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Prince Rupert Gets the Scraps

The Canadian Wheat Board makes no bones about admitting that we had suspected for a good long time—that the policy is to use Prince Rupert for grain shipping only if and when there is so much wheat traffic that Vancouver cannot handle it. This is bare-facedly confessed in the following sentence in a letter from the Board to the grain committee of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce:

Should a large crop be harvested next summer to the extent that we might need the facilities available at Prince Rupert we would be very glad indeed to reconsider the position.

The Wheat Board apparently either is not aware of or does not wish to take into consideration the advantageous position of this port in regard to Russia and the Orient which are going to be a greater market than ever for Canada's wheat output.

The Wheat Board is, evidently, another of the federal government bodies that is satisfied to let things move as they have been doing, through the old established channels without any recognition of more strategically located facilities in the ever-changing scene.

Correspondence published between the Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Wheat Board is indicative of an intolerable attitude of discrimination which exists against this port.

Of course, the Canadian Wheat Board is not alone in such an attitude. Almost everywhere we dig in our efforts to develop Prince Rupert as an unsurpassed ocean port we find it. It is just another sample of the ignorance or prejudice which we have to contend with in high places in our campaign to achieve the place in the sun to which we are entitled.

The Late Hector Charlesworth

In 1891, Hector Charlesworth, as a youth of 18, started his newspaper career on Saturday Night, Toronto's social and cultural weekly. More than fifty years later, at 70, the

bearded, ruddy-cheeked and ever-affable Charlesworth was still the best-known figure in the Saturday Night building—a contributing editor to more than one department of the paper.

Mr. Charlesworth in the intervening half-century became one of Canada's most colorful newspaper personalities. Serving successfully four of the seven Toronto dailies of his time, he covered most of the spectacular reporting assignments of the generation; travelled across Canada with princes, potentates and politicians and attained top rank as a music and drama critic.

"Occasionally caustic, always humorous and never bitter, he has an especial place among newspapermen," wrote a colleague in 1931. "He has done all the things that make his name a tradition among them, even in his own time. He is known from coast to coast for his facile pen and jovial personality." Of his high achievement in commentary on music and drama it was written "He is the occupant of Critic's Row by virtue of earned honors when he visits New York premieres."

First chairman of the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission, Mr. Charlesworth put drama into wireless for Canadian listeners, created the "Theatre of the Air," introduced British programs and was credited with much improvement culturally in radio. He held the chairmanship during the hectic depression years from 1932 to 1936, when he retired on reorganization of the Commission.

Speaking in 1941 of his 50 years in the newspaper business, Mr. Charlesworth said he believed public issues in modern days were treated with broader conception. He recalled that for 25 years discussion in the Ontario Legislature centred chiefly around "What's become of John Sandfield Macdonald's \$3,000,000 surplus?" The veteran political observer said parliaments then were inclined to spend weeks arguing over nothing. He thought decisions in later years were faster and fairer.

As to newspaper work, Mr. Charlesworth declared it was the hardest in the world. "I wouldn't have missed it for anything—I might have been wealthier in worldly goods but not in mind. We give our best years to it and finish young. I never saw a newspaperman still going at 78; you see men that age at everything else.

"I have done 50 years; I won't do another 50, but it will always be as interesting as the past."



CANADIAN WAR BRIDES ARRIVE IN ENGLAND—Canadian war brides, girls who wed British service men in the Dominion, are pictured with their babies on arrival at Liverpool, Eng., aboard the Empress of Scotland. Left to right, Mrs. Gallagher, with baby Coleen; Mrs. Spicer, with baby Bill, and Mrs. Robinson, with baby Patrick.

DAMAGED TANKER TO BE PATCHED TEMPORARILY

Temporary repair work on the Texas Oil Co.'s tanker Illinois, "orphan" casualty of an Alaskan reef and international tariff laws, are being carried on with the object of getting her off the Prince Rupert Dry Dock's floating pontoons.

No word on the disposition of the vessel, repair work on which was halted two weeks ago, had reached Prince Rupert, J. A. Frew, dry dock assistant manager, said this morning.

Word received from Dry Dock Manager Bernard Allen from Montreal two weeks ago indicated that the 5,000-ton vessel might be scrapped but, since then, no definite information has been forthcoming.

Standing on the dry dock pontoons since early in December, the Illinois has conceivably become an embarrassment to her underwriters, who have taken her over and must bear the cost, and to the dry dock which might need the pontoons for other purposes.

