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A Challenging Emergency

IF DISASTER OR DESTRUCTION—by earthquake, fire or some such terrible circumstance—came to Prince Rupert today, there would almost certainly be a prompt and substantial recovery. Means, we may safely assume, would be readily found to provide new utilities services, new streets and sewers, new schools, yes, even new telephone service. Everything would be modern and up-to-date, and there would soon be a creditable city to which we would point with pride.

Fortunately, we have so far had in Prince Rupert no catastrophe to wipe out the city and its services and appurtenances. Yet, from the standpoint of our municipal equipment, we are none the less decaying and disintegrating. We might as well be honest and realistic about it, even if it may not be particularly good publicity. Streets are dilapidated and high impassable, sidewalks in many parts of the city are unworkable or non-existent, sewers are broken down and odoriferous, schools are dangerous and dilapidated, telephones are obsolete, uncertain and inadequate.

Last week's storm pointed up to the weakness of some of our municipal services and gave us some cause for reflection. It made us think that it is high time if not long overdue that something effective was being done about it all. The situation is reaching a state of emergency through age, decrepitude and obsolescence just as much as if there should have been sudden and widespread disaster. The position has been reached where tinkering and patching up the old machine will no longer do. It looks like Prince Rupert will have to start from scratch again with large scale and long-range planning which, of course, involves a new idea of financing.

Certain it seems that there shall have to be some new and drastic outlook and view of things since what we are doing now and have been doing for some time has, apparently, been ineffectual in even staying the progress of deterioration. If we are to keep Prince Rupert a habitable city, much less a creditable one, we are going to have to do things in a bigger and more expansive way. The industrial development which is now under way demands that we be something more than an unkempt and broken-down community such as this is today particularly from the municipal standpoint. Maybe there will have to be some drastic changes in our outmoded ideas and ways of doing things.

But something is going to have to be done about it. There will have to be a new deal somehow or other. We only regret that, like the rest of people, we realize all the needs but, in the perplexity of their mass and magnitude, it is a little difficult to perceive the way of going about things. Maybe that is because we are all so loath to change our views about the mechanics of getting things done.

The easy thing to do is blame those who have been in charge of affairs—the early city fathers with their big ideas and extravagances, the petty politics in the days of adversity, the commissionerships with their superthrift and economies and the later perplexed regimes with their inability to meet the fast deteriorating conditions. After all, who of us would have done any better? And how many of us are more prone to criticize than do anything to be actually helpful?

The present state of affairs is but the natural result of the vicissitudes through which we have been passing from those days forty years ago when we laid our plans for an immediate large and thriving community only to be frustrated by a variety of unfortunate and untimely circumstances. The whole scene has changed today, yet we still have the foundations even if it seems, in our municipal development, we almost have to start from scratch again.

Building Prince Rupert from here on is going to be a big job but it is a job that must be faced up if we are going to continue to live comfortably and modernly, not merely existing, here. With confidence, courage, ingenuity and vision, ways and means will be found of doing the job. But it will require the best of our talents, the utmost of our service and, above all, mutual helpfulness and co-operation with the long-range goal in view. It is time for all to put the best foot forward and give of our time and our talents in the building up of a better community. It is no time to be indifferent or carpingly critical. To be either is only slowing up the wheels of progress. This is a job for all and not just something to talk about what the other fellow should do.



OLD RELIABLE—In striking contrast to the many hundreds of tractors and pieces of modern motorized farm equipment at the International Plowing Match near Brantford this week is the somewhat outdated yoke of oxen. Owned by Hubert Caruthers of Eau Claire, Ont., the oxen showed their capabilities during the plowing events of Tuesday. (C. P. Photo)

Mr. and Mrs. William Beynon are sailing on the Catala Tuesday on a trip to Vancouver.

Miss Shirley Lipsin, of Vancouver is a visitor in the city as the guest of her mother, Mrs. E. Lipsin. She arrived in the city last week and will be here for another week.

Young Artist Is Acclaimed

Prince Rupert to Hear Donna Grescoe of Winnipeg Soon

A twenty-one year old Canadian violinist, who has already been acclaimed by the world's leading musicians and critics, will appear in Prince Rupert on October 28, in a concert recital sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club. Miss Donna Grescoe is on a concert tour covering Canada from coast to coast and during the months of October and November will play thirty-one concerts in cities from St. John, New Brunswick to Prince Rupert.

Miss Grescoe is a Winnipeg girl, who has had phenomenal success from the day a door-to-door salesman first stopped at her home a few years ago and Donna Grescoe received her first violin a five dollar model. At the age of ten her progress was so great that she was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship for study at the Chicago Conservatory. Today she is the owner of a \$12,000 Montagna violin, presented to her by her mother, Mrs. Winnipeg.

Miss Grescoe made her Carnegie Hall, New York, debut at the age of twenty, with Leopold Mittman as her accompanist. On hearing her play at a private audition, a collector and dealer of rare violins, offered her the use of a \$45,000 Stravinsky for

the concert and she had it in her possession for two months. Before a large and enthusiastic audience, Donna demonstrated her usual qualities and was held for three encores. News-men recorded the event on a newsreel which was rushed to Canada and the United Kingdom.

Since then Miss Grescoe has been acclaimed at one recital after another, the highlight being her recital at Winnipeg's Town Hall, where she played to an audience of 4,500 people, with several hundred more turned away from the overcrowded auditorium.

The Business and Professional Women's Club considers itself fortunate to be able to present an artist of this calibre to the music-lovers of this city.

