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Task of the Years . . .

The victory in Europe, which seemed so near when British, American and Canadian armies were romping across France as rapidly as motor tourists in a hurry, is yet firmly to be grasped. At the moment it is far from certain that fighting will not be proceeding on a seventh Christmas.

It should never be forgotten that continuing war is cause of continuing sorrow for mothers and fathers and wives and sons and daughters. The price of victory must ever be the tragedy of individuals, and no nation can be as rich as not to suffer from the absence in the their mature years of the young who on the verge of manhood answered the call of duty and went forth to fight and die. The more glorious their death, the greater is the

responsibility of duller, less able people who are left to live and work. How high can we hold the torch? Can we make Canada as great as it should be to justify the death of such heroes? Can we teach ourselves to preserve the ancient freedoms and to press forward to a new day when folly will not lead to threat of destruction, when partisanship succumbs to patriotism, when knowledge prevents the prosperity of false prophets, when government by the people is always for the people and not merely of the people?

The task is one demanding the work and thought and prayers of every living soul, man and woman, rich and poor, skilled and unskilled, townsman and farmer, unionist and individualist. It demands work at cockerow and the burning of midnight oil. It is not merely reconstruction. It is dedication. It is building. It is recovery and advance beyond. And the effort will definitely fail unless we are not only willing but eager to labor to the limit of brain and muscle.

The soft years are gone for a generation or longer.

The Saskatchewan professor who advocated establishment of a "residential, agricultural, co-educational" college in his province, must have hopes of seeing prairie foliage grow as long as his own verbiage.

THIS AND THAT



"You know that old saying about barking dogs?"

Prince George Man Slightly Wounded

A Canadian Army casualty list just released lists as slightly wounded Pte. Arthur Frederjek Greensill, of a B. C. regiment. His mother, Mrs. Nellie Greensill,

lives at Prince George.

Listed as slightly wounded is Pte. Percy Glen David English, of a B. C. regiment. Pte. English is the son of Mrs. Mary E. English care of C.N.R. B. and B. 41 who is understood to be now living at her home at Dome Creek, east of Prince George.

RAILWAY COMPANY ANXIOUS TO KEEP PR. RUPERT BUSY

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pany, naturally, was desirous that the organization should be maintained and would do all in its power to obviate its being broken up through lack of work.

The vice-president felt that the ideal set-up for the local yard would be a backbone of steady new construction work which would keep the organization intact and in readiness for carrying out repair jobs—large and small.

Mr. Devenish pointed out that the negotiation of contracts for work at the local yards was carried out by the executive at Montreal. He referred to the general falling off in ship-building activity which was seriously affecting shipbuilding plants all over the country.

"I have never seen a better spirit existing in any industrial organization than is apparent at the Prince Rupert dry dock," said Mr. Devenish who had spent the better part of a couple of days at the local yard and who had just come to the interview with the Chamber of Commerce from attending a meeting of yard foremen.

The vice-president told the delegation that there were at present 389 men on the payroll at the yard. One of the two ships at present building at the yard was now fitting out and would be ready for sea by February 20. The other was at present on the ways and was expected to be ready for launching by March 10.

The railway management was interested in the maintaining of shipbuilding and repairing activity here not only from the standpoint of the yard itself but because of the traffic which it developed for the railway line.

Mr. Devenish paid tribute to the fine organization which had been built up here by the manager, Mr. Allen. The yard had won a high reputation both in the building and repairing of ships.

If no more ship contracts were available, Mr. Devenish was asked what staff might be maintained at the plant. He suggested it, at least, would be no less than before the war as a result of which a dilapidated plant had been modernized and put in shape for large work. "We certainly hope," he said, "that sufficient work will be available to maintain the organization." It was not at all likely that the plant would be dismantled.

Mr. Devenish was non-committal as to what might be expected in the way of shipbuilding after the war or as to what the Canadian National's program of new ship construction for service on this coast might be. He reminded the Chamber that it had already been advised by the president, Mr. Vaughan, that the matter of the company's post-war coastal steamship requirements was under consideration.

Future Size of Prince Rupert

The vice-president, on the question of the future of Prince Rupert generally being brought up, commented that the place had been handicapped by the fact that there had been no ocean going shipping developed out of the port despite its natural advantages and ideal location. "No matter what the future may hold in store, however," observed Mr. Devenish, "a good dry dock and shipbuilding plant such as you now have will always be a benefit." There was a yard here which was infinitely better than it was before the war. He felt there would be no difficulty in

manning the plant could the work be obtained.

