

Another Welcome Speech . . .

The minister of education, Hon. H. G. T. Perry, told us in his radio address on Wednesday evening of a great many good works the coalition government of British Columbia has done along the lines of extending and improving the standard of education in British Columbia. He revealed a number of facts that the public was probably not generally aware of and which it was well they should know. The speech of the minister of education, as have those of other members of the government who have been similarly heard, disclosed that, while assisting generally in the war effort, the government of British Columbia has been capably looking after affairs at home, keeping the province abreast of the times and making it a part of the country worth living in and worthy of the men who are fighting and working for it.

It was also interesting to hear Mr. Perry speak, if briefly, of his equally important work first as chairman of the Council on Post-War Rehabilitation and now as chairman of the cabinet committee on the same subject in which, as is known, British Columbia has been showing the way of all provinces of the Dominion.

As we have said before, such speeches as these are timely and the public is entitled to hear what is going on even if the Victoria government may not be boasting as much as it might do of the good work it is doing.

Battle of Philippines . . .

Great battles are in progress on the western and eastern fronts of Europe but of equal importance in the global war is the new American invasion of the Philippines which commenced a few days ago and, so far, is making such favorable headway.

There is no reason to suppose that the Americans are going to be able to walk right back to Manila without some hard and bloody fighting. In fact, we would be foolish to even hope that Luzon will be regained without meeting some stiff resistance and fighting some heavy battles. It is much too important for the Japanese to relinquish it that easily. Indeed, they have been there three years now and should be in a position to put up a long and hard battle—even should their lines of supply be cut off or curtailed. Of course, with the growing Allied

power in the Pacific, the final outcome cannot be doubted.

Meanwhile, Luzon Island, the largest and most important of the Philippines, is a key of the utmost importance to the whole Orient and Far East for it is the base from which great new blows can be struck at all Japanese territory including the Homeland and presently occupied other areas.

Holding Back the Recession . . .

There is uncertainty as to what the immediate future may hold in store as far as activity at the local dry dock is concerned. It is known that the two 10,000-ton freighters at present under construction there constitute the last of the major work which is now in sight although hope is held that the yard will be kept active. It is, of course, inconceivable that such a plant should become completely inactive at a time like this.

If shipbuilding becomes quiet, it is quite reasonable to assume that some other useful work might be found for it. Meantime, it is a matter that local citizens are keenly interested in and the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and city council are quite justified in keeping closely in touch with the situation in order to give every assistance they can in promoting and insuring the continuation of activity at the plant which for several years now has been the city's principal industrial payroll.

There is also said to be the possibility of a falling off of some of the wartime shipping which has been flowing through here in such considerable quantity since the war with Japan began. With the great new terminal facilities which have been provided here for the use of the port during the war emergency, it is to be reasonably anticipated that, when conditions return to normal, Prince Rupert shall play an important part in Pacific trade and shipping. What is to happen in the meantime is the question.

The war boom is definitely receding here and it well behooves us to be planning and working for the post-war time when activities may be projected and carried out along more permanent and orderly lines.

Of course, we may expect a sag from the abnormal conditions which have prevailed during the emergency of the last couple of years. If we show ourselves to be a live and united community, there may be something we can do to prevent the recession from becoming too great.

LETTERBOX

SOMETHING TO LOOK INTO

Editor, Daily News: We have heard quite a few suggestions for the benefit of the people in Prince Rupert. But are we forgetting about the protection of the citizens who live here? Are we to be caught napping if an air raid should strike here? It is not impossible with such super aircraft the enemy now possess. How about getting busy on three air raid shelters. One at each end of the city and one in the centre—before all the rock-drilling machines are shipped out and manpower gone. If they started on the air raid shelters now they could probably work 1 day shift instead of nightshifts like most of the war projects.

If present conditions don't change we can look for a war about every 20 years.

DAVID H. LEITH.

CONTINUING DRY DOCK

Editor, Daily News: The interest of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce in the continuance of the local shipyard as a permanent industry in the community is timely and necessary. Their intention to solicit the support of other bodies to this end should meet with the approval of everyone, more especially the trade union movement whose membership and their families are so vitally concerned.

The Chamber of Commerce's "dissatisfaction" with C.N. president's reply to their enquiries and suggestions accurately describes the feeling that permeates the workers in the local yard. Some departments will soon finish their tasks for the ship now under construction. After unlimited work the workers' attitude to the present uncertainty is understandable.

An official of the C.N.R. has been here to present a cup won by the Dry Dock in the Seventh Victory Loan drive. It is to be hoped that it will be brimful with work contracts and not merely empty memento to adorn an office showcase.

The coming of this C.N.R. official will provide the Chamber of Commerce and others with an opportunity to seek a personal interview. Matters other than the shipyard, in which the C.N. is interested, such as the use of the Skeena Highway for "bus" and truck services (when regulations permit) can be gone into.

The C.N.R. plays an important role in this area. Their support together with all other bodies is essential to the area's prosperity. The problems of the post-war period will be numerous, some very trying. We should meet, and overcome those we can as we near that period. Our prosperity will be enhanced by the effort.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for the space.

