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Development Ahead

POWERFUL INTERESTS we know are moving these days toward the development of industrial enterprise in this area through the utilization of natural resources of the district which lend themselves to new manufacturing processes. Investigators and organizers are known to have been hereabouts for some considerable time with this end in view. True no official announcements have been made. Anything in the way of definite commitments have been difficult to obtain in spite of efforts that have been made. Enough is known, nevertheless, to make us feel assured that, before long, something will develop along possibly even more substantial lines than might have been hoped for. There is no reason to be downhearted. These are days of transition and uncertainty. Before long we impatient newspapermen are hopeful of having announcements to make that will revive us all. As we have said, strong influences are at work and they are not just playing around. The fact of their presence here is most encouraging.

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A Northern Senator

THERE IS NO QUARREL with the quality of the new senatorial appointments as far as the persons of Gray Turgeon and Sam McKee of Vancouver are concerned. Both are estimable and deserving gentlemen, long prominent in political and public life and both of whom have given good service to party and province for which they are entitled to the honor and reward of senatorial appointment.

It appears, however, that Vancouver has taken the bacon again in spite of our appeals in the north including those of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia and various constituent member boards that this part of the country is entitled to bona fide representation in the Upper Chamber. In fact, such representation is long since overdue. There are men of the talents and ability that would well grace and enhance the Senate.

Certainly, Southern British Columbia has had its share by now. It is to be hoped that the next time a British Columbia senatorial appointment comes up that we in this part of the country may at long last be recognized.

Britain's Troubles

EVERYBODY IS AGREED concerning what the economic problem of Britain is. They have to have an excess of exports in order to provide for pre-war living levels;

and unless they can do that they are lost; and what they need to do, therefore, is to get their costs of production down so that they are on a competitive level with the rest of the world. That has become a terrific problem for the British.

In spite of the need to reduce costs the London Economist's editor points out, nothing is being done to secure lower costs in England.

"Wage rates," he observes, "are on the increase. Costs are being raised in other ways. Perhaps, the most powerful cost riser of all is the factor that cannot be registered in statistics, the universal reluctance to do a hard day's work, to which almost every employer could at present testify."

This condition, which the Economist portrays as contemporary England, it lays at the door of the labor movement.

"It is a lifetime of socialist teachings," writes the Economist editor, "that is coming home to roost on the heads of labor ministers, that the wage earner, who believes that all his demands can be met out of the surplus value accruing to the exploiter of labor, is beyond the power of being convinced that there is any connection at all between his own efforts and his rightful deserts. So long as there is a single capitalist left in the country, the worker will go on believing what the labor movement has always told him, that he is morally right and economically sound to work less and demand more wages.

Navy League Annual Meet

Local Sea Cadets in Excellent Training Position

Election of officers and receiving of annual reports were the principal items of business before a small but keenly interested annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Branch, Navy League of Canada, held at the Civic Centre last evening, S. P. Woodside was unanimously re-elected as chairman for the year 1947. Other officers, all elected by acclamation being:

Vice-Chairman, Theo Fortune. Secretary, Edward T. Applewhite. Treasurer, Philip M. Ray. Executive—G. Douglas Woods, A. Ogilvie, Orme Stuart, H. S. Harrison, James Forman, Al Morgan, A. T. Lashmar, A. L. Holtby, Capt. J. R. Elfert, Mrs. C. H. Elkins, Mrs. J. R. Elfert, Mrs. J. E. Buddie, Mrs. A. L. Holtby, with Lt. Comdr. Ale Mitchell, Commanding Officer, Sea Cadets, ex-officio.

The Sea Cadet committee for the year was appointed by the chairman to consist of E. T. Applewhite, H. S. Harrison, Capt. J. R. Elfert and S. P. Woodside.

In his report for the past year Chairman Woodside mentioned the particularly keen interest shown by the members of the executive and their faithful attendance at meetings. He also expressed his thanks to the Women's Auxiliary and the other officers. Mention was made of the good fortune which befel the Sea Cadets Corps when H. M.C.S. Chatham was recommissioned and it became known that the Navy Drill Hall would be available for the Sea Cadets. He expressed the hope that the Women's Auxiliary would continue as an organization although through the end of the war brought an end to most of their duties.

Great appreciation was expressed of the help given by the Royal Canadian Navy and especially Lt. Comdr. Eddy and Lieut. G. Brown. The chairman's report also spoke highly of the

accomplishments of the Sea Cadet Corps and its commanding Officer, Lt. Comdr. Alex Mitchell. It also stressed the point that, although the country is not now at war, the Navy League still had many duties and services to perform.

