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Living Memorials

THROUGHOUT MANY COMMUNITIES, groups seeking money for their particular projects that are worthy but definitely for utilitarian purposes, have appealed to the emotions of people by designating their objective as a "Living Memorial" to the heroic dead.

There is a question of whether any utilitarian project can ever be a fit-

ting memorial to the heroes of our country.

What is the purpose of a memorial? And will that purpose for which it will be dedicated be forever kept in mind, not for this generation alone but for generations to come?

The purpose of such a memorial is to reverence the memory of the heroic dead; to recall their epic deeds; to instill a feeling of reverence in our hearts; to inspire courage and faith and loyalty; to cause all who pass by to pause and silently pray for peace. Its meaning will be felt in the emotions and is spiritual.

Its purpose and meaning are seen and felt in the cenotaphs; in the Peace Tower, escrecially when the bells are tolling, and in the room kept sacred for the Book of Remembrance; in statues and monuments of bronze and marble or in the plain cairns and simple tables of many a small town; in an ever-lasting flame; in a painting, in a poem or in a song.

But it is doubtful if the purpose and meaning of a memorial to those who died that we might live be kept clear and long remembered in any utilitarian structure, however useful it might be.

Whether it is a library, an auditorium, a civic centre, a hospital, a park, a gymnasium or a home for veterans or the aged or anything else that a city needs or wants, none of these would for long be remembered for other than the use of which it was put. The purpose of its dedication as a memorial would soon be forgotten.

The materialistic concept has gone far beyond its original doctrine applied to history. It has unconsciously penetrated into our minds so deeply as to affect our thinking and actions on matters that are affairs of the emotional and spiritual part of human beings.

THE COPPER STRING

DRINCE RUPERT PEOPLE, who I have become so used to good communications by telegraph, telephone and radio, came to realize again during the five days this week that the wires were down in the lower Skeena Valley owing to numerous trees blowing down over the line just how much we are still dependent upon our telegraphic service. Digby radio was pressed into service to handle urgent commercial messages but, otherwise, we were practically completely cut off. We had no long distance telephone communication, we were off the radio network, newspapers were unable to get their press dispatches. Business was slowed up and we felt very much cut off.

We still depend very much on the lines of wire which these many years have been the backbone of our speedy communication with the outside world. Like many other things to which we have come to become accustomed and take for granted, we only had to be without them for a few days to realize how much we should appreciate them.

INFANT MORTALITY

"THOUGH THIS COUNTRY has made good progress in providing the things necessary to full health, there are still too many Canadians -ill, too many babies dying, too many deaths in motherhood, and too great an attitude of 'let someone else do it' even in regard to caring for one's own health," says the November Monthly Letter of The Royal Bank of Canada.

"Every year the birth of a baby is of concern to about 300,000 homes in Canada, which means that every day it is the event of the year for 900 families," the article points out, and then continues in part: "In the four years 1938 to 1941 57,436 babies

under one year of age died in Canada, and 3,806 Canadian mothers died giving birth. This is a greater death toll than was suffered by Canada in her fighting forces in all four years of the first world war. Monuments in every city and hamlet show that we were sadly aware of the war sacrifices, but there is no general ground of the music they pre- composed, they will recognize feeling displayed of our sense of the heavier losses on the home front through the death of many infants sire, the key to their musical Of Prince Rupert the two and mothers who could have been saved.

"The record has improved over the past 25 years, of course, but are we content with it? Those who point with pride to the reduction in infant deaths from 102 per thousand live births in 1921 to 55 in 1944 should go on to compare this with the record in other countries. Here are the figures: Sweden 29; New Zealand 29; Switzerland 38; Australia 40; Netherlands 40; the United States 40; England and Wales 49; and Canada 55.

"If some people are satisfied with the overall Dominion record, what do they say about the differences between various parts of the country? The number of children out of every 1,000 born alive who died before their first birthday varied in this way: British Columbia 40; Ontario 43; Prince Edward Island 44; Alberta 46; Saskatchewan 47; Manitoba 49; Nova Scotia 53; Quebec 68; New Brunswick 78.

"A similar situation is found in maternal deaths. The rate in Canada is high, but wherever adequate services are provided and taken advantage of the death rate is only half that of Canada as a whole. The point of pressing interest is that, according to the report of the Advisory Committee on Health Insurance issued in 1943. It is considered that by the adoption of adequate maternal services the death rate could be more than cut in half."

Poison Treatment Gets Rid of Moles

LONDON (P) - British moles, being blind as moles, still are suckers for the poisoned worm treatment. The agricultural ministry reminds farmers that poison may check moles when trapping is not used. Crystals of strychnine are sprinkled on worms in a jam jar and this bait is dropped into mole tunnels. The trick is in making sure all light from the entrance hole is excluded. The mole apparently is thus encouraged to believe the bait is normal.

TO RELIEVE BURNS For quick relief from a light kitchen burn, rub the spot with moist soap.

