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# Using Dry Dock

ORINCE RUPERT'S dry dock was originally conceived as being part of a world plan of British Empire defence. In the event of war in Pacific it was to be used as a Pacific Coast repair base for the Royal Navy. The first big repair and overhaul jobs it did, as a matter of fact, were of a British auxiliary cruiser and big transport ships during World War I.

Towards the end of World War I it was used to build freighters for use in transporting war supplies, although the war was over before they were -completed. After that war, the plant lapsed into years of near complete idleness. World War II brought it into a period of feverish activity as it did a good job in producing small naval vessels and darge ocean freighters. Cessation of war brought the fine local plant back into relative inactivity except for the work it is doing in connection with the servicing of the local fishing fleet and the odd incidental ship repair job arising in contiguous waters.

Canadian National Railways has been in possession of the yard for some years now but does not even use it for the carrying out of repairs to its own vessels. Nor-if it bids very often at all-does it seem able to compete with other coastal ship--building yards for such new ship construction that might be going. Certainly the railway management does not seem to be very enthusiastic about its plant here. High railway officials have even gone so far as to state that they see no particular future for the plant in the way of functioning as a building yard, although suggesting it might be used to ome extent for ship repairing—even though the railway company does not use it for its own ships.

Possibly, it might be well to suggest that the Prince Rupert dry dock revert back to the government with the object of using it for what it was primarily intended, a repair base for naval and government vessels. The present international situation, with its important bearing on the Pacific arena, would suggest the wisdom of such a course, particularly since the railway company seems to have so completely lost interest and not being, as it has suggested itself, in the shipbuilding business

Under the government aegis, the local plant could still carry on all the work it is now doing and would be available for other work as suggested.

### Peter Gamula Buys Theo Collart Home

The new modern bungalow on Fifth Avenue West, the home of Theo Collart, has been sold to Mrs. H. Pettersen, Mrs. J. Cum- port and interpret B.C. trends Interesting now, valuable as a ben negotiated through the office of R. E. Mortimer, Second Cross, Miss D. Butterworth, S. Avenue. Mr. Collart will be Scharfe, J. H. Tremble. moving into the adjacent brick From Sandspit-R. Smith, M. house and in early June will be L. Greene, L. Coburn, J. Chell. leaving via the Panama Canal for a visit to Belgium, returning in the fall.

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ALD. WHALEN'S STAND Editor, Daily News:

I would like to reiterate my stand on the telephone system Regarding Alderman Casey's latest proposal that a second plebiscite be held on the follow-

1. That the city install an AutomaticTelephone system at a cost of \$550,000.

2. To extend, renew and repair the present system at a cost not exceeding \$150,000.

3. To advertise the existing plant for sale or lease, together with a twenty year franchise, for Mr. Editor. the operation of the system.

The people of Prince Rupert have already voiced the opinion that they were in favor of instal- HOTEL ARRIVALS ling an automatic system. Why should the city be faced with the cost of a second plebiscite?

As a layman, I can rely on the by Mr. Scowcroft of the General George; L. Smith, Edmonton; D. Fund of the organization. ness man, engaged in the truck- Mrs. J. Brown, Port Essington. ing business, Mr. Casey's suggestion would be comparable to me to buying a horse and wagon to enter the cartage business.

How could the people of Prince Rupert, with the future that is promised, possibly afford to dis-

# Marshall Plan boomerang

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ALDERMAN H. S. WHALEN. JUNIOR RED

Prince Rupert

When bearded Prince Rupert continues to grow with nearly men, and their number is now forty now entered. legion, parade at the big Gyro Club Klondyke Night on May 6, they will compete not only the club's \$50 and other cash put up by Jerry Lemire as a permanent annual trophy. Donation of the cup was announced at the last Gyro luncheon. franchise, if there was not ample Also Mr. Lemire's offer to shear

at Jack Guthrie's Capitol Shop B. J. Scharffe.

