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H.M.S. 'Quark' . . .

The name of the new British battleship launched by Princess Elizabeth is likely to be kept secret until there is clear evidence that the enemy has discovered her identity.

This is a more stringent precaution than was taken in the case of the ships of the 'King George V' class, whose names were witheld only until they were in full commission. The reason for this special secrecy is that the new ship is the first of a new class. Whether she is one of the two battleships projected before the war-the 'Temeraire' and the 'Lion'-or something entirely new, born of war-won knowledge, is information that the enemy would like to know.

If the name of the ship were known. the enemy might be able to link up odds and ends of intelligence in his possession with his knowledge of the pre-war projects; thereby he might arrive at some very useful clues about British naval ships and British naval plans for the future. For example, if the ship were one of the 'Temeraire' class, he might be able to conclude that there was only one other battleship (the 'Lion') on the ways; if he discovered it was an entirely different class, he might then deduce that both the 'Tereraire' and 'Lion' were under construction.

Japanese Offensive in China

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an offensive from Liuchow along the railway leading to Tuyun, which is terminus town. Tuyun is important, since it is only about sixty to seventy miles from the town of Kweiyang on the Burma Road to Chungking.

The Chinese have recently claimed that the enemy have been defeated in the Tuyun area, and driven back, but this may not mean anything like the first meeting of the 1945 city end of the threat. The standard Jap- council that proceeds from the anese tactics are to send a light screen sale of tax property, which is of harassing troops in front of their now going into general revenue main body, thus bypassing all strong operating expenses, be placed in points and disorganizing any Chinese a reserve fund to be used for attempt to bring up reinforcements on the building of schools and such the other hand these light forces make projects. His Worship said he no attempt to deal with any major Chinese force. What probably hap-costs of the city. pened is that the light advance reached Tuyun where it outran its powers of endurance and supplies, and was withdrawn very probably without any serious contact at all with the Chinese forces. The advance of the main body can not be now expected to be resumed until the supplies can be brought up. and a fresh screen sent ahead. One of the reasons, it is suggested, why the advance was brought to a halt was that the troops concerned were still in their summer uniforms and found the increasing cold more than even their powers of resistance could stand towards the end of a long and strenuous the worst. We must conserve of the city, an occasion which march.

Looking at the general picture, the maintain our facilities." While threat to Kweiyang is not immediately harked upon at this time the Chamber of Commerce for decimportant because it cuts the Burma Road, since the Burma Road is out of action. On the other hand the loss of Kweiyang would largely nullify any successes the Burma campaion had in opening the road for supplies; a long detour would have to be made under difficult and mountainous country from Kunming via Chengtu to Chung-



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The Japanese have been mounting Mayor Taks

Announces Plan For New Tax Sale Reserve Fund-Would Set Up Community Chest

Mayor H. M. Daggett, speaking at the regular weekly luncheon of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club yesterday, announced that he proposed to recommend to the fund and used for municipal was opposed to the policy of depleting assets to pay running

Another proposal that the mayor revealed it was his intention to bring up next year was the organization of a community chest in which various organizations would be invited to participate. "Tag day after tag day are becoming a niusance," the mayor declared.

The site of an auto camp was something else that would have tions. to be considered in the coming year what with the recent opening of the Prince Rupert highway, the mayor felt.

Speaking generally of future municipal development, the mayor said "we may look for the best but must prepare for our revenue but we must also also might be specially marked. barked upon at this time, the orating the streets for Christ_ city policy was to encourage and possible to fit into a major

Mr. Daggett stated that the city engineer was under instrucions and was preparing a new sewerage system scheme for Sec-

The mayor revealed that lack of men and materials had prevented the city from carrying out certain public works for limits. which appropriations had been made from available funds last by the club for a dinner dance

Various departments of the federal government had been pressed for assistance and one accomplishment had been a repair job on Sixth Avenue East which was a credit to the Royal Canadian Air Force. The Army had started some work which it was hoped to have continued.

As for parks and playgrounds, the city hoped to be able to do much more this year than had been accomplished last year. He acknowledged the splendid work that had been done through the years by the Gyro Club on playground development. He hoped the club would continue to cooperate with the city.

As soon as a federal priority could be obtained for materials, tenders would be called and construction started of the new Pioneers' Home.

A survey was being planned by an outside expert with a view to removing inequitabilities and disecrepencies in taxation assessments, Mr. Daggett announced.

During the past year \$16,000 had been set aside from telephone department profits into a fund to be used for future extensions. It was expected there would be a similar reserve set aside this year.

While the city might have a labor council, the mayor said, it was the policy to have representatives of all organizations! and classes in the city serve on committees.

Costs of education were rising here, Mr. Daggett said, but the mill rate might not seem too high at 50 when compared with New Westminster's seventy.

Mr. Daggett referred at sev-

ral points in his address to the Union of British Columbia Muni_ | cipalities convention at Nelson and what had been done there.

Mr. Daggett spoke of the fine community spirit he had observed at Nelson when attending the convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities there last year. This is something that might be emulated in Prince Rupert which

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA N THE MATTER OF THE 'ADMINISTRATION ACT"

AND IN THE MATTER OF THOMPSON DUFF, DECEASED, INTESTATE. TAKE NOTICE that by order of His Honour W. E. Fisher, made on the 11th day of December, A.D. 1944. I was appointed Executor of the estate of Thompson Duff, deceased, and all parties having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified, to me on or before the 15th day of January, A.D. 1945, and all parties indebted to the Estate are required to pay the amount of their indebted to me forthwith.

DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C. this DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 12th day of December, A.D. 1944.

