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Ridiculous As Ever

Of course, the Japanese have nothing to lose in making the ridiculous submission before the Far East war crimes tribunal that their surrender was not unconditional, that they do not have to accept all Allied orders and that the surrender was on the understanding that they would not be prosecuted as war criminals. The only answer to such claims is aptly made by the chief prosecutor who dubs them as the "height of absurdity." The elusive Japs, of course, will try anything once, ridiculous or not as it may seem. The wonder is that the court even takes time out to consider the submission that the court lacks authority to try the defendants. There can be no doubt as to what the decision on this technical point will be.

Should Reopen Museum

Prince Rupert, striving to recover from the battering of the war years and still bewildered about it, is going to have little enough to offer the rush of tourists who are expected to crowd all passenger-carrying facilities that come this way this season. Property adjacent to the waterfront is congested with shabby buildings which will be still standing and rapidly deteriorating or in the process of demolition with all its untidiness. The dilapidated and unattractive condition of the streets is notorious and, at the rate the work is going, it is doubtful if they will be in very good shape even by the time the tourist season reaches its peak in July and August. Some of the gardens are recovering from years of inattention and the railway company is taking a laudable lead in this connection but gardens in Prince Rupert will still this year be a far cry from what they were in the tranquil days before the war.

Tourists who visit Prince Rupert cannot be satisfied with good weather alone nor with merely hearing what a fine place we have here so we should do everything we can to make the hours spent with us happy and interesting. Thus we come around to the subject of the museum. Prince Rupert has one of the best museum collections in the country which has been in storage for the war years due to lack of housing accommodation. The time is now ripe to bring it out again and there is little time to be lost if arrangements are to be made whereby it

will be available this tourist season. It is certainly to be hoped that such arrangements can be made.

Another item which also should be made available for creditable presentation to the tourist visitors is the valuable city totem pole collection in Alder Park which is badly in need of brightening up.

Should Practice Preaching

Vancouver and Victoria interests continually protest over discrimination by Ottawa and the east, claiming that the big financial interests are bucking western efforts to industrialize by imposing high freight rates and otherwise holding up development. While we sympathize with the south in one respect we nevertheless feel that these same interests could set a great deal better example right at home. It is a well-known fact that efforts to develop Central B.C. along with the port of Prince Rupert are blocked by Vancouver and Victoria for their selfish interests.

Patronage could begin at home.—Interior News.

Posture and Health

Good posture has long been a thing to be admired—something to delight the eye. From ancient times to the present an erect bearing has been regarded among all races as a thing of beauty. Soldiers marching; a man sitting in the saddle; an athlete publicly displaying his physique; bathing beauties on parade—none of these would have grace and charm without good posture.

It has remained for modern times to discover that erect posture involves much more than something pleasing to look at. Now we know that it is a foundation of good health. Good posture contributes to good health; poor posture to poor health. If some people of bad posture seem to live in a state of moderately good health, it is not imaginary to say that these same people, with good posture, would enjoy better health. In other words, they would live longer, more energetically, more efficiently, and more happily.

Since good posture and health go together on one hand and poor posture and disease on the other, it is highly important that every reasonable effort be made to correct postural defects in the formative years of childhood. The early correction of such faulty body mechanics as spinal curvature and inequalities in the length of the legs, will assure not only a healthier and happier childhood but likewise a healthier and more efficient adult life.

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In answer to the allegation "that printers ought not to print anything but what they approve," Benjamin Franklin stated: "If all the printing business should make such a resolution and would thereby be put to free writing," and we might add "free expression."

RAILWAYMAN NO STRANGER

J. M. Macrae, C.N.R. Freight Traffic Manager, Has Spent Most of Career in West

WINNIPEG—J. M. Macrae, assistant freight traffic manager, Canadian National Railways, Montreal, whose appointment as freight traffic manager for the western region, with headquarters in Winnipeg, is made by George A. Fairhead, general freight traffic manager for the company, has arrived in Winnipeg.

