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France's Position . . .

In spite of DeGaulle's insistence, France might seem to be not entitled to a position of equal importance to Great Britain, United States and Russia in the settlement of political decisions involving Europe after the war. However, the British government has seen fit to endorse the principle of France's equality in that respect. In any case, she had been previously promised that equality if she should rise and shake off the Nazi yoke.

The actuating circumstances in granting France that equality is, of course, not what she actually did to win the war but her strategic geographical position in western Europe.

After all, she was one of the nations that was liberated after having been betrayed by her own people. She is in no position to dictate but she can cooperate.

Robert Gardiner . . .

An address by a "Mr. Motherwell" urging farmers to economic action started Robert Gardiner, one of Canada's most widely known agricultural leaders, who is dead in Calgary, on the path to a distinguished political career. The young farm hand listened raptly to the words of the speaker, who was later minister of agriculture in the King Liberal government, and from that moment was a staunch advocate of the ownership of the resources of a country by its whole people.

The quiet-spoken young Scot, who weighed his words and spoke seldom, but always effectively and to the point, quickly gained a wide circle of friends who had absolute faith in his sincerity and courage in any emergency. Advancing from leadership in farmer association groups, he entered municipal affairs.

In 1921 when the farmers gained control of the Alberta Legislature and formed the first farmer administration, a by-election was being held in the federal riding of Medicine Hat, in June, 1921, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. A. L. Sifton, secretary of state. The U.F.A. decided to enter the fray and Gardiner was selected at a nominating convention. His victory over the Conservative nominee, Col. Nelson Spencer, who raised the 175th

Battalion, was as surprising as it was overwhelming.

Government coffers were further enriched in the elections of 1925 and 1926 when Gardiner's opponents lost their deposits. These contests were held in the constituency of Acadia, an enlargement of the riding in which he gained his first political campaign experience. And in the elections of 1930 he was one of the two members in the Dominion to be returned by acclamation. Henri Bourassa, of Quebec, was the other.

His drive for federal investigation of circumstances surrounding the Beauharnois Power Corporation in 1929 and 1930 placed him among the leaders in parliamentary life. His arguments and proposals brought into being the special committees of parliament created to probe the Beauharnois project's inception, financing and development.

Despite his heavy parliamentary duties, he found time to continue his activities with the Alberta farm organization. At the annual convention of the U.F.A. in Calgary in 1931, Henry Wise Wood, for 15 years president of the organization, retired in favor of Gardiner. A long-standing U.F.A. regulation stipulating that members of parliament and legislature could not hold office was removed. He was re-elected to the office in 1932.

A Valuable Community Work . . .

The Kinsmen's Club has been going only a few months in Prince Rupert but it has already established a good name for itself in the way of service through its two campaigns last fall on behalf of Milk for Britain and the distribution of Tuberculosis Seals. Now it is turning itself to something of real practical local value in the taking over for future operation the athletic club in the East end of the city where a considerable number of young folk are already receiving healthful and pleasant training in various types of gymnasium work. The Kinsmen are to be commended for unhesitatingly and enthusiastically taking over the responsibility for this work and, in congratulating and extending to them best wishes in the undertaking we may also express the hope that the present club will flourish, prosper and expand. Some day it may very well fit into the Prince Rupert civic centre project picture.

In acknowledging the action of the Kinsmen, it is fitting that appreciation should be expressed to the Boiler-makers' Union members who conceived the original project and to the men who have carried on and brought the club this far.

BOARD RAISES ELEMENTARY TEACHERS' PAY

Increase Decided on at Board Meeting—1221 Pupils in School

Decision to raise the salaries of Prince Rupert elementary school teachers by \$100 a year and a lengthy discussion of 1945 estimates, which remained uncompleted at the end of the meeting were major matters arising at the monthly meeting of the School Board last night.

The board passed a motion to raise the minimum salaries of elementary school teachers from \$1,100 a year to \$1,200 and the maximum from \$1,800 to \$1,900. Discussion of estimates, which will be presented to City Council for approval, took up considerable time and some details were left uncompleted.

Mrs. M. Roper was appointed to represent the school board on the Union Board of Health for 1945.

Principal's reports for January showed that there were 1221 pupils attending city schools during January. Booth Memorial High School had 505 students, of which 332 were in the junior high school and 173 in the senior. Average attendance at Booth for the month was 92 percent.

