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The Natives Are Right

ME SYMPATHIZE very much with our Indian VV friends who have resorted to an ingenious and novel means of emphasizing their claims for the franchise. Certainly if the Chinese and the East Indians are to be given the franchise, we would think it to be the fair and just thing that the natives should also have the privilege. As a matter of fact, it seems to us that our native Indians here have a good deal more right to it notwithstanding some of the antiquated and outdated provisions of the Indian Act and its patronizing guardianship. And when we say that the natives have as much light to the franchise as any of us-whether or not the on the reserves which we so generously gave them after we came over here and took over the lands, the prior possession of which they were unable to sustain against our aggression—we think of other privileges and rights that we enjoy while trying to keep the natives in a state of inferior subjection which not only contributes to their continued discontent but tends to their deterioration.

We are believers in the theory that, if we saw to it that the Indians received the rights and privileges to which they have every just claim, they would be good and responsible citizens, equal to the best.

Yes we believe the Indians have a good case and something should be done about improving their lot. We are sure they would live up to their responsibilities.

A good thing to remember is that there is always going to be a tomorrow as well as a today and yesterday.

Rupert-Alaska Service Canadian Citizenship was called to England to recite

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zenship by act of parliament.

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because of lack of clear-cut

citizenship, marked with pride

and appreciation their acqui-

sition of a new status among

men. A sense of increased re-

sponsibility and enhanced op-

portunity came to the people.

A Canadian counts for more;

more will be expected of him.

William Lyon Mackenzie King,

who graces such an occasion

with fitting words, said: "There

are older countries, there are

larger countries, but no coun-

try holds today a higher place

in the esteem of other nations.

Our unity and our strength

Austria Is Unable

To Pay Reparations

Police radio) - Karl Gruber

Austrian foreign minister, said

Saturday that his country was

unable to pay reparations to

Austria to pay war demands

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The Prime Minister, Rt. Hon.

Canadians who hitherto had

THE FIRST HEAVY BLOW at the cost of living in Alaska is to be struck, it appears, within 60 days when Phillip G. Briggs of Juneau, formerly of New York, puts his as yet unnamed motorship onto a new run between Prince Rupert and Southeastern Alaska ports, says Ketchikan Chronicle. In a period when most costs are going up and the American carriers serving this run plan to seek higher tariffs, this news is good.

Business men of Southeastern Alaska must remember that, when the recurrent strikes occurred last year and they were sadly in need of goods to keep their operations going, they were praying for something like Briggs' service. They wouldn't have cared too much about the cost; in fact they shipped so much stuff through Prince Rupert on small boats that this nearby and friendly Canadian port eventually became known as the alternate lifeline for Alaska. It is only natural then that this new lifeline should be strengthened for not only will there be more tieups in the Seattle-Alaska commerce, but Mr. Briggs can offer more attractive rates at once. When the coastal carriers get their rate increase, which seems inevitable, he can make even a greater inducement to businesses.

It may be expected that opponents of this new service will seek to combat it by one way or another. We hope Alaskans remember, however, that the Seattle carriers werenot very good stormy weather friends and have generally proceeded along the line that Alaska should support them in the style to which they are accustomed, or not be favored with their services. Since we decline to support them in this fashion and to keep on paying higher and higher rates, we should concentrate all our efforts on helping Mr. Briggs. He has most of his personal assets sunk into this venture and his service can pull him-GENERAL self and part of Alaska through to good times together.

ELECTRIC As a matter of fact, the turn of events made such a service as Briggs offers inevitable, for Alaska had to turn somewhere and it was hoping Prince Rupert would be the answer. Through rail connections into Prince Rupert from Vancouver and Seattle, cargoes originating in the western states could still be handled via Prince Rupert, though the saving might not be so great. The great value of the service will be in saving of freight into Alaska and in lower handling charges. Merchants will need to arrange with carloading services in the eastern jobbing centres to pool their cargoes into west-bound cars.