GEORGE H. HALLETT,

Executor of the Estate of Thompson Duff.

THIS AND THAT



"It's a Christmas present for my wife. A friend got it for me retail."

had suffered, he felt, in the party on January 5 when Dis-

Prince Rupert should celebrate stallation of officers. ada's birthday.

anniversary of the incorporation | ficate.

Congratulating the Junior mas, the mayor suggested that institute such projects as were there might be in future a com_ munity Christmas tree on a public square with singing of carols and such features.

> The Gyro Club decided to associate itself with the Rotary and Kinsmen's Clubs and the Commerce in the putting up of a welcome arch where the Prince Rupert Highway entered the city their indebtedness to me forthwith.

Preparations are being made

past from having too many fac- trict Governor Jack Ryan of Nanaimo Gyros and their ladies The mayor also felt that will be here for the annual in-

in a patriotic manner the oc- President Frank Skinner was casion of Dominion Day, Can- in the chair at yesterday's luncheon and Jack McLeod was a He mentioned the fact that guest. W. M. Watts won the 1945 would mark the thirty-fifth raffle of a War Savings certi-

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER OF THE
"ADMINISTRATION ACT"

THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE AXEL JOHANSEN, DECEASED, INTESTATE

TAKE NOTICE that by order of His Honor, W. E. Fisher, made on the 6th day of December, A.D. 1944, the Estate of Axel Johansen, deceased, and all parties having claims against the said Estate are hereby Senior and Junior Chambers of required to sfurnish same, properly erified, to me on or about the 8th day of January. A.D. 1945, and all parties indebted to the said Estate are required to pay the amount of DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 7th day of December. A.D. 1944.

NORMAN A. WATT. Official Administrator. Prince Rupert, B.C.



THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON CO-OPERATIVES

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT-

(1) By Order in Council dated the 16th day of Novem_ ber, 1944, being P.C. 8725, the following persons,

The Honourable Errol M. McDougall, Montreal, a judge of the Court of King's Bench, Quebec. Chairman of the Commission.

Mr. B. N. Arnason, Regina, Sask.

Mr. G. A. Elliott, Edmonton, Alta. Mr. J. M. Nadeau, Montreal, Que., and

Mr. J. J. Vaughan, Toronto, Ont.

were appointed Commissioners under Part I of the "Inquiries Act" to inquire into and report upon the matters set out in said order.

(2) Any person wishing to make a submission is requestioned to prepare for the Commission: (a) ten (10) copies of a summary of such submission; (b) ten (16) copies of a full brief in detail.

(3) Persons preparing submissions are requested to file the summary mentioned in (a) with the Registrar, Royal Commission on Co-operatives, Room 325, East Block, Ottawa, if possible not later than January 5th, 1945; and to indicate at what sitting they desire to appear before the Commission in support of their submissions.

The ten (10) copies of the full brief mentioned in (b) should be mailed addressed to the Registrar, Royal Commission on Co-operatives, c/o The Postmaster, to reach the following destinations not later than the following dates shown. Briefs for Vancouver hearings, c/o Postmaster at Vancouver by January 13th; briefs for Calgary hearings, c/o Postmaster at Vancouver by January 15th; briefs for Edmonton hearings, c/o Postmaster at Calgary by January 22nd; briefs for Regina hearings, c/o Postmaster at Edmonton by January 25th; briefs for Winnipeg hearings, c/o Postmaster at Regina by January 29th; briefs for Toronto hearings, c/o Postmaster at Winnipeg by February 5th. All briefs for hearings at Ottawa and points East should reach the Registrar at Ottawa by February 16th.

(4) The Commission will hold public hearings as follows:

> Vancouver, B.C. Jan. 15, 16, 17 Calgary, Alta .. Jan. 22, 23 Edmonton, Alta. Jan. 25, 26 Jan. 29, 30, 31, Feb 1 Regina, Sask. Winnipeg, Man. Feb. 5, 6, 7, 8 Toronto, Ont. Feb. 12, 13, 14 Feb. 16, 17 Ottawa, Ont. Montreal, P.Q. Feb. 19, 20, 21 Quebec, P.Q. Feb. 26, 27 Moncton, N.B. Mar. 2, 3 Halifax, N.S. Mar. 5, 6, 7

> > By Order of the Commissioners Major H. D. WOODS, J. A. CHAPDELAINE, Associate Registrars.

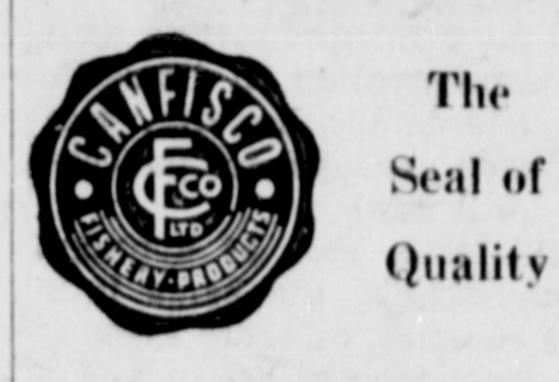
The Registrar, Royal Commission on Co-operatives, Room 325, East Block, Ottawa.

Col. Fred Kergin Is Visiting Home

Lieut. Col. Fred Kergin, head of the surgical division of the Fifteenth Canadian General Hospital, Royal Canadian Medical Corps, after having been overseas for the past five years, arrived in Vancouver recently from Holland and is visiting with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Kergin, in Vancouver. He had planned to come to Prince Rupert but time dfd not permit him doing so. His brother, Dr. W. S. Kergin of this city, left for Vancouver, on Monday night to spend Christmas with him.

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