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Rule of Minorities

IME CANADIANS have never really accepted VV communism as a threat that could seriously affect our lives. We are so comfortably confident in our democratic beliefs, so assured that a majority is the one activating force. We were surprised when it was proved that certain individuals had been playing fast and loose with accepted loyalties. It seemed to us a breach of hospitality and of good sense and we were satisfied when some of the offenders were jailed for their activities. We saw these things as incidents, not as symptoms. There were no communists among our friends and the leftish-minded among them we indulged, as we would indulge other small peculiarities. We never doubted that the great bulk of our people were sensible and serious-minded. That in itself was ample protection. Sure in our democratic faith, we never doubted that the majority will always be sound:

All that does credit to our heart, if not to our intelligence. If we were conversant with contemporary history we would realize that Marxian doctrines don't wait for majorities. That is a trick of democracy. Communism plans to make minorities effective. Nowhere in the world is communism a majority cause. It is not so in Russia where it rep- lost.' resents perhaps the thinking of 5% of a docile people. It was not the majority thinking of Hungary or Roumania, or Poland or Yugoslavia. In Czechoslovakia communists control 38% of the parliamentary seats. Years ago Eduard Benes spoke for his people and democracy and lost to Hitler's demands. Only a short while ago he spoke for them again, this time as president. Democracy, he said, is "the only reliable and durable basis for a decent and dignified life." Two days later he had to bow to the will of the communist minority, girls. backed by the power of Moscow. In Finland communism had to team up with the Socialist Unionists to secure a bare 51 per cent of parliamentary votes. Too dangerous a union, we would say, to cause any trouble. But the tactics are the same. Elsewhere they have given minorities the necessary advantage. If these tactics succeed again, as few doubt that they will, Stalin can reckon a quarter of the area of Europe added to his boundaries, and a quarter of its people subject to his command. Where is the next move?. Where are the communist minorities ready to move? When will even we realize that the time to meet a threat is while it is still weak?

KEEP PARKS CLEAN

THE RAILWAY COMPANY is doing good work in improving and brightening up the park surrounding the rear and sides of the General Offices and overlooking the station and wharves. The postwar program of beautification has been under way for some time and this local beauty spot will probably be more attractive this spring and summer than it has ever been before. And its beauty will not only be for the visitors who come to us but also for the local people, many of whom are already appreciative.

But, unfortunately, there are also those who are unappreciative and abuse the beauty of the sheltered groves and grassy slopes with defacement and litter. They throw their debris and their bottles about. Now the railway company has even gone so far as to place at various points painted drums lettered "rubbish" in the hope that this may rectify the nuisance. Otherwise it has been suggested, and it sounds like a pretty good suggestion, that there might be a round-up of those who are responsible for the litter and that, under a little persuasion, maybe by a bright young policeman or someone in authority, they might be made do a little cleaning up for themselves.

And what goes for the railway park might also go for other similar spots around town that we know are similarly abused by the bush drinkers and others.

ENDED IN TIME

THE LONGER Germany is occupied, the greater becomes the conviction, that, if the war had lasted another six months, or even not that long, there might have been a different outcome to the

vast struggle. Not that the Allies were weakening. The enemy had been outfought and outproduced. What the allies were exposed to was the possibility of Berlin discovering some secrets or processes, useful to a terrifying degree, in making instruments of destruction.

It is known now that Germany, with defeat in sight, was, nevertheless, close to possession of revelations that would have given overwhelming power, perhaps offsetting much of what the Allies had gained. Hitler was desperate and few can dispute that he would not have paused for a moment in utilizing anything, even if such action involved undreamed of potentialities for woe.

McMILLAN GOT COOK

A sketch of the life of H. R MacMillan appears in Maclean's Magazine. There is mention of article says:

been difficulties with the tug- pends a lot on how you feel. men towing the vital rafts of timber from the Islands. The men jumped ship too easily and too often and refused to sail unless they had a full crew. Mac-Millan's remedy was to turn the tugs around so fast the men had ing. little time for festivities ashore. One day, somehow, a cook got

ashore at Prince Rupert and disappeared. No cook in sight and the skipper would not sail without one. In desperation 'H. R. M.' went to the chief of police: 'Haven't you anyone in the

jail we could use?' he asked. But the only prisoner was in for 'Now look here, chief,' said

one who should be in jail.' The co-operative chief rounded up a drunk who was dumped on a bunk near the galley. 'He'll have to do, MacMillia

told the skipper. 'Why,' said the captain. a pretty good cook. But how did you know he was the guy w

PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

(March 25, 1923)

was found in his shack at the less time than that. corner of Second Avenue and Eighth Street by two Indian

ployees' Union, under chairman- this city, a street called India ship of George B. Casey, decided Avenue, remained unknown. was unfair to the employees in- lifetime. We'll say this for the partment of Labor set up a con- romantic streak in him some ciliation committee.

