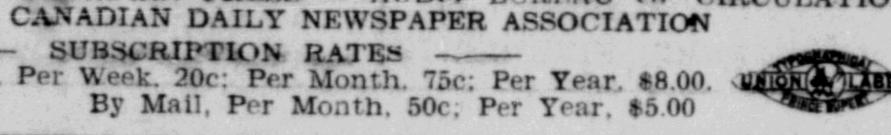
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Freedom In Democracy

THERE is far too much negative talk, these days, about democracy, says a timely Free Press and

Prairie Farmer editorial. People are anxious to defend democracy against the challenge of dictatorship and, in their zeal, some well-meaning people even demand that communism be outlawed-as if a subversive idea can be put under lock and key. Of course our freedom must be protected against its enemies. But the strongest protection is to serve democracy positively and affirmatively and to regard self-government as the highest form of citizenship in which all who believe in freedom must bear a part.

Rarely have the principles of freedom in a democracy been stated more cogently than by Mr. Justice Brandeis of the Supreme Court of the United States in his judgment years ago in the Whitney vs. California case. Since this statement is applicable to Canada as to the United States, in this period of strain and confusion, it is worth recalling now.

"Those who won our independence," said Mr. Justice Brandeis. "believed that the final end of the" State was to make men free to develop their faculties; and that in its government the deliberative forces should prevail over the arbitrary. They valued liberty both as an end and as a means. They believed liberty to be the secret of happiness, and courage to be the secret of liberty. Thy believed that freedom to think as you will and to speak as you think are means indispensable to the discovery and spread of political truth; that without free speech and assembly, discussion would be futile; that with them, discussion affords ordinarily adequate protection against the dissemination of noxious doctrine: that the greatest menace to freedom is an inert people; that public discussion is a political duty; and that this should be a fundamental principle of the American Government.

"They recognized the risks to which all human institutions are subject. But they knew that order cannot be secured merely through fear of punishment for its infraction; that it is hazardous to discourage thought, hope and imagination; that fear breeds hate; that hate menaces stable government; that the path of safety lies in the opportunity to discuss freely supposed grievances and proposed remedies; and that the fitting remedy for evil counsels is good ones.

"Believing in the lower of reason as applied through public discussion, they eschewed silence coerced by law—the argument of force in its worst form. Recognizing the occasional tyrannies of governing majorities, they amended the constitution so that free speech and assembly should be guaranteed."

THE WORD 'BRITISH'

THE MOVEMENT to eliminate "Dominion," from the expression, Dominion of Canada having failed does not mean that the general idea has been abandoned. While the place of its origin, or the identity of those behind it, must remain largely a matter of uncertainty and speculation, there is small doubt of its life and vigor.

Now comes the suggestion that the fewer times the word "British" is heard uttered, or seen in print, the better. For example, how would "Columbia" sound, instead of "British Columbia?" That can be safely left to the judgment and sentiment of the people of this great province. But the whole situation has a subtle, if not sinister, intimation.

One notices, just now, that plenty of people living in Europe would not have the least objection to moving to the Dominion, and staying here, and that many others, getting into a jam, are glad to seek British assistance.

CIVIC INTEREST

FARLY INDICATIONS are that there may be a dearth of candidates for aldermanic seats—of which there will be five to fill—at the 1948 civic election. Whatever the business men may do, it may be regarded as a certainty that the labor people, who to be congratulated on their consistent interest, will be able to find candidates. If these are not acceptable to the business people, they will either have to find candidates of their own or gracefully take what are offered.

Possibly, the election loses some interest because there is no mayoralty contest. But, after all, the mayor has only one vote and it is an important election anyway for it could well involve the balance of control in the council as between the so-called "business" and "labor" element.

In addition to five aldermanic vacancies, three school board seats are to be fified. School affairs also constitute important city business and good material in the direction of educational policy of the city is equally to be desired.

There is a great deal of talk about civic affairs, not without considerable criticism. Active participation, rather than free advice from the outside from people who do not share the responsibility. even if they do pay the bills, is what is required.

PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

Twenty Five Years

The Canadian Government Merchant Marine freighter Canadian Volunteer arrived here for dry docking after goiing aground near Cape Mudge. Following repairs, she was scheduled to load paper at Ocean Falls for California.

