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Good Start for 'Teen-Agers

The civic centre administration is, evidently, going all out in making facilities available for the activities of the 'teen-agers of Prince Rupert and it is now up to the latter to avail themselves accordingly.

The 'teen-agers as an organization, are getting a better start in Prince Rupert than have those in the most of other places where finding of suitable premises has presented difficulties which taxed their enthusiasm, effort and ingenuity. Here there is none of that. In fact, the 'teen-agers are being handed a silver platter in some ways and we shall now see if they are appreciative and capable of making the fullest use of the splendid opportunity for organization.

No longer can it be said that there is "nowhere to go" and "nothing to do" as far as the 'teen-agers are concerned. The community has really done something for them and now it is for them to go the rest of the way. We have no doubt they are just as able and interested in doing so, as are the 'teen-agers who have done so much for themselves in other places.

Poor Speller's Lament

Did you know there is no such thing as pingpong? The name is Ping-pong.

To coin a paraphrase: Oh, English, thy name is inconsistency. And the truth of this statement those who speak it seldom realize. To be correct you should spell it flatcar, but flat tire; one-way but halfway; un-equalled but unequally; holdup and setup but make-up and tie-up.

There's little reason—although plenty of rhyme—in the spelling of the English language. The worst mischief-makers are those little fellows, the hyphens. They bob-up and bob down in words just like gremlins grinning and hiding behind a board fence, with utter disregard of logic, good sense, convenience, and the 40-hour week. Yet they are just as much a part of the spelling as ie and ei. There is manhole, but man-hour; prewar, but pre-eminent, mother-of-pearl, but right of way and port of call.

Those little hyphens et al require more editors on carefully edited newspapers for the purpose of preserving the purity—or the status quo—of the language.

We are not demanding an overhaul of the ably edited Webster's Dictionary or of the multifaceted English language itself. But, well—how do you spell it?

Taxation Stifling Business

Business can be hurt by too heavy taxation, but there has been a marked tendency in recent years to tax

the right to carry on business, especially in the corporate form, says the Royal Bank of Canada Monthly Letter for April. The Royal Commission which reported in 1940 is quoted as saying the complexity of corporation taxation "is beyond belief."

The bank article, which discusses the basis and imposition of income tax, says in part:

"Taxation is the chief means by which a government obtains funds, and the tax represents a compulsory transfer of wealth from the individual to society. Wrapped up in this transfer is the danger that imposition of a tax may discourage production in private industry, because there will be less left for industry to spend on expansion of its facilities and less for individuals to invest in productive enterprise. This has to be taken into consideration as governments decide how much they should spend, how much they should borrow, and how much they should collect in taxes. Taxes are determined in the main by government expenditures. Some are forced, as in the case of war, for the country's preservation. Others are incurred by choice, such as social security expenditures and the amounts spent on public works. The inclination in late years is for people to seek satisfaction of more and more of their wants out of the public exchequer, and the state strives to meet these demands out of increased taxes. . . .

"Since excessive taxation damps down enterprise, initiative and effort, it is advisable to make sure the income tax is carefully integrated to the whole life of the country. This is just as necessary if a view is taken from the government's strong box as from the office of a business executive, because as a tax or tariff becomes completely absorbing, by its very nature it ceases to produce revenue. Industry is a living, progressing thing, and cannot be limited permanently to profits earned in a base period if it is to provide for the material wants of the people and the pecuniary wants of the government. It needs a continual supply of new capital, and over-taxation of individuals or corporations will kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. This seems obvious, but legislators and factions are often short-sighted as to the ultimate consequences of legislation. All idealistic visions to the contrary notwithstanding, the foundation of productive enterprise is laid through energy, skill, thrift and expansion, and care must be taken not to paralyze these virtues through indiscreet taxation.

"To make the income tax consistent with justice and good sense, it should neither add to the hardships of those in the lower brackets nor detract from the achievements of those in the upper range. Governments should be prepared to answer criticism of taxes of all kinds by pointing to necessary things done for the good of all society. Otherwise, they may find a lesson in an episode from Greek history: When Themistocles went to Andros seeking money, he warned that he had brought with him two goddesses, Persuasion and Force. He was answered that they, also, had two great goddesses, who prohibited them from giving him any money. They were Poverty and Impossibility."

BISHOP RECEIVES CHURCHILL PORTRAIT PRESENTED TO R.C.A.F. BENEVOLENT FUND



Flown from Britain to New York for Winston Churchill's signature, the first impression of the color portrait of Britain's wartime prime minister, is handed over to Air Marshal "Billy" Bishop, who received the collector's item on behalf of the R.C.A.F. Benevolent Fund, which he presides. Making the presentation is David Waddington, former R.A.F. aircraftman, whose flowing red beard is as well known as his color portraits. In addition to portraying Churchill, Waddington has had special sittings granted him by His Majesty the King and prominent R.A.F. personalities. He is the originator of the idea of using color pictures to benefit air force funds, at the same time commemorating those who distinguished themselves in the service.

