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Two Claims Paralleled . . .

The province of British Columbia, like the city of Prince Rupert, has been appealing to the federal government to assume responsibility for damage done to roads through military use and to date does not seem to have had any greater measure of response at Ottawa than has the city. However, the province, again like the city, is not giving up the fight and has decided to continue its representations.

The principal and reasonable argument is, of course, that, since these military operations are for the defence of Canada as a whole, the Dominion as a whole should bear the cost of them. It is certainly quite unfair that the province or the city should be saddled with the entire cost.

Sitting On a Powder Keg . . .

A timely point was raised at the meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night in the matter of the present lack of proper facilities for the handling of explosives at this port. It was aptly enough remarked that Prince Rupert has been sitting on top of a powder keg in this regard. For the safety of the community and as a safeguard against possible catastrophe, it would seem imperative that something should be done about it with a minimum of delay. Not since railway construction days have such large quantities of explosives been handled at Prince Rupert and never have the facilities for the transfer been more inadequate. In the pioneer days they were careful enough to store powder away across the harbor.

Lifting of Meat Ration . . .

The lifting of the meat rationing is welcomed by all and is a sensible action which, under existing circumstances, was to be expected although the decree came rather suddenly. When meat was actually spoiling in the country since it could not be shipped to Britain and the ration limited domestic consumption, it was high time that action was taken to allow more of it to get to the consuming public.

It is to be noted that there is the warning that conditions may again become such that the ration will be put on again.

The Doctor Visits Us . . .

The Duplex press in the Daily News office which has served us well these twenty years or more is now singing a different tune since having undergone during the past few days a thorough overhaul at the hands of an expert whom we brought here all the way from Battle Creek, Michigan, to do the job. The machine had served us faithfully and well these many years but had been doing a lot of creaking and groaning of late so we thought it was high time we called in the doctor. Now it sounds much more happily normal again. And those of us around the shop are hoping to have more peace of mind and less strain of nerves. The press matter has been causing our paper to come out somewhat late on quite a few days lately but now we hope to be able to rectify that. Meantime we have appreciated the patience of our many readers.



IT'S MUSIC TO OUR EARS . . .

To hear people praising the Variety Store. They like our tremendous selection of merchandise and our service. It makes us really proud to know that the people of Prince Rupert can buy with confidence and satisfaction here.

THE VARIETY STORE

Reactions To Rations End Here

Word of the termination of meat rationing was received by city butchers yesterday from the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

The sudden end of official control, although it caught the public by surprise as was evidently intended, did not evoke any loud sighs of relief. The general opinion seemed to be that it was good to be rid of the trouble of bothering with coupons but, as far as quantity of meat went, there had been enough anyway.

City butchers described the predominant public reaction as one of mild and pleasant surprise. Very few of the public were aware that rationing of meat had been dropped, they said.

The proprietor of one Third Avenue store in summing the matter up declared, "Actually the rationing of meat worked no hardship on anyone as far as I could tell from my experience. The greatest difficulty was the trouble of handling ration books and the occasional embarrassment of forgetting them."

However, the end of the rationing will make it more congenial to do business. If a housewife needs a pound and a half of meat to feed her family and there is only a pound and a quarter of that type allowed to a coupon, she feels a bit upset at having to give another coupon for a quarter pound of meat.

"No one has suffered under meat rationing, nevertheless the idea of relaxation of tight official control seems to please everyone."

ACTIVITIES OF Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.
(By DOROTHY GARBUTT)

Sunday afternoon the officers of the Women's Division of the R.C.A.F. opened their quarters for a Red Cross tea. This was the first function at Group Headquarters in a very full program devoted to the raising of funds for the Red Cross. A very satisfactory amount was realised and about eighty townspeople attended. As is customary with the W.D. section everything was splendidly organized. Section Officer MacLaren, who was in charge, had as her committee Section Officer Tallyour who arranged for the transportation of the guests, Section Officer Isralson who was in charge of invitations, Section Officers MacIntyre and MacLaren in charge of refreshments and Section Officer Herbin who was responsible for the very lovely decorations. Those serving were Lieutenant Cowan of the C.W.A.C., L.A.W. Scullion, and A.W.I. Pentland and A.W.I. Wade. The decorations were of the type for which the W.D.'s have become famous in this area. Attractive hollowed out logs were filled with evergreens and tinted pussywillows while the serving table was lit by candles placed in candlesticks fashioned of wood branches. A china goose accompanied by a flock of demure goslings were placed on a carpet of cedar twigs for a most amusing and delightful centrepiece. Early visitors were shown around the quarters and taken to the W.D. canteen and Recreation room. This room is beautifully furnished in white and blue leather chairs and divans and the warm red curtains are held in place by painted wooden rondels. The picture frames are of wooden boughs and in all the decorations, as much use as possible has been made of the natural wealth the surrounding woods have to offer. Ingenuity and artistry have been combined in a most original and pleasing way and F.I.O. Graham and the W.D.'s are to be congratulated on the very lovely effect their quarters make.

