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MEMBER A.B.C.

Let's Do Something

It is a pity indeed that a tragedy had to intervene before we could get around to doing something about providing the worthy pioneers of Prince Rupert with something better than the hovel which they have had to put up with during the past several years and which was finally destroyed by fire yesterday. Possibly, Bert Johnasen and David Robertson might have been still alive had it not been for yesterday's conflagration. However, this is beside the point. The thing now is to implement the objective which we have long since agreed upon and for which we have already laid aside a substantial fund — namely the provision of our pioneer citizens with a decent and comfortable home for their declining years. We have no Pioneers' Home at all now and something has to be done about it. It is to be hoped that we will not be satisfied with some other poor makeshift accommodation, but that something really adequate will be provided without any further delay. If we judge public feeling aright, that is the unanimity of desire even if another financial effort may have to be made to finally effect it.

"Franklin Roosevelt" Park

It is a happily appropriate idea and one of which we thoroughly approve to change the name of the dominating high point of Prince Rupert's topography from the ancient Greek "Acropolis Hill" to modern American "Franklin Roosevelt" Park. There need be no jingoistic qualms about it. That part of the city will always be associated in history with the presence there of the American forces in the Battle of the Pacific and, as time goes on, it may be expected to become a sort of mecca for our tourist visitors, the great majority of whom come from the United States. For them there will be the sentimental interest in seeing the actual spot where so many thousands of their men lived while "overseas." And, apart from that, of course, it is the vantage point of the entire city from a view and scenic standpoint.

With the renaming, the city assumes the responsibility of assuring that "Franklin Roosevelt" Park is maintained as a fitting and creditable memorial. It would be a hollow honor to the great President if it were allowed to deteriorate into a dilapidated eyesore. On the other hand, it could and should be developed into a place of lasting beauty as well as practical utility, creditable to the community and honorable to the commemoration of the great name which it has now been seen fit to attach to it.

Keep Up the Fight

The campaign for better utilization of the Prince Rupert dry dock now that the war is over, than seems presently planned has reached a disappointing position, due to the obdurate refusal of the authorities in control to even make a statement of policy on the matter, where it might be very easy to follow the line of least resistance and give the whole thing up. The fact remains, however, that, if we ever did have a case in this matter, we still have it and the mere fact that we have not been making very much progress in achieving the desired end should not cause us to throw up our hands.

We have been showing the powers that be of late that we are very enthusiastic and on our toes. This is no time for weakening. There is certainly nothing to be lost by continued agitation. The surest way to lose out is to give up the fight ourselves.

We Build Again

The welcome sound of civilian construction work is being heard in Prince Rupert again. The chug of the compressor and the grind of the rock crusher are like sweet music to our ears. From across the street, where they are starting a new business block, we hear it in our editorial rooms at the Daily News office. There was plenty of such noise during the war years but this is much more pleasing now because it is permanently constructive, designed to last in the pursuit of peaceful trade and business.

Here and there around the town the odd new home is being built and, as soon as the materials become available and things get a little more settled one way and another, there will be more residential as well as the business building. Many projects are in mind and will soon be in hand. They indicate the confidence of people in Prince Rupert. They are an earnest of good faith and permanence of spirit.

Construction work is always an important factor in community prosperity. It is to be anticipated that plenty of it will be seen in Prince Rupert before long.It will be one of the healthy marks of our reconversion.

TYPES OF BRITISH OCCUPATION FORCES IN JAPAN—Different types of men who make up the British occupation forces in Japan pose at Kure, debarkation point for the forces. Reading from left to right, are an Indian Gurkha;a n Indian trooper from Madras; a warrior from the Punjab; Corp. Fontes Emberton, of Bowling Green, Ky.; a British W.A.C., Miss Phyllis Jeffries; a British Tommy; an Indian Pathan, and another Gurkha.

ROTARIANS SEE PLYWOOD FILM

Prince Rupert Rotary Club went into the woods, felled giant Douglas fir trees, followed them to the mill and through the processes of ply-wood manufacture, then put the plywood to use in home construction via the medium of a film shown at its weekly luncheon meeting Thursday afternoon. The color film, taken in the Pacific Northwest contained georgeous shots of the natural beauty of the area, as well as interesting industrial processes. It was shown by D. Dixon of the Indian Department. Guests at the meeting, welcomed by President James H. Thompson, were W. J. Alder and Harold Alder of Victoria, Mr. Collins and Mr. White of Vancouver, and Olof Hanson, Smithers.

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LETTERBOX

WHAT CAN WE PRODUCE?

Editor,
Daily News:

Many thanks for publishing my contribution to the "What Prince Rupert Needs" series and for your editorial notice.

I have read the various contributions from your other readers and you, too, will doubtless have noticed the same thread throughout them all (and which was not entirely absent from my own contribution) which is —that certain things should be done and somebody else's capital invested—simply because it is "What Prince Rupert Needs."

Now, in thinking over the situation as doubtless others of your readers have done, I find it is no use thinking about things in general terms, more or less vague.

Everybody agrees that it would be fine to have a paved highway open all the year round to let Jack Boddie run up to his Terrace ranch whenever he feels like it.

It would be fine if the dry dock kept on building ships so that the poor people from Winnipeg and points east could continue to enjoy the coast climate.

It would be fine to have a daily steamer and train service.

It will be fine when the C.N.R. builds that million-dollar hotel.

But let's forget these things in the meantime. Prince Rupert will get such extravagances when it can pay for them. And no sooner. Let's be practical for a change. We will perhaps see a little clearer when such nebulous things-of-the-future are out of the way for a little.

So, Mr. Editor, in view of the interest this "What Prince Rupert Needs" series has created; I would respectfully request that you continue the good work by developing the subject further. "What Prince Rupert Needs" has just a tinge of selfishness. Therefore, would you ask your readers to regard things as they are and express their opinions about "What can Prince Rupert people produce to add to the wealth of Canada?"

