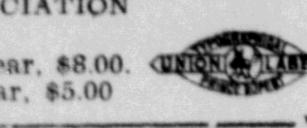
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Protecting Waterfront

CUNDAY afternoon's sudden gale which wrecked the Prince Rupert Rowing and Yacht Club and played havoc generally along a central section of the local waterfront made evident the importance of adequate protection of our marine and fishing property which has long been a vital part of the economic life blood of this community. It can easily be imagined how great a disaster it might have been had that storm come up in the middle of the night instead of the middle of the day.

Of course, all floats and mooring places of the mosquito fleet cannot be equipped with breakwaters but the storm on Sunday and the effects thereof demonstrated the need of such protection for at least some of the more important and ex-

tensively used mooring places.

Had there been a coastguard service stationed here, such as we have been long and persistently advocating, it could have swung into useful action in just such an incident as this storm. Maybe the naval organization might be developed along these

Disaster might strike the waterfront in more ways than one. There might, in addition to storm, be explosion or fire. To be forewarned might well be the signal to be forearmed with equipment and organization. Possibly, as a community, we have not been paying sufficient attention to the safety and protection of our waterfront.

NO ELECTION. SURPRISES

THREE FEDERAL by-elections went yesterday quite as might have been expected.

George Drew, the new national leader of the Progressive-Conservative party, gets his seat in Parliament by winning in Carleton where the government appropriately enough co-operated with him by refraining from entering a candidate. In Marquette, Manitoba, the new minister of justice, Stuart Garson, obtained a seat with the similar co-operation of the Progressive-Conservatives who refrained from a pointless contest. As a matter of fact, Mr. Drew and Mr. Garson might well have been accorded acclamations. Mr. Coldwell, the C.C.F. leader, admits that the only point of his party having candidates was so they would be able to spread a little more Socialistic doctrine.

It was expected that the Liberal would win Laval-Two Mountains and thus increase the strength of the government party. By some the result in the Quebec seat may be taken as indicating that the federal Liberal party is still maintaining its strength in spite of the Duplessis influence. It might have been anticipated that the fact of a French-Canadian Prime Minister would bolster up the government there.

GOOD OLD COLONIST

THE VICTORIA COLONIST was ninety years old on December 12, and the anniversary was observed with a 152-page edition, each copy weighing three pounds. The special paper is highly interesting from an historical standpoint.

The paper was founded by a roving Nova Scotian named Bill Smith who, later in life discarded his original name while living in California. By act of the California legislature he became known as Amor de Cosmos, meaning "lover of the world." The rest of his life was spent in Victoria. He served as premier of British Columbia.

The present publisher H. T. Matson was host to the entire staff, on the anniversary. Also present were the publishers of all Vancouver dailies, and representatives of the Canadian Press, press gallery, and the Victoria and Island papers.

Of the many notable achievements scored by the Colonist, the greatest was its scoop announcing the surrender of General Cronje's Boer army in February 1900. The paper beat even the British War

TALKING OF WEATHER

MEATHER is such an easy, convenient and VV harmless subject of conversation. It wears so well. It seems equally popular anywhere, anytime and under almost any circumstances. Discussing the weather can occupy an hour or longer or last but a few minutes. One can dwell on the climate in a serious vein, or indulge, say, in a little discreet banter.

Yes, the weather is a most admirable form of small talk. Sometimes, the latter is classed as gossip, which has its risky side. A name, an incident, a suggestion, etc., etc.! But not so, our good old climate. We can all talk as we feel and wear a frown or a smile. It's the safest, most blameless topic there is. Long may it shine. We were going to write "long may it pou . . ." but hastened to withdraw it.

FIRST OIL WELL The beginning of the petroleum industry dates back to the south of Bermuda, find their middle of the 19th century, when way to lakes and rivers in Canthe first oil well was sunk in ada and other countries and redeliberate search for "black turn to their birthplaces to

CROWDED NURSERY All eels are born in the ocean



"MISS CHRISTMAS SEAL FOR 1948"-Canadians are introduced to little "Miss Christmas Seal for 1948," two-year-old Pamela Lamphere of Chicago, who poses for this picture as her contribution to the annual Christmas Seal sale sponsored by the Tuberculosis Institute. The Chicago tot wears a little dress and hat made of Christmas seals. Most of her recent pictures have been made in her little nightie as she lay in a bed in hospital where she underwent a series of rare abdominal operations bcause she was born with a bladder outside her body.

