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New Educational Proposals . . .

Last week we discussed the comprehensive plans for educational reform in the British Isles, in other Canadian provinces and in the United States with particular reference to the proposals in this country and in the neighboring republic to rescue rural education from its present unsatisfactory state and so to provide greater equality of educational opportunity for all of the young people of the nation. This matter has been dealt with thoughtfully in the interim report of the Postwar Rehabilitation Council of the British Columbia Legislature under the chairmanship of Hon. H. G. T. Perry, Minister of Education.

It is not to be imagined that conditions in this northern and central portion of British Columbia will continue to be static as they were in the years which preceded the war. The opening of our agricultural lands, the development of hydro-electric power, the establishment of new industries, will bring new population and new wealth. A creative and dynamic era will emerge. Educational development must necessarily parallel economic development. It will not only parallel economic development but will also promote it.

The Council's plans envisage the distribution of more advanced education through the major subdivisions of the province by establishing Junior Colleges upon a regional basis. These Junior Colleges will give instruction in academic subjects corresponding to the first two years of university work, that is to say, a year in advance of Senior Matriculation. More important than this, they will give technical, agricultural, and commercial training according to the needs of the regions in which they are centred. Advanced practical and vocational education will thus be distributed throughout the province rather than as now concentrated in Vancouver.

The plans also envisage the improvement of the schools in the smaller rural areas and their development into genuine community centres, and the focal points for adult education and community recreation. Obviously if postwar educational advance affects only the larger urban portions of the Province, the existing inequalities of educational opportunity will be magnified.

One great advantage which the populous and wealthier urban centres have is the greater permanence of their teachers' and their superior opportunitis for continued professional improvement. Their training and background have also prepared them more effectively for teaching in towns and cities than in such sections as Skeena, Omineca or the Cariboo.

How can some at least of the advantages of postwar educational improvement be brought to this part of British Columbia? This problem will be discussed in a subsequent article.

CANADA NEARING MANPOWER CRISIS

Canada's manpower situation is facing its most serious crisis since the beginning of the war. The country is also experiencing an almost complete reversal of earlier labor requirements. This is the substance brought out by an interview with E. V. Whiting, local Selective Service officer, today.

"Agriculture and its dependent industries, and base metals mining have top priorities on the labor front today," Mr. Whiting said, "and to fill their requirements we are going to have to transfer a lot of workers."

The seriousness of the situation was emphasized in a letter received Tuesday by Mr. Whiting from Arthur McNamara, Deputy Minister of Labor. The letter stated in part:

"We are moving into a year which will develop into a period of acute labor shortage to a degree undreamed of heretofore."

"A more vigorous and rigorous approach to compulsory transfers will be necessary."

Selective Service officers in British Columbia have been requested to send men to the prairies to work in high priority industries. About 400 are needed for the western meat packing industry alone.

The Prince Rupert office has been directed to send as many men as possible to work in meat packing plants in Edmonton. So far 25 men have been transferred to the prairie capital.

Mr. McNamara's letter indicates that agriculture will require a quarter of a million men to fill its needs. The base metals mining industry is short about 2,000 men. The manufacturers of agricultural implements, given one of the highest priorities because of the government's emphasis on food production, are also short of help.

The situation in general seems to be one of almost complete reversal from that of the past two years when top priorities belonged to emergency construction industries situated mainly on the coast.

Mr. Whiting said that he is trying to get as many women as possible into the less essential industries to relieve men for more important work.

"The Canadian National Railways are eager to take women for several different types of jobs," he revealed. "They went women for car cleaning, and some types of shop work."

The situation indicates that because of the heavy preference being given to Canadian industry, no labor will be supplied to foreign services in Canada until Canadian manpower needs are filled.

Army requirements for the year are estimated at 98,000 men.

SEA CADETS INSPECTION

Results of Training Evoke Admiration of Visiting Officers

The annual inspection of the local corps of Royal Sea Cadets, held last night on the Court House grounds, brought forth the results of training which won the admiration of naval men and public alike. Outstanding evidence of smartness and technical advancement were demonstrated by the 'teen aged volunteer naval training group who lined the grounds in precise rows to undergo the inspection of Lieut. Gerrard, M.B.E., R.C.N.V.R., deputy area commanding officer. Lieut. Gerrard was accompanied in his inspection by Lieut Hooper, Sea Cadet liaison officer for British Columbia.

The full corps, numbering some 200, turned out under Lieut. Commander Alex Mitchell for the inspection and marched past the inspection stand in parade formation to the martial music of their own bugle band.

For the first time in many years the inspecting officer was accompanied by an armed guard drawn from the local corps. The guard was under the command of Lieut. Jack Wilson.

During the inspection of technical skills it was evident that many of the cadets are making good progress in signalling, telegraphy and other branches. It was plain that the standard of practical instruction, given by cadet leaders and navy men from H.M.C.S. Chatham, is very high.

The large public turnout which witnessed the inspection, were of the audible sentiment that Sea Cadet training is of excellent disciplinary and instructional value to young men.