Frank Clark, Liberal organizer from Prince George, who has been in the city for the past several days, is leaving by this evening's train on his return to the interior.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Sampson and family will be returning shortly to their home in Port Simpson after having been in the city for the past year while Mr. Sampson was receiving treatment for a serious leg injury sustained in a tow line accident. Mr. Sampson plans the building of a new home at Port Simpson.

FOURTEEN TAKE UP FIRST AID

Fourteen city men are receiving instruction—some of them refresher courses—in the St. John Ambulance industrial classes which are being held Tuesdays and Fridays at the city fire hall. R. E. Eyolfson is instructor.

Some of those receiving instruction already hold "B" or "C" certificates and are working for advancement toward "A" certificates. Others are hoping to obtain "C" certificates. The courses emphasize industrial safety and emergency treatment of industrial accidents and fit the trainees to take responsibility for such treatment on the job when emergencies occur.

Those taking the courses are J. S. Franks, John MacLean, J. C. Ewart, D. K. Llewellyn, Neil Mintenko, Magnus Eyolfson, Hans Schmidt, Thomas Elliott, W. H. Hill, Milton Hauser, J. C. Furness, K. R. Slater, George Redhead and Robert Wood.

TESTING RATS FOR PLAGUE

Prince Rupert's rat population is under scientific scrutiny to determine whether or not the local rodents are infected with bubonic plague or other diseases communicable to humans.

The survey is being carried out by Eric Smith of the Department of National Health hygiene laboratory at Kamloops who is working in conjunction with the provincial Department of Health. It is part of a province-wide investigation.

Samples of the rats, following an autopsy, are sent to the laboratory at Kamloops for microscopic and guinea pig tests.

Most of the rats are being caught at the city garbage dump.

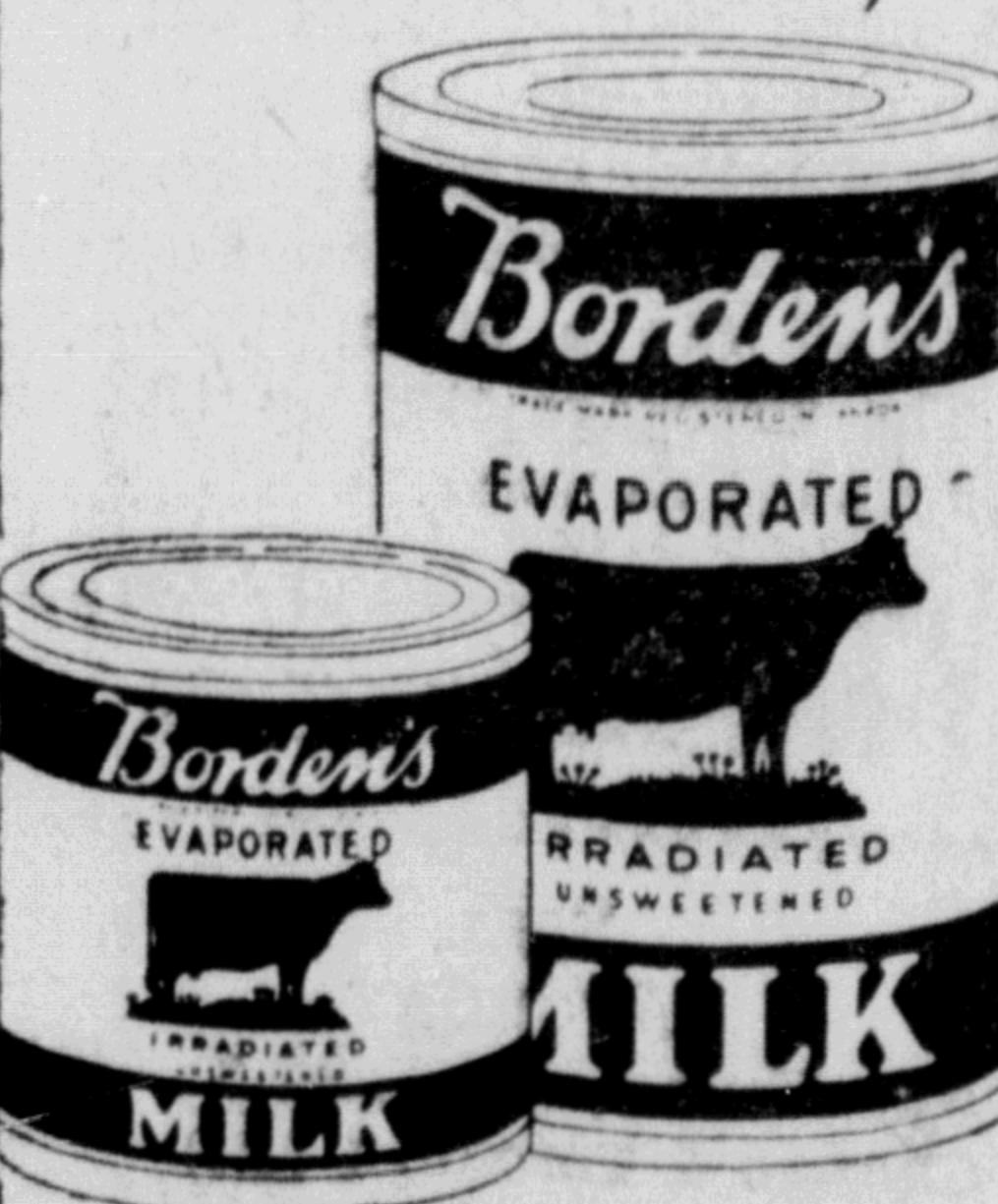


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