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### VISCOUNT BENNETT

IT IS RIGHTFULLY SAID THAT "R. B." Bennett was a great Canadian. He was a great Prime Minister, too. It was not through lack of acumen and ability that he was not long Prime Minister. It was his political misfortune, if such it might be called, that he and his government were in power during the greatest depression the country and the world, for that matter, had ever known. Many statesmen of lesser light had longer political longevity than he. He might have had too under different circumstances.

Bennett may have lacked suavity and diplomacy but there are none who will say that he lacked resolution and sincerity. He was not a seeker of popularity and did not win it. Possibly he was too outspoken and candidous anyway. He was, however, greatly respected. His eloquence, if vitriolic and sometimes uncautious, was a by-word.

While a multi-millionaire, Bennett was independent and on occasion during his political career attacked the "big interests" and their effect upon the economic life of Canada of which he was ever a loyal champion.

Mr. Bennett looked upon the possession of great wealth, honestly accumulated, as an obligation and trust to be administered in the interests of the deserving poor and in support of worthy institutions.

At Winnipeg in 1927, after the national convention elected him leader, he said he had been properly described as "a man of some wealth." He had obtained it "by my untiring efforts in this great western land to which I owe so much." He went on: "What is more, I look upon it as a solemn trust in my hands to enable me to serve my country without fear or regard for the future so far as that is concerned."

During his years in Ottawa R. B. Bennett gave the impression of aloofness and was at times abrupt with those to whom he was closest in his associations. He had few intimate friends, no hobbies and never played games. To those who knew him well, however, it was obvious he was warm-hearted, generous and thoughtful. A remarkable memory about some little domestic problem or incident often proved to casual acquaintances he had not forgotten them.

Constantly stressing his policy of Canada first there was never any question of Mr. Bennett's Imperialism. "I give place to no man in my love for our Empire but there is a greater love in my life and that is my love for Canada; judge me by that." A bachelor, his devotion to what he considered his country's best interests was unrestricted by domestic responsibilities. It is a coincidence that his chief political opponent throughout his years as opposition leader and prime minister was another bachelor, Mackenzie King, who, incidentally, paid great tribute to him in his passing.

### AN APPRECIATED VISIT

THE FEDERAL Department of Trade and Commerce is entitled to an expression of appreciation at the active interest it is at last showing in Prince Rupert through the sending here of its traffic officer, Col. W. J. Fisher, to study at first hand the possibilities of developing world shipping through this great and, so far, little considered port. Representations along this line, ably presented at the recent Foreign Trade Conference in Vancouver of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, have quickly born fruit through the dispatching to Prince Rupert of Col. Fisher on his first hand "fact finding" mission. Those who have so far met him have found him very keen and interested and not without some advance information. We hope that, as a result of what he sees and learns while here, he will be able, through his department, to awaken a sharper interest in this port and its possibilities and that, as a result, further steps may be taken towards its logical utilization in the flow of post-war trade and commerce.

### LOOKING INTO USE OF PORT

Department of Trade and Commerce Sent Here to Survey Possibilities at First Hand

To view the local situation at first hand by surveying local port facilities and studying the possibilities of their fuller use in world shipping and commerce and to obtain "on the spot" information as to volume of traffic which may be made available from this area, Col. W. J. Fisher, chief of the transportation and communications, foreign trade service, Department of Trade and Commerce, is in the city for a three-day visit. He has come here as a result of representations which were made at the recent Foreign Trade Conference of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce at Vancouver when the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce was active in campaigning for greater use of the port of Prince Rupert in world trade.

### LETTERBOX

TRIBUTE TO MR. O'NEILL

I note by the press that Mr. O'Neill has seen fit to resign the principalship of the local High School and that his successor has been appointed.

It is said that a change is as good as a rest which could very well be true in the case of Mr. O'Neill, for no one could regard the administration of a Junior-Senior High School as anything but an arduous task.

However, at this time of change, it seems fitting that there should be some sincere expression of tribute to a teacher who has spent a great many years with our children in the schools of our city. It seems to me that Mr. O'Neill has been and is a teacher particularly devoted to his work. It is not possible to measure the results of a teacher's work nor his influence on the minds of his students, either in the present, nor for many years after but it is easy to distinguish the teacher who is interested in the development of his pupils from the one who is not.