The Elks' Lodge turned down a proposal by the St. Andrew's ing it, of course, may come close Society for joint occupancy of the Elks' Home. Consensus of opinion of the lodge men was that other ways and means of independently continuing th Home could be found.

(March 25, 1913)

Antonio Morrello was in hospital recovering from painful cuts on his face sustained when he fell on a water pitcher which he was carrying to his home at the corner of Tatlow Street and Seventh Avenue.

The case of Pedro Salinas versus Capt. John Irving involving ownership of the Esperanza mine at Alice Arm was to be heard in County Court by Judge

The first meeting of the 1913 police commission took place. Present were Mayor Pattullo, Commissioners Maitland, McColl and Chief of Police Vickers.

Surplus Building Material Marted

Substantial quantities of lumber and building materials including hardware, recovered from former war service structures at Terrace and Prince George, are being offered contractors and the building trade by War Assets Corporation. Lumber constitutes the most of the material.

Reminiscences

Today is a half holiday. To- to stealing the Calgary Stamperial Munitions Board. The urday is a sort of part holidaydepends a lot on where "One of his jobs was to get work. Sunday is another legal airplane spruce from the Queen holiday. And Monday (may) Charlotte Islands. There had be yet one more holiday-de-

> Fresh halibut ahoy! Boiled baked, fried or raw! The fish that has long helped keep Prince Rupert afloat. Another few weeks and the fleet will be mov-

Prince Rupert-city of spontaneous kindness and amiable expression. More people are saying they remember "P. R. because there is so much generosity. Well it's just as easy to make another feel good, as it is to make him miserable. It does not cost any more. The trouble with a lot of people today seems to be the desire to go out of one's MacMillan, 'in a town of this way in order to enjoy being in size there's bound to be some-

> More power to the movement to restore life to the Prince Rupert grain elevator! A freighter, loading wheat in Vancouver, is also taking aboard a lot of plywood. The latter makes it easier to find the former as part cargo. All wheat and nothing but wheat is fine, but more variety means more sailings.

The city council announce that in future, all telephone conversations must not exceed neck and a .38 calibre revolver snappy! Fine! It would be lying beside him, the body of easy to tell quite a few people Judson R. Cody, a transfer man, what we think of them in far

We feel the necessity of making a confession. Until this week, in our distressing ignor-A meeting of the Civic Em- ance, the fact of there being, in that the city's policy of staff al- And this-after a residence in terations and wage reductions Prince Rupert of about half a volved and that efforts should fellow who thought up India be made to have the federal De- Avenue-he must have had a

Barbara Ann, without suspect-



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ALBUMS

BELSHAZZER'S FEAST-Huddersfield Choral Society ORATARIO ARIAS-Richard Crooks GREAT SONG OF FAITH-Marian Anderson

satisfaction? how, late in 1917, he became Today is a half holiday. To- to stealing the Calgary Staff- to the city on the Prince Ru- 3. Which one of these words better; to improve assistant director with the Im- morrow is a public holiday. Sat- pede, which is due in early sum- pert, vesterday, from Vancouver is misspelled? Japanese, ju- mel- we have the lateral pede assistant director with the Im- morrow is a public holiday.

mer. B. A. arrived there Mon- pert yesterday from Vancouver is misspelled? Japanese, juday to find an expectant city, where he spent the last 10 days jitsu, jepardy. including Indians, cowpunchers, during which he attended folks from the foothills, a pic- medical conference. turesque parade ready, and a general air of excitement and anticipation. The skating

Some folks, last week, won winning tickets in the sweep-

champion will be in Calgary for

a week, with something doing



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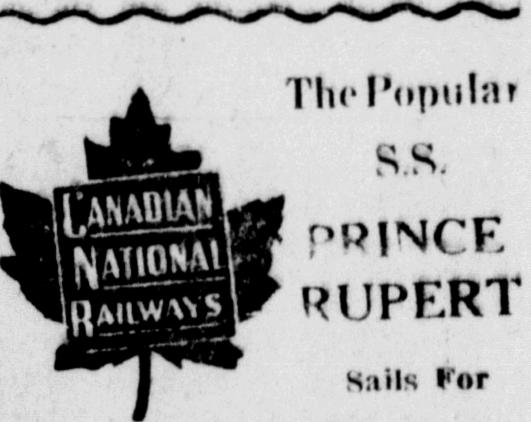
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Dr. C. H. Hankinson returned nunciation of "sesame"?

Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS

What is wrong with this sentence? 'He walked right into the water."

into the water." 2. Pro ses-a-me, first e as in se in ask unstressed, e as 2. What is the correct proaccent first syllable.

ardy. 4. To make or mel-yo-rate, e as in me obey, accent first syllable 4. What does the word "meli- lot of the poor has been to ated." 5. Isolation.

. What is a word be

ANSWERS

with is that means "long"

1. Say, "He walked

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