Mr. Macrae is no stranger to Winnipeg and the west, having spent most of his long railway service in this part of the Dominion. Born in Scotland, he commenced his railway service as a clerk in the audit department of the Canadian Northern Railway in 1906. After several years at various positions, Mr. Macrae was appointed district freight agent at Saskatoon in 1912.

In 1916 he returned to Winnipeg as assistant general freight agent and ten years later went to Vancouver as general freight agent where he remained until 1939. He returned again to Winnipeg as assistant freight traffic manager and in 1942 moved to Montreal in a similar position at system headquarters.

Mr. Macrae returns to the west with a keen knowledge of transportation problems and requirements and will assume his new duties at once.

Whifflets From The Waterfront

Corvette, Converted to Coastal Service, Coming Here at End Of June—Disturbing Waterfront Breeze

First of the Castle class of converted corvettes to go into coastal service of the Union Steamship Co. is expected to be seen in Prince Rupert around the end of June when she comes north on the Queen Charlotte Islands run replacing the veteran steamer Cassiar. According to word from Vancouver the work of reconverting the vessel in adaption to the Island run is proceeding on schedule. She will have accommodation for 100 passengers and, in addition to handling the regular Queen Charlotte Islands traffic, is expected to carry a considerable number of tourists with which the Queen Charlotte Islands run to Prince Rupert was popular before the war and which is expected to again attract many people who are interested in the talking of a leisurely sea cruise along the British Columbia coast for holiday relaxation. With the commissioning of the new ship, there will be a ten-day schedule to the Queen Charlotte Islands from Prince Rupert for the summer.

Sunday morning's southerly breeze caused one of the Cow Bay floats to break partly loose from its moorings and

THIS AND THAT



"Martha, call up the radio repair man! I don't like the way it discharges the records!"

crowd against another float section. Boat owners were on the job and craft moored at the affected float were moved to safety. No damage was done.

"Newspapers seem to have an extraordinary ability not only to inform a community but also to organize its thinking and move it to action," states R. H. Taylor, president of the Union Oil Co. of California.

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

Free vaccination clinics for the convenience of adults and pre-school children are being held:
Tuesday, May 14, 7-8 p.m. at Conrad Street School.
Wednesday, May 15, 3-4 p.m. at the Prince Rupert Health Unit.
Thursday, May 16, 7-8 p.m. at the Prince Rupert Health Unit.
Health authorities advise that every child of six months or over be vaccinated against smallpox. They also advise that persons of all ages be re-vaccinated every 5-7 years. The danger of the disease spreading to this city is at present, and you are cordially invited to take advantage of our service. Vaccination of school children is being deferred through the schools.
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LOCAL MEN ON ILE DE FRANCE

Prince Rupert servicemen landing from overseas enroute home on the Ile de France which arrived at Halifax yesterday include the following:

Trooper R. W. Keays (next of kin, Mrs. M. J. Keays, 500 Eighth Avenue East).

Trooper R. F. Sylvester (Mrs. Sylvester, 116 Eighth Avenue West).

Lance Sergeant W. C. Scherk (Mrs. B. Scherk, Pioneer Laundry Bldg.).

Private R. Alexcee (W. Alexcee).

Private G. Hamelin (Mrs. G. Hamelin, 1000 Seventh Avenue East).

Newspaper People To Be Entertained

Arrangements for the entertainment of a party of daily newspaper circulation managers from the Pacific Northwest who will visit Prince Rupert during the stay of the steamer Princess

Leading Aircraftman John W. Davey (Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davey, 114 Hays Cove Circle).

Warrant Officer E. G. Fitzpatrick (Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fitzpatrick, 734 Sixth Avenue West).

Adelaide next Monday afternoon were completed at a meeting of a committee which had been appointed by the mayor. There will be a two-hour drive around the city followed by a dinner. A visit will be paid to the plant of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. and to Roosevelt Park to see the panoramic view of the city.

ANIMAL IDOLS

Alaskan Indians erect totem poles to the animal from which they believe that their tribe descended.

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