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MACKENZIE KING PAYS SOCIAL CALL TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN—Shown on the White House lawn in Washington, Prime Minister Mackenz'e King chats with President Truman during a meeting at the White House described as "a social call without any political significance." Mr. King left afterwards for Ottawa

FF in this Prince Rupert by BIDDEE JINKS

meant it to be.

piano sat his brother Michael, the bug that bit them might whose soft touch rose and fell hip these of the present generain accompaniment, as naturally tion, be it every so lightly Queen, could not prevent the them have it. Then when they touch. Surely such was their de- composer's version"

they each held the secret which Rupert." makes one violin so different from another, theirs superior to FOUR POLICE

Some claim the difference lies in the varnish applied but, gen- SERVICE AWARD erally, authorities attribute the tones and overtones. This knowl- titled to wear the "Good Conduct edge they skillfully wrought into and Long Service" medal recentfine old instruments which they by Innounced by the force. They left to posterity; formed with are Inspector H. H. Mansell, ofthe front and the back of exact | ficer sommanding "D" Division, size and shape, curvature and Staff Sergeant G. A. Johnson, thickness, so that they both Senior Clerk George Mead and resonate in just the same way Sgt. Potterton, who will arrive to the same note. Therein lies this week from Smithers to take the fullness of their rich, musi- charge of the city detachment. cal tone.

were born in Montreal. Their force with good conduct. Some 40 parents are of Russian descent, members of the force throughout who inherited from that land a the province are entitled to wear love of music and ability. This the medal. they passed on to their sons. At present, those eligible are parents," the Kellerts said | medal not yet having arrived. It we were taught to apply our- ceremony will be held when the selves to whatever task we were medals do get here. given, to persevere until it was completed. When we commenced musical instruction at the ages of nine and 11 years, that lesson learned earlier received nat-

ural application." This must have made them both a source of joy to their teachers, among whom were Saint-Saens, Massanet, Debussey and Ysaye of European fame. Many years of hard study abroad were spent by the Kellerts although their first concert was given in the city of their birth. with their father and mother present, filled with inexplicable joy in their sons' success.

It is so easy to sit watching an artist, listening raptly to the music he presents with seeming-

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The last note reached into the ly so little enort, and to forget audience, as perfect as the first the hours upon hours of prac--and I felt as though I had tice which lie piled high behind never heard "The Rosary" be- that very success. Even during fore. Somehow, I wished that the years in which the Kellerts Nevin himself might have been completed their matriculation, present, to listen to the close, five or six hours were spent daily double-stringed harmony of his upon their respective instruown composition, played as he ments. At no time do they remember suffering from a loss It was Raphael Keilert that of interest-which causes some played. In his hands he held a of us with ambitions for our violin, a bow; beside him at the offspring to pray fervently that

as a breath. The knowledge that And in speaking of these they had sat thus before great youngsters, Raphael Kellert is audiences in Europe, in Carnegie very generous. "If they must Hall, even before the King and have the classics in swing, let two artists fading into the back- hear them played as they were sented, that pulsed and lived them and listen. Of course," he again under their masterly added with a smile, "I prefer the

brothers had only highest praise Raphael Kellert's violin is one In the words of Michael: "We of the care, Guarneri instru- like it very, very much! In fact, ments made by the Italian, An- it reminds us of the little viltonio Guisseppe Guarneri in lages nestled along the coast of 1719. Guarneri was a young man southern France," he said. "We when Stardivari was at his best. look forward to returning some These two are considered the time-perhaps next year-when greatest of all makers of violins. we shall do more in 'joint solo' They did not work together but work for the people of Prince

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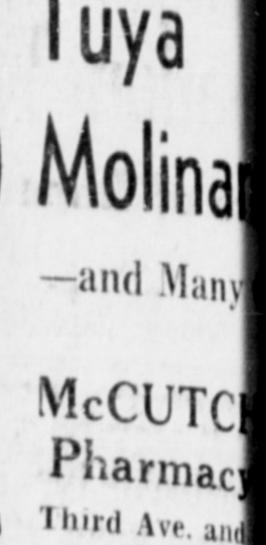
INDUSTRIAL SURVEY HERE

Fermer Local Soldier Thinks Prince Rupert Sohuld be Active Centre

If Prince Rupert wants stable and permanent prosperity, it should look to the establishment of industries and the development of shipping not only to Alaska but to countries across the Pacific in relation to which it is so strategically located, says Nathan Smarinsky, who served with the Irish Fusiliers here back in 1942 and is revisiting the city for a few days. The advantages this port should be publicized in every way and in as widespread a manner as possible. One suggestion offered by Mr. Smarinsky is that the National Research Gouncil and the British Columbia research organization attached to the University of British Columbia should make a survey of this area to determine the industries for the development of which it is most econemically suited.

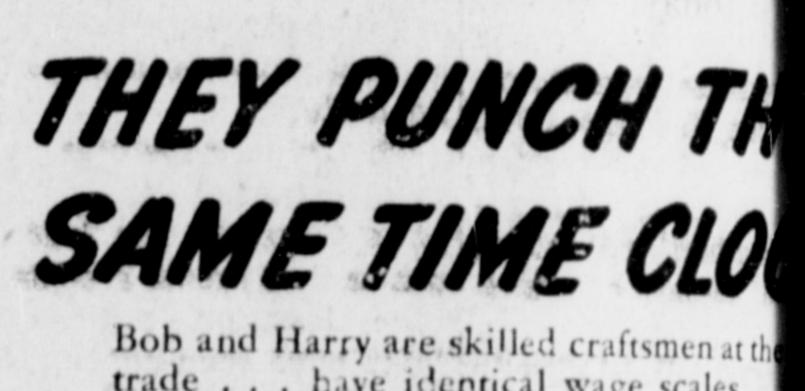
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