As for the future of the railway generally, Mr. Devenish realistically observed that, after the abnormal activity of war was over, it would be necessary to get back to the fundamentals such as agriculture, fishing, mining, timbering and industry for normal markets.

Mr. Devenish expressed appreciation of the conference with the Chamber of Commerce delegation. The company was always anxious to keep in touch with such organizations so as to know the local viewpoints and requirements.

The delegation consisted of President Mitchell, Past President W. J. Scott and Secretary E. T. Applewhite.

Mr. Devenish, who came west expressly to visit Prince Rupert, left Friday night on his return to Winnipeg.

Notice of Meeting

Do you know the facts about Venereal Disease in Prince Rupert?

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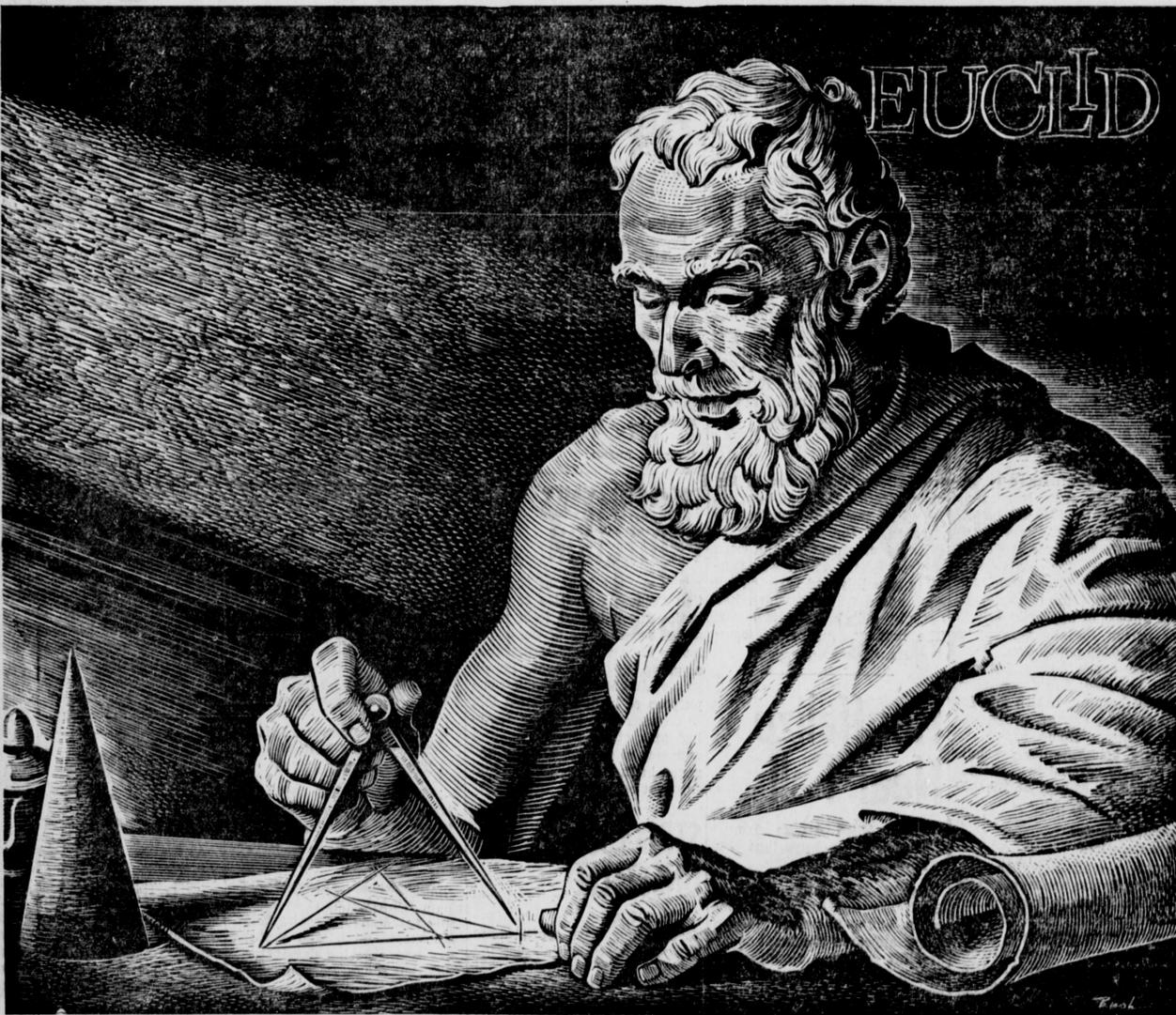
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