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A "DIRTY" BUSINESS Deplored the attitude of many people which reflects itself in the common saying that politics is a dirty business and something to be shunned by men of good character and repute, a Prince Rupert clergyman suggested to his congregation yesterday that little could be hoped for in the improvement and advancement of public affairs and the building up of the better post-war world for which common men worked and fought today if the common man was to remain apathetic and unwilling to assume a measure of responsibility for participating in the task of bringing about the day of justice and security which was the aim of all.

Possibly too often we are inclined to passively listen to and dismiss what is said from the pulpit as visionary and impractical. We think that the preacher who spoke simply and thoughtfully along these lines had a message that should be heeded right here in Prince Rupert today where we are looking for good, earnest men and women to assume responsibilities in all the public spheres. Certainly we are in need of the material and one of the principal difficulties in bringing it out seems to be that men of responsibility and conscientiousness are inclined to allow their prejudice against "the dirty business of politics" to outweigh their sense of personal and active responsibility toward the public welfare.

It is not helping any, as the minister suggested, to stand on the sidelines and talk about politics being a dirty business with which we will have nothing to do. It is that very attitude that has caused politics to have attached to it the anathema as commonly expressed in the term of "dirty" business. If such presumably "clean" men are sincere in their criticism, it is up to them to get in there themselves and do something towards cleaning up. There could be no "dirty" business if really clean men went in and took over the leadership and control.

The wonder is, as the minister said, that there are as many good men as there are in public life today trying to do the right thing and really improve conditions for the country and the community. These men whom we have chosen and entrusted certainly get little encouragement from the puritans and reformers who do nothing but stand on the sidelines and nag and criticize without getting in and offering to assume some of the responsibility and fighting themselves.

If we are too busy with our work and interests to offer to apply our principles and talents in a practical way in public life, we have little right to condemn and carp at those who the majority of us have chosen to run our affairs. If those we have chosen are merely "opportunists," whose main mo-

tives are in some way selfish, be it for personal or material aggrandizement, it is largely our own fault that they are there.

We would suggest that there are many good men available to assume the responsibilities involved in the duties of carrying on the public business and that they should carefully and conscientiously weigh the reasons why they should not assume those responsibilities. Excuses should be really valid and not merely evasive.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FINANCES

British Columbia is able to refund its bonded indebtedness at better rates than have ever been secured by any other province in the Dominion. This is a fine testimonial not only to the material credit of this province but to the manner in which its business is being administered. Commendation is due to Premier John Hart, who is also minister of finance, and those who aid and advise him.

This very happy position in which British Columbia finds itself and which is evident from the splendid terms which we have won in this refunding operation is something that we might do well to keep in mind and weigh against those who might at times, rightly or wrongly, criticize the administration of this favored province.

British Columbia is maintaining itself in an enviable financial position at the same time as setting the pace for the rest of the Dominion in ministering to the needs and comforts of its people.

SEN. TURGEON PASSES AWAY

Affectionately known among parliamentarians as "the old Maritimer," Hon. Onesiphore Turgeon of Bathurst, N.B., whose death is recorded, was born Sept. 6, 1849. He survived many of his younger colleagues in the Canadian Senate.

Mr. Turgeon was appointed to the Red Chamber Oct. 27, 1923, during the first term of Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King as prime minister. The appointment followed a political career of more than 20 years. He was Liberal member for Gloucester in six successive Dominion parliaments, re-elected by acclamation four times.

Faithful attendance to parliamentary duties, loyalty to the Liberal party and Sir Wilfred Laurier, and varied public activities of himself and his family marked Mr. Turgeon's early career. His elevation to the Senate was generally popular.

In his earlier days Senator Turgeon was a journalist. He was also the author of two books, having published "Memories 1871-1927" and "Un Tribut à la Race Acadienne." For the latter work he was awarded a gold medal by L'Académie Française.

PETER SOLEM RETIRING FROM FISH BUSINESS

Announcement of the retirement of Peter Solem as local manager of Booth Fisheries Ltd. was made Saturday by James E. Edington, of Seattle, west coast district manager of the company. Mr. Solem, who has been with the company here for the last 25 years, will retire on pension on November 25. He has sold his house on Fifth Avenue West and will live in Vancouver following his retirement.

