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activity of Prince Rupert is the fishing industry. The fish are conditioned for shipment locally, or in ancillary regions nearby, and are shipped by rail and water throughout the continent.

The Queen Charlotte Islands— to be serviced through the central point of Sandspit—produce mainly pulpwood for conditioning elsewhere along the coast, or lumber for world markets.

The Stewart mining area, which we will consider herein to be largely a part of the Prince Rupert industrial picture, similarly produces metals for world consumption.

It follows, therefore, that trade and commerce between Vancouver and the rural points mainly consists in that necessary for the operation and maintenance of semi-heavy industry operated at bases distant from Vancouver. Transportation between the areas mainly concerns itself with the transfer of personnel, the shipment of replacement and installation parts, perishable supplies, and the necessities of life for the population operating these industries.

It is noticeable at once that in the general transportation picture so described, speed of transfer is of the utmost importance in two types of traffic— personnel and replacement parts.

RAPID TRANSFER PRIME NECESSITY

Further, a major portion of the industry of the rural regions is operated through local branches from head offices in Vancouver. In view of the complicated procedure necessary to operate widely scattered subsidiaries of Vancouver fishing, lumbering and mining companies, rapid exchange by mail of written instructions, orders and monetary transfers is a prime necessity for the area.

Upon the basis of these urgent requirements for air transportation, therefore, stands the need of each of the points of call for more frequent and rapid transportation between themselves, and to Vancouver.



SAILORS ENTERTAIN "BLITZ" CHILDREN—Storekeeper I/C G. Cook U.S.N., of New York, lends a word of encouragement to Ronnie Webb, seven, and Maureen Allison, six, as they "attack" a couple of turkey legs at the Christmas party given by the members of the U.S. naval forces in London for the children of London's bombed east end area. The party was held at the embassy canteen and included a full course dinner with nuts, candy and presents.

MAINTENANCE CONTROLS DESIRED

Citizens Forum Discusses Price Regulation in Canada

Unanimously favoring retention of price controls in Canada, Prince Rupert Citizens' Forum last night went even further and agreed that the country's economy would benefit by a floor price under the primary products raised by initial producers.

In backing up its support of price control, the meeting went on record with the opinion that the present government de-control policy is proceeding too quickly.

Under chairmanship of M. H. Waters, the dozen persons at the meeting also agreed:

1. That removal of ceilings on wages and salaries would not make it impossible to hold the line of price control.

2. That wages should be tied in with the cost of living index by law.

Speaking in favor of price control, John Husick asserted that they should be continued "or salaried people and wage earners will find it harder to meet their ordinary needs." It is hard now, but it would be much harder if the controls came off.

Carlo Hansen, Junior Chamber of Commerce delegate, declared that money is fairly free at present and much of it is invested in Victory bonds and other sound securities.

"If controls are dropped, prices would soar and these bonds would have to be sold to meet ordinary needs," he said. "That is definitely against the policy of personal saving advocated by the government at the time the bonds were sold."

Eric Faure, arguing that since price control has held off inflation, it could withhold inflation as well. He moved that there should be minimum as well as maximum prices on all necessary goods.

This motion was defeated, and the meeting went on record as favoring floor prices only for primary goods, such as initial farm and fisheries products.

Slow Removal Is Advocated

G. G. Withers, Chamber of Commerce representative, favored extremely slow removal of controls if they must be removed so that prices would not have a

chance to surge as they have done in the United States.

Removal of wage ceilings would not endanger the price control structure, mainly because the economic law of supply and demand works more readily to depress wages than it does manufactured products, the meeting agreed. A growing pool of unemployed is in evidence in Canada at the present time, and this would remove the danger of wages soaring to the detriment of price ceilings.

Wages should be tied to the cost of living index by law, the meeting agreed. The present minimum wage laws are ineffective because they were set prior to the war and are rigid. A flexible minimum wage structure balanced to the cost of living index would be desirable.

Any attempt to tie the wage structure to the cost of living index by voluntary agreement between labor and management would fail, the meeting decided, because too small a portion of Canadian labor is organized and thus would be at the mercy of the employers.

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HILL 60 CHAPTER I.O.E. MEETING

The monthly meeting of Hill 60 chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, took place at the home of Mrs. D. Orchard McLeod, Leeds Apartments, Monday, the regent, Mrs. R. S. Donaldson, presiding.

Nomination of officers for 1947 took place.

Mrs. C. A. Brind, who has been a very efficient treasurer for the past seven years, tendered her resignation as she will be leaving for Kamloops in the near future. Much regret was expressed by the members, and on their behalf the regent presented a lovely picture of Prince Rupert to Mrs. Brind who voiced her appreciation.