Mr. O'Neill has felt and shown this personal interest in his students far more, I believe, than is commonly realized. Prince Rupert, due possibly to its location, suffers perhaps more than some other centres from a trend toward transient teachers. It is the duty of us all to try to encourage those we deem efficient and faithful to stay. Hence, it is satisfying to note that Mr. O'Neill may continue teaching on the staff of our High School.

It will be the wish of all, I am sure, that he will benefit from the change and that, whether he continues in his work here or elsewhere, his scholarly studiousness and integrity as a teacher will work their beneficial influence on the students with whom he will come in contact—the young people who will be the men and women of tomorrow.

MRS. GEORGE A. HILL.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
IN PROBATE  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HANS HOLM, DECEASED  
TAKE NOTICE that by order of His Honour Judge W. E. Fisher, made on the 21st day of March, A.D. 1947, my appointment as Executor of the estate of Hans Holm, deceased, was confirmed.

All parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified to me on or before the 31st day of July, A.D. 1947, after which claims filed may be paid without reference to any claims of which I then had no knowledge.

And all parties indebted to the estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness forthwith.  
DATED this 24th day of June, A.D. 1947.

OLE KILDAL,  
Executor, Estate of Hans Holm,  
c/o Brown & Harvey,  
Barristers and Solicitors,  
Prince Rupert, B.C. (161)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
IN PROBATE  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OLAF OUSE, DECEASED, TESTATE  
TAKE NOTICE that by order of His Honour Judge W. E. Fisher, made on the 18th day of June, A.D. 1947, my appointment as Executrix of the estate of Olaf Ouse, deceased, was confirmed.

All parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified to me on or before the 31st day of July, A.D. 1947, after which claims filed may be paid without reference to any claims of which I then had no knowledge.

And all parties indebted to the estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness forthwith.  
DATED this 24th day of June, A.D. 1947.

JESSIE KELMAN MURRAY,  
Executrix of the estate of Olaf Ouse,  
c/o Brown & Harvey,  
Barristers and Solicitors,  
Prince Rupert, B.C. (161)

### Fined For Having American Goods

For having American goods—cigarettes and liquor—in their possession, H. T. Dolron and William M. Anderson of the fishing boats Sea Maid and Sharon M. respectively, were each fined \$100 by Magistrate W. D. Vance in city police court yesterday. The cases followed seizures by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on Thursday. There were pleas of guilty in each case.

Among matters being discussed with Col. Fisher are the international load line, port insurance rates and the Jones Act bearing on Canadian shipping.

The visiting official is interested in the possibilities of the development of direct shipment overseas from here of such commodities as wheat, lumber, canned salmon and refrigerated fish products.

LONDON, (C)—Shortage of beer at seaside resorts was a complaint made to Food Minister Strachey.

"It is just a fact-finding trip and I am primarily interested in getting information and learning the local viewpoint," said Col. Fisher who chose to reserve any specific comments until later in his visit.

Col. Fisher was director of movements for the Canadian Army during the war and is not unfamiliar with the part this port played in war traffic, particularly in the Pacific theatre, although he pointed out that differentiation should be considered between peacetime trade and commerce traffic and transportation for national defence at the height of a war crisis.

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### NEIL MacDONALD PASSES AWAY

The death occurred in Prince Rupert General Hospital this morning of Neil MacDonald, a resident of Prince Rupert since 1911. Born at Gishader, U.S. Ireland, of Lewis, Scotland, he came to Canada in 1910, arriving in Prince Rupert in 1911.

During the first Great War he was employed at the construction of the Prince Rupert dry dock and in later years worked periodically for the Department of Fisheries. He was a watchman for the American Army during the second world war. He was unmarried, and is survived by a niece, Mrs. Matheson, at Courteney, Vancouver Island.

He was one of the earliest members of Tsimpsaan Masonic Lodge here with which he affiliated in 1911. He was a life member of Thornfree Lodge, Thornliebank, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

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