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### British Election

WHAT IS PREDICTED will be one of the most bitter elections in the political history of England will take place on Thursday, February 23. The date has been officially made known.

It is five years since Winston Churchill, crowned with the prestige of priceless wartime leadership, suffered defeat at the hands of the electorate. Since then, under Premier Attlee and a government that has its friends as well as sharp critics, Great Britain has known a variety of memorable experiences, chief among these being fiscal problems, the substitution of Indian for British authority in India and economic changes at home.

There are a total of 625 seats. There have been many by-elections. These have resulted in no changes of seatage and have given little indication as to how an appeal to the people might result—unless it might be prognosticated that the Labor government will be returned with a smaller majority.

With Communism expanding, danger of war, and anxiety and uncertainty practically everywhere, it is certain that this election will be followed with profound interest. Its outcome can command a far reaching influence.

### GOOD FIRE RECORD

PRINCE RUPERT HAS many reasons for thankfulness and one is the fact that there have seldom been fires that could be called really disastrous.

Through the years, of course, outbreaks—even loss of life—have taken place but nothing to approach in magnitude and severity what other communities have suffered. The scope of destruction and total list of casualties can be said to have been comparatively light.

And let it be said, to their credit, that the members of the fire department have been consistently vigilant and capable, and the citizens not only careful in their way of living, but also quick to cooperate when asked to do so, in the general interest of public safety.

### MAKE BEST OF EVERYTHING

IT IS NOT SO LONG AGO that dozens of small dwellings in Prince Rupert were dismantled for reason that they had outlived their usefulness. Some were right in town. Others could not be described as being in the outlying sections.

The point, however, is this! Realizing the demand there is for shelter, could it be said now, that they actually had outlived their usefulness?

The cost of building, as it is under present circumstances, is not any the less and helps explain why, along with other reasons there is delay in needed construction. It is true enough one can remember places that hardly seemed worth saving. Often, a building can look worse than it really is, and attention, given in time and performed by someone who understands how to make the most of time and material, might restore premises where a family can resume living.



FAMOUS BABY—Here is a famous British Columbia baby.—first picture of Tom Tandy who officially joined the CBC's farm family, the Carsons, on November 18 and 11 days later uttered his first squeak into a microphone. The proud parents are Ann and Bill Tandy; the prouder grandparents John and Mary Carson, proudest relative, great-uncle Tom Tandy after whom the baby was named.

### Ray Reflects . . . . . . and Reminisces

Battling Nelson, 67, once said to be worth \$300,000, is down to \$22 a month pension. He's beginning to understand the meaning of lightweight but not in a professional sense.

Which is the most slippery? The sidewalk that seems to have an abundance of ashes, or the part of it that looks OK but isn't?

Cocconut products from Ceylon may be exchanged for Canadian wheat. If the latter is shipped through Prince Rupert elevator, we'd hate to have to wait for the nuts.

Kwinita on the Skeena River, 47 miles from here, is much like any other small station in the mountains except that it's there, or near there that traffic trouble seems to just naturally develop—any time, any season. Say "Kwinita" to any seasoned railroader in the north, and instinctively he'd think to himself—"what is she, this time?"

Necessity being the mother of invention, prairie dwellers, looking over their treeless land, have often gathered boulders and rocks, and with lavish use of cement, finally built a one-storey house—warm as wool in winter, and cool in summer. Might be worth while keeping the idea in mind if you plan, in future building on the coast or further north.

So far, this has been a mean winter on the B.C. coast and statistics are telling British Columbians that the average person is down for three colds between New Year and March. In other words just one long, shivery-ker-atchoo—juicy cold.

Life sized masks of ten Canadian newspapermen some still living, are being carved into the walls of the Federal parliament buildings. This is meant as a gesture of honor. Most of them have nothing to say.

### Tells Plans For Phones

Superintendent J.F. Edwards Addresses Conrad Street P.T.

Questions on every aspect of the local telephone situation and the proposed new telephone system were fired at City Telephone Superintendent J. F. Edwards by members when he addressed the Conrad Street School Parent-Teachers' Association at its regular monthly meeting. Mr. Edwards answered each question readily and in detail sufficient to enlighten members as to the facts pertaining to the telephone system.

To the question, "How will the recently imposed increase in telephone rates pay for a new telephone system?" Mr. Edwards replied bluntly: "It won't." He went on to explain, however, that the increases would pay for new cable and, at the rate at which new cable is now being bought and installed with the money from the late increases, Prince Rupert should have perfect cables, which could readily be converted to the dial system, in about three years, at approximately the same time the new automatic system should be ready to be purchased. Also that it was the intention of his Department about that time to float a loan with which to buy and install the new automatic switchboard. In about three years also, the telephone department hopes to have built up a reserve of \$25,000 or \$30,000 and, about the time the new system is about ready to be purchased, construction of a new telephone building will begin on a lot already assigned on the corner of Sixth and McBride across from the Masonic Temple.

One of the members asked Mr. Edwards: "Why is it necessary to install a new automatic system? Why not add to the present switchboard and add a few more operators?" Mr. Edwards answered that the present switchboard is worn out and will have to be completely replaced in a few years. Therefore, any addition to it would be throwing good money after bad. Even, though an automatic system is slightly

more expensive than a new manual system, the saving on wages and in the amount of maintenance necessary will far outbalance the difference, Mr. Edwards said.

These and a great many more questions punctuated an interesting address.

