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(AP) — Gossip perking the red-headed with the most likely hand of Princess

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ear-old Princess has been a week-end or another of the estates kept by the Duke of Buccleuch, the Duke of Buccleuch has been at the London. The 27-year-old has certainly had the King and him to Windsor for the top of the social season, the party for the Ascot

occasion the Earl rode in a carriage with Marjorie to Ascot, the public appearance of the significance. The Earl of Dair, one of Britain's men, as the heir to the Duke of Buccleuch, of age. The family property in London of farm and forest, about eight counties

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ly castles are rich in, especially paint-and antique furnishings of these have been government to decor-embassies, the confining his business to the management of estates which will some. Just now he's busy in the investment of 100 in the estates to buildings and replant

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War In Far East—

## Grim Story Is Told To Club

**Dr. Duncan Black Recalls P.O.W. Experiences of Burma**

Experiences as a Japanese prisoner-of-war were told by Dr. Duncan Black, director of Prince Rupert and District Health Unit, at the Women's Canadian Club in the Civic Centre last night.

Numbering among the 60,000 allied troops taken prisoner by the Japanese early in 1942 at Singapore, Dr. Black described their capture as "coming under the poached egg." Such a description, Dr. Black explained, was in reference to the design of the Imperial Japanese Army.

Privation and disease were found by Dr. Black in his work from the first prisoner of war hospital improvised in a Shanghai Cathedral to bamboo built field units along the railway they were forced to build through Siam.

Describing the first Japanese officer he met as "a human being," Dr. Black found in other instances the Japanese commanders were "screeching hissing, spitting, monkey-like men in lavender gloves."

"Rice was the main food eaten three times a day. In bed at night we would dream of food. But after a week's hunger the obsession for food diminished," Dr. Black recalled.

"I think I can well understand fanatics and Gandhi's who fast so long. The body weakens but the spirit does not want the food. After the first week is past you don't notice it so much," he said.

One of their main bases along the rail route built for the Japanese—Chung-Kay, Siam—was described by Dr. Black. Typical of these work camps would be the crowding of 15,000 prisoners into accommodation meant for 2,000 men at this Siam base camp.

Malaria, beri-beri, typhoid, dysentery, cholera and stomach ulcers soon prevailed under such crowded conditions. Dr. Black pointed out. In one cholera outbreak over 300 men were lost through malnutrition, exposure and want of drugs, the doctor recalled.

"Where medicine failed the first picture postcards we were able to send home were great morale builders for the sick," said Dr. Black. Concerts and many plays of Bernard Shaw's contributed largely to morale.

"Ability, tenacity, fanaticism and ferociousness made up the character of our Japanese."

"Their intellectual dishonesty was staggering," Dr. Black noted.

**RUGGED SURGERY**  
Specially concocted paralyzing anaesthetic invented by one of the doctors from rice was used

## PROMINENT MASON, KNOWN HERE, DIES

John McLeod, brother of Mrs. M. McLeod, Sixth Avenue West, resident here during railway construction days, and a well-known visitor in more recent years in Prince Rupert on various occasions on Masonic affairs, passed away yesterday in Vancouver General Hospital after a ten days' illness. He was a past first grand principal of Royal Arch Masons for British Columbia and was also active in other branches of the Masonic order. Besides his sister here, he has a brother, Alex McLeod, Vancouver, who was here during the war, and a sister, Miss Barbara McLeod of Vancouver. He was born in Scotland and was a widower.

## Voters' List Is Finalized

Four names were deleted from the voters' list at the court of revision last night. This brings the voters' list to a total of 2863 voters, City Clerk H. D. Thain reports. Ninety-two of these are licence holders, 89 householders and the remainder property-owners, the city clerk said.

A comparison with last year's voters' list totalling 2843 names shows more licence and householders in 1949 but more propertyowners this year.

Of the four voters deleted Wednesday, two were deceased, one an American citizen, and the fourth was a licence holder who had left town, Mr. Thain said.

## Long Life For Cut Flowers

Mrs. A. E. Carlson, 527 Herman Street, thinks she has achieved something of a record in longevity of indoor keeping for cut flowers. She has had a bouquet of asters in a vase inside her home for a whole month. Usually they only last about two weeks. The asters were grown in Mrs. Carlson's own garden.

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for amputations. The butcher shop meat saw was borrowed for operating room amputations. One hundred and seventy eight legs, poisoned from bamboo scratches, were amputated the doctor said.

Bamboo and rice were their mainstay—rice, except for plain soup, was the food; everything from latrines to railroad bridges, was made with bamboo.

By October 17, 1943 the railway was completed by the British, American and Dutch prisoners with the final help of Japanese troops.

"Perhaps the greatest tragedy of the war," Dr. Black said, "was when allied planes bombed us due to Japanese placing our camps near military objectives. Bombers from allied aircraft ran casualties and deaths to over 800."

Dr. Black said that in the three and one half years served in prisoner of war camps, 20 per cent of the men were lost through Japanese mismanagement.

The speaker was introduced to a capacity audience by Vice-President of the Women's Canadian Club, Mrs. W. A. MacLean. Mrs. MacLean explained that Dr. Black, after serving with the Indian Medical Service and British Secret Service, finally organized the first ambulance trains for the British Government at Singapore and the Malaya Peninsula.

Although 85 ladies were present, Mrs. F. E. Anfield, secretary, pressed for better attendance from the club's 150 members in her report.

Mrs. W. D. McAra was introduced as a new member.

"God Save the King" was sung

## Health Service Needs More Funds

The provincial Department of Health will be asked for a larger grant next year by the Union Board of Health of Prince Rupert District. With the fiscal year now little more than half over, the board is already running short of funds such as travelling expenses in this widespread district. In addition to a larger grant next year, additional funds to carry on the rest of this year are being asked.

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