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St. Valentine's Day

DAN CUPID, the sprightly tyke with the insecure sarong—and quiver full of moony sighs—once again mixes historical fact with fiction to-morrow to usher in St. Valentine's Day.

And he'll not be any more mixed up than most modern men's unromantic, dry-as-dust-probers into the antiquity of the ancient feast day of the world's swains and swooning maids.

Myriad stories have been woven by poet, historian—and promoters of lacy, lush greeting cards—about the origin of the bow-and-arrow-armed Kid's big day.

Some say St. Valentine was one of the eight historically-obscure saints, mentioned by early chroniclers. Others, more specific, say tomorrow is named after a Christian youth who in 270 A.D. was beheaded at the Flaminian Gate in Rome by the impetuous Emperor Claudius II.

Searchers among pagan lore claim the day coincides with the Feast of Lupercalia, a Roman festival of spring which was held in honor of the gods' own darlings—Pan and Juno.

The Romans, it is said, set aside fretting empire troubles and grisly toss-em-to-the-lions circus amusements that day to fete lovers.

And, early Roman settlers in Britain carried on observance of the day. In Scotland, the 18th century lassie celebrated a type of "Sadie Hawkins" day Feb. 14. When "captured" by his fleet-footed Highlander miss, Jock remained "hers" for the balance of the year.

Naturalists, too, have an oar in the discussion. A few say that, in the balmy parts of the globe, birds were supposed to mate on Feb. 14 or 15.

However, history, fact or fiction—tomorrow's the day when shy approaches take a back seat and faint hearts take strength to quaver:

"Will you be my Valentine?"

February

LET US SAY some kind words about February and its spring-like days even if the odd one may be rain. Few words of any kind are ever said about February. It is mainly noted for being the shortest month and most understanders have largely avoided trying to understand and comment on February. When winter has worn along as far as February, the able writers are too numb to feel anything, and the less able and therefore probably richer writers have deserted and gone south, where there is no February.

March is a much-discussed eccentric. April, May and June have natural literary advantages in being handy words to pronounce, and, even more important, to spell. Also they happen to come along at a time of year when writers feel good. Summer has had a considerable bulk of writing done on it, though this work has been unnecessary, for summer is summer, and the poets can't improve it. Even if the harvest of autumn were not good, Keats' effort would have redeemed it single-handed. November is one of the most-talked-about months, with a reputation like the sporting-page notoriety of the bad man in a wrestling match. December and January are specials.

February is the month when

Leadership

WHAT are the qualities that make for success in life? That is a question in which young people in particular are interested, and many books have been written on the subject. One American writer and lecturer has specialized in it and made quite a success—and probably a good deal of money—out of telling people how to make friends and get on in life.

But he does not take into consideration that we are not all built alike. It would be a

monotonous, not to say a weird and confusing world if we all looked alike. If everybody were to cultivate an engaging smile and were forever trying to make friends with everybody else, we would have no privacy and we should only succeed in boring each other and becoming darn nuisances.

One prominent Canadian industrialist has prescribed the primary qualities in man in the following order: Character, Personality, Imagination, Initiative, Drive, Ability, Knowledge.

Wood Grinder Here 'Natural'

B. E. Morgan, Sawmill Operator, Sees Possibility of New Industry

A wood grinding mill and plant for the making of wall-board and other such products should be a "natural" at Prince Rupert in the opinion of B. E. Morgan, operator of the Billmor Spruce Mills sawmills at Porpoise Harbor, who was in town from his plant yesterday. Any kind of wood in any condition—even the branches—could be used, says Mr. Morgan. There would be employment for at least thirty men in the plant and twice that many in the woods getting out timber. There would be a ready market for anything that was produced. The cost of such a plant would be possibly \$20,000 and Mr. Morgan considers it would be an excellent investment.

COMMITTEES OF TERRACE BOARD

TERRACE—Standing committees of the Terrace and District Board of Trade for the year have been appointed as follows by President George McAdams:

Finance—W. A. Kirkpatrick, Nigel Sherwood and Charles Adam.

National Affairs—George McAdams, R. Squires and Will Robinson.

Highways—Will Robinson and C. H. Michiel.

Industrial—Will Robinson and O. T. Sundal.

Entertainment—D. G. Little and James McKay.

Resolutions—Duncan Kerr and C. H. Michiel.

Membership—J. H. Smith and Mrs. C. J. Norrington.

Agriculture—Harry King and Peter Van Stalk.

Radio—C. J. Norrington and Rev. Mr. McAllister.

Public Relations—A. Yoxall.

Steamship Sailings

For Vancouver—
Tuesday—ss Coquitlam, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday—ss Prince Rupert, 11:15 p.m.
Friday—ss Catala, 10 p.m.
Saturday—ss Camosun, 9:15 p.m.
From Vancouver—
Sunday—ss Coquitlam, p.m.
Monday—ss Princess Adelaide, p.m.
Wednesday—ss Prince Rupert, 10:00 a.m.

REVISION COURT STILL SITTING

Several More Adjustments Made—Further Views of Land Being Made

Prince Rupert's civic Court of Revision resumed its sessions today after adjourning Wednesday to view a number of the properties on which appellants seek downward assessment adjustments. Earlier, the court reduced by 26 the more than 100 appeals lodged by 86 taxpayers which faced it when the sessions began last Saturday.

Latest adjustments made by the court are:

Reduced from \$17,320 to \$13,900 the assessment on the Imperial Oil Co. pipelines on waterfront block "G." Land occupied by the company was sustained in value at \$22,300, while the assessment on two winches was reduced from \$1,000 to \$466.

