

An independent daily newspaper devoted to the upbuilding of Prince Rupert and all communities comprising northern and central British Columbia.

Hospital Insurance

COMPULSORY contributory hospital insurance, to which the government of British Columbia commits itself with the announcement by Premier Johnson that legislation to bring it into effect is being introduced at the current session of the Legislature, stands to revolutionize the whole set-up of hospital service in this province.

High cost of hospitalization under the present set-up is, no doubt, keeping many people out of hospital who might otherwise be there. Under the new scheme there may be many situations when the fine points must be decided of where hospitalization is really necessary and where it is not.

TRENDS AND ENEMIES

IN LIFE, Franklin Delano Roosevelt heard the plaudits of his fellow countrymen to an almost unrivalled degree. No other President had been returned to office so many times.

In death, it happens to be different. This, of course, is election year, and politics across the line, just now, can be regarded as complex, of unusual importance, with many significant angles and not without varying shades of bitterness.

KEEPING HEALTHY

IT MAY BE a matter of surprise to know just how much longer we can expect our lives to be in comparison with the life expectancy of previous generations. It is cheering to know that the average span of life has increased 18 years between 1912 and 1944.

Attention is now being directed to the value of the early recognition of diseases which are insidious in their onset. That is, they develop without the patient being aware of their presence until the process is well advanced.

A routine health examination is designed, among other things, to uncover the onset of such illnesses as these.

The original examination should include an inquiry into the previous health record and health habits, a thorough physical examination, and a urinalysis, chest x-rays and blood examination where indicated.

There is general agreement of the importance of yearly examinations for people over 40. In the case of the younger set in good health, a periodic examination every 2 or 3 years is considered adequate.

SKAGWAY—OLD AND NEW

THE AVERAGE TOURIST voyaging north every summer is haunted by thoughts of the days of '98—the lady known as Lou, Sam McGee and all the rest of the sprightly crew.

This being the fiftieth anniversary of the rush, the mayor of Skagway, alive to the value of timely publicity, is planning the re-enactment of some of the colorful scenes out of which grew yarns and traditions glamorous and unforgettable, when the Klondike beckoned.

It's an idea involving light expense, but giving, like enough, a vast kick to the boatload after boatload of chechakos stepping ashore at the head of Lynn Canal.

It would give a real thrill to arrive just in time to see Soapy Smith, the bad man, shot dead by Frank Reid and Reid himself drilled by lead. The tenderfeet would have something to talk about when they returned home.



NEW BLOOD FOR OLD SAVES BABY TWINS—Two nurses watch over the Zabielski twins in hospital at Holyoke, Mass., after the babies were snatched from death by the new surgical technique developed in R-H blood grouping cases.

URGES CARE OF TOURISTS

Jack McLeod Stresses Importance of Industry in Rotary Address

Canada's "visitor industry"—the tourist trade—is a rich source of dollars and a basis of international and interprovincial understanding which should be cultivated carefully.

He spoke in observance of National Tourist Service Education Week—March 31 to April 6—which is set aside as a reminder for Canadians to cultivate the visitor industry with care and wisdom as a major national asset.

Tourists last year brought to Canada \$238,000,000 in "new" money which helped stabilize Canada's international financial situation and provided employment and business for thousands of citizens.

Six million vehicles brought 26,000,000 visitors to the country, an increase of about six per cent over 1946. They also spent \$17,000,000 more than did the 1946 tourist flow.

He described the tourist trade as an "invisible" export industry which is concentrated on selling goods and services to new consumers. It also is the most

Steamship Movements

- For Vancouver: Monday—ss. Princess Adelaide, 10 p.m. Tuesday—ss. Coquitlam, 1:30 p.m. Thursday—ss. Prince Rupert, 1:15 p.m. Friday—ss. Catala, 12 midnight. April 5 and 15—ss. Princess Norah, p.m. April 27—ss. Princess Louise, p.m. From Vancouver: Sunday—ss. Coquitlam, p.m. Monday—ss. Princess Adelaide, p.m. Wednesday—ss. Prince Rupert, 10 a.m. Friday—ss. Catala, p.m. April 1 and 11—ss. Princess Norah, a.m. April 22—ss. Princess Louise, a.m. For Alice Arm, Stewart, Port Simpson: Sunday—ss. Coquitlam, midnight. From Alice Arm, Stewart, Port Simpson: Tuesday—ss. Coquitlam, a.m. From Ocean Falls: Monday—ss. Princess Adelaide, p.m. Wednesday—ss. Prince Rupert, 10 a.m. Friday—ss. Catala, p.m. For Ocean Falls: Monday—ss. Princess Adelaide, 10 p.m. Thursday—ss. Prince Rupert, 11:15 p.m. From Queen Charlotte Islands: April 2—ss. Cardena, a.m. April 4—ss. Cardena, a.m. For Queen Charlotte Islands: April 2—ss. Cardena, midnight. April 4—ss. Cardena, midnight. From Alaska: April 5 and 15—ss. Princess Norah, p.m. April 27—ss. Princess Louise, p.m. For Alaska: April 1 and 11—ss. Princess Norah, a.m. April 22—ss. Princess Louise, a.m.

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profitable form of export trade because it involves no cost to Canada beyond our own borders.

"Our scenery is inexhaustible—mountains, seashores, lakes and picturesque roads—all virtually undiminished in their ability to earn for us. They can be sold to visitors year after year and over again," he said.

With this scenery, however, is the need for fair and considerate treatment of tourists and the necessity of creating more services such as better roads, comfortable resorts, lodges and hotels. This is particularly true of northern British Columbia.