Successor to Mr. Solem will be Jack Shortill, formerly with the Menzies Fish Company at Edmonton. Mr. Shortill arrived with Mr. Edington from Vancouver a few days ago. He expects to purchase a home here.

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THIS AND THAT



MUST CHANGE PEOPLE'S WAY OF THINKING

David Smeaton, manager of the Alberta Wholesale Co-operative Society, addressing the members of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Society at a general meeting in the Odd-fellows' Hall Friday afternoon, claimed that it was necessary to change people's thinking in order to change the economic system. Mr. Smeaton said that the task was great but not impossible. He cited the fundamental change in attitude that followed the introduction of the radio, telephone and other technological wonders. Scoffers became enthusiasts.

The speaker asserted that, because the co-operative movement recognized that all are human beings who have equal right of access to economic facilities and to consumer goods, it must persist and flourish.

Briefly outlining the rapid growth of the movement across Canada today, Mr. Smeaton felt sure that the practical demonstration so necessary to convince the skeptical was being furnished, the ownership and control of the means of production are being placed where they belong—in the hands of the people.

Referring to current visits of English and Scottish co-operative wholesale officials to Canada, the speaker saw an opportunity for Canadians to help Great Britain rebuild her export structure through co-operative trade agreements. Great mutual assistance could be given through such procedures.

The problem of disposing of surplus war materials illustrated the dilemma in which the capitalist system found itself. The only way to prolong its life was to industrialize the Orient and that was only a temporary measure.

The speaker claimed that, if the producer and consumer, really the same person, could work out plans together with labor all people could be cared for more equitably.

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produce war goods at a mere 5 percent profit," he said.

"However, during the war private industry has put \$900 million in taxable profits back into the business. That is how we financed the war. That taxable money was put back into private industry and, after the war, private industry will have expanded factories which the taxpayer paid for."

"Beyond that, the government has assured us that publicly-owned industries will be demobilized at the end of the war so they will not have a head start on private industry."

Mr. Irvine said that the C.C.F. advocated citizenship rights for Canadian-born Japanese and deportation for Japanese nationals in Canada.

LAC Harry Archibald said that he had found Skeena riding a "horrible mess economically" and that, if service men had to come back to the present set-up, it "is going to be tough."

When he visited this riding in 1936 people in the interior were living on moose meat and potatoes, he declared, adding that in bad years they lived only on moose meat.

"We must have the modern equipment, bulldozers and farm machinery to prepare the land for occupancy," he urged.

Foresees Election Next January

Vincent Segur, M.L.A., foresaw a federal election possibly by next January and a provincial election not later than next August. He said that the C.C.F. can carry "practically every seat in southern British Columbia in the next election."

"There is no doubt that the C.C.F. will be the next government of B.C., and also of Ontario," he predicted.

Charles Bellis was chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Smeaton, who comes from Edmonton, is manager of the Interprovincial Co-operative Limited, as well as of the Alberta Society.

CONVENTION NAMES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Delegates to the B.C. Fishermen's Co-operative Federation's first annual convention concluded their conference here on Saturday after discussions which touched all phases of the co-operative movement. Particular emphasis was placed on co-ordinating the policies of member groups, sales policy, and the election of a board of directors.

Directors of the federation will choose an executive from among their members, possibly before they disperse at the beginning of the week.

Elected to the Board were: L. H. C. Phillips, Vancouver; S. L. Simpson, Massett; C. McKee, Vancouver; O. Stegavig, Prince Rupert; A. E. Carr, Kyuquot; D. G. MacDonald, Kyuquot; A. Sims, Vancouver; R. Wulf, Vancouver; K. Dybbavn, Vancouver; O. Adams, Massett; William Brett and Jack Deane, of Prince Rupert.

Thursday night delegates were guests of the Prince Rupert Co-operative at a banquet in Reid's cafe. Ole Stegavig was chairman of the function, and humorous speeches were delivered by C. D. Clarke, L. H. C. Phillips, Oliver Adams, T. H. Sorenson, and A. E. Carr.

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