LETTERBOX

ANSWERING MR. PARKS

Editor, Daily News: Answering John Parks letter, 74 years ago we made our long. est treaty in history but it only seems like yesterday when this momentous incident took place. How warm was our handclasp then? And how sincere our promises were, when we shook hands solemnly we uttered the words of our great Indian oath: 'As long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the water flows, I will keep all my promises." The Great Spirit in Heaven listened to those solemn words. Yes, my White Brother, the sun is still doing his duty shining up in the skies, making the grass grow and the water flow. All this is no news to you,

Mr. Parks. But the average man on the street knows nothing of the actual conditions that exist among us. You look upon me as a parasite who depends entirely on the public pocket book in order to live. You also take us as a race of people unable to undertake our daily household duties. You, my brother, have proven to be very industrious and wise. You have certainly made use of this land we loaned you. You have shown wonderful miracles in science and industry. Many millions of your children have been born here to grow up into strong and intelligent people, many of whom have acquired great skill in the gathering of money and property with their brains.

I disagree with segregation for this reason, "when an Indian has been given the opportunity, they will acquire equal standing and even higher." Take E. Pauline Johnson for instance, when given the opportunity, she became one of Canada's most outstanding poets. Miss Francis likawa, an elocutionist, who for King George V, and Chief Sittingstone, a man living today whose work was recommended by the members of the Parliament and these great athletes such as Tom Longboat, marathen runner of all time. Jim Thorpe, an all-round athlete, and Jack Dempsey, a former heavyweight boxing champion, whose mother was an Indian. Take these heavyweights of today such as Chief Littlewolf and Chief Thunderbird. The Boy Scouts in Coqualeetza-Steven Morrison from Port Simpson, his patrol became first in Canada and another Indian, Solomon Gray who went to England. He medal by Prime Minister Benthe words of the King. But. why of education on us while we are progressing with the years? So let our children of all races and nationality be given the oppor-

tomorrow. I thank the editor for the privilege of permitting me to write

in this space. WILLIAM G. JEFFREY.

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RETURNS TO PLANTATION MELBOURNE, (P) - With his wife and three children, R. S. Union steamer Coquitlam, Heape of England has gone to was the only one of Boy Scouts | Capt. John Boden, arrived in live in a native hut in Belik, New of all races and creeds to be the port at 8 o'clock last evening Ireland, until he can get his best. He was awarded the gold from Vancouver and waypoints, coconut plantation - destroyed sailing at midnight for Stewart by the Japanese-working again.

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EMPLOYMENT IS DISCUSSED

Work on Demolition of Surplus Buildings to be Resumed

Both local and provincial situations were considered at the monthly meeting of the Prince Rupert Employment Advisory Committee last Friday.

It was stated that the resumpsoon. Crews were already being pent Highway, the weight recruited. A former discrepancy snow, if not removed, might, presentative.

application of the Holiday Act Road Foreman Frank Gavin. to industry, the wages paid by the Corps of Commissioners, the low rates offered to women in some industries and the change in income tax regulations as applied to married women.

Objection was taken to an article in the series in the local press on Prince Rupert by the Canadian Pacific Airways. One statement was that the cost of building ships in Prince Rupert during the war was higher than in other centres owing to higher cost of labor. This statement cannot be justified and representations refuting it will be forwarded to the authors of the

A review of the local labor situation indicated that, with an expected increase in seasonal activities, most of the unem. ployed would be absorbed into gainful employment. Present at the meeting were J.

S. Black, James Nicoll, J. C. Gilker, E. V. Whiting and H. Whiffin. secretary. J. S. Wilson was

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Sixteen members of the provincial public works department lieve there will be little ele crew at Terrace came down from of clearing the snow so the Terrace to the lower Skeena highway may be reopened Valley on Saturday's way freight the snow melts in the re train to undertake the task of tion of the demolition of surplus shovelling off by hand a huge buildings, both locally and at fall of snow which has covered Terrace, would take place very the bridges on the Prince Ruin wages being paid had been was feared, cause the collapse of cessful treatment of asthmet rectified. It was also reported the bridges. In all, there are that the Prince Rupert Labor about seven big bridges to be with sulfa drugs and me Council had failed to name a shovelled off and it was ex- cently, penicillin, which representative on the commit- pected it might take the shovel- people find more agreed tee in spite of repeated requests. lers about three days to do the It was, therefore, decided to job. To move from bridge to carry on without such a re- bridge, the men are snowshoeing over the highway. The shov-Items discussed included the elling job is being directed by

It is years since such a heavy snowfall has been known in the area around such points as Exstew and Shames. The Canadian National Railways are now running through a virtual trench of snow up to six feet

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