The interior district got its first heavy snowfall of the season. Between two and three inches fell at Terrace with smaller amounts further east.

A proposed redistribution scheme was aimed at cutting a large slice off the southern section of the provincial constituency of Prince Rupert, including Ocean Falls and Swanson Bay in return for a slight territorial gain at the expense of Omineca riding.

Thirty-Five Years

A proposition was placed before one of the largest companies in Canada to cut a canal from Tlell River on Graham Island to Massett Inlet, a distance of 16 miles through open country where dredges could operate without danger of encountering rock.

More than 40 couples were in attendance at a Hallowe'en dance held by the Daughters of the Empire in St. Andrew's Hall. Music was furnished by the Westholme Orchestra.

prompt erection and operation same period last year.



HITS JACKPOT-Albert Robins. 65-year old Toronto laborer, is \$40,000 richer today all because a horse on which he held a ticket placed second in the Irish Sweepstakes Wednesday. A \$25-a-week worker in a Toronto window blind plant, Mr. Robins left his job when he was told of his good fortune to celebrate with his wife and daughter Irene, shown here with the lucky man. He held a ticket on Royal Tara.

Sunshine Is Record

But Precipitation in Prince Rupert is Keeping Pace

Prince Rupert has enjoyed Replying to an editorial in more hours of bright sunshine the Daily News, Alderman Bul- fo rthe first 10 months this year lock-Webster denied an imput- than for any similar period in ation that he was not in favor the last seven years, records reof bringing industries to the veal. Total hours of bright suncity. He said, however, that in shine so far are 1,001.9, as comgranting waterfront priviliges, pared with 811 hours for the

ioneers in Canada's fur trade, the Frobisher

De brothers, Benjamin, Joseph and Thomas,

came to Canada from Yorkshire in 1769.

They penetrated to Churchill in 1774,

and later explored the Saskatchewan

River, building trading posts at

Sturgeon Lake, Frog Portage and Isle

pier with his sunshine in Octo- ber 15. Average temperature ber than for any other month was 43.3 degrees. this year, with the exception of last January. Last month, there showed a high of 30.35 inches than half e njoyed from April on October 6. to August, inclusive.

However, there was no shortage of moisture. The 15.51 inches that fell in October made the October 26. greatest precipitation for any month so far this year, and brought the year's total to date to 77:5 inches, a fraction of an inch more than for the corresponding period of 1947.

Maximum temperature last from the Eastmonth was 60.1 degrees, while of plants should be stipulated. The weatherman was skim- tle minimum was 34.8 on Octo-

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Extreme barometric readings

were 51.3 hours on 18 days, less on October 15 and a low of 29.03 Highest wind velocity was 48 miles an hour from the south-

east on October 8 and again on

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Reminiscences

The "fierce light that beats soldiers and sailon upon a throne" can also be felt Admiral Togo smashwhere republicanism sits ex- sian fleet that had a alted. The Americans have no way from the Baltis particular objection to pagean- grave off the shore try or parade and pomp. It's : History is not being a darned good snow. Let's go. today but there's a so And so, should Harry Truman's larity. count of ballots today be somewhat fewer than expected, life won't be quite the same. For he was the head of a great nation. Fawkes Day and one He had no crown. Yet he had a local lad inou been the President, with all of that guy?" Small w the deference and respect great an office implies. He w nver forget that, nor will fellow citizens.

Prince Rupert, as well as with deadly serious other cities on the coast, have days when Friend Far sound reasons for remembering ished. He engineered November, particularly Novem- blow up the House of ber in 1918. The First Great when all members we War ended, the 'fin was raging, The nerve of the mar and a southbound steamshi full of passengers leaving Alaska wa scaught cold, and and Yukon for the winter, sank the kind of punishme with every soul on board.

If there is a distinction, such And-would you as aristoccacy in fruit, let the every year since the apple be nominated. Having ment is searched to grown as long ago as Eden, and is a barrel of powder been munched by countless hu- attached knocking ar mans ever since our first parents took a goodly bite, the apple can logically make claims to eminence. What, for example, would Hallowe'en be without it

Mukden is again in the scareheads. Forty-five years ago it was also that way. The name of the Chinese city stood out. black and staring, on thousands of front pages. The Czar's armies and Japan were fighting it out in Manchuria. The sea stronghold of Port Arthur fell to the

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