Total attendance at Borden Street School was 216 pupils and the attendance average was 94 percent. War Savings at Borden Street was \$256.75 for the month.

The 190 pupils who attended Conrad Street School had an attendance average of 88 percent and war savings totalled \$105.25.

King Edward School had a total attendance of 310 pupils and an average of 91 percent. The pupils saved \$241.75 in war savings during the month.

PROTECTIVE DESTRUCTION

When the Nazis retreated from Belgium they wrecked more than 200 bridges across the Albert canal to prevent Allied use of this important waterway.

LETTERBOX

GARBAGE FINANCES

Editor, Daily News: For the benefit of your readers I would like to correct a statement made by Alderman McKay at Monday's council meeting and which was reported in your issue of February 6.

Ald. McKay stated "that the garbage department is going \$50 a day in the hole."

I quote below the actual figures which have been obtained from our city treasurer and show the cost over a three year period:

1942—Total cost of Garbage Department \$13487.89 Receipts 6509.95

Deficit \$6977.94 1943—Total cost of Garbage Department \$20975.55 Receipts 16421.52

Deficit \$14544.02 1944—Total cost of Garbage Department \$21380.50 Receipts 12841.63

Deficit \$8538.87

Concerning the 1944 figures I might say there was an item of \$2121.30 included in the costs for the year for the purchase of a new Ford chassis and installation of the body thereon. Only one-fifth of this should have been charged to the years operation as depreciation which would mean that \$1697.04 should be deducted from the above figures and the actual deficit for the year was \$6841.83.

In view of the foregoing, the department is not "going in the hole \$50 per day" but less than half of the amount mentioned.

Thanking you for publishing this correction.

H. M. DAGGETT, Mayor.

Possibilities of Timber Industry Here After War

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce has expressed itself as favoring the idea of government industrial loans to assist in the postwar development of the timber industry. It is felt that there should be definite possibilities of increased development of the logging, lumber and timber products industries in this area after the war.

COMMITTED ON ENTRY CHARGE

Gavin Allen, age 19, a sailor, was committed for trial by a higher court when he appeared for preliminary hearing before Magistrate W. D. Vance Wednesday afternoon on a charge of break and entry. Allen is charged with entering the room of J. R. Speer, Westholme Rooms, on February 3. Speer complained that a coat and two fountain pens were missing.

Allen is under suspended sentence passed by the court on a similar charge last October. Date of the County Court hearing has not yet been set.

Lieut. C. G. Thornley appeared in court to represent the naval authorities.

City Fire Department answered a call to the new fishermen's floats at 9:15 last night where a fire had broken out on a small boat. The fire was already extinguished when the department arrived. There was only slight damage.

Classified Ads in The Daily News get results.

Royal Commission On Coal Coming

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has advised the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce that a Royal Commission investigating the coal industry of Canada has started sessions in Nova Scotia and will be on the Pacific Coast in March. Representatives for consideration of the commission are being invited and there may be hearings at points other than those now included on the commission's itinerary if requested.

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RAILWAY IS RESPONSIBLE

Highway Engineer Reports on Broken Bottles Thrown from Trains to Highway

Responsibility for broken bottles along the Prince Rupert Highway where it skirts the Canadian National Railway between Tyee and Terrace is solely that of the railway company it is flatly stated by Edward Gurney, engineer for the Department of Mines and Natural Resources with headquarters at Terrace. Complaints of these bottles have been made by motorists and the road maintenance staff has been put to considerable work in cleaning them up.

Mr. Gurney reports that it is the habit of the railway dining car staffs to throw their garbage onto the highway, from trains. Empty bottles and beer cans are also thrown out by the troops. If the practice continues, it is the intention to make a formal protest to the railway company. Meanwhile Mr. Gurney has suggested to the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce that the matter might be taken up with the divisional superintendent.

Air Officer to Go East For Conference

Flight Lieutenant Joseph F. Watson, works and building officer of the R.C.A.F. Seal Cove air base who was elected president of the Architectural Institute of B. C. at Vancouver last December, is leaving next week for Toronto where he will attend a conference of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. Formerly a member of a well known architectural firm in Vancouver, Flight Lieutenant Watson is a member of the council of the national institute.

REVISION COURT HEARS APPEALS

Civic Court of Revision which convened yesterday under chairmanship of Alderman Norah E. Arnold established one assessment on a new building and heard appeals against previous assessments on other property. Other members of the court were Aldermen Rudderham, Brett and McKay.

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