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Cultural Tonic

AN EVENT such as the Music and Drama Festival which was held in Prince Rupert last week is a great thing for a community. It is desirable that we should refresh our minds and vary our activities and pursuits by taking an interest either actively as a participant or passively as a spectator in things like this. It gets us away from the humdrum and mundane rut of every day life and is a good tonic for our minds. It lifts us out the groove in which we may find ourselves not because we like it particularly but because, being creatures of habit, we do not wish to change or are losing the will or ability to do so.

Things really cultural have been all too lacking in Prince Rupert and we fear the city, in some ways reflects the lack. However, it was a gratifying sign that local people should have taken so much interest in this music and drama festival as witnessed by the substantial measure of their attendance at the various sessions and their active participation, particularly of the young people, in the various competitions.

The support that smaller communities, notably Terrace, gave in the way of active participation is also much to be commended. Ketchikan also showed its enterprise by sending along its choristers and band, even though they were too late to take part in regular program. The visitors contributed greatly to the general success of the event.

It's not good to see things as we prefer to see them rather than as they are.

FAIR PLAY TO ALL

IT HAS BEEN and will continue to be the policy of this newspaper to uphold justice and fair play, and to bring to light each week incidents on our political front.

Continuing this policy we are this week asking the C.C.F. to explain why an alleged local incident is now being charged against the entire Coalition organization as their campaign publicity. On what grounds are these charges being made?


It was originally charged that MEN in VANDERHOOF had told our native friends of Stoney Creek their churches would be burned, their cattle taken away, etc., if the C.C.F. gained power. No proof supported this charge. Last week, however, Frank Calder, Indian candidate from Atlin, followed C.C.F. Leader Harold Winch on the platform at Prince Rupert and, we quote from the Prince Rupert Daily News: "He charged that COALITION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY is aimed intimidating the Indians into voting for the Coalition, saying that threats had been made that if the C.C.F. were elected priests and ministers would be put off the reservations, church burned and their cattle killed."

While this statement was not made by Mr. Winch it was made by an accredited representative of the C.C.F. party, and in his presence. Plainly speaking, an incident originally charged to men in Vanderhoof has been enlarged upon and is now charged to Coalition Campaign Publicity.

It would appear Mr. Winch has given his opposition cause to hurl back some of the harsh charges he has made against them. From another standpoint, and in all fairness, no statement made by a member of any party without authority can be charged as party policy. However, if the C.C.F. insists on reversing this established rule then they have the grave responsibility of answering to statements and actions of radicals within their own ranks.

—Nechako Chronicle.

Business likes nothing quite as well as dressing old ideas in new clothes and giving them new names. One of the newest of new names is Public Relations . . . and please use capital letters.



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Reminiscences and Reflections

In some ways, a difference can be noted—In earlier general elections, there were harder seats to twist on, smaller platforms to shout from, more cars to bump up and down in and fewer candidates to say: "ladies and gentlemen far be it from me."

Some eastern Canadian periodicals are printing anecdotes of Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, British Columbia's famous pioneer judge. They may be new, that far away, but on the coast it cannot be said. It is possible, however, that to this generation all have not been heard before—maybe this one. A drunk came before Begbie, who said: "Ten dollars."

"That's fine, judge. I have it right here in me pants pocket." "And a month in jail. Do you happen to have that in your pants pocket?"

One cannot but feel sympathy for the Hamilton policeman who, during a recent night, shot his own image while trying doors in dark alleys. In the half light, he saw someone that seemed full of menace. As the officer reached for his gun, the figure did likewise. And so a bullet went through a mirror. When anyone is made ridiculous, it's hard to live down. But when he's a cop, the job is next thing to impossible. Most of us dearly

love to see anyone full of dignity and authority made to look foolish.

Television played up totem poles all over the United States in April and the Americans registered deep and immediate interest. There was explaining to be done, legends to be told, traditions interpreted—the way, the therefor and the know-how and now the nation is well informed. As a family tree the totem is unique—and incidentally, Prince Rupert has one of the finest collections on the continent. But, unhappily, people dwelling permanently in one place, become so darned accustomed to looking at what is there, that bye and bye they become unable to see hardly anything.

Leading a party is hard work. It can be described as extra hard, in the throes of an election. The job was easier in the days of Laurier and Borden, although the life was strenuous enough then. But today, St. Laurent and Drew, it's safe to say, are finding more than enough to take up full attention, plus plenty of other responsibilities. News agencies and radios make it tougher instead of easier. Strain and tension, in all likelihood, are greater.

Progressive Conservative headquarters received an unlooked-for application for membership in the party last week. It was signed by L. S. St. Laurent. Three possibilities can be thought of—there are two living in Canada, somewhere resides an alleged jokesmith, or a public sensation is pending.

F. M. Kempton left today by air on a business trip to Vancouver.

"GOVERNMENT LIQUOR ACT"
(Section 23)
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 13th day of May A.D. 1949, the undersigned intends to apply to the Liquor Control Board for consent to transfer of Beer License No. 8216, issued in respect of premises, being part of the premises known as the Savoy Hotel situate at 608 to 614 Fraser Street in the City of Prince Rupert, Province of British Columbia, upon the lands described as Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14) in Block Thirty-three (33), Section One (1), Map 923, Prince Rupert Land Registration District, from Carl Zarelli of Prince Rupert to Willis Lloyd Woods of 1013 Robson Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Transferor.



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Grand Total	\$1315.35
Ten other canvassers have yet to report in addition to more possible outside areas.	

P. J. McCormick, well known pioneer of this city, who moved a year ago to Wapella, Saskatchewan, to join two brothers in operating a stock ranch, is back in the city. He arrived on Saturday night's train and will be here until Thursday night when he will sail for Vancouver enroute back to the prairies.

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