Bruce MacIntyre tells me there is to be a dance each Friday in March at the Naval Drill Hall.

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 CHOP SUEY
 CHOW MEIN
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 3 p.m. to 2 a.m.
 2nd Avenue (Across from Prince Rupert Hotel)
 Phone 173

Basketball Buzz

Possession of second place in the Women's Area Basketball League will be contested tonight when the U.S.E.D. and the Maple Leafs clash at Seal Cove in the second game of a triple-header. Both of these clubs have won two games and lost three.

Air Force meets Fortress in a men's tilt on the same cage bill. The Flyers have a record of nine victories in thirteen engagements while the Fortress have won but five out of fourteen.

The curtain-raiser the High School girls collide with Last Resort. Both teams have won two but the Resort quintet have lost one game more than their opponents, three.

The Navy—High School game in the Naval Drill Hall has been postponed until next Monday.

Social Hygiene Speakers Here

A register of local and district organizations which want to hear qualified speakers during Social Hygiene Week, March 13-18 is being compiled by the anti-venereal disease committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Collin McCarthy said today.

The committee is preparing a panel of speakers. It is also assembling a number of sound films and a large quantity of educational literature, for distribution at meetings and elsewhere.

due to the Royal Canadian Navy band concert tonight.

Reserves, winners of nine out of twelve tilts are scheduled to meet Coast Battery, and Ontario Regiment plays Co-ops at Little America.

Try a Want-Ad for Quick Results

SMITHERS BOY LOST

Bud Emmerson Reported Missing Overseas With Royal Canadian Air Force.

SMITHERS, March 2 — Another Smithers boy was reported missing in the bombing flights over Germany, when Mr. and Mrs. Percy Emmerson received word that their son Armour (Bud) Emmerson had not re-

turned from an operational trip.

Bud has been making regular trips for some time on the bombing raids and letters to his parents have told of many narrow escapes and of getting home in planes that were badly shot up. He was sergeant and went overseas about six months ago. His brother, Pilot Officer Cliff Emmerson, is also overseas in the R.C.A.F.

It is hoped that better news regarding the missing airman will yet be received.

These days, when tea must yield the utmost in flavour, quality is of supreme importance. Ask for ..

"SALADA" TEA

ACTS 2 WAYS TO RELIEVE WHEEZING BRONCHITIS

Now get real relief from soreness and congestion in chest—this double-action way that actually

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To get all the benefits combined PENETRATING action, just rub throat and back with Vicks VapoRub—2 ways at once—above—to ease bronchitis, loosen congestion, soothe soreness, and restful, comforting sleep by morning; and below—to relieve chest distress, soothe sore throat, ease cough, and relieve colds, influenza, and sinusitis.

Try it!

BANKING IS ADAPTABLE

...it changes constantly to meet this country's changing needs

FOR INSTANCE...

Ever wonder where your ration coupons go? The answer is that your grocer takes your sugar, butter and other coupons to his bank, which acts as the government's agent in identifying and accounting for millions of spent coupons. This vast bookkeeping job — known as "Ration Coupon Banking" — is just one of the new, additional assignments which the banks have assumed as part of their wartime service.

Another is the payment, on behalf of the government, of certain subsidies arising out of wartime price control. Still another is the handling of exchange transactions as agents of the Foreign Exchange Control Board.

At the same time the banks have arranged facilities to serve military establishments and new war-industry centres alike.

Through loans to industry and agriculture, they have helped to increase the supply of raw materials, weapons and food.

They have acted as issuing agents for approximately \$5,700,000,000 worth of Victory Bonds and War Savings Certificates, as well as lending direct financial aid to the government through short-term loans.

... All this in the face of widespread staff changes resulting from enlistments of 8,360 trained bank employees.

The war emergency has proved the readiness and ability of Canada's banks to adapt their services to new conditions. It has proved, once again, the strength of your banking system, which is providing a firm base of financial service for the greatest economic effort in the nation's history, and will with equal resourcefulness meet the challenge of the years ahead.

