

### RATION OFFICE NEEDED

PRINCE RUPERT BUSINESS INTERESTS—wholesale and retail have taken stock of what the situation will be if the local rations office is actually closed down as from the end of this month as it has been announced it will be. They have come to the conclusion that it will cause severe inconvenience in connection with the distribution of rationed food goods in this area, slowing up business all around and, quite probably, causing hardship and loss.

Instead of being able to get almost instant action from an office conveniently located in this principal distributing and administrative centre of all northern and central British Columbia, closing of the office would mean reference to the Vancouver office five hundred miles away and requiring two days at least to reach in each direction.

Prince Rupert should be the last place in British Columbia to have its ration office closed with the possible exception of Vancouver and Victoria. To close down Prince Rupert while such an office as Kelowna remains open seems quite unreasonable.

Possibly, if a strong enough protest were made in the proper quarters, pointing out the true situation here, necessary reconsideration of the move could be obtained.

### IMMIGRATION

CANADA MUST HAVE a vigorous immigration policy immediately. This country needs and can support a very much greater population and the present opportunity may be the last in which we can freely choose the immigrants who will fill our thinly populated country.

Canada was built by the energy, skill and initiative of immigrants and her future growth will be accelerated by bringing in those with technical and scientific skills and experience as well as those prepared for labor on the farms and in the factories. Today as perhaps never before there are men of skill and experience with the capacities to establish new employment—creating industries, who are footloose in Europe and seeking opportunities in countries where they will be welcomed.

Canada has raw materials together with power and transporta-

tion, irrigation projects have opened up for intensive cultivation formerly waste lands and increased industrialization provides new job opportunities. Production will be increased, the standard of living raised and employment expanded if selected immigrants are encouraged to come to Canada to assist our people develop these opportunities. Canadians should think of immigration policies with confidence that, the more there is produced the more there is to share, and not on the old basis that, the fewer the people the more for each.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce does well to urge the government to immediately adopt a positive long-term policy of encouraging the movement to Canada of desirable immigrants from abroad. Such a policy must be based on Canada's economic needs and the maintenance of an appropriate balance between our agricultural and industrial requirements.

### 1,121 ATTEND CITY SCHOOLS

November enrolment in the city's five public schools totalled 1,121 pupils, according to principals' reports presented to the December meeting of the Prince Rupert and District School Board last night. Reports from two district schools showed an enrolment of 20 at Port Essington, and 12 at Port Simpson.

At Booth Memorial High School, enrolment was 467, according to Principal W. W. C. O'Neill, and the attendance was 93 per cent. There were 240 in the junior high school and 219 in the senior.

Borden Street elementary school had an enrolment of 194, with 94 per cent attendance, Principal J. S. Wilson reported. At Conrad Street elementary school the enrolment was 195, and the percentage of attendance was 90, according to Principal T. G. Bateman.

King Edward elementary school showed an enrolment of 265 with 91 per cent attendance, according to the report of Principal R. G. Moore.

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INTESTATE  
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DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 28th day of November 1946.  
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Official Administrator,  
Prince Rupert, B.C.

### New Irish Priests In This Vicariate

Two young Irish priests from Dublin have arrived in this vicariate of the Roman Catholic Church to take up ecclesiastical posts. Father Patrick Keane is at Prince George and Father John Callaly at Lejac.

### SCHOOL BOARD'S FINAL MEETING

Final meeting of the 1946 School Board was held last night in City Council chamber, approving the 1947 fiscal estimates of \$155,640, and discussing teachers' salaries. All five seats held by city members of the board will be open this year. The Board recommended that the first meeting of the 1947 board be held on January 8.

### PRIEST IS BACK FROM OVERSEAS

Father J. DeKaysner, formerly parish priest of the Roman Catholic Church at Stewart, has returned to this vicariate after an absence of over two years during which he served overseas with the Canadian Army chaplaincy service. He was with the army of occupation in France. At present he is a guest at the priests' residence here.

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### BOARD ACCEPTS RESIGNATION

Prince Rupert and District School Board last night accepted the resignation of Vice-Principal James Clark from the staff of Booth Memorial High School. Mr. Clark, whose resignation becomes effective at the end of the present term, has accepted a post as Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Canadian Navy.



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