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The Challenge in Grey North...

The Progressive-Conservatives cannot be denied political satisfaction they must feel over the result of voting in Grey North yesterday. They have succeeded in placing the government in a very embarrassing position. This should be a source of much happiness for them from the political standpoint.

The people of Grey North turned out in large numbers to deliver to the government a rebuke on the manner in which they have handled the manpower of this country in relation to the military requirements, particularly to overseas reinforcements. That was the determining issue and the unpopularity there of government policy in this respect caused the voters of Grey North to deliver their rebuke in spite of and disregarding all the other good works of the government in the prosecution of the war.

It was a serious thing that the people of Grey North did in rejecting the Minister of National Defence. They knew that their voice in this matter might be accepted as the voice of Canada.

It is now to be expected that the Prime Minister will regard the result in Grey North as a challenge and call the general election in answer thereto. As Mr. King said last night in his statement after the result of the election had been made known, circumstances appear to have arisen which leave no alternative but to call the election.

As was expected, it was a close fight in Grey North with the Progressive-Conservative and Liberal candidates the only two serious contenders. It was new ground for the C.C.F. but they received a substantial number of votes—a number that, no doubt, would have been smaller had they not had such a distinguished candidate.

We would not go so far as to say that as Grey North has gone so will go the nation but we cannot but think that the Progressive-Conservative tide is running high these days. The government is, doubtless, suffering from its failure to impose conscription more promptly. The C.C.F. wave shows continued signs of recession.

The pity of the whole thing is that we still have one of the key ministers of the war without a seat in the House and carrying on under what may be regarded as at least the implied displeasure of the people. Under the circumstances it would appear to be the logical and reasonable course for the Prime Minister, come what may, to clear the atmosphere by calling the election as speedily as possible in the hope of obtaining a vindication and

recognition of his government's many fine achievements in carrying on and keeping the nation united during the most difficult period in the history of the Dominion and the world.

What Are Japanese Up To?...

A few weeks ago after the initial American landings at Lingayen we were predicting that the Japanese might be expected to put up a real fight before Manila. Now MacArthur and his forces are at Manila after a campaign of just a little under four weeks, meeting a surprising minimum of resistance all along the way. So our predictions on the Philippines were somewhat out of line. The outlook now seems to be that the Japanese may soon be driven completely from Luzon, the main island, or be destroyed.

We do not know what may be expected to follow the change in policy of Japanese fighting from fanatical resistance to the death which use to be their technique but which has been changing not only in the Philippines but in Burma and other areas.

The untrustworthy and entirely unscrupulous little yellow men may be conceded to be up to some nefarious sort of strategy so, while we are all glad to see the excellent progress which is being made against them in practically all areas today, we should not be overconfident.

While we are in a much better position to attack and our position is improving every day, it is still quite a way to Tokyo. It may not take as long as we once expected, but we may rest assured that there is still considerable fighting to be done.

How He Became "Pussy Foot"

The late William E. Johnson, who became an international figure as a dry crusader, acquired the nickname of "pussy foot" as chief special officer of the federal Indian service in the early days.

Appointed by Theodore Roosevelt to enforce anti-liquor laws and clean up bootlegging in Oklahoma and Indian territory, Johnson visited a Haskell, Okla., poolroom proprietor suspected of selling liquor.

Feigning to be a drunken cattleman, Johnson entered the poolroom and demanded a drink. He rejected the sarsaparilla offered and the proprietor then produced whiskey. Immediately, Johnson disarmed and arrested him.

An Oklahoma newspaper, describing the raid, said "the booze hunter strikes like lightning even if he is a pussy foot."

The nickname stuck and Johnson took pride in it. "That name is all right," he said years later. "It traveled around the world faster than I could keep up with it. Pussy foot opened the doors to places that William E. Johnson never could have entered."

Johnson was mobbed and lost the sight of one eye in 1910 when he engaged in a dry campaign in England.

THIS AND THAT



"I think you'd better stop, Miss Fitch, and give him back his pint."

Notes and Views of the City Council

Approval was granted by city council last night to a recommendation of the Board of Works committee that the City Engineer and the Board of Works chairman be authorized to examine the city's rock crushing equipment and, if it is found necessary to purchase new equipment, the committee chairman be authorized to go to Vancouver and purchase any equipment found necessary. In moving adoption of the report, Alderman Rutherford pointed out that he had examined a rock crusher for sale on the highway and found it not suitable for city use. In the meantime council is making arrangements for the city to use the Provincial Works Department rock crusher.

City Council approved a recommendation of the utilities committee that the basis of holidays with pay for all city employees be one working day for each month worked in the preceding year.

A street light is to be installed on Tenth Ave. E. near Bacon St.

A recommendation of the Board of Works that permission be granted to the area works officer to build a fire exit at the rear of the Knights of Columbus Hall providing that construction complies with city by-laws was approved by council.

Council last night approved a recommendation of the utilities committee that a 3-ton truck be purchased for the telephone department as soon as priorities are available.

Accounts totalling \$35,537 for the second half of December were approved for payment by Council on recommendation of the finance committee.

