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Swimming Pool or Skating Arena . . .

It is to be hoped that difference of opinion as between a swimming pool or a skating arena will not be allowed to prevent at least some part of the civic centre undertaking being brought into being at an early date. Undue argument over choice of project might quite conceivably result in nothing at all being done.

The suggestion has been made with or without justification, that the executive of the Prince Rupert Civic Centre Association may have presumed excessively on its authority in making decisions. In fairness to executive, however, it might not be out of place to observe that it has at least done something, that it is fairly representative of the community and of organizations and that it includes individuals who have worked hard in bringing the civic centre plan this far—people who carried on when the going was a good deal harder than it today.

This executive should be competent to assess the situation and determine on the best course of action. Of course, it should have an open ear and an open mind for all worthy suggestions and be able to decide what are acceptable and practicable and, having decided, act accordingly.

If a choice is to be made at once between a swimming pool or skating arena, it will, of course be impossible to please everybody.

When summer comes, no doubt the swimming pool advocates will be quite as insistent and audible as are some of the midwinter skating arena boosters just now. So what is the civic centre executive to do but use its own judgment and try at least to get something accomplished?

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LETTERBOX

NAVY HELP A RESCUE

Editor, Daily News.

In a news item in Wednesday's issue of your paper concerning the loss of an Air Force vessel at Queen Charlotte Islands the statement was made that two survivors were saved through the efforts of R.C.A.F. crews.

In fairness to our Canadian Naval Services it is requested that this statement be corrected and that it be explained that the rescue was effected by a vessel of the Royal Canadian Navy. Lt. Donald Lawson, R.C.N.V.R. was injured in the rescue work.

R. H. FOSS, C.C.,
Commanding Officer,
No. 4 Group Headquarters.

DR. LARGE REPLIES

Editor, Daily News.

It was not my intention to enter this "skating rink" controversy but the opposition has become so voluble that I feel something should be said in defence of the policies of the Civic Centre Association.

First of all, I would like to remind all interested parties that we are not advocating the building of a swimming pool but rather a Civic Centre with a swimming pool in it. Included in the building will be a large gymnasium, a large auditorium with full size stage, projection booth for moving pictures, cafeteria, numerous lounge and club rooms. In other words, this building is designed to take in every phase of community activity and will make the widest possible appeal to young and old. Let me suggest to you a list of some of the recreations available:

Badminton.
Volley ball.
Amateur dramatics.
Swimming and diving.
Water polo.
Club rooms for photography, stamp club, manual art, etc.

In making comparison, therefore, with a skating rink, let us look at both projects fairly: and not pick out one unit of the centre while ignoring the more important part.

In answer to the charge by our well wishers at the High School that we are taking an arbitrary attitude in deciding how to spend public money without consulting "we who contributed the sixty thousand", I would say that in 1928 while they were still pre-school age, a movement was started to build a gymnasium and swimming pool in this city and money subscribed for the purpose. Through the intervening years various methods of raising funds have been adopted and on every occasion the objective of gymnasium and swimming pool was placed before the public. A few years ago, a group of individuals amongst them was Trevor Williams, advocated the building of a skating rink. At that time the project was thoroughly discussed and it was decided to proceed with our original plans. Since then the bulk of our funds has been raised on a gymnasium-swimming pool platform. So you see, we are not taking an arbutrary attitude but are keeping faith with the general public and fulfilling a pledge made and re-affirmed down through the years.

In conclusion, let me say that I am personally very much in favor of seeing a skating rinnk in Prince Rupert. If those who are advocating the building of one will get out and work as hard to raise funds for it as the group of people represented by the Civic Centre Association have done, I shall be glad to contribute my share of the fund.

