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Railway Strike

A GENERAL STRIKE on Canadian railroads would be a disastrous thing for the business of the country. Here in British Columbia when the floods came recently we felt what it was like to be without railway service for a few weeks. It affected and inconvenienced everybody in some way or another. There is good reason for us to sincerely hope that the threatened general walk-out will not come to pass.

Both the railway companies and the unions have a responsibility to the public as well as to their own interests. The railways should go the whole reasonable limit in seeing that their employees are given the best remuneration possible in view of the iniquitous increased costs of living. It is for the unions also to be reasonable and see that their demands are the minimum possible for it is generally conceded that the railways are having their financial problems.

Every reasonable concession should be made by both sides. If that is done there should be some common ground reached which would obviate the extreme consequence in which everybody would suffer and the public most of all.

ANOTHER 'AURORA'

"AURORA," annual publication of Booth Memorial High School, has made its appearance and Editor-in-Chief Harold Pierce and his staff are to be congratulated on a splendid production with several new and interesting features including a distinctive and enlarged format for the thirty-six pages. School activities are reviewed in word and picture and every pupil of the school has been marked in a personal way.

To the many fine "Auroras" that have gone before, another excellent one has been added. A good job of printing was done by Dibb Printing Co. which had also, no doubt, to do some considerable organizing and advising.

A WEAK YOUNG MAN

A YOUNG TORONTO MAN has gone to the gallows hanged for murder but "happy, content and not afraid to die," thereby exhibiting a state of complacency which some might find it difficult to understand. He blamed a woman by whose great influence he said he had been "led on." There is something cowardly about the whole business. The young man was able even, it seems, to assuage his own conscience by placing the blame upon the woman. He must have been a weak and characterless individual. If young men have not enough character and resistance to succumb to the wiles of women who would lead them on, there is going to be plenty more trouble and many more murders. Of all the excuses for homicide this is about the weakest we have heard.

REAL TRAINING GROUND

WE NEED GOOD SCHOOLS and good teachers all through life but it is in the home where character and conduct must first be imparted — there where the twig must be bent, comments an Eastern daily.

With our propensity for education fads, with all our new techniques of social sciences, in our slogans about freedom and democracy, too many of us have forgotten this. We talk about making people free in order to make them good. We overlook the truth that people must first be made good in order to fit them to be free. In other words, the qualities of honesty, of truthfulness, of obedience, of reverence, must come first — and must be taught — in the home.

There is the cradle of man's future.

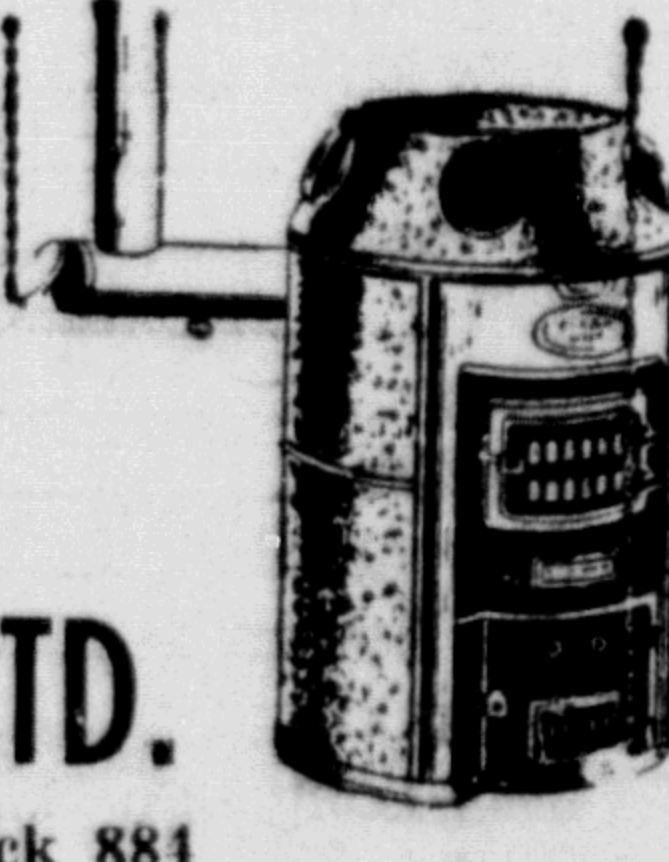
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BEAUTIFUL PRINCE RUPERT—This striking picture, taken by Bruce Mills of the Civic Centre Camera Club, won first prize for scenery at a photographic competition held recently in connection with the annual Arts and Hobby Show here. It was taken at the entrance of the harbor near Fairview Bay. It shows the bay on which the marine station was formerly located. The steel masts of the Digby Island radiotelegraph station can be seen near the right.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Mr. Johnson's suggestion was followed by a dead silence."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "gunwale" (upper edge of a boat's side)?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "by complete silence."
2. Pronounce gun-wel, the e unstressed. 3. Allegiance.

FEES UPPED

Registration of Documents at Court House Now Costs More

Not even land registration fees at the Court House have escaped the whirl of inflation, an increase of \$3.75 having just been imposed even on the minimum land registration fee of \$4. There was a rush of customers at the local registry before the end of June to get in before the advance became effective. Mortgage release applications are increased from \$1 to \$2.50.

Reminiscences and Reflections

A local man, asked what ever kept him for more than thirty years in Prince Rupert, said he had always enjoyed good health and never lacked regular as well as substantially paid employment. Two good reasons, he thought. Oh yes, there was something else. He had almost forgotten to mention he liked the north.