Impressions Of Tourists

Prince Rupert Would Be Well Advised to Institute Properly Organized Tours For Visitors

Importance of making a favorable impression upon tourists who will start visiting Prince Rupert again this summer in large numbers was emphasized by J. M. Alderson, general agent, British Columbia Steamships, who was a visitor in the city yesterday afternoon during the stay of the Princess Adelaide.

The tourist remembers a place by what he is able to do and see and there is no more effective means of publicity—favorable or otherwise—than the accounts which the tourists take home after their trips and pass along by word of mouth. If they have something interesting to talk about, something leaving happy recollections, it is of great value in favorably publicizing the community concerned.

As for Prince Rupert, Mr. Alderson threw out the suggestion that one thing that might be done here would be the arrangement of properly organized and conducted motor tours for the visitors who would be arriving on the various tourist steamers. Enterprising bus or taxi concerns would be well repaid and would also be doing a good service to the city by arranging tours of points of interest—industrial, scenic, historic and business. The people who came here would then be able to go away feeling that they really knew something about Prince Rupert, rather than having gained only an unfavorable, haphazard impression. "The average tourist appreciates some interest being taken in him, some gesture being made to welcome and give him attention, simple as it might be," Mr. Alderson said. "It pays off, too, in the favorable publicity that is thereby derived."

Prince Rupert henceforth would have a new appeal to the Americans, who comprise 96 to 97 per cent of the tourists who cruise this coast, Mr. Alderson said, through the fact that so many thousands of American soldiers had been posted or had passed through here during the war. "American people will be keenly interested in seeing the place where their boys had been on war service," he said. "The fact that the Stars and Stripes had been here is something you might well capitalize on with the tourists."

Mr. Alderson mentioned among other things, how keenly interested the average tourist was in things historical. A comprehensive museum was always a centre of interest.

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.

What City Council Did

City council last night showed no enthusiasm in regard to an offer by War Assets Corporation for the city to purchase several naval buildings, including the naval garage on Second Avenue. The naval officers ward room or the drill hall were not included in the buildings offered.

Council last night approved a recommendation of the licensing committee that a by-law be drawn up authorizing the registration and licensing of bicycles in the city.

On recommendation of the board of works, city council authorized the city engineer to extend the new Fourth Avenue East sewer to cover any additional lots that can be conveniently served by the installation.

On recommendation of the social assistance committee, council approved the payment of \$10.80 to the Children's Aid Society, Victoria, for 1946.

Approval was given by council to a report of the licensing committee reporting that a contractor's license had been issued to M. J. Keays.

Approved by council was a report of the social assistance committee announcing the purchase of a kitchen range and automatic toaster for the Pioneers' Home and the receipt of a stretcher for the home, donated by Salvation Army War Services.

Council approved a report by finance committee which granted an option to H. A. Nelson to December 31, 1946, to purchase lots 7 and 8, block 3, section 1, on First Avenue at Eighth Street, for \$590, in consideration of the payment of \$59.

A request by the Prince Rupert Public Relations Council that the city should "paint and improve" the totem poles was left over to consideration of estimates on motion of Alderman Arnold.

Council last night approved the granting of the Easter holiday for the city hall staff from Thursday night to Tuesday morning, eliminating the necessity to open the City Hall on the Saturday morning preceding Easter. This is in line with the custom of other years.

Mayor H. M. Daggett, City Clerk H. D. Thain and Alderman Nora Arnold were named administrators of the estate of Cliff Ford; left to the city for charitable purposes among servicemen. The estate consists of city property valued at \$27,000.

LETTERBOX

MOB INTELLIGENCE
Editor, Daily News.—
It is not often that the leading press deviates from the straight and narrow path of praising the upholders of law and order but the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Kelly's Cut was an occasion when such a thing could really happen. This historic event was, no doubt, seductive in view of the fact that the attacking party lacked modern weapons and the offensive was not planned, save by some bright "Pinkerton."
Anyway the tale has been hashed and rehashed until the only really tangible fact remaining is that a mob acts with the intelligence of a four-year-old.
Hoping that these lines will eventually find a place in your valuable paper.

A. O. MORSE,
Ex-Secretary Prince Rupert Industrial Association.
P.S.—The eight-hour day and 45c per hour was at least left intact.—A. O. M.

FIND UNDER CARRIER ACT

Pleading guilty to a charge of driving on the highway without a motor carrier permit, Joseph Van Walleghem was fined \$10 by Magistrate W. D. Vance in police court. The charge was laid under the Motor Carriers Act.

Typical of newspaper support to worthwhile causes was the raising, through public subscription, of over \$17,000 to buy and furnish a home for a blind veteran and his family in Canton, Ohio.

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PARLIAMENT OPENS WITH SALUTE TO ATHLONE—His excellency the governor-general, the Earl of Athlone, performed what may be his last official act as governor-general of Canada when he presided at the opening of the 20th parliament's second session, and read the speech from the throne. Above he takes salute from the guard of honor at the entrance to the Parliament buildings.

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