Lot 10, block 13, section 5, Fifth Avenue West, owned by G. and P. M. Davidson, was reduced in value from \$650 to \$550 while improvements on the same property were reduced from \$2,240 to \$2,080. On lots 13 and 14, block 12, section 5, also on Fifth Avenue West, also owned by the same appellants, land assessment of \$1,650 and improvements at \$1,680 were sustained by the court.

The court reduced assessment on the Besner Apartments, First Avenue, from \$11,900 to \$10,300 on appeal by G. P. Tinker, agent for the owner, Olier Besner.

The Northern B.C. Power Co. sub-station at Cow Bay received a reduction of from \$7,200 to \$5,200 when the court decided that the transformers there were moveable, not fixed property. Assessment on five lots owned by the power company there was sustained at \$450 each.

The assessment of \$450 for land and \$500 for improvements owned by C. S. Viers on lot 33, block 17, section 1, Market Place, was sustained by the court.

The assessors valuation of \$970 on land owned by Carl Poulsen, waterfront block "G," Sixth Avenue East, was upheld by the court.

Improvements on lots 18 and 19, block 25, section 5, Eighth Avenue West, owned by J. W. Eastwood, were reduced from \$2,440 to \$1,820.

S. C. Thomson received a reduction from \$1,920 to \$1,660 on improvements on lot 5, block 15, section 5, Sixth Avenue West.

The assessed value of \$350 for land and \$3,160 for improvements on the property owned by Hans Hagen, Hays Cove Avenue was upheld by the court.

The North Star Bottling Works, Second Avenue, owned by John McLeod, was reduced from \$2,400 to \$2,000, while the residential land of Mr. McLeod on Bor-

den Street was reduced from \$1,125 to \$1,075.

In an appeal entered by Mah Chun Kee in behalf of the Sunrise Store, Sixth Avenue and Fulton Street, the land value of \$1,300 and improvements of \$5040 were sustained.

Assessor's valuation of \$900 on land and \$1,660 on improvements on lots 9 and 10, block 2, section 1, First Avenue, owned by Paul Vogel, were upheld. On lot 19, block 3, section 6, land owned by Mr. Vogel was sustained at \$500 while improvements were reduced from \$1,520 to \$1,370.

Improvements on lots 15 and 16, block 4, section 6, Fifth Avenue East, owned by G. C. Mitchell, were reduced from \$4,290 to \$4,000.

Residence of Alex Mitchell, Fourth Avenue West, was reduced by the court from a valuation of \$2,480 to \$2,200.

The improvements were reduced from \$2,710 to \$2,360 on property owned by Mrs. Mary C. McDonald at the corner of Sixth Avenue West and Taylor Street.

A reduction from \$2,560 to \$2,300 was granted on the improvements on property owned by Mrs. Lillian Palmer on Fourth Avenue East.

The land value of \$550 was sustained on lots 14 and 15, block 23, section 5, Eighth Avenue East, in an appeal by J. E. Erickson. On lot 26, block 32, section 5, Ninth Avenue West, also owned by Mr. Erickson, the land value of \$175 was sustained while the improvements were reduced from \$1,160 to \$1,030.

In an appeal by J. E. Unwin, Moreby Avenue, land value of \$520 and improvement value of \$1,645 was sustained.

Assessor's valuation of \$1,220 for improvements and \$350 on land owned by F. C. E. Mattson, Moreby Avenue, also was upheld by the court.

Appeals filed in behalf of the Bishop of Caledonia on four lots on Fourth Avenue West resulted in a reduction from \$2,500 to \$2,100 on the land.

Five lots occupied by the Rid-

TENDERS for Demolition of the old Exhibition Building will be received up to noon Feb. 15, 1947. Instructions to bidders may be obtained at the office of the City Engineer.

Signed,
H. D. THAIN,
City Clerk.

Postal Service To Germany Extended

OTTAWA — Postmaster General Ernest Bertrand announced in the House of Commons that instructions had been issued for the inauguration of parcel post service between Canada and the American-occupied zone of Germany.

ley Home, Hays Cove Avenue at Conrad Street, figured in an appeal in which the land value of \$750 was sustained while the improvement valuation was reduced from \$3,680 to \$3,270. The appeal was entered on behalf of the Bishop of Caledonia.

Improvements on lot 13, block 14, section 5, Borden Street, owned by Sydney Bird, were reduced from \$2,640 to \$2,000.

Local Man Rescues Women At Nanaimo

Capt. William Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Murray, Alfred Street, Prince Rupert, was instrumental a few days ago in the rescue of two young women who were adrift in an 18-foot boat off Entrance Island outside Nanaimo Harbor. Murray was skipper of the fisheries patrol boat Atlin Post which went to the aid of the young women whose boat had been sighted drifting by a lighthouse keeper. Their boat, which had started from Gibson's Landing the same morning, was taken to harbor at Nanaimo.

Tonight's train, due from the East at 10:45, was reported this morning to be on time.

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TOTAL ASSURANCES IN FORCE ON DECEMBER 31, 1946	\$855,165,736
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$286,792,678
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TOTAL PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS AND BENEFICIARIES	\$16,897,185
65.6% of this amount was paid to living policyholders. Associated diseases of the heart, blood vessels and kidneys accounted for more than 50% of the death claims, cancer 14%, accidents 4%, tuberculosis 2% and pneumonia 2%.	
SURPLUS EARNED IN 1946	\$5,500,426
In a mutual company, the benefits of successful operation accrue to policyholders, and the earnings in 1946 permit the continuation of the Company's long and outstanding record of high returns to policyholders, reducing the actual cost of their life insurance.	

The 77th annual meeting of policyholders was held at the Head Office on February 6, 1947. A copy of the complete report of the proceedings will be sent on request.

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