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### Liberals and Skeena . . .

The Liberals of Skeena riding, having become so used to the old reliable Olof Hanson that it was difficult to think of anybody else to represent them at Ottawa, has at length made its choice for a new government candidate in the person of Edward T. Applewhite. Returned soldier, hustling insurance man, qualified barrister, churchman, capable speaker and student of public affairs, the choice of Mr. Applewhite would appear to be a happy one. He should be a worthy standard bearer and, backed by a properly organized campaign, should have more than an even chance to win in a fight which everyone concedes is going to be a hard one.

Mr. Applewhite has been a resident of the riding for sixteen years so is no carpet-bagger or temporary opportunist. A man of good repute and dynamic personality, he enjoyed popularity and esteem in Stewart, where he lived for fourteen years and where his merits were well recognized. For the past three years he has been in Prince Rupert and has become well known and esteemed here. One of the first requirements now in the interests of a successful campaign will be for the candidate to become better acquainted with other parts of the riding, particularly the interior where he may be counted upon to make a good impression.

Mr. Applewhite starts off with the advantage of being the standard bearer of the government party which has such a proud war record to its credit and which has a far-reaching program in the various fields of post-war re-establishment already well in hand. The Liberal party has come through with a strong case and a capable candidate. The government may well look to Skeena to contribute to the mandate and renewal of confidence that will shortly be sought of the people.

### The School Board's Letter . . .

The propriety of publishing a communication which was sent to the city council recently on behalf of the board of school trustees and in which certain comments were made in regard to the salaries paid and the quality of teaching talent attracted thereby was questioned at the meeting of the board of school trustees last week. The city council rightly saw no objection to placing the communication on the agenda paper to be read in public session. Since the letter had a bearing on the estimates for the year, the comment in respect to the quality of teaching talent being evidently in justification of an increased salary scale, it was quite fitting that in our line of service to the public the correspondence should have been published by this newspaper. To make particularly certain that there should be an accurate report of the letter in question the Daily News published it in its entirety with the exception of two or three sentences.

The letter matter in question was accurately reported. It dealt with a matter of public interest having to do with the disposition of money provided by the people. If the letter made statements or implications that through publication were embarrassing that was no fault of the newspaper.

It is a relief to us and, no doubt, to the parties concerned that the situation in regard to the standard of teaching here not such as we were led to believe from the tone of the board's own letter.

### Tributary Hydro Electric Power

A few days ago the question came up as to how much undeveloped water power there was for industrial purposes in the immediate vicinity of Prince Rupert. Checking the matter up it is found that within forty miles of the city there is over 100,000 horsepower of undeveloped water power which could support an industrial population of possibly 1,000,000 people. Developed waterpower contiguous to Prince Rupert amounts to only 7,600 h.p.—6,000 h.p. at Falls River and 1,600 h.p. at Woodworth Lake. Waterpower potentials in close proximity to Prince Rupert include the following:

- Falls River, 32,000.
- Woodworth Lake, 3,600.
- Brown's Mill, (Ectall River), 17,000.
- Khatda Lake, 27,000.
- Thulme River, 18,000.
- Union Bay, 10,000.

In addition there is a development at Anyox with a potential of 15,000 and at Kalum Lake near Terrace 12,000 to 18,000 h.p. both of which could be readily available in these days of long transmission.

### THIS AND THAT



"Look what my mother-in-law sent me for my birthday—a beautiful new straight razor!"

### TOWNSEND PLAN AGAIN

Scheme to Provide Annuities For Persons More Than 60 Years of Age

WASHINGTON, March 14 (C)—The so-called "Townsend Plan" of annuities for everybody 60 years of age or over, the disabled and mothers with dependent children, has popped up again in Congress and its proponents are seeking enough supporters to enact it into federal law.

This year the bill—"The Business, Employment and Social Insurance Act,"—was introduced by Rep. Homer D. Angell (Republican, Oregon), a Portland lawyer and member of the last four congresses.

It has gone to the committee on ways and means where an identical bill Mr. Angell introduced last year, failed to make any headway.

The proposal is to tax gross incomes by a special levy of three percent (with \$100 a month exemption on personal incomes) to build up a fund for distribution among those qualified and willing to accept the conditions under which it may be received.

