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The Dull Dog Days

THESE ARE THE DULL DAYS for business between the rush of the Yuletide, when the most of folk lay in their goods and supplies and the springtime when industrial activity starts moving anew. These are the days when business people are inclined to feel a little downhearted and pessimistic, when we settle down to inventory our affairs and face the realisms. But this is also the time for courage and hope in taking stock and doing some of the serious jobs that have to be done. The picnic is over and it is time to settle down to work and the sooner we all do so, the happier we will be. The dog days can be put to good use if we go at them with the right spirit and resolve and take them in our stride. There is certainly nothing to despair about even in business.

JONES ACT STAYS

THE MOVEMENT for a repeal of the Jones Act, in which Prince Rupert and southeastern Alaska are most vitally interested, particularly in these days when there is so much effort to set this up in reality as Alaska's most strategically situated port of entry, takes a body blow with the United States Maritime Commission disapproving of proposed legislation in Congress to bring about such repeal. Fine hand of the powerful interests of Seattle and the Puget Sound shipping people can, at last, be detected after their period of watchful waiting. Possibly, it was a little too much to expect that the yoke, which these powerful interests still hold upon Alaska and the lifting of which might have meant so much to Prince Rupert in its ambition and friendly willingness to become the port of Alaska, would be so easily yielded.

Alaska will, of course, go on fighting against the Jones Act with Prince Rupert's sympathetic interest, doing what it can with propriety to support the territory in its campaign.

NO MORE XMAS TREES

WITNESSES at a coroner's inquest here on Saturday held that Christmas trees, which had been set around on Third Avenue as a festive season decoration, were at least partially responsible for the death of a man who came off a sidewalk behind one of these trees to be struck down by an automobile, the driver of which appears to have been fairly enough exonerated of any blame in the matter.

After this, it will, of course, be unlikely that Christmas trees will again be placed out in this manner, since they had been considered a nuisance in other ways as well. But it does not mean that Prince Rupert on Christmases to come up may not be adorned again. Indeed, a more effective job may be done.

In other places, illuminated lighting has been found to greatly enhance the scene. Not so far from here, the paper town of Ocean Falls this Christmas and New Year presented a colorful nocturnal scene with standing trees at various vantage points wired up for electric lighting in variegated hues. It was particularly impressive as viewed from vessels approaching the port.

In Vancouver homes throughout the city played a large part in the general decorative scene, prizes having been offered for the most attractively illuminated dwellings. When two-thirds of the day around Christmas is dark anyway, night decorating is as important as day anyway.

CITY'S SNOW BLANKET MELTS UNDER RAIN

The eight-inch snow blanket which covered the city since January 1 began dissolving under the force of a gale-borne rain early this morning, turning streets into avenues of slush. The saturated snow added to the difficulties of driving and walking. Snow removal work done by the city engineer's department on Saturday and Sunday eased the traffic situation on the main streets but side streets which had not been cleared posed a test to drivers' skill as the snow softened.

The rain—almost an inch of it—began falling when a gale started building up during the early hours of the morning, and added to the difficulties of work-bound pedestrians and motorists.

Almost an inch of rain for overnight. No traffic accidents were reported over the week-end. Most hills and dangerous places on the streets had been cleared of deep snow and sanded by city trucks. The sanding spoiled many of the best juvenile sleighing slopes but added to the general safety.

Sunday's snowfall was almost two inches, falling in squalls that came in from the southwest. About midnight, the wind changed to southeast and built up to gale force, varying between 40 and 50 miles an hour. Snowmen, which achieved a sudden appearance on scores of front yards on Sunday, were sorry and wilted-looking this morning after being harassed by the driving rain.

WANT A MONKEY?
VANCOUVER, B.C.—Fred Edge says he will gladly trade Bongo, his pet monkey, for an apartment. "A paper clip I gave him was promptly jabbed into a light socket, short-circuiting lights all over the building. Then the curtains, blinds and everything that could come down came down—a few minutes later an eviction notice was pushed under my door."

Reminiscences By W.I. and Reflections

It is perhaps not generally known that there used to be three newspapers in Prince Rupert, this being away back before the era of wars, and there were great expectations. A morning paper was printed in the cool grey dawn by O. H. Nelson. He ran it for some years and the street public and householders would digest the contents along with breakfast. The Journal had its own building on Third Avenue, just east of McBride Street, facing the Court House square and handy to the laundry. To enter and leave, it was necessary to use the sloping side of a retaining wall in order to regain the street level. But that was a mere incidental in those picturesque days.

It's seldom, if ever, Prince Rupert escapes a winter without some slush but it's rarely serious. There is more inconvenience than anything else. If you have a luxury of a passenger car, there is no occasion for grief, and should you have ability in sprinting or leaping, you will keep dry shod even with light rubbers. There was more to stand away back 35 years ago. Slush comes nearer home when eroded streets and sidewalks have yet to be built.