R. G. LARGE.



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PUBLIC INQUIRIES ACT

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The forest resources of the Province and all matters generally relating to or connected with the forest resources of the Province, including, but not limiting this reference to, the following subjects:—

(1.) The extent, nature and value of the forest resources:
(2.) The conservation, management and protection of these resources:
(3.) The establishment of forest yield on a continuous production basis in perpetuity:
(4.) Forestation and research:
(5.) Forestry education and instruction:
(6.) The utilization of the forest crop and its relationship to employment and social conditions:
(7.) The use and managemnt of forest and wild lands for parks, recreation, grazing and wild life in relation to forest administration:
(8.) The relationship of the forest to soil conservation:
(9.) The maintenance of an adequate forest cover with a view to the regulation of moisture run-off and the maintenance of the levels of lakes and streams:
(10.) Forest finance and revenues to the Crown from forest resources:
(11.) Acquisition of rights to forest lands and timber and the tenure of such rights, including existing rights and tenures, and the extent to which adequate and proper exercise of the rights thereunder is now made:
(12.) Legislation and the amendment therof:
(13.) The relevant facts in relation to any matter that in the opinion of the commissioner it is necessary to inquire into in order to carry out effectually the duties imposed upon him herewith.

Th FIRST SITTING of the Commissioner will be held at the Court House, Bastion Street, Victoria, B.C., on Monday the 7th day of February, 1944, at the hour of 11:00 a.m.

ALL PERSONS desiring to make representation to the Commissioner are requested to submit, as soon as possible, an outline thereof to H. W. Davey, 410 Central Bldg., Victoria, B.C., Counsel to the Commission.

GORDON McG. SLOAN,
Commissioner.

Court House, Victoria, B.C.
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Latest Royal Canadian Air Force casualty lists announce that Pilot Officer John Francis Henning, son of F. J. Henning of Atlin, has been killed on active service in Canada.

Presbyterian Tea and Sale

Excellent Affair Held Yesterday Afternoon

The home of Mrs. George Mitchell, Fifth Avenue East, was the scene yesterday afternoon of a successful tea and sale by the Ladies' Aid of First Presbyterian Church, the event being successful both socially and financially.

The guests were received by Mrs. J. B. McKay, president of the Ladies' Aid, assisted by the hostess.

Rooms were decorated with vases of daffodils of which there was a bowl on the pouring table which was centred with a handsome lace cloth. Presiding at the pouring table were Mrs. J. R. Mitchell, Mrs. Peter Lakie, Mrs. M. E. Prendergast and Mrs. Harry Calderwood. Serviteurs were Mrs. Edgar Saunders, Mrs. J. A. Frew, Mrs. Jack Garrett and Mrs. W. D. Lambie with Mrs. James Simpson acting as cashier. The tea room was in charge of Mrs. H. M. Foote, Mrs. J. W. Eastwood and Mrs. Joseph Peterson.

Mrs. G. W. Abbott and Mrs. James L. Lee had charge of the home cooking table.



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HOUSEWIVES IN SESSION

Mrs. William Holt Elected President—Two Branches to be Merged.

The local Housewives' League has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

President—Mrs. William Holt.

Vice-President — Mrs. William Adolph.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Foster.

Recording Secretary-Treasurer —Mrs. J. R. Blakey.

The regular meeting was held this week at the home of the new president, Mrs. Holt, on Taylor Street, and it was decided to merge the two branches—east and west end — into a single branch.

Mrs. Stewart of Rushbrook Heights was named delegate to the local nutrition committee.

Delegates to the Civic Labor Federation were named in the persons of Mrs. William Holt, Mrs. J. R. Blakey and Mrs. H. Harrison.

A letter from the Dominion shoe controller, regarding a shortage of children's shoes here, said that more children's shoes were being produced in Canada than before the war. There was no reason or excuse for inferior quality.

Regarding the price of coal, a letter from Hon. J. L. Ilsley, minister of finance, expressed the opinion that the producers could not absorb the greater cost of production occasioned by wage increases to miners and it was deemed better policy to allow a price increase than make a subsidy.

A resolution urging the establishment of a steel mill in Prince Rupert was endorsed.

A letter from the Prince Rupert Parent Teachers' Association said that attention was being given to the matter of dangerous traffic conditions around the schools.

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Rose LaBelle Is Honoree

Miss Rose LaBelle [...] be married to Willi[...] lum on Saturday, w[...] at a shower last nig[ht] the Women of the M[...] home of Mrs. B. J. B[...] Street. The deligh[...] was held in rooms [...] with pink and white [...] and a lace covered [...] tred with a large ca[ke].

The evening was [...] ing solo whist, co-[...] which were Miss Ro[...] and Mrs. R. Gi[...] prize was won by [...] Hougan.

Miss Eileen Peab[...] ner of the dressing [...]

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