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On the Council he's determined to die, And there he sits, with suspicious sigh. He exposes them all, not turning his eye. And he makes them so mad, they all start to cry.

We've called him "Old George," the past twenty years, If he's sitting in Council, or drinking his beers, He can't be held down, so on he must go.

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LITTLE THEATRE REPEATS PLAY

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be turned over by the Junior Chamber to the Salvation Army 1948's Most Christmas Cheer fund.

Both the two-act play and Complete the musical were well received Complete BOONT FORGET OUR by the audience as they were Gift Show which saw the first showing early this month. or frost, wind or hail, two-head-

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The program was arranged by Senior Captain Mrs. J. Chambers and was highlighted by a club-swinging exercise by five members of the youth group-Gloria Morven, Olive Strand, Olive Strachan, Rose Collison and Shirley Yurgensen.

Children of all ages contriwas presented to a packed house The program included songs dialogues and recitations tracitional to Christmas.

Santa Claus, whose appear ance was greeted with cheers distributed Christmas present to all the children.

POOR BRAKES

WELLINGTON, N.Z., O-The Transport Department of New Zealand recently began a braketesting campaign. Out of 700 vehicles tested in the first week 106 failed to pass the test, showing that more than one in seven was unable to pull up in 40 feet from 20 miles per hour.

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PROBLEMS OF NORTH

Editor, Daily News:

Before starting to deal wit Alaska problems in this letter occurred some years ago at Skagway. We were waiting for a smile and casting his eyes to- sides. to be a cow that gave a lot of country, it would relieve the milk. Now the cow has gone dry and trouble starts." The sourdough's expression has stuck with me all these years.

In the Daily News recently the interview you had with Governor Gruening was very interesting to me. The Governor is working hard to improve conditions for his people.

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Geographically Alaska is an you must have the closs the train to start on its way to appendage of Canada, The Al- blankets and food that Whitehorse when a sourdough askans fully understand this life. To a certain extension of 15 years' standing broke con- fact. Life is hard enough in the semi - tropical states my versation with me. The man north without having to put up pense with these. was over six feet tall and had a with the whims of a transporta- We certainly need reference huge pack on his back. His con- tion monopoly. It is in the inter- the people can make a versation, although cultured, ests of Alaskans to get the con- I am an old man be was somewhat cynical. Without veniences they can from both still interested in the p

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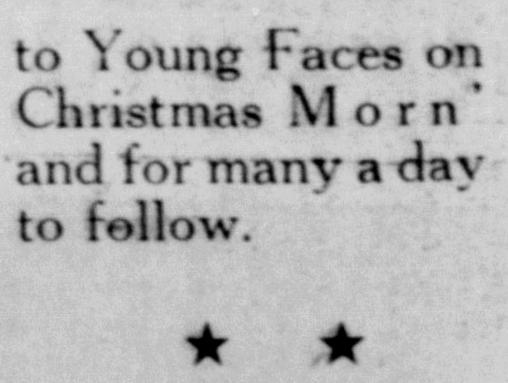
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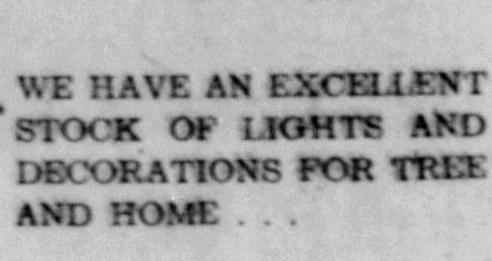
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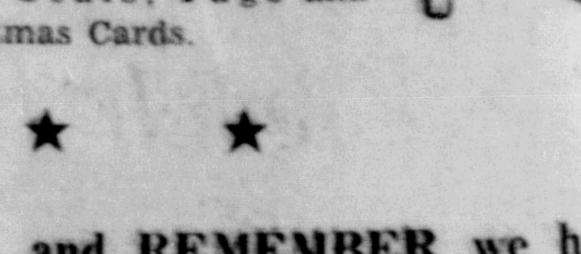
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