There seems to be a movement abroad in Skeena to restore the board—in other words,

Butcher's Display Thrills Immigrant

Oslo Women and Husband Join Children in Canada

TORONTO (C)—There aren't many cheerful faces in front of Toronto meat counters, but Mrs. George Paulsen is one shopper whose enthusiasm is undimmed by the price tags.

Newly-arrived from Oslo, Norway, Mrs. Paulsen still gets a thrill from the mere sight of a roast of pork or a few chickens on the butcher's counters.

Mrs. Paulsen and her husband completed a family migration to Toronto which started when her son, Ragden, came here during the Second World War and married a Toronto girl. Five other children and grandchildren preceded Mrs. Paulsen and her husband.

to make facial foliage live again. The gesture is feeble, yet it is a commencement. Why, this column does not presume to suggest, unless it is to encourage thrift or, in the general scheme of things, to enhance manly beauty. More newborn beards are being noted on the streets. A set of whiskers, seen unexpectedly and in broad daylight, undoubtedly stimulates interest and may invite a more than casual inspection. It is self-evident the wearer acted on the spur of the moment without worrying as to whether the choice should be mutton chops, Galways, dundrearys or vandykes.

Yet who can say the whole business has not stemmed from the sudden awakening of a sense of inferiority, due to contemplating the wretched little patch of ill-nourished looking hair seen today on countless upper lips! And thus reflecting, masculine pride and dignity reasserts itself. The Charlie Chaplin insult must go.

DR. LARGE PRESIDENT

Annual Meeting of Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce Tonight

Dr. R. G. Large has been nominated to succeed G. A. Hunter as president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting of the Chamber to be held tonight. G. R. S. Blackaby has been nominated as vice-president.

For eight places on the executive council there have been nominated the following members: W. L. Armstrong, C. A. Berner, T. B. Black, Arthur Broksbank, A. M. Budinich, L. M. Fellsenthal, Arnold Flaten, Neville Gerrard, E. R. Gordon, Harry Hanson, J. T. Harvey, W. D. Lambie, G. C. Mitchell, R. E. Montador, J. D. McRae, Alex MacKenzie, P. M. Ray, W. J. Scott, F. J. Skinner, W. F. Stone, M. F. Stuart, W. M. Watts and G. G. Withers.

In addition to the election of officers, other matters on the agenda of tonight's meeting will include regular business, presentation of annual reports and amendments to nomination procedure.



PRINCESS SNUBBED, BUT DOESN'T CARE—An incident occurred during the visit of Princess Margaret to the Union of Girls' School Social Service Settlement in London recently. She called in at the nursery school just as the children were enjoying tea, and when this picture was taken the young boy seen in picture appeared to take more interest in a photographer than the princess.

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DETERMINING KOREA'S FATE

By LARRY HAUCK

LAKE SUCCESS, (AP)—The political fate of Korea may be decided this month after a United Nations commission in Seoul asks the Russians to help carry out a U.N. decision calling for country-wide elections leading to establishment of an independent Korean government.

If the Russian answer is unfavorable, the alternative conceivably could be a course leading to partition of Korea.

The Russians, firmly entrenched as occupying power in the northern half of Korea, are expected to reject all overtures for their sanction of an election or permission for U.N. observers to cross into Soviet-held territory. Such moves were forecast here in November when Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky described the assembly's decision as "illegal" and said his country would not co-operate.

The Soviet boycott took tangible form when the Soviet Ukraine, one of the nine nations election to the commission, refused service. The body will function with delegates from eight nations: Australia, Canada, China, El Salvador, France, India, Syria and the Philippines. The United States, which occupies the southern half of Korea, sponsored the assembly step and naturally is ready to co-operate.

The commission's secretariat of

about 25, headed by Assistant Secretary-General Victor H. China, left New York Friday by chartered plane. Stops will be made in San Francisco, Honolulu and Tokyo. The first commission meeting is scheduled in Seoul, in the U.S. sector, January 8.

FEATHERLESS BIRD
Occasionally a family of gerigars, small Australian parrots, will hatch a bird that doesn't grow feathers and is called a "runner."

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At 7:30 p.m. Nightly
(Meetings for prayer held in various churches, under auspices of Ministerial Association)
Monday, January 5, Presbyterian Church:—Archdeacon Hogson, the speaker.
Tuesday, January 6, United Church:—Adj. Jarrett the speaker.
Wednesday, January 7, First Baptist Church:—Rev. Barbour the speaker.
Thursday, January 8, Salvation Army Citadel:—Rev. McCall the speaker.
St. Peter's Church, at Seal Cove:—Rev. Wilson the speaker.
Friday, January 9, Anglican Cathedral:—Rev. F. Andrews the speaker.
The minister of the church in which the meeting is held will be chairman.
An offering will be taken each night, all of which will be given to the Bible Society.
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