Mrs. D. O. McLeod read a synopsis of the history of the I.O.E. which was very interesting.

The usual monthly donation to the Civic Centre was ordered, also subscriptions to magazines for King Edward School.

Final plans were made for the Valentine Day tea to be held on February 12 in the Prince Rupert Hotel.

Mrs. N. McLean won the monthly raffle.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Frew on February 10.

Mrs. Manuel, wife of the chief clerk to the superintendent of Canadian National Railways at Winnipeg, is in the city today in the course of a trip to the coast. She arrived on the Prince Rupert this morning from Vancouver and will proceed East by this evening's train.

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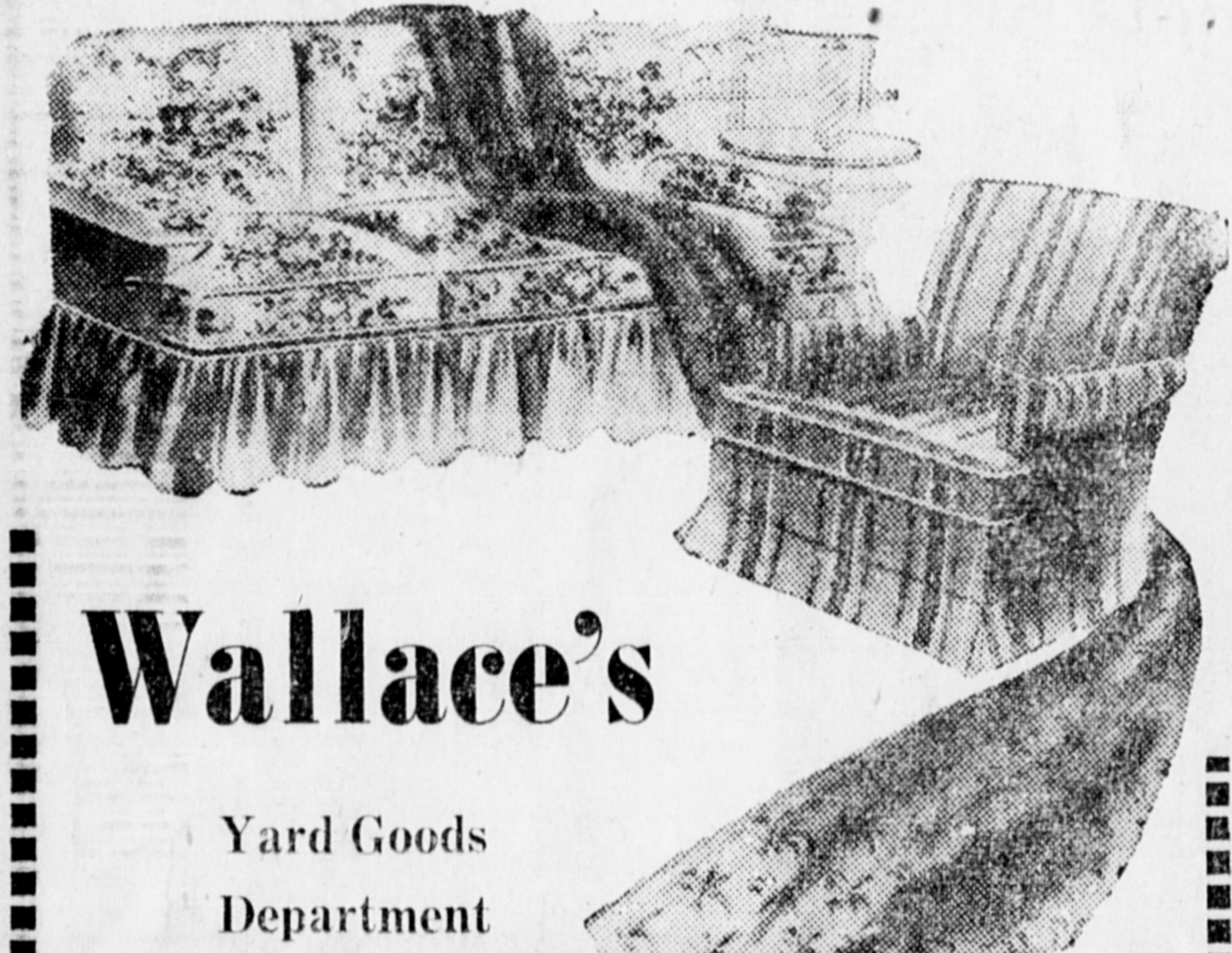
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