I have lived here long enough to dealize that the people who will make a bigger and better Prince Rupert will be producers. The job is too big for the present generation of non-producers in the Chambers of Commerce. And neither is this the function of the branch employees of firms with headquarters elsewhere. Rather it requires a committee of the whole city population.

And if one single idea is brought forth from among your readers that can be put into practice, I feel sure that local money will be willing to finance it, if necessary.

I leave this suggestion with you for what you consider it worth.

D. J. HARVEY.

TWO YEARS FOR SHOP BREAKING

In County Court Wednesday afternoon Judge W. E. Fisher sentenced Rufus White, a native, to two years in the penitentiary on a charge of shopbreaking. White had previously been found guilty of breaking and entering the premises of Ward Electric Co., at Cow Bay. A sentence of eight months in jail was given by Judge Fisher to Hector McMillan Reid, who pleaded guilty to a charge of shopbreaking. Reid was found in the office of British American Oil Co. early Saturday morning.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I invested in a pair of shoes."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "table d'hote"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Malevolence, militarism, miliner, molasses.
4. What does the word "obviously" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with er that means "state of being learned"?

Answers

1. Say, "I bought (or purchased) a pair of shoes." Use invest only when referring to an important transaction. 2. Pronounce ta-bl dot; a as in ask, o as in no, accent first and last syllables. 3. Milliner. 4. Plainly; clearly. "His statements are obviously true." 5. Erudition.

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Marquis of Lorne, November 25, 1878.
Marquis of Lansdowne, October 23, 1883.
Lord Stanley of Preston, June 11, 1888.
Earl of Aberdeen, September 18, 1893.
Earl of Minto, November 12, 1898.
Earl Grey, December 10, 1904.
Duke of Connaught, October 13, 1911.
Duke of Devonshire, Nov. 11, 1916.
Lord Byng of Vimy, August 11, 1921.
Viscount Willingdon, October 2, 1926.
Earl of Bessborough, April 4, 1931.
Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield, November 2, 1935.
Earl of Athlone, June 21, 1940.
Viscount Alexander.

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Governor-General's flag, approved by King George V in 1930, is symbolic of the position of the Governor-General as the king's personal representative. It is officially described by the Heralds' College as "On a blue field, the Royal Crest—the Imperial Crown proper, thereon a lion statant—guardant or, crowned proper—subscribed 'Canada' in black on a yellow scroll."

TO REVIVE MAY QUEEN

Pageant Planned for Celebration May 24

Revival of the May Queen pageant, absent from the local scene since 1938, will be undertaken next month as part of the Prince Rupert Kinsmen's Club's May 24 children's celebration. An appeal for support by entering a candidate was made to the Junior Chamber of Commerce last night by William Jarmson, Kin president, who was a guest at the Chamber's monthly dinner meeting.

The Junior Chamber agreed that revival of the pageant was a good idea and favored sponsoring a May Queen candidate.

Mr. Jarmson said that, while final plans have not been worked out, the Queen contest would be part of the May 24 celebration for children and that it was planned to ask "four or five" local organizations to sponsor candidates. These, he said, probably would be school girls under 16 years of age.

Admission tickets to the day's sports events would entitle the public to cast votes in favor of their chosen candidate, Mr. Jarmison explained, and the coronation probably would take place at the ball in the evening.

Funds received from the sports day would be used to finance a boys' summer camp at Lakelse Lake.

Junior Chamber Acting President Lloyd Morris appointed Stuart Furk, Allan Armstrong, Alf Rivett, Walter Smith and Harold Hampton to act as the May Queen committee.

THIS AND THAT

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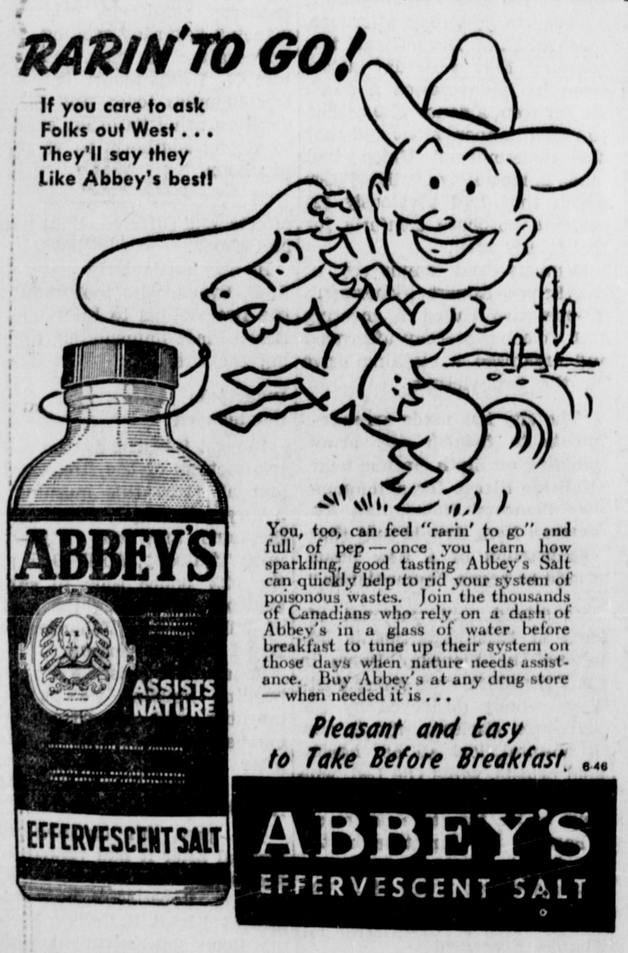

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