Miles of new reading matter keep telling us what when and how to do it, what precautions

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
IN PROBATE
In the Matter of the "Administration Act"

TAKE NOTICE that by Order of His Honor Judge W. O. Fulton, Local Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, I was on the 1st day of June, A.D. 1948, appointed Administrator of the Estate of Johanna Coughlan, late of Stewart, British Columbia, who died on or about the 12th day of July, 1940, at Stewart, British Columbia. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith and all persons having claims against the said estate are required to file them with me properly verified, on or before the 31st day of July, 1948, failing which distribution will be made having regard only to such claims of which I shall have been notified.

GORDON FRASER FORBES
Official Administrator
Prince Rupert, B.C. (155)

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TAKE NOTICE that by Order of His Honor Judge W. O. Fulton, Local Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, I was on the 24th day of June, 1948, appointed Administrator of the estate of William Aitken, deceased.

All parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified, to me on or before the 24th day of August, 1948, after which claims filed may be paid without reference to any claims of which I then had no knowledge.

All parties indebted to the estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith. DATED this 25th day of June A.D. 1948.

ROBERT F. JOHNSTON,
Official Administrator,
Telegraph Creek, B.C. (163)

ON CYCLING TRIP TO ALASKA

Party of Six Americans Pass Through Here

A fortnight's bicycle tour in Alaska is the holiday in store for six Americans who made a 24-hour stop in Prince Rupert this week after four of them had made a 4,900 mile motor trip from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The group, all members of the American Youth Hostel Association, sailed on the Prince Rupert Wednesday night for Ketchikan, where they will take an American vessel for Seward to start their cycle trip.

In the tradition of good "hostelers" throughout the world, they gave wide berth to hotels but did accept a hard bed on the stage of the Civic Centre, offered by Don Forward, who has made the hostel circuit himself in younger days.

Head of the party is Miss Audrey Raymond, a school teacher of Philadelphia. With her are K. D. Quiring, a civilian

physicist for the U. S. Navy, and Martha Rowland and Charles Sothill, students.

They were joined here by Ruth Hill and Rose Lang, the former a school teacher and the latter an office worker, both of Detroit, who arrived by train Tuesday night.

The Philadelphia quartette drove 4,900 miles from their home city in 11 days, leaving on June 18 and arriving here on June 29. After crossing the border at Sumas, they found themselves unable to proceed along the Fraser Canyon because of flood-damaged roads, so they turned east on the American side to Osoyoos, driving through Kamloops to Cache Creek.

"We found the B. C. roads in pretty good condition with the exception of the odd stretch where the surface was wash-boarded," Mr. Quiring said. "We enjoyed the drive."

Conflicting information at Terrace as to whether the road was open or not caused them to make a try for Prince Rupert anyway. Mr. Quiring said. When they arrived at Shames, they used the railroad bridge to cross the big washout. Work on the highway bridge had not been completed.

In Alaska, they plan to cycle from Seward to Fairbanks, then back to Valdez, a distance of several hundred miles. They expect to be back in Prince Rupert on July 19. Here they will pick up their car and drive back to their homes.

TRAGEDY STORY

Survivor of Kootenay Lake Drowning Describes Circumstances

SIRDAR — At an inquiry into the boating tragedy near here on Sunday when two men and three boys lost their lives in Kootenay Lake, Edgar Hornseth, the 12-year-old survivor and son of Henry Hornseth, one of the victims, said he was thrown out of an outboard motorboat as it continued to spin and finally capsized.

Bodies of the victims have not yet been located.

Henry Hornseth lost a small daughter in the same waters last December. He is survived by a widow and two children.

Rowsel was in Sirdar on a two weeks' vacation. He was waiting to obtain a house in Kimberley where he lost his home during the Mark Creek floods. He is also survived by a widow and two children.

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HOW SALMON FIND WAY HOME

Interesting Life History of Fish Discussed at Gyro Club

How a salmon senses its way back to the stream of its birth to spawn and die after spending its life cycle far out in ocean waters was explained to Gyros at luncheon Wednesday by Dr. J. P. Tully of the Nanaimo Biological Station who was the speaker at the weekly club luncheon on Wednesday. It was a highly interesting discourse that was given by the oceanographic scientist. Dr. Tully is engaged out of Prince Rupert this year in surveys from the oceanographical standpoint designed to obtain more information about the life history of the salmon. It is part of the program to determine what may be done to conserve the salmon of the Skeena River watershed. Dr. Tully's oceanic operations complement extensive research work as to salmon movements in the Skeena streams themselves which have been in progress for five years.

Dr. Tully disclosed the manner in which the water of the Skeena and Naas Rivers moved out to sea. For some distance relatively fresh water stayed on top, there being a much sharper salt content at the bottom. The layer of fresh water gradually became thinner until it finally completely diffused with the sea. Since Skeena River water had been found to run to a depth of 30 feet from the surface at sea and Naas water 18 feet it was now assumed that the salmon as he headed back from sea to his spawning home could sense his way there by means of his ear which was sensitive to pressure and his swim bladder which told him how deep he was.

This study of the fish movement at sea, Dr. Tully told his listeners, would, it was hoped, yield valuable information as to how far the fish went to sea what happened to them and how many were being lost. Some of

the fish were probably being taken in Alaska waters through which it had now been established both Skeena and Naas fish migrated since it had been determined that the waters of both these rivers turned north after reaching the sea.

Thanks of the club to Dr. Tully for his talk were suitably voiced by Past President George Rorie.



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