The amount of annuity would depend upon the number of applicants and the amount in the fund which will be distributed on a per capita basis, monthly.

May Have Thorny Path

Rep. Angell, who did not appear enthusiastic about the chances of getting his bill through Congress, said he thought the fund should provide monthly payments of \$60 or \$70 but it would depend upon the national income and the number of claimants.

The catch in the plan is that its recipients must take an oath to abide by the conditions under

### IRISH LACK ERSE TERMS FOR BILLS

DUBLIN, March 14 (C)—Erse is one of the official languages of the Oireachtas (parliament) and Prime Minister de Valera's government has been trying to popularize its use but not one of 221 bills introduced during the years 1938 to 1944 was in that language.

English was invariably used in the bills which were signed by the president in that language. No bill in Erse may be presented for signature unless it has been passed by both Houses in that language.

One problem is that there is no authoritative decision on the Erse equivalents of terms which have acquired a special legal significance in English. Proposals for legislation in this regard have been under consideration for some time.

When the president signs a bill in only one of the official languages, an official translation is issued in the other language, but since this translation has not been passed by both Houses and is not signed by the president it has not the force of law.

which they may receive the annuity payments.

The money must be spent within the United States, its territories and possessions, each payment must be spent within 30 days of its receipt, and recipients may not engage in any gainful occupation to augment their incomes.

If the recipient manages to increase his wealth by investing his annuity, such increment must be spent within six months of receipt.

The annuity may not be transferred or assigned or hypothecated, and it is exempt from attachment, garnishment or any similar proceedings at law.

A recipient may not support in idleness any able-bodied person except a spouse. The objective is to get persons of 60 years or over out of the employment market. A recipient may at any time waive his claim for the annuity, if he or she desires to go to work, and have it restored at a later date.

### Businesswoman Knits 11 Sweaters a Month

MERRITT, March 14 (C)—In the last three and a half years Miss Hannah Forsyth of Merritt has knitted 485 sweaters—an average of 11 sweaters a month. And of these sweaters 482 have been donated to the Red Cross Society.

Nor is Miss Forsyth a knitter in odd moments during working hours. She works eight hours a day as private secretary for a local doctor and also maintains a home for two young nieces.

In a newspaper interview Miss Forsyth said she averaged five inches of knitting an hour when working on a sweater and made as her objective 23 inches a night.

POLIO IN SOUTH AFRICA  
CAPE TOWN (C)—Since July 1, 1944, 736 cases of infantile paralysis have occurred in the Union. The majority of cases appear to be fairly mild.

MODERN KITCHENS  
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### YANK FLIERS LEARN LORE OF THE NORTH

Arctic Veteran Teaches Airmen How to Overcome Difficulties in Northland

EDMONTON, March 14 (C)—After nearly 40 years in Alaska and Northern Canada, trapping, hunting, painting, packing horses, climbing mountains and prospecting, 64-year-old Belmonte Browne would rather bivouac under a tree than sleep in the downiest bed.

Mr. Browne is consultant to Maj. A. K. Innes-Taylor, veteran Canadian explorer, who heads the Arctic training school of the U.S.A.A.F. at Nanaimo, just north of Edmonton.

One of the organizations of the school Mr. Browne is putting all his practical experience into lectures and pictures designed to teach American fliers to survive crashes in the northern wastes.

He shows them that a well-trained man with little or no equipment might have a better chance of coming out alive from a tight spot than the best equipped flier with "no savvy" at all.

"Confidence is half the battle," he says. "If a man has confidence, training and the help of our search and rescue squads, we figure he can come out of a pinch in good condition. Of course our luck sometimes is bad."

Mr. Browne now is glad he didn't succumb to the "grass skirt" idea and go to the South Seas when he was 19. He believes there is no place like the Canadian Rockies to train men for cold weather living and Arctic survival.

His wife, now in Edmonton, was never out of Philadelphia before she met Mr. Browne. Since they were married she has lived in tepees and tents, brought up their children in the vast outdoors and loves the open spaces as much as her husband.

"After Uncle Sam kicks me out," says Mr. Browne, "I'm going to build a log cabin in Southern Alberta and paint."

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