PRINCE RUPERT . . .

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# PRINCE RUPERT AND ALASKA . . .

Representative citizens of Prince Rupert members of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, accompanied by the provincial M.L.A. for Skeena, are off tonight for a goodwill tour to Alaska, their itinerary to include stops at the leading Panhandle cities of Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and Wrangell.

With Prince Rupert, on account of the necessities of war in the Pacific drawn into much closer contact today than ever before with the territory of Alaska, it is fitting enough that local business! people should have a closer personal knowledge of and contact with the communities and people of the territory. It will aid in carrying on of trade and services between the tributary north coast country and this port which has been the closest railway terminal these many years and, as such, has been used to advantage in shipping from that area.

In addition to the railway, we now have the highway which, after the war if not sooner, should attract motorists driving either to or from southeastern Alaska.

Development of shipping trade and travel between the Panhandle and Prince Rupert, now so well equipped to handle it, will, no doubt, be one of the important considerations in postwar planning for this part of the country and it is now timely that we should become better acquainted with the people of Alaska and get an understanding of conditions and problems which may be of mutual interest.

# COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION . . .

The people of Prince Rupert have a lot to learn yet in the way of pulling together for their mutual welfare. That is evident every day in many ways. A lot of us have still to appreciate that there is much to be gained by co-operating toward community advancement and that there is much to be lost by drifting along individually or in small ineffective groups intent only on personal or clique interests.

We might quote instances. One is an attitude! which some feel has developed between Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and the city council. It may not appear openly and few members of either body might admit it but there does seem to be an atmosphere of mistrust between them which, if allowed to increase, would undoubtedly hamper effective collaboration in community development-something much more important than promotion of political kudos or economic viewpoints. We should not engender a cleavage or disunity within the community--even if it be between a socialistically-inclined city council and a capitalisticallyminded Chamber of Commerce. If we are going to permit petty jealousies and differences of opinion to prevent us getting along among ourselves we, of course, cannot co-operate in building up our city.

There is also a feeling among some of the members of the two organizations concerned that more effective work might be done towards aims and objects which are generally common if there was a merging of the senior and junior chambers of commerce. Possibly the senior chamber, sometimes inclined to be moribund and reactionary, might be benefitted by some of the energy and enthusiasm which the juniors would undoubtedly be able to instil. Conversely, the caution and judgment of the seniors might stabilize the efforts and activities of the younger body. There have been occasions in the past when both the senior or the junior chamber, through lack of interest or inspiration, were on the verge of passing out. Those periodical crises might be obviated by the existence of one strong vigorous body which would have many objectives upon which to feed in the building up and improving of the community. There would also be elimination of the inclination to work at cross purposes.

We mention the city council and the chambers of commerce because they are the bodies to which we look for leadership and action in promoting the affairs and interests of the community as a whole. As long as any or either of these bodies shall be actuated in their policies and actions by the promotion of personal or group consideration, they cannot function to the best advantage in promoting those community interests.

With many problems to be considered and met as Prince Rupert enters a new era of her career resulting from changes which war conditions have brought about, some of which may not have become fully apparent as yet, it is high time that the organizations which profess to be working for the advancement of the community and its people were thinking in terms of unity and efficiency instead of being actuated by motives of personal or group aggrandizement which can only nullify their best efforts.

HELPING RUSSIA

Editor, Daily News: I feel it is a matter of shame

for Prince Rupert that so far as I know we have done absolutely nothing for the city of Nogaisk in the Soviet Union which was officially adopted by Prince Rupert this spring.

build their community since it has been freed from Nazi devastation. But now they must be wondering what kind of people we are - that make promises

Surely if we are incapable of doing anything to show our gratitude and friendship for! these brave Soviet citizens who world then it would have been TALK ON FIRE better if Prince Rupert had

and then do nothing.

I feel certain the people of Prince Rupert share my feelings of shame at the way we have The people of Nogaisk must fallen down on this question, have felt glad at that time when and will rally behind any steps told the regular dinner meeting were going to help them reCouncil may now take to wipe of the Junior Chamber of Comout this blot on our name.

-B. MICKLEBURGH.

Buy War Savings Stamps.

THOUSANDS OF OUR CANADIAN

GUNS FIRE AS MANY AS 700

SHELLS IN AN 8-HOUR ATTACK!

How many shells are you

planning to buy?

Chief Lock Speaker-

# never contacted the Soviet Em-bassy at Ottawa in, the first PREVENTION

The greatest number of fires which result in property damage each year are caused by carelessdiscarded cigarettes, Fire Chief H. T. Lock, guest speaker, merce in Reid's Cafe last night. "Science can invent increasingly efficient methods and agents to extinguish fire, but the big job is to educate the public

prevent fires starting," he as- Lock added. serted. "That is the reason be- The history of modern water "Among other things to

Week." provement in fire fighting meth- type rotary pump used in fight- anything but a metal content ods from the 13th century when ing aircraft fires was outlined. In answer to questions of mechanical firemaking was a So efficient are modern meth- Lock explained the efficient craft practiced by one man in ods in fighting aircraft fires that the fog method of exting

passed in the 18th century and Lock recounted.

"We haven't succeeded in that cancelling out a fire before com- nardo's orphanage.

to be continually on guard to regard in Prince Rupert," Chief bustion took place in

hind current Fire Prevention pumping equipment, from the convince housewives that hand operated piston pump of must never clean garment. Chief Lock traced the im- the last century to the latest gasoline, or keep matches

each village. Householders came in the United States firemen ment, which, he said salue to him to start their cooking who attended a crash landing fire with very little days fires; so with fewer fires there had put out the resulting gaso- water damage to property were fewer uncontrolled fires. | line blaze and rescued the pilot The first fire by-laws were unburned in six seconds, Mr.

since that time efforts have been | Prevention and extinguishmade to isolate buildings by the ment were practically the same Sir John and Lady I use of fire-walls. thing in that prevention was Llewelyn, is to become a her

afterward.

TO AID ORPHANS SWANSFA, Wales, Q.



from its citizens a greater total than last year. Our

duty is clear. No matter how many bonds we

bought in the Sixth Loan, we must buy at least one

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more than before when the call comes again.