

Hallowe'en . . .

This evening the most frightening apparition Prince Rupert people will encounter on the streets and at the doorsteps will be very young goblins with fantastic masks, witches carrying mother's broom for realistic effect and spritely ghosts garbed in a discarded sheet or two.

Disguised children, stumbling on their flowing apparel and clutching weird masks to their faces, will stump genial householders with gruff and squeaky "guess who's" and then hold out bulging pillow-cases or overflowing baskets for handouts of fruit, candy, coins and, of course, Kinsmen's "shell-out" coupons. Weeks from now parents will be wondering what to do with remains of tonight's loot that will be tucked away and forgotten.

That is all we expect of Hallowe'en now. Not long ago it was the night that the spirits of the dead were supposed to wander abroad. Known as the vigil of All Saints' Day of Hallowmas, the Christian festival was once much more than a night of gaiety for children and young people. In the earlier periods of Britain bonfires were lit as part of the celebration and the supernatural influence of the festival is kept alive by the continuance of ancient names for the day, as in parts of Ireland where it is still called the "Vigil of Saman" (the lord of death).

Before the rise of Christianity there were Druidic ceremonies and Roman festivals celebrating the harvest that have lent many customs and symbols to the present day Hallowe'en. The modern version of the autumn vegetable is the colorful Jack-o'-Lantern and costumed symbols representing the winter store of fruits in the ancient Roman harvest celebration. The belief that material objects were displaced by malicious spirits resembling "poltergeists," rumored to be still going strong in certain parts of Canada, is perpetuated

by mischievous juveniles who take the opportunity on Hallowe'en to remove the neighbor's gate and hang it on the nearest telephone pole.

Because of its supernatural atmosphere, Hallowe'en is supposed to be an excellent time for peering into the future. Instead of prophecies of death and disaster by witches, the hopeful miss of today indulges in crystal gazing and prophetic games in order to determine the characteristics and personality of her true love.

War Assets Here . . .

Evidently War Assets Corporation, employing 100 persons and expected to keep the large warehouse on the waterfront, main new installation which the war brought to Prince Rupert, busy for the next two years, is going to be quite a substantial business for this city. All kinds of stable goods and supplies accumulated throughout northern British Columbia and the Yukon during the war are to be assembled here and distributed. It is an undertaking the size of which few of us might have realized.

While it is contrary to War Assets policy to distribute goods in any way which would be prejudicial to the regular business of the country, the operation and assembly at Prince Rupert will make more readily available to meet the needs of this city and district goods which might otherwise have been difficult to obtain. The establishment of War Assets at Prince Rupert should be beneficial all around.

The Esthetic Arts . . .

In these days of alternate hard work and pleasure seeking, there is definitely a tendency to lose interest in things cultural and that is a pity for the esthetic arts should form quite as important a part of community life as purely physically reaction and entertainment.

Such organizations as those engaged in music and dramatics are to be welcomed and are worthy of support. They are appreciated not only by the people who participate but by those whose principal joy from music is in the listening to it.

Now that the community is settling down again after the rush and confusion of war activities, it is to be hoped there will be a return along organized community lines to these arts.

LETTERBOX

BRASS TACKS
 Editor, Daily News.—
 I am not interested in any political party but just in a square deal for all the people. I will give you my personal views of them. I may be wrong but that is my privilege. I am willing to learn, however, and it is only the fundamental truths I am interested in learning. I give you a few thoughts on things in general.

In the first place, why is there a C.C.F.? Evidently the people are not satisfied with the sort of mis-government they have been getting for a long, long time. All one has to do is to figure out the record of our Canadian Parliament for many years, and it will sicken one. Just sit down and figure it out for yourself and see what you conclude.

If the old parties would get busy and clean up their own dirty back yards instead of ganging up on the C.C.F., they might find it was not necessary to gang up with a Coalition to beat a few poor people who have no political experience or well-oiled machinery or the backing of capital, etc.

Assuming that Coalition governments have beaten the C.C.F., it is nothing for them to crow about. For instance, in one case a C.C.F. candidate receives 167 votes, whereas the Coalition candidate, and a good man too, receives only 288 votes. If you split the 288 votes in half and give them equally to the Conservative and Liberal candidates—you have the answer. It is really like two men ganging up on a poor little kid and not to be proud about it in any case.

Here in B.C. we have been told about the wonderful record of Mr. Hart. Now we will wait to see how he comes out in getting back those taxes he conceded to the Dominion. We will also like to call attention to the fact that possibly Mr. Hart would not have done quite so well had he been in office during the depression instead of these days of dizzy taxation rackets.

Apparently the south has gone Coalition whereas the north has gone C.C.F. There must be a reason—and the reason is that the north has been robbed and swindled for years, starting with our G. T. P. Railway.

I am told that old gag about "What can you expect. The south has the votes." Very true—just like Hitler. "Might makes right." Nasty dig, but true. Great life, isn't it?

D. T. GREENE.

Tribute To "Duff"

Will Be Remembered Affectionately For All His Good and Useful Works

The Vancouver Province pays editorial tribute to former Prime Minister T. D. Pattullo as follows:

"Dufferin Pattullo has been called 'the Ripple Rock in the political narrows.' The tides of politics have worn him down and he has taken defeat in his first and last constituency of Prince Rupert after 29 years of continuous service in the Legislature.

"His doughty and dapper figure will be missed in Victoria. He will be remembered not as the stubborn man who chose to end his career as a one-man party opposing the tides of inevitable change. There are so many other things to remember him by. His long and effective leadership of the opposition; his premiership through two provincial Parliaments; his useful contribution to the development of industry and transportation in British Columbia; his untiring energy in all that he undertook to do.

"He made many enemies, but their number is little compared with his friendships. He inspired the loyalty of strong men who now control the political life of the province. He built up the coterie of good administrators which was at last reluctant to leave him behind at the parting of the ways.

"His friends and opponents alike will remember him affectionately and wish him many quiet and happy years as a private citizen in B.C."

MALE CHOIR TO RESUME

Popular Local Vocal Organization to be Active This Winter

The Prince Rupert Male Choir, which achieved a popular niche for itself in local musical activities during the past few years, is about to reorganize for the coming winter season, the weekly rehearsals to be commenced on Monday evening next. While the choir still retains the most of its 28 or so members from last year, it will be welcoming every male singer who may be available. There is known to be more suitable talent in the city than is already enlisted in the organization whose membership is open to all.

Remembering the many fine programs which the choir has provided in past seasons, music lovers generally will welcome the announcement that it is to be active again this winter.

The principal officers are: President, S. L. Peachey; Secretary, Louis Arroll; Conductor, C. A. Davis; Accompanist, Allan Crawford

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TURNING OUT FINE LEADERS

Prince Rupert Recreational Council Gets Gratifying Results in Training

The statement that the Recreational leaders in Prince Rupert will be on a par with those of any other community in British Columbia has proven no idle boast.

Now that leader training is approaching completion, this prediction has become a reality. In the girls' leaders' classes the latest addition to the training syllabus has been folk dancing. With the girls' fundamental gymnastics table, the ladies' Keep Fit table and the elementary apparatus work having been mastered, there should be plenty of material for ladies' gym classes this winter.

All that impedes the opening of these classes is the use of a large gymnasium. It is expected that this will be available shortly.

All Junior and Intermediate classes of the Recreational Council will be cancelled for the Hallowe'en festivities. Leader training will go on as usual.

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