A. GILLANDERS.

REGAIN FAMILY SEAT
ABOYNE, Scotland, ☉—The Marquess and Marchioness of Huntly have bought back the traditional family seat, Aboyne Castle, sold 22 years ago by the Marquess' great uncle. Aboyne is the scene of the famous Highland Games.

POTATOE FROM PERU
The potato was introduced into Europe through Spain by Hieronymus Cardan, a monk, who brought it back from Peru.

News & Views of the District

Sailor Brothers Meet Unexpectedly In Scottish Town

FRANCOIS LAKE, Jan. 12—Stoker First Class John G. Lindsay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lindsay of Pinchi Lake, is spending part of his leave at Francois Lake where he lived prior to joining up in the Navy three years ago.

He tells of a unique happening to him and his brother, Able Seaman George Lindsay, when overseas. Neither knew of the whereabouts of the other and John thought George was this side of the ocean. Then one day when he was strolling down a street in Dunfermline (Scotland) the brothers met.

As both have been almost continually travelling since joining the Navy, their surprise at meeting can well be imagined.

Smithers Having Midwinter Thaw

SMITHERS, Jan. 12—The regular annual January thaw has arrived in the Bulkley valley and the past few days have seen above freezing temperatures with some light rain. The streets and roads are in a poor condition for travelling whether on foot or on wheels. The Curling Club has been seriously delayed in getting ice made on the rinks. The club was just about ready to start when held up again by the mild weather and no start has yet been made on their tournament games for the season. The skating rink was more fortunate and got ice made fairly early so that skating and hockey have been in progress for about three weeks.

Kitwanga Has Good Christmas

KITWANGA, Jan. 12—The village of Kitwanga lent itself wholeheartedly to the Christmas spirit. Major events were the children's Christmas tree, staged on Saturday in the community hall under the chairmanship of W. B. Morgan, and the singing of carols on Christmas eve throughout the village. Many villagers held open house, reaping enjoyment through exchange of hospitality.

Guests at the village were Mr. and Mrs. James Adams of the Naas River and Howard Wales and a number of young people of Hazelton.

Funds for the children's Christmas party were raised through public contribution and by raffling a Christmas cake presented for that purpose by Mr. and Mrs. Gregg, local Hudson's Bay company manager. In a brief talk prior to the beginning of the party W. B. Morgan spoke to children and parents on the importance of regular school attendance. Lack of education, he said, is a great stumbling block to people who wish to progress. At the conclusion a dance was held with music supplied by Stanley Williams, playing the saxophone and Gordon Johnson playing the banjo.

SMITHERS

Mrs. John Barker had the misfortune to fall on her door step on Wednesday afternoon and both bones of her right leg were broken just above the ankle. She is now in Smithers hospital where satisfactory progress is being made toward recovery.

Timely Topics from Terrace

MEMORIAL FOR HARRY ATTREE; AIR OFFICER IS FAREWELLED

Last Sunday St. Matthew's Anglican Church was the scene of a memorial service in memory of Harry Attree who was recently killed in action in Italy. Harry went to school and had his home in Terrace for quite a number of years so was well known to the local residents. The church had been specially decorated with flags for the occasion and many people were present. Major L. A. Morraunt officiated and was assisted by the local rector, Rev. R. Hills.

A guard of soldiers consisting of Sgts. Griffiths and Robinson, Cpls. Levine and Farano, Ptes. Stahle, Acton, Devereaux, Douthright, Kelly, La Barre, Pavoni, Rossi, Reimer and Stinson, was in attendance. Sans Kirkaldy sounded the "Last Post" and the congregation observed a short silence. Harry was well liked in Terrace and the townspeople feel great regret at his death.

The Administration Sergeants' Mess was the scene of an enjoyable dinner party and social evening on Saturday last when the Sergeants entertained a number of guests among whom were Lieut. John Stark, Mrs. D. Trumper, Mrs. R. Hubble, Mrs. T. Trumper, Miss A. Lips, Mrs. E. Duckworth, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ayres, Mrs. L. Rae, Mrs. E. Earl, Robert, Ronald and Jeat Earl.

A turkey dinner was followed by community singing and dancing. Mrs. Hubble played the piano and she was assisted by Corporal Cazeo at the violin and Mrs. Brookes with her guitar.

On Saturday evening, a well-attended dance was held at the Air Port in honor of the officer commanding, Flying Officer Carter, who will be leaving soon. Music was supplied by

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UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

(Meeting under Auspices of Prince Rupert Ministerial Association).

Friday, January 12—First United Church, St. Peter's Anglican Church, Seal Cove, commencing at 8 p.m.

All Christian people invited to participate in this meeting for prayer and meditation.

Whifflets From The Waterfront

Making a special run from Vancouver via the Queen Charlotte Islands both north and southbound, Union steamer Camosun was in port today. Capt. Lorne Godfrey is in command of the Camosun and Reg Stover is purser. The vessel brought in passengers from the Islands.

MAY MOTORIZED "BOBBIES"
LONDON, ☉—The Home Office is considering plans to take London "Bobbies" off the beat and put them into radio patrol cars, the system generally used in North America.

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