The inspection ended with proper ceremonies at 10 o'clock.

Ack-Ack Unit Wins Victory Loan Honor

This morning on Third Avenue in front of the Post Office prestation was made by Col. S. Johnston, M.C., V.D., area commandant, of a Victory Loan flag to a local Ack-Ack Regiment for having achieved highest dollar value in the Pacific Command for purchase of bonds last week, 150 per cent of quota having also been reached by the unit during the period. The ceremony was watched with interest by passers-by.

Lieut. Col. George Paulin accompanied Col. Johnston and the flag was received by Lieut. G. B. Bowden who, in turn, gave it over to Sergeant Major James Bathurst to be hoisted aloft on the Post Office flag staff where it now floats.

There was a smart "March Past" by the unit with Col. Johnston taking the salute.

An Ontario regimental band played marching music.

Alaska is a corruption of a native word meaning peninsula.

Raspberries are sensitive to poorly drained soil.

C.N.R. Trains

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News of District

Home Fires Burning But Wrong Kind

SMITHERS, May 11 — A sort of coincidence occurred in connection with the big blaze which was still burning on Sunday afternoon when a letter arrived from L.A.C. Arthur Berg who has been in England for two years. He thanked the Canadian Legion for the receipt of a parcel of cigarettes sent to him some time ago, and he remarked "I hope the home fires are still burning as we will need them on our return to our fair city." The "home fires" were still burning when the letter arrived.

Terrace School Music Festival

Fine Entertainment Staged at Interior Town Friday Night.

TERRACE, May 11 — A very successful concert and general program of entertainment was staged on Friday by the pupils of the public school with the help of the school trustees, each of whom played a part in the preparations for the event.

Mrs. Hall designed the several pretty costumes worn by the young performers, and Messrs. Lambly and Michiel marshalled the crowd which came and did their best to provide seating for everyone.

The Orange Hall where the affair was held was more than filled.

Music was provided by Alan Dubeau, talented small boy who played various pieces and accompanied several of the turns.

The band of the Fusiliers also helped the entertainment along, playing for the dancing which followed the program.

Financially the affair proved a great help in providing funds with which to supply needed equipment of an educational kind, including sports equipment.

The program:
Singing Game: "Looby Loo."
Song: "Little Harebell."
Folk dance: "Come, Let Us Be Joyful."
Rhythm Band: "Pop Goes the Weasel."
Songs: "Roly Poly Caterpillar," "Shoes," "My Ship's Home From China," "I Had a Little Nut Tree."
Singing game: "Swinging in a Swing."
Song: "Pussy Willow."
Rhythm Bad: "Three Blind Mice."
Song: "When Fairies Dance and Sing."
Dance: "Newcastle Frolic."
Singing game: "Farmer Plants the Corn."
Song and ryhthm band selection: "The Parade of the Teddy Bears."
Folk dances: "Countdy Waltz," "Flowers of Edinburgh."
Song: "Grasshopper Green."
Folk dance: "May Dance."
Songs: "Flower Song" and 'Heavenly Down."
Dance: "Minuet."
Rhythm band: "Mosquitoes' Parade."

RESUMING BUSINESS AFTER FIRE

SMITHERS, May 11—Preparations are being made by some of the merchants who had the misfortune to lose their business premises in the recent fire to get going again as soon as possible.

A. E. Day has secured the premises on the corner of Broadway Avenue and Main Street formerly occupied by the Charles Morris meat market and expects to be operating again very soon and supplying the bakery needs of his many customers.

I. Anger will open temporarily in the old hardware store premises at the corner of Third Avenue and Main Street and continue his tailoring business

H. F. Noel has not yet decided his course of action but may reestablish his department store business here.

Mr. Lewis, proprietor of the Blue Goose Restaurant, also is considering the immediate future.

Alex Kerr Of Terrace Dies

Another Esteemed Pioneer Resident of Interior Town Passes Away.

TERRACE, May 11 — Another old time resident of Terrace has passed away. Alex Kerr died at the hospital at Hazelton early on Monday.

Deceased is survived by his widow and two sons—Duncan, of the firm of Little, Haugland and Kerr, sawmillers here—and Kenneth, who is overseas with the armed forces.

Mr. Kerr had reached the age of 73 years, the past 30 of which had been devoted to the clearing and establishing of one of the best fruit and general farms in the district.

Daily News Advertising Brings Results.

Norway Relief Fund Tea-Sale

In aid of the Norway Relief Fund, a very successful tea and home cooking sale was held a few days ago by the Sonja Ladies' Aid in the recreation hall of St. Paul's Church. The tea tables were very nicely arranged with flowers in season.

Mrs. J. Storseth received the guests while Mrs. H. Peterson and Mrs. A. Dybhavn were in charge of the home cooking table which was well laden.

The kitchen was presided over by Mrs. K. Slatta, Mrs. J. Strand and Mrs. R. Sather. Mrs. H. Rensvold and Mrs. J. Wick were in charge of serving.

Mrs. A. Henrikson acted as cashier.

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