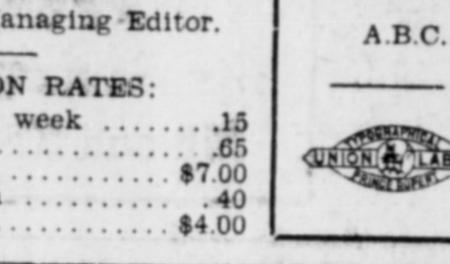
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The virtue of your newspaper is to be readable and iteresting. Its speech flows like a river of life itself, bearing on its broad bosom before you the deeds and thoughts of all the world, including those of your own community and neighbors.

The Civic Election . . .

Turning out in near-record numbers yesterday despite the fact that there was no mayoralty contest which is usually the piece de resistance of a civic election, the people of Prince Rupert displayed a healthy renewal of interest in municipal affairs. It is to be hoped that this is just the inauguration of a new acceptance of responsibility and manifestation of active interest by the citizens in community business generally. Possibly, the old apathy is at last being dropped off. If it is, it will be all to the good.

Those who were elected to city council and school board are no doubt worthy of the trust that was imposed upon them. They will have important work to do and may be counted upon to face the job with courage and resolve to employ their talents to the best and most generous advantage in the furtherance of civic and community affairs. No doubt, they will sometimes think that they have a thankless task but that will not matter as long as they are working to the best and utmost of their ability.

The new aldermanic board is adequately representative of various interests and sections of the community although labor has lost strength, this indeed being a notable factor, the council being evenly divided between Civic Labor Federation and independents with the Mayor in the King's seat. The fact that there is new blood should be helpful.

It is satisfactory that the three by-laws were passed by such substantial measure. Of course, nothing else but that had been expected.

Stewart Percival McMordie

The passing at Vancouver of Lieut. Col. S. P. McMordie, D.S.O., has removed another of the most prominent personalities of the early days of Prince Rupert.

Col. McMordie, was, indeed, one of Prince Rupert's most distinguished pioneers for the activities in which he played a leading part were unusually diversified. He helped to carve the city out of the rocks as a contractor in the building of the streets.

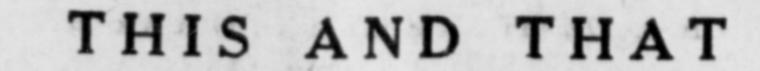
He was among the first to enlist in World War I and, having had military experience with the old militia unit here, he was immediately commissioned and soon went overseas where he served as a fighting officer with distinction until he sustained severe wounds, including extensive shrapnel injuries and the loss of an eye. But that did not put him out of service and he went back to France in connection with army railway construction and later was an administrative officer in England. Deservedly he was awarded the Empire's second highest military deco-

The ending of the war brought Co. McMordie back to Prince Rupert and he resumed contracting business. Probably his most valuable service to the community was in his capacity as police magistrate adventure and tragedy, apparfor several years. On the judicial bench he showed a fairness and fear- tion of its virtual disappearance lessness which became a byword. is the cost of ships which, with return of more normal condi-Later he became mayor and gave the exception of the steel efficient and conscientious service.

His versality extended beyond ing the rest of the year. The last business and public service activities. fleet to sail for the icefields was He was a keen sportsman - in the in 1941. strenuous athletics such as football in his college days. He was Prince Rupert's champion tennis and bil- ployed-in 1906 there were 25 liard player, despite the ocular handi- steamers and 4,061 men, while

He was also a pianist of some accomplishment. In social circles he was known as a "perfect host."

The Daily News joins with the many old friends in expressing senti- industrial life of St. John's, in ments of regret at the passing of Stewart Percival McMordie and in the oldest trade union organizaextending condolences to Mrs. Mc- tion in Newfoundland, and one Mordie and her sons.





"Why don't you watch where you're going?"

