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## LIFE in this Prince Rupert

by BIDDEE JINKS

Since night first gave way to the mystic, half-light of dawn-ing, there has been talk of fairy rings. Last Tuesday, I saw one. It was not the faintly imprinted ring in deep grass that I had imagined but a moving circle of little brown figures dancing about a toadstool set in the centre of the Sunday School rooms in the Anglican Cathedral.

As they danced, they sang: "We're the Brownies, 'Here's our aim—' 'Lend a hand and play the game.'"

That gay little act finished, there was a tip-toe silence until a small group left the circle and ran forward to join hands about the toadstool. Singing, they said:

"Here we come—the sprightly sprites, 'Brave and helpful like the knights.'"

And still dancing, they became part of the larger ring again, which was the signal for another few to take their turn around the toadstool. They were not sprites, but elves, and their song was:

"This is what we so as elves, 'Think of others—not ourselves.'"

And so it went. I learned that fairies are not only fairies, but are divided into delicate groups. There were gnomes who sang:

"Here you see the laughing gnomes 'Helping mother in our homes.'"

And the Pixies chorused:

"Look out! We're the jolly pixies 'Helping people when in fixes.'"

With these little people of the fairy empire were two personages unlike them in name and years only, who were called "Brown Owl" and "Tawny Owl." Outside the Brownie Group (for it was the Brownies) they are known respectively as Mrs. W. F. Manning, and Mrs. L. Bevington. It was they, leaders of this particular Brownie group, who ingeniously 'mushroomed' the toadstool.

At first, I thought it a giant species rooted to the spot. As a matter of fact, there seems to be some chance of root for the main stalk is nothing less than a considerable chunk of no small tree. Swathed in rumpled paper, it holds the upper structure with the greatest ease.

This umbrella-like upper structure, looking as if it had recently been plucked from its natural environment, is actually an umbrella. At least, it is the frame of one stuffed back and front with the proper amount of crumpled or smooth paper. Fastened to the firm, upright part of its anatomy, the whole thing is covered with drapery lining — exactly the right shade—and presto! there's the toadstool!

There was a pow-wow. The whole 25 members squatted in position about the toadstool. Until then, I thought Indians originated this way of doing business. Now I believe, seeing fairies were before our first Canadians, they must have divulged it to their early friends.

What more natural? Brown Owl led the discussion. She also cross-legged up on the (warm) floor, inquired about the absence of a "Sixer"—the leader of a group of six. The Seconder, next in place, was instructed also to diligence in attendance.

There was warm, all-around interest in the coming "Community Good-turn" week, Feb. 16-20. The word "community" was investigated, and well defined by a small member. The good-turn part needed no interpretation. It is the framework of the Brownies whose motto is: Lend a hand, and whose law says: A Brownie gives in to the older folk. A Brownie does not give in to himself.

Good-turn Week, which includes the Boy Scout, Girl Guide and Brownie organizations, is in commemoration of Lord Baden-Powell. The two Sundays which bracket it, are also a significant part. On the first it is suggested that each member attend their own church, in uniform. Then on the concluding Sunday there is to be a church parade, in uniform, to the church sponsoring the group.

Another outstanding feature is "special good-turn day"—Monday, Feb. 16. (Already, my dishes for that day are as good as washed. I am hoping to hear inquiries yet as to floors—Washing or polishing.)

The Brownies are as sprightly as their name suggests. Not a moment is wasted. The Pow-wow concluded, small groups congregated about the room. Some knew how to knit, and were knitting; others were learning. In a variety of colors—and needle sizes—an afghan is on the way. Completed, it will be entered for the B.C. Competition for Brownies.

Others worked on scrap-books which are to be taken to Miller Bay Hospital when filled. These have been under way for some time, the time prolonged because of a shortage of cards. Which little matter sent me scurrying home to package mine.

These books are being filled with cards of every description. Over several shoulders I watched an indiscriminate arrangement take form. There was a farewell card, a very old English post-card (printed by Raphael Tuck & Sons in 1910—Art publishers to Their Majesties, the King and Queen), birthday and anniversary and Easter Greetings. Centering this fine array was a Valentine, dripping with the sentiment that makes Feb. 14 a day of days—until the day comes when you are no longer really young. It pictured a small boy fiddling lovingly to his sweet little girl-friend. He was serenading, and sang:

"Your heart and love I aim to win  
"By playing on my violin.  
"The tune of how I sigh and pine  
"To have you for my Valentine."

And while I was reading this sweet sentiment, someone remarked: "Gee—I like your hat." It was one of the Brownies, dripping paste from a motionless stick. But class-time was suddenly over and she cleaned and put it away to take her place in a game.

It was time for closing soon, and the game finished. A

### METLAKATLA BEATS PORT SIMPSON

(Continued from page 3)

The final quarter concluded with a score of 62-59 in favor of Metlakatla.

R. Hayward put up a magnificent solo performance for the visitors, scoring 34 points. Metlakatla's top marksman was C. Leask with 25 points.

The games were preceded by a welcome dinner at which Chief Councillor G. D. Ryan was chief speaker, and were followed by a dance.

The scoring:  
Senior  
Metlakatla—C. Nelson 21, E. Leighton 1, J. Wilson 16, F. Aukland 12, R. Nelson 5, F. Robinson.

Port Simpson—L. Ryan 12, M. Ross 9, E. Sampson 19, C. Cooper 5, C. Price 7.

Personal fouls called were: Metlakatla—C. Nelson 3, E. Leighton 3, J. Wilson 5, F. Aukland 1, R. Nelson 3, F. Robinson 4.

Port Simpson—L. Ryan 4, E. Sampson 3, C. Cooper 3, C. Price 4.

Referees—G. Ryan, Metlakatla; R. Sampson, Port Simpson.

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"Good-night, Brown Owl.  
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"Good-night to Brownies all  
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"And home we take  
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