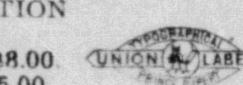
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British Election

V/HAT IS PREDICTED will be one of the most W bit er 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 prognasticated 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 tha this election will be followed with profound interest. Its outcome can command a far

GOOD FIRE RECORD

reaching influence.

RINCE RUPERT HAS many reasons for thank- lon may be exchanged for Canafulness 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 co-operate 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 I 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. facts pertaining to the telephone Often, a building can look worse than it really is, and attention, given in time and performed by someone who understads how to make the most of time and and material, might restore premises where a family can resume livin.

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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

Battling Neison, 67, once said to Necessity being the mother of

The sidewalk that seems to have worth while keeping the idea in pert at the public meeting

Cocoanut products from Ceydian wheat. If the latter is ship- winter on the B.C. coast and staped through Prince Rupert ele- tistics are telling British Columvator, we'd hate to have to wait bians that the average person for the nuts.

iver, 47 miles from here, is ker-atchoo-juicy cold. 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 "Kwinitsa" to any seasoned railroader in the north, and stinctively he'd think to himself-"what is she, this time"

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

Questions on every aspect of the local telephone situation and the propsed 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

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 a solution for the problem of went on to explain, however, that the increases would pay for ne weable and, at the rate at which new cable is now being ecery day, had been found. A bought andi nstalled with the money from the late increases. Prince Rupert should have perfect cables, which could readily with the necessity for children be converted to the dial system, in about three years, at approxi- Principal Bateman reported ing will begin on a lot already that point. and McBride across from the Masonic Temple.

One of the members asked Mr Edwards: "Why is it necessary to instal 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

be worth \$360,000, is down to \$22 invention, prairie dwellers, looka month pension. He's beginning ing over their treeless land, have understand the meaning of often gathered boulders and lightweight but not in a profes- rocks, and with lavish use of ce- that a prominent speaker would fore April 30? ment, finally built a one-storey be available to address both the

> So far, this has been a mean is down for three colds between New Year and March. In other Skeena words just one long, shivery-

> > Life sized masks of ten Canagesture of honor. Most of them have nothing to say.

and in the amount of maintenance the difference, Mr. Edwards sociation.

questions punctuated an inter- report from the salary committee esting address.

Presentation of a beautiful the occasion of their departure and two members from Port Edfrom 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 cap-following able 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 Sixth Avenue and Donald Street a dangerous corner where hundreds of school children cross sidewalk has been cut through from Seventh Avenue to Sixth at Claude Street which does away

to cross at Sixth and Donald. mately the same time the new that the danger had not yet been automatic system should be rea- entirely removed, however. A dy to be purchased. Also that it school zone ha dbeen declared at was the intention of his Depart- the place where the sidewall ment about that time to float a emerges on Sixth Avenue but loan with which to buy and in- drivers seemed still unaware of stal the new automatic switch- its presence and exceeded the board. In about three years also, speed limit climbing the Sixth the telephone department hopes Avenue hill. Police will, therefore, to have built up a reserve of be asked by the P.T.A. to station \$25,000 or \$30,000 and, about the a policeman at the new school time the new system is about zone one or two days a week to ready to be purchased, construc- help acquaint motorists with the tion of a new telephone build- necessity for decreasing speed at

assigned on the corner of Sixth After the meeting and the

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Education Week Plans

Teachers Feel They Should Hold Municipal Office

Preparations for Education Week comprised one of the main March 5 to 11, will be a public of the same year. meeting to be held in the Civic Centre auditorium. Last year's meeting was pronounced by the Inspector of Schools Joseph Chell, "an encouraging demonstration, the like of which I have not seen in twenty-five years shows a fine local interest in Ed ucation." 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 chool in the city.

to the Education-Week public end of the month. meeting. Mr. Cleund on his re cent visit to Vancoucer on Federation business, received assur- senseless," he grumbled.

trict Teachers' Association is now nified O.H.M.S. envelope laying plans to bring the facts to the attention of the public. One it," he roared. teacher speaking on the subject full rights of citizens?"

A special meeting of the Prince dian newspapermen some still Rupert and District Teachers living, are being carved into the Association has been called for walls of the Federal parliament January 23 to deal with resolu tions to be forwarded to the annual general meeting of the B.C Teachers' Federation to be held in the Hotel Vancouver during more expensive than a new man- the Easter vacation Delegates ual system, the saving on wages from the Prince Rupert area will be named at the next regular ance necessary will far outbal- muithly meeting of the local as-

The meeting heard a treasur-These and a great many more er's report from J. Oldham and a headed by R. G. Moore.

This was the regular January Ronson Queen Anne table lighter meeting of the Teachers' Assowas made on behalf of members ciation with a good turnout of to Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Stuart, on teachers from the city schools

address square cancing to the accordion music of B. Kristmanson was enjoyed by members,

Incensed At

Fishermen in Prince Rupert and possibly along the B. C. topics of discussion for the Prince coast are taking a very dim view Rupert and District Teachers of the income tax operation in Association meeting which ap. Canada. It seems they were pointed P. Adlem chairman of the stuck for payment of taxes on Education Week committee two-thirds of their 1949 earn-Highlighting Education Week ings to be filed by December 31

teaching in British Columbia. It ore has the government de- disappear. manded 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! IN THE MATTER OF THE "ADMIN-Along came December and a letter from the Income Tax De-A. M. Hurst and R. D. Cleland partment. In clear, cold phrases, . . . and Reminisces ity of a dinner meeting expected must fork over two-thirds of the to be held for the teachers prior taxes on his 1949 income by the

> "This, above all, is ance from the Federation office must we pay our income tax be-

John Halibut may be the finanhouse-warm as wool in winter, teachers at their dinner meeting cially secure type. But take Joe Which is the most slippery? and cool in summer. Might be and the citizens of Prince Ru Crab, who was not able to pay an abundance of ashes, or the mind if you plan, in future The right of teachers to hold by April 30. So he began making part of it that looks OK but building on the coast or further municipal office came to the fore later payments as is done by front again Tuesday night with a many individuals, fishermen or report from the public relation, otherwise. Being on unstable officer recommending further ac financial footing, Joe raised the tion. The Prince Rupert and Dis- roof when he received the dig-

"By yumpin yimminy, this

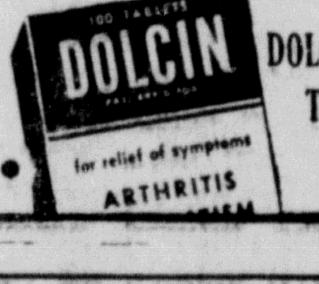
In addition, the sheet of offiat the meeting, stated: "Who are cial correspondence stated clearwe to teach citizenship and at ly that interest would be imposed the same time be deprived of the if the statement is not filed by December 31. This problem was brought to

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Having received returns for Fishermen were thoroughly 1948, the government has now satisfied for many reasons. swept the dust off a clause never Most important was the fact before used and has thrown it at that it seemed easier to note that the fishermen. Veterans of the when April 30 rolled around, the trade here state that never be- bank account did not seem to

But at present . . well, just

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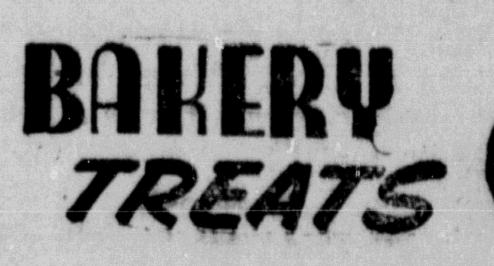
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