COST OF SHIPS DOOMS SEALING

Colorful Newfoundland Industry Has Virtually Disappeared Under Variety Of Handicaps

ST. JOHNS, Nild.,-The sealing industry of Newfoundland, punctuated with a long history o' ently is fading into the rugged past of the island. One explanasteamers first used in 1905, can be employed only two months

That the industry is practically obsolete is obvious from the figures of ships and men emin 1936 these had been reduced to eight steamers and 1,460 men In 1936 the catch was about 150,000 seals, valued at around

When seal hunting was one of the important factors in the 1855, the St. John's Seal-skinners' Union was formed. It i of the oldest in the New World. In those days, when a man could skin 300 or 350 seals in nine hours or so, Newfoundland were captured. was exporting 440,828 seal skins ure is for the early year of 1831, vestigated.

when 686,836 found outside markets and the lowest figure was in 1920, with 33,985.

May Sail In Spring

Although it is believed that some firms formerly engaged in the industry are planning to replace some of the sealing ships, any plans will have to wait the tions in the shipyards. No definite plans have been made but it is not unlikely that the Eagle. the sole survivor of the wooden ships, will make a voyage next spring. The sole survivor of the steel ships once used is the Nascopie, now used by the Hudson's Bay Company in its trading operations in the far North.

The only remaining attempts at the moment to revive the once important industry is made by shoremen around the north coast, who sometimes succeed in getting remunerative catches. The conditions are subject to the vagaries of wind and tide, and the fishermen practically have to wait for the seals to come to

The whale industry of Newfoundland has also decreased in importance until only one firm is engaged in the industry. The whaling plant is at White Bay. and last year about 130 whales

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Modern Etiquette By ROBERTA LEE

Q. After returning home from her honeymoon, should a bride wait for her friends to call before she calls to see them?

have come to see her.

to him?

her husband?

husband.

QUEBEC (P)—The Quebec Aces have moved into sole possession of second place in the Quebec A. Yes. At-home cards may be Senior Hockey League with their issued and she is not expected to victory on home ice Wednesday make any calls until her friends night over the Shawinigan Falls Cataracts. The 4-3 Quebec vic-Q. Is it proper for a person tory broke the deadlock that exto rise when a toast is proposed isted between the Aces, Shawinigan Falls, Ottawa Senators and A. No. After the toast has the Valleyfield Braves behind been given he may rise to ack- the league leading Montreal nowledge it and speak a few Royals.

Over in the Provincial Hockey Q. What is the correct man- League, the Lachine Rapids ner for a woman to introduce defeated the Victoriaville Tigers, 4-3, thus extending their lead on A. "Mrs. Jones, this is my first place in the loop. The game was played in Lachine.

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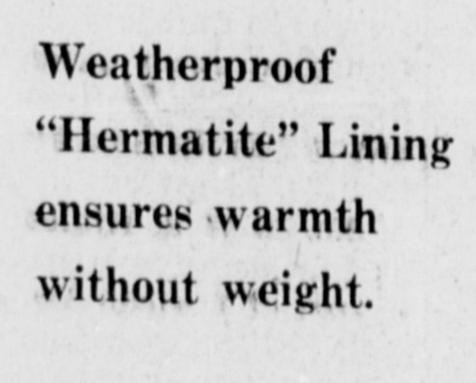
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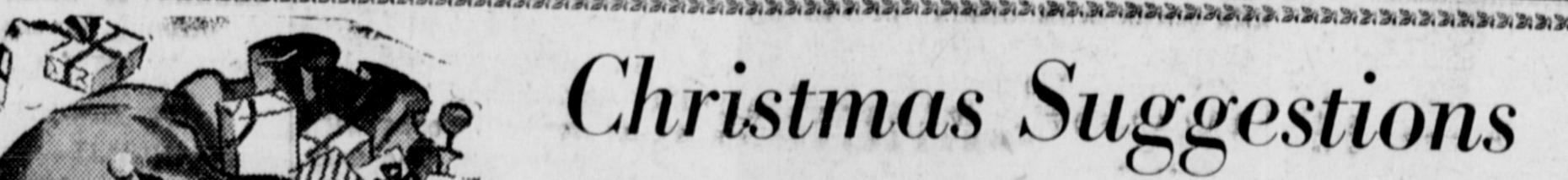
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