIO

Editor, Daily News:  
 After reading in the Tuesday edition of the Daily News the letter written by someone calling her or himself "Hockey Fan," I have come to the conclusion it is time for the population of Prince Rupert as a whole to voice their complaints not only about the side-tracked hockey game but also about the bulk of the programs we are getting and have been getting since the war finished. We got quite a number of good programs then. Why not now?

As for the hockey game broadcast from Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, I am of the same opinion as "Hockey Fan." Personally and I am sure that goes for many more disappointed radio listeners that the people of Prince Rupert and district are fully entitled to an explanation.

I notice when the radio licence comes due that the CBC doesn't ask explanations if it is not paid. It is a case of pay-up or take your medicine, although for the life of me I can't see what we are paying for nine-tenths of the time.

### ANOTHER HOCKEY FAN.

In his book "History of Freedom of Thought," Professor J. B. Bury wrote: "The establishment of the liberty of thought and expression may be considered the most valuable accomplishment of modern civilization."

### WHO TO WRITE TO?

Editor, Daily News:  
 Orchids to "Hockey Fan," whoever he is. He's right when he says that many people looked forward to the Saturday night hockey broadcasts. They do. Those broadcasts are different from anything else in radio today and the CBC's only claim to fame. The rest of their programs—with a few exceptions—are very, very dull.

Now if CFPR could carry the games last year, why not this year? Maybe, as "Hockey Fan" suggested indirectly, writing letters would do the trick. OK. How many letters and who do we write them to? I've got a strong right arm. I'll write a hundred if necessary. Once again, management of CFPR, who do we write to?

Or maybe we shouldn't write. Maybe we should all go on a hunger strike.

Sneak up boys! You're among friends. You'll be among bosom comrades if you can get those hockey broadcasts back on CFPR.

Many thanks, Mr. Editor, for the use of the space.  
 DON GALLINGER.

Richard Sephton, British Columbia manager of the Mutual Life Assurance Co., who has been here for the past few days on company business, is sailing by the Prince Rupert tonight on his return to Vancouver.

### WOULD BRIGHTEN BRITISH HOUSING

HASTINGS, Eng., ©—British house-builders have much to learn about quality of construction, and homes in this country are often too drab in finish and general layout, Lewis Silkin, Minister of Town and Country Planning, told a housing conference.

Builders had forgotten how to build for gaiety and pleasure. Towns too lacked opportunity for social intercourse

MANCHESTER, Eng., ©—The city is cutting by 13½ per cent its rate for hydraulic power from special mains charged with water at 1000 pounds per square inch.

### RUSTLING DAYS

NATURE, of course, is a quiet creature, except when she stirs up thunderstorm or hurricane. The doings of the seasons are mostly silent ones. There is no commotion in spring when a lilac bush blossoms. And no one, not even an interested lawn mower, has ever heard grass grow. Butterflies and birds use their wings with considerably less noise than planes, deer get through a forest with not much more sound than a fox tracking a deer mouse, and when snow falls it is not at all in its descent like winter-defending coal going down a chute. Man, if he is lucky enough to be able to build a house these days, cannot do it without a certain racket of hammer and saw. But big, dome-like orange roofs of pumpkins have arisen as quietly as a Japanese beetle crawling on a cucumber vine.

However, nature, particularly in a time when she can be considered as resting on the fruits and leaves of her summer accomplishments, does have a slight break in her accustomed noiselessness. In September, before the silence of later frosts has fallen on field and bird, there is a brief period of what might be called "rustling days." The rustle comes with ripeness, with that serene

and wholesome withering which spreads over a landscape where the sun, yellow as pasture goldenrod, is as warm at midday as a summer not yet entirely mislaid.

### ENCOURAGING FACTOR

ONE OF THE MOST encouraging factors of late in the prospects for the development of traffic through the port of Prince Rupert is the increasing focus of attention by the people of southeastern Alaska upon this as their natural port of sea and rail connection. Southeastern Alaska newspapers are full of the subject these days, public bodies in Panhandle towns are discussing the possibilities and business interests themselves have been in communication with the railway company as to its willingness and ability to accept traffic. Even under existing maritime regulations such as the Jones Act, such traffic can be readily handled in and out of Prince Rupert by American vessels and the Alaska people are, it is well known, ready to provide the ships—in fact are already doing so in a measure.

There should certainly be no lack of co-operation from this end in developing of such desirable traffic.

### 20 YEARS AGO

October 24, 1926

A committee was established to investigate the possibility of building a gymnasium in the city. G. P. Tinker was chairman

and other members were S. E. Parker, Earl Barrie, Dr. F. P. Kenny and G. W. Johnstone

Announcement was made that Sir Henry Thornton, president of Canadian National Railways, would arrive in the city on November 10. Accompanying him on

a Canadian tour will be his bride and the vice-president in charge of operations.

The Aden Maru, first ship to load grain at Prince Rupert, was due to sail for San Pedro, California, to take on fuel. Her cargo was destined for Hamburg.

## Who's lucky?

Next time you see a neighbor, or one of the fellows who works with you on your job, tell yourself: "He's a mighty lucky man—and so am I."

We all are, here in Canada. Yet "lucky" isn't quite the word for a people who have the common sense and courage to look at the high prices of many unessential things and say: "This price is too high. I won't pay it."

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