Licensing committee reported that a license to conduct a transfer business has been granted to David Myers.

Finance committee received endorsement of its action in purchasing \$3,100 in Prince Rupert 4 percent refunding debentures, 1955, at \$1.02 and accrued interest for the Water Works Utilities trust account.

A provincial order-in-council approving an increase in the salary of Magistrate W. D. Vance to \$175 a month was read in City Council last night. Council had previously approved the increase and submitted it to the office of the Provincial Secretary.

A letter from the local Firemen's Union asking for a 5 percent wage increase for city firemen was referred to the special committee to consider wages.

With the formal announcement

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE "ADMINISTRATION ACT" IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM HAWTHORN DECEASED, INTERSTATE TAKE NOTICE that by order of His Honor W. E. Fisher, made on the 23rd day of January, A.D. 1945, I was appointed Administrator of the estate of William Hawthorn, deceased, and all parties having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified, to me on or before the 28th day of February, A.D. 1945, and all parties indebted to the Estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith.

DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 24th day of January, A.D. 1945.

NORMAN A. WATT, Administrator of the Estate of William Hawthorn.

that the provincial commission enquiring into educational costs will sit in Prince Rupert on February 14. Mayor H. M. Daggett moved at last night's council meeting that the joint committee assigned to study the matter continue with its preparation of a brief to present to the commission. Head of the commission is M. A. Cameron of Victoria.

A request to hold a tag day on May 26 submitted by the Women's Auxiliary of the 17th Coast Regiment was granted by City Council last night.

Mayor Daggett asked Alderman Arnold to act as delegate from the city to the annual meeting of the Women's Co-ordinating Council to be held February 15. The meeting will elect officers for 1945.

Briefs From Britain

By the Canadian Press

MAGHERAMORNE, Northern Ireland, 6.—Maj. Haro Robinson, former Cambridge University boxing champion who had represented Larne as Unionist member of the Northern Ireland House of Commons since 1937, died at his home here, aged 62.

LONDON, 6.—Anti-tank guns made from drain pipes, pikes made from kitchen knives and broomsticks and other improvised Home Guard weapons of the dark days of 1940 are being collected for display in the Imperial War Museum.

BOURNEMOUTH, Eng., 6.—Miss Emmeline Berry, who died August 2, left most of her \$1,000,000 estate to the exchequer to reduce the national debt.

BRISTOL, Eng., 6.—Bristol Aeroplane Co. has offered its modern airdrome to Bristol city council for possible use as a trans-Atlantic air terminus.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN THE MATTER OF THE "ADMINISTRATION ACT" IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM KIZAK DECEASED, INTERSTATE

TAKE NOTICE that by Order of His Honour Judge Fisher, local Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, I was on the 2nd day of February, A.D. 1945, appointed Administrator of the Estate of William Kizak, who died on the 23rd day of January, 1945. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith and all persons having claims against the said estate are required to file them with me properly verified on or before the 10th day of March, 1945, failing which distribution will be made having regard only to such claims of which I shall have been notified.

DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 2nd day of February, A.D. 1945.

NORMAN A. WATT, Official Administrator, Prince Rupert, B.C.

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Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. What is the correct way of introducing a woman to a man?

A. The man is invariably presented to the woman. The only exceptions are when a woman is introduced to the President of the United States, to a cardinal, or to a reigning sovereign.

Q. Whom does the bridegroom name as the best man?

A. The brother of the groom, the brother of the bride, or the groom's best friend.

Q. How long should a hostess wait for a guest who is late for dinner?

A. Not more than 15 minutes.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The men divided the money between themselves."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "dirigible?"

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Haze, blaze, amaze, phase.

4. What does the word "cynosure" mean?

5. What word beginning with am means "to consolidate?"

Answers

1. Say "among" when referring to more than two.

2. Pronounce dir-i-j-i-ble, all i's as in "it" and accent first syllable, not dir-i-j-i-bl with accent on second syllable.

3. Phase. 4. A centre of attraction or attention. "He was the cynosure of all eyes."

5. Amalgamate.

FINED \$10 FOR WHIFUL DAMAGE

Raymond Atchison, a seaman, was fined \$10 by Magistrate W. D. Vance in police court Saturday when he was found guilty on a charge of wilful damage to property. The charges arose out of the breaking of a window of the Daily News building last week. Magistrate Vance warned against rowdism on downtown streets at night.

AIRMEN FIGHT LOCUSTS

KARACHI, India, 6.—Military airplanes are being used in the war against locusts. A Bikaner regiment, units of which have been stationed at various places in Sind, Rajputana and Bikaner, is doing good work. Reconnaissance is done by the Locust Warning Organization of the government of India.

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Parade Schedule

February 6

Assembly Point—Court House grounds.

7:30—Band and marching muster.

7:35—Hands fall in.

7:40—Roll call.

7:50—Ship's company to off to Naval Drill Hall.

Divisions affected—No Hood, Drake, Howe and B.

Note: No parade for Rodney or Tender Division.

Rig of the Day—No. 3.

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