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Intergovernmental Conference

GENERAL SATISFACTION should prevail over the calling by Prime Minister St. Laurent of the Dominion-provincial conference for January 10 to which British Columbia has been one of the provinces to promptly assent. All are agreed upon the necessity of the conference and, during the election campaign, pledges were made that there would be a minimum of delay in calling it.

Called to consider "constitutional questions" as affecting the Dominion and the provincial jurisdiction, that objective may well contain all the outstanding matters which have been hanging fire for many years between Ottawa and the provinces and which have, from time to time, been settled with temporary expedients such as grants-in-aid and the like.

It is to be hoped that the newest conference will be entered into with a cordial spirit of give and take between Ottawa and the provinces and among the provinces themselves. Much good may then accrue for the welfare and happiness of Canada as a whole.

CANADA'S RIVERS

IT MAY BE because we have so much country, but we Canadians are inclined to be woefully ignorant of our own geography. Take our rivers, for instance. We think of the St. Lawrence as being one of the great waterways of the world—which it is—but how many Canadians know that we have a longer river?

The St. Lawrence is nearly 2,000 miles long, from the Atlantic Ocean to the westerly end of the Great Lakes system, a waterway which reaches almost half way across the continent. But longer than the St. Lawrence is the Mackenzie, which flows north from Great Slave Lake to the Arctic Ocean, a distance of 2,514 miles. The Yukon is 1,979 miles long.

The Saskatchewan River, 1,205 miles, rises in the Rockies, flows across the plains, and joins the Winnipeg system of lakes drained by the Nelson, a river system 1,600 miles in length. The Churchill River, with its tributaries, has a total length of 1,300 miles, draining into Hudson Bay. Our own Fraser is 695 miles in length. The Skeena River is 325 miles long.

Canada's rivers have played a big part in the development of a great country.



ARCHBISHOP DECORATED—Archbishop Maurice Roy, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Quebec and Bishop Ordinary of the Canadian Armed Forces, is shown receiving the decoration of a Commander of the Order of Orange Nassau, highest honor the Netherlands government can bestow on a non-resident. Decorating the archbishop are L. G. A. Schlichting, left, Netherlands press attache, and H. F. Eschautier, Netherlands Charge d'Affaires at Ottawa. (CP Photo)

LETTERBOX

"POPPY DAY"

Editor, Daily News:

On Saturday next, the people of Prince Rupert will be asked to purchase the poppies which make it possible for the Canadian Legion here to carry on its welfare work.

This work is important, but I think one thing that perhaps has not been sufficiently stressed is the fact the poppy is the symbol of remembrance... remembrance of the dead of two world wars.

Our memories are apt to be a little short and, were it not for this annual poppy sale, I sometimes wonder if those who did not lose sons and husbands in the two wars would be as fully conscious of the sacrifice as they are. I do want to stress the importance of this one day in the year being set aside in this way.

Those who have not had experience with the Poppy Fund may perhaps be inclined to question whether the Poppy Fund is necessary here in Prince Rupert. I can assure them it is. It is true that there are veterans and veterans' dependents who cannot work. It is true that we have in our Acts of Parliament considerable social legislation, but it is equally true that things such as the old age pension and other similar legislation and allowances are inadequate in the face of present living costs. However, and this is a fact, the majority of worthy veterans are people with a very intense personal pride. They have given Canada service during war time, many of them on two occasions. They are the type of people who hesitate to approach organized charities. Were it not for the Canadian Legion, and the comradeship which was born in war, many of these deserving cases would not be known about.

The Poppy Fund enables the Canadian Legion to assist veterans and veterans dependents in times of emergency. Every penny collected in Prince Rupert and District is used right here in this district, and the expenses of "Poppy Day" as well as the cost of operating the "Poppy Fund" throughout the year are borne by our Branch out of our own branch funds.

I would ask your support and that of the people of Prince Rupert in carrying on this very worthy work.

JAMES NICOLL,
Canadian Legion,
Branch 27,
Prince Rupert.

RATEPAYERS GROUP SEEKS MORE MEMBERS

East End Ratepayers Association, which is in the process of organizing, will elect a permanent slate of officers on November 15 and, in the meantime, a membership drive will be started, a preliminary meeting in the East End hall decided Tuesday night.

The 30 citizens who attended deferred election of a full executive panel for two weeks and voted in the meantime to maintain Robert Ferguson as temporary chairman, H. R. Thorsteinson will continue as interim secretary - treasurer.

Need for an active membership embracing a larger number of taxpayers was considered vital and A. Pearson was named to head an organizing committee which will promote greater membership. Other committee members are Robert Cameron, George McWhinnie, P. Lester, Harry Quick, Harry Harrison, W. D. Griffiths, Frank Baldwin, Mrs. R. Ferguson and J. W. Prusky.

Vision of the organization expanding to or inspiring, the formation of other Ratepayers' Associations in other parts of the city was a vital element in the meeting. It was felt that when the East End group gets underway its influence will broaden to the betterment of community interest.

General outline of the aims of the association was given by W. D. Griffiths who told the meeting that it was open to all ratepayers no matter in which part of the city they reside. It is also dedicated to development of the interest of citizens in active participation in affairs of the city and use of the enfranchisement and to promote understanding between citizens and the city council.

Membership dues were set tentatively at 25 cents to the end of the year and \$1 a year thereafter.

School Secretary Mrs. M. M. Roper was authorized by the school board at last night's meeting to attend a meeting of School Secretaries, sponsored by the Department of Education, at Victoria on December 8 and 9.

MINISTRY OPENED BY NEW PASTOR

Last Sunday marked a milestone in the growth of the Regular Baptist Church of Prince Rupert. At the newly inaugurated morning service, the Church welcomed its new pastor, Leonard Thorpe.

Mr. Thorpe comes from Duncan, Vancouver Island, and is a graduate of the Northwest Baptist Bible College at Port Coquitlam.

The pastor's morning theme was "Worshipping With Moses." He showed three pertinent reasons for the power of Moses, as he prevailed with God in prayer. In the light of today's need of Christians with that same power, he pointed out the necessity of examining devotional habits.

In the evening, Mr. Thorpe's message was centred around the Old Testament story of Naaman's miraculous cure of leprosy. Using this to illustrate the simple, old-fashioned gospel, he urged the unsaved to exercise saving faith in the finished work of Christ.

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