Information on the final disposition of the damaged vessel may be brought to the city by Mr. Allen, who is expected to return via Vancouver in a few days.

Made watertight by temporary patches, the Illinois probably will be moored to one of the dry dock wharves until her future is decided.

SUNLIGHT TRADE

Under French law 14th century butchers could deal in one type of meat only and could sell it only under natural light. Sales by candlelight or lamp were taboo.

That France was beginning the new year with ardor and courage.

In London war leader Winston Churchill declared "We shall only win the peace as we won the war—by character and hard work. There is no easy path to prosperity. 'Empire and Liberty' still remains the call which leads us on."



AIR TRANSPORT BOARD APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO OPERATE A COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE

Central British Columbia Airways Limited of Prince George, B.C., has applied to the Air Transport Board for a licence to operate a non-scheduled charter commercial air service based at Prince George and Ft. St. James, B.C. The service would include the carriage of passengers and goods. The applicant proposes particularly to serve the area generally within a radius of 200 miles of each base.

Any person desiring to make representation concerning this application must file a complete submission with the Secretary, Air Transport Board, No. 3 Temporary Building, Ottawa, Ontario, by January 22, 1946, and send a copy concurrently addressed to the applicant, c/o A. McE. Young, K.C., Barrister, Prince George, B.C.

AIR TRANSPORT BOARD, Ottawa, December 27, 1945.

NOTICE

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Whiskey, Money Taken From Room

Jack Lal, occupant of a room at 709 Third Ave. W., reported to police that a burglar had entered his room and taken a bottle of whiskey and \$20 about 1 o'clock New Year's morning. Entry was made through a window.

FIRST AERIAL MEAL

The first meal in the air was eaten in 1783, when a man and woman went aloft in a balloon.

LONDON — An Army deserter wrote anonymously to the Sunday Express: "I know I am a wanted man. But I also know that I am not a criminal. What am I and thousands like me to do now? Can't we be given a chance to work our passage?"

ST. LAURENT AND ILSLEY HONORED

OTTAWA — With the appointment of Justice Minister St. Laurent and Finance Minister Ilesley to the Imperial Privy Council, as announced in the King's honors list, it means that now three members of the cabinet have the right to use the words "right honorable" before their names. Previous to the issuance of the honors list Monday night only Prime Minister Mackenzie King had the right to use the title in the present Canadian cabinet. The prime minister was named to the Imperial Privy Council in June of 1922.

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NEW YEAR'S HIGHLIGHT

Great Joint Dance in Armory Drew Crowd of More Than Eight Hundred

Highlight in the New Year's Eve hilarity in Prince Rupert was the great dance staged jointly in the Armory Monday night by the Canadian Legion and the First Reserve Battalion, Prince Rupert Machine Gun Regiment, which attracted a crowd of no less than 800 persons.

It was a gay and rollicking frolic which reached a crescendo at midnight as the old year merged into the new when all joined hands in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" followed by the Grand March led by First Vice-President W. F. Robertson of the Canadian Legion and Major C. J. O. Tombs, officer commanding the regiment, and Mrs. Toombs. Sergeant Major Piper James Robertson, in full regalia, played the pipes.

Music was by the Swing Quartette and its tunesome strains together with the genial activities of James Nicol as master of ceremonies, kept the party moving with verve and enthusiasm from the start about 10 p.m. to the conclusion at 4:30 a.m. Corp.

Three Aldermen Sworn in Today

Three members of Prince Rupert's 1946 city council were sworn into office by City Clerk D. Thain this morning, leaving only one to take the oath of office. They were Aldermen Norton Youngs, Mayor H. M. Daggett and Alderman C. G. Ham took the oath at the week end. Only remaining member of the new panel of aldermen is Alderman George Rudderham. First meeting of the 1946 council will be held on January 7.

Wallace and Mrs. Bobby Wood were among the vocalists who assisted the orchestra.

There were refreshments tasteful and abundant, and the distribution of favors and noisemakers contributed further to the general enjoyment. Mr. Robert Murray was convener of the refreshment committee.

W. F. Robertson was responsible for the general arrangements and the committee in charge consisted of Ralph Smith, Jack Lipsin, James Nicol and Don Arney, representing the Legion, and Percy Bond, Jack Carr and A. M. Davies, the Regiment.

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It is impossible for the Daily News or any one person to compile the list complete so we are asking YOU to be responsible for the submission of the name of YOUR boy, YOUR girl or YOUR friend.

The following is the information we would like you to fill in and send to—

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