At Wednesday's luncheo

Gyros, some of whom are not doing so well, were presented at Smithers. Bids will close April prizes but also for a cup being with bags of chemical fertilizer 16. to aid them in the nurturing of their beards. The gift was from inter-club felicity.

Latest entries in the beardeither over and an offer from Photog- growing contest are Norman progress or retrogress. Which is rapher A. Van Meer to take Haywood, Boyo Gurvich, Kai it to be? Let us be proud to own photographs of the hairy-faced Longwill, A. McLeod, Malcolm Finlayson, Clarence W. Dixon, Meanwhile the list of entries Harold Ponder, E. Czepil and

Borden Street Raises Large Sum at Week-End Affair

these experts unanimously agree cott, Vancouver; Mrs. E. Samp- rex, aluminum ware, pot holders, man and Mrs. Flood, president of that our present system is hope- son, Queen Charlotte City; Mr. hosiery, mouth organs, softball the Borden Street School P.T.A., lessly antiquated and liable to a and Mrs. R. Arnett, city; H. C. bats and silverware obtained as assisted very materially. major breakdown at any mom- Daykin, Vancouver; D. Siddons, premiums in return for coupons ent. They all suggest that auto- Vancouver; Miss E. Cross, Van- collected by the pupils of the matic equipment would be the couver; A. A. Antilla, Ocean school, Since the reopening of KETCHIKAN HAS best solution to our problem. Mr. Falls, L. Fleming, Vancuover; school in September the pupils HEAVY SNOWFALL Kempton, our local assistant Mr. and Mrs. M. Allen, Vancou- have collected over fourteen telephone superintendent, in his ver; M. L. Greene, Victoria; E. thousand coupons. On sale too ported in Ketchikan this mor published report, also made the Grey, Vancouver; W. G. Drake, were over fifty gliders made by ning. Taking off of aircraft above suggestions. Being a busi- Vancouver; W. Dupont, Victoria; the boys and girls of Division from there for Seattle was de-One. These met with a ready layed.

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What's happening out in Alberta these days? Plenty!

New oil is being sought and found. Money's flowing

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more to develop a field once it's found. Two million

dollars a week is being poured into oil exploration and

development in Alberta today. That spending creates

new markets for the things the rest of Canada has to sell.

And finally let's recall that in the war years-and after-

we were dependent on foreign oil for roughly 90 per cent

of our supplies. This year prairie production should

exceed prairie demand. With continued effort and

reasonable success it is not too much to hope the men

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sale. A wiener sale kept a number busy preparing, cooking and serving the popular "hot dog." As a matter of record the demand exceeded the supply. Plants and bulbs also were readily sold.

The sale was arranged by the executive of division one, con-C. Campbell, Vancouver; G. L. Another very successful Junior sisting of Julian Parnell, Alex. expert advice, given by four of Morris, Victoria; A. C. Davies, Red Cross Sale was held at Bor- Wesley, Eddie Juvik, Emmett the foremost telephone compan- New Westminster; E. Jacquest, den Street School on Friday af- Meredith, Donald Martinuson, es' electrical engineers, namely, Edmonton; R. A. Forest, Van- ternoon when the sum of \$104.12 Dick Flood, Margaret Johnson BUILDERS. Northern Electric Co., Automatic couver; G. Joy, Prince George; was raised towards the Crippled and Yvonne Jackson. They were Electric Co., B. C. Telephone Co., E. Johnson, Vancouver; F. Guild- and Handicapped Children's assisted by other members of and the latest advice, last week, ford, Telkwa; R. Coburn, Prince Fund and the National Service the division as sales clerks and cashiers, all wearing Red Cross Electric Co. of England. All McLennan, Alert Bay; C. A. Wool- Included in the sale were py- armbands. Mrs. S. A. Cheese-

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Tenders were recently asked for a three-room school at Telkwa and the building of a threeroom annex to the high school

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