Presentation of a beautiful Ronson Queen Anne table lighter was made on behalf of members to Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Stuart, on the occasion of their departure from the city to take up residence in the south. The presentation was made by Conrad Principal T. G. Bateman, who expressed regret at the P.T.A.'s losing a worker as enthusiastic and capable as Mr. Stuart but congratulated him on his promotion to a better position and extended the best wishes of the group to both himself and his wife for a most successful future.

P. T. A. members expressed pleasure and gratification that a solution for the problem of Sixth Avenue and Donald Street a dangerous corner where hundreds of school children cross every day, had been found. A sidewalk has been cut through from Seventh Avenue to Sixth at Claude Street which does away with the necessity for children to cross at Sixth and Donald.

Principal Bateman reported that the danger had not yet been entirely removed, however. A school zone had been declared at the place where the sidewalk emerges on Sixth Avenue but drivers seemed still unaware of its presence and exceeded the speed limit climbing the Sixth Avenue hill. Police will, therefore, be asked by the P.T.A. to station a policeman at the new school zone one or two days a week to help acquaint motorists with the necessity for decreasing speed at that point.

After the meeting and the

### Education Week Plans

Teachers Feel They Should Hold Municipal Office

Preparations for Education Week comprised one of the main topics of discussion for the Prince Rupert and District Teachers' Association meeting which appointed P. Adlem chairman of the Education Week committee. Highlighting Education Week March 5 to 11, will be a public meeting to be held in the Civic Centre auditorium. Last year's meeting was pronounced by the Inspector of Schools Joseph Cheil, "an encouraging demonstration, the like of which I have not seen in twenty-five years of teaching in British Columbia. It shows a fine local interest in Education." It is anticipated that this year's meeting will be equally successful. Acting with Mr. Adlem on the committee will be the President, F. R. Wright, and a representative from each school in the city.

A. M. Hurst and K. D. Cleland reported jointly on the possibility of a dinner meeting expected to be held for the teachers prior to the Education Week public meeting. Mr. Cleland on his recent visit to Vancouver on Federation business, received assurance from the Federation office that a prominent speaker would be available to address both the teachers at their dinner meeting and the citizens of Prince Rupert at the public meeting.

The right of teachers to hold municipal office came to the forefront again Tuesday night with a report from the public relations officer recommending further action. The Prince Rupert and District Teachers' Association is now laying plans to bring the facts to the attention of the public. One teacher speaking on the subject at the meeting, stated: "Who are we to teach citizenship and at the same time be deprived of the full rights of citizens?"

A special meeting of the Prince Rupert and District Teachers' Association was held for January 23 to deal with resolutions to be forwarded to the annual general meeting of the B.C. Teachers' Federation to be held in the Hotel Vancouver during the Easter vacation. Delegates from the Prince Rupert area will be named at the next regular monthly meeting of the local association.

The meeting heard a treasurer's report from J. Oldham and a report from the salary committee headed by R. G. Moore.

This was the regular January meeting of the Teachers' Association with a good turnout of teachers from the city schools and two members from Port Edward.

Address square dancing to the accordion music of B. Kristman was enjoyed by members, following which coffee was served.

### Incensed At Income Tax

Fishermen in Prince Rupert and possibly along the B. C. coast are taking a very dim view of the income tax operation in Canada. It seems they were stuck for payment of taxes on two-thirds of their 1949 earnings to be filed by December 31 of the same year.

Having received returns for 1948, the government has now swept the dust off a clause never before used and has thrown it at the fishermen. Veterans of the trade here state that never before has the government demanded payment of two-thirds of their taxes prior to the official April 30 deadline.

For example a fisherman named John Halibut, filed his returns for 1948 last April. Okay! Along came December and a letter from the Income Tax Department. In clear, cold phrases, it stated that he, John Halibut, must fork over two-thirds of the taxes on his 1949 income by the end of the month.

"This, above all, is clearly senseless," he grumbled. "Why must we pay our income tax before April 30?"

John Halibut may be the financially secure type. But take Joe Grab, who was not able to pay immediately deductions called for by April 30. So he began making later payments as is done by many individuals, fishermen or otherwise. Being on unstable financial footing, Joe raised the roof when he received the dignified O.H.M.S. envelope.

"By yumpin yimminy, this is it," he roared.

In addition, the sheet of official correspondence stated clearly that interest would be imposed if the statement is not filed by December 31.

This problem was brought to

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the attention of E. T. Applewhite M. P., at a meeting of fishermen Tuesday night. They urged the Skeena member to press the situation at Parliament in an effort to bring about a change.

During the war years a system of taxation was enforced which entailed deduction at the source of income. After each load was brought in, a certain percentage of the catch was sliced off for income taxes. When first introduced, the new system called for a 20 per cent cut but later was decreased to 10 per cent.

Fishermen were thoroughly satisfied for many reasons. Most important was the fact that it seemed easier to note that when April 30 rolled around, the bank account did not seem to disappear.

But at present... well, just ask the first fisherman you meet!

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
IN PROBATE  
IN THE MATTER OF THE "ADMINISTRATION ACT"  
AND  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THORVALD STOCKLAND, DECEASED INTTESTATE

TAKE NOTICE that by order of His Honour Judge W. G. Fulton, Local Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, I was on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1950, appointed Administrator of the estate of Thorvald Stockland, late of Strom Bay, British Columbia, who died on the 10th day of September, 1949, at Strom Bay, British Columbia.

All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith and all persons having claims against the said Estate are required to file them with me properly verified on or before the 15th day of February, 1950, failing which distribution will be made having regard only to such claims of which I shall have been notified.

Dated at Prince Rupert, B. C. this 6th day of January, 1950.  
GORDON FRASER FORBES  
OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR  
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