MONEY IS REQUIRED

The financial statement showed that the income was not equaling the expenditures and efforts will be made in 1947 to remedy this.

Mrs. J. R. Elfert, president, presented the report of the Women's Auxiliary which mentioned assistance at dances for visiting warships, presentation of a trophy for the most efficient Wrenette, won by Ethel Hemmons, presentation of a trophy for a whaler race, and active participation in the work of the Navy League.

Lt. Comdr. Mitchell's report on the year's activities of the Sea Cadets Corps, "Captain Cook," showed a postwar reduction in attendance. However, the boats were kept busy all season and the rifle range work was carried out regularly. Successful parades were held during the year. With the re-establishment of the Naval Reserve here new interests were available to Sea Cadets, including a great deal of the most modern naval equipment (largely secret during the war) and the services of trained Royal Canadian Navy instructors.

This was the last meeting to be attended by Lt. Comdr. Eddy who will shortly be leaving the city. He was enthusiastically thanked for all his support and help and, in making his farewell remarks, he wished the Navy League and the Sea Cadets at Prince Rupert every success in the years ahead.

It was the opinion of the meeting that parents of Sea Cadets were not taking the interest in the Corps or the League that might be expected and efforts will be made to arouse a more active interest on the part of the parents.

PORTIA WHITE COMING HERE

One of Outstanding Singers of the Day Booked for Civic Centre March 20

Portia White, outstanding Canadian negro contralto, has been tentatively booked for appearance at the Civic Centre here on March 20, according to announcement by Don Forward, Civic Centre manager. Her appearance here will be sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Miss White is one of the outstanding vocalists of the day and has won international acclaim. Prince Rupert music lovers will, indeed, have good cause for gratification if arrangements for her appearance here in recital are finalized.

She will visit Prince Rupert in the course of a western tour which includes Edmonton and Vancouver.

NO STREETS RESERVED FOR SLEIGHRIDING

Announcement yesterday that certain city streets would be reserved from traffic to permit children to sleigh ride safely, was rescinded by civic authorities today after it was learned that the city might incur liabilities in case of accident unless careful precautions were taken to safeguard the sleighriders.

The original plan was to reserve several sloping streets in different parts of the city for sleigh riding between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. so that the youngsters would not be endangered by traffic.

However extent of the precautions that must be taken to safeguard the children against accident does not justify the risk, the authorities feel, and therefore the plan has been cancelled.

RENFREW, Scotland, O—John McGregor, former provost of Renfrew, has died, aged 72.

Paralyzed Boy May Have 50-50 Chance of Recovery Even Yet

Leonard Campbell, 11-year old creeping paralysis victim who was pronounced incurable by Vancouver doctors two weeks ago, has been given a "50-50" chance of survival by southern chiropractors, according to Mrs. Ross Richardson, who took the boy south for medical examination.

Mrs. Richardson returned to the city at the beginning of the week after placing the boy in a private home at Duncan, Vancouver Island, where, she said, he is "very happy."

With funds donated by local citizens, Leonard was taken to the Vancouver Children's Hospital where he was unable to remain after specialists had pronounced his progressive paralysis condition as "incurable." The hospital is only for "curable" cases.

"I was told that, if he was curable, they would have kept him there, even if it had taken five years," says Mrs. Richardson.

Leonard was turned over to the Provincial Welfare Department and has been taken into the home of Mrs. Lowood of Duncan where he is accepted as part of the family.

Following the pronouncement of his "incurability" by medical specialists, Mrs. Richardson yielded to requests by a number of Vancouver chiropractors that he be examined by them. X-ray pictures and consultations among the chiropractors resulted in a decision that the lad still had a "50-50 chance."

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the subscribed fund which is still more than \$300.

Incidentally, publicity given the boy by a Vancouver newspaper resulted in \$187 being donated by Vancouver people. One anonymous donor attached a cryptic "give the kid a fighting chance" to a donation of \$129.

The Provincial Welfare Department is responsible for Leonard now, even though he has been taken into a private home.

The boy is said to be "very happy" at his foster-home, and is already a favorite of Mrs. Lowood's two sons, aged 15 and 12. The older carries Leonard about and the younger is his playmate. Leonard has taken it on himself to look after another foster child, a two-year old, whom the Lowoods have taken into their home.

However, because of his own helpless ness, he must confine his attentions to watching the child "so he won't hurt himself."

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Retired Fisherman Dies In Hospital

Thomas Kenny, retired fisherman, passed away this morning in the Provincial General Hospital. He was 75 years old. Born in Newfoundland, Kenny had served on the Prince Rupert fleet for 18 months ago. He was a war hero of the Spanish war, and received a pension service in that conflict. He was unmarried.

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