Guests at the meeting, welcomed by club president Lee Gordon were Martin Grasdal, G. A. Hunter, Harry Hergel (Edmonton) and Ernest Chapman (Port Clements). Mr. Hergel was awarded a can of Skeena River canned salmon for being the visitor from the greatest distance.

FIRE DAMAGE IS BEING REPAIRED

Repairs to the building on Third Avenue occupied by Three Sisters Cafe and Collart & McCaffery office continue with Mitchell & Currie carrying on the work for Theo Collart. As the work progresses, the grip the recent fire had on the building is more clearly seen. The flames had burned their way in deeply, and the firemen, in stopping the outbreak where they did, performed exceptionally capable services.

City Merchants

City merchants are asked in future to have copy for all display advertisements into the Daily News office by 4 p.m. of the day previous to their publication. This co-operation will greatly assist the mechanical department in keeping to the regular hour for publication.

Letters to the Editor

ATTACKS UNIONISTS

Editor, Daily News: May I have the privilege of replying to the author of "Bogey and Ghosts"?

He is trying to defend the very fallacy that produces bogeys and ghosts. They are nothing but illusions of popular fancy, conceived in ignorance, propagated in some set form of words, and forced into amazing growth in the fallow soil of idle and bored brains warmed with a sense of communal semi-hysteria.

The fallacy is that any large number of aggressively noisy people are wiser than one ignorant but patient man privately looking for truth. Thus you will hear those of shallow mind say this or that must be right because everybody is saying it or everybody is doing it, and thus you may hear them repeat: "The majority is always right."

Even though history shows that popular notions change and suffer such inversions, reversions and mutations from time to time and from place to place as to prove that the majority is often wrong, perhaps invariably wrong. Your trade unionist correspondent imagines that he can defend collective bargaining on principle.

However, it seems to me that the whole trade union movement is founded on three fallacies, which are:

- (1) That an employer, trusted, perhaps for years, to pay wages and deliver the goods or services, is still less trustworthy than an employee who gangs up on him and snipes at him from the anonymity of a trade union.
- (2) That the group wisdom of employees expressed in strikes and more strikes, for more and more wages, for less and less work, for fewer and fewer goods, for poorer and poorer strikers—is wiser than the creative wisdom of the business management.
- (3) That Capitalism, with its world-circling achievements and responsibilities in human welfare, ought to bargain in cheques and promises with gangsters who picket business premises and threaten the liberty of non-union employees.

The ranting little politicians and the busy little advocates of strikes and popular crusades have done nothing good for us. They have raised wages and taxes and have depressed the purchasing value of money, and have induced scarcity in many things that were once more than plentiful. There would have been more war and less peace and progress if popular assemblies and parliaments, with their orators, their slogans, and their battle-cries had been always solely in command.

The mighty stretches of steel rails that span a continent many times, the floating, steam-propelled palaces, more populous than many villages, that knit our Commonwealth in brotherhood and service, and link us with all our neighbors—these things were not planned, nor built, nor maintained by any co-operative enterprise or union of employees. The rise of unions and co-ops has come hand in hand with a gradual decline and threatening

MR. HLADUN'S VISIT

Editor, Daily News: On behalf of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club, I would appreciate the courtesy of the columns of the Daily News to thank the Women's Canadian Club for the opportunity of having had John Hladun as speaker at our luncheon on Wednesday.

If we were able to thereby assist the Women's Canadian Club in the purpose of Mr. Hladun's visit we are glad. The volume of publicity which Mr. Hladun was given through the medium of the Daily News must also have been a matter of gratification to all concerned.

O. G. STUART, President, Gyro Club.

WHOSE SIDE?

Editor, Daily News: After reading John Hladun's sreech in your paper, I still would like to know whose side he is on.

When he starts talking about "Big Business," he is right back on his Communist bogie. Where are his medals for fighting dictators in the past? What is he doing crawling from one party to another?

He was born a Canadian and worked against our way of living. Now he has turned and is working against what he was working for. When will he turn again? I believe we can get someone better to tell us how to beat Communism.

B. H. TRAXLER.

decay or violent destruction of our wealth and happiness, even of our very life. The evil thing that threatens us is the boastful pride of ignorant little men and women who are intoxicated with a feeling of collective force, the force of mere numbers. Yet the force of numbers has never done anything of lasting value. Have we any useful article that is of superior quality and workmanship? It was produced by some workman who refused to abide by the common standard of his fellow workers. Have we any useful invention? It was designed by one or two clever brains, or perhaps by many brains improving it at different times, but never by a discussion group. Have we dependable public services? They are managed by men who can pick and choose employees, and who refuse to be satisfied with mediocre service.

But, have we unexpected breakdowns in our economies, our production and distribution of machinery or food? You can only blame the boastful little fellows who will vote to strike for any demands they fancifully call "just" or popular.

EDWARD J. G. LEITCHFORD.

John Hladun, former Communist Party organizer and now on a speaking tour of Canada under the auspices of the Canadian Club, left on Wednesday evening's train for Prince George where he was to speak last night to the Board of Trade and Junior Chamber of Commerce, as well as to a meeting of the Canadian Legion.

Classified Advertising Pays!

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SECOND ANNUAL DISPLAY (Continued from Page 1) ward will demonstrate ping drill under the Margaret Slinn. Miss Moxley will accompany piano. There will be pants. Fundamental gymnasium classes, will be displaying "keep fit" class, of which 12 will participate in the display, will be piano accompanist. Miss Slinn will be piano accompanist. Rup-Rec intermediate 16-year-olds, will be marching drill under the direction of Miss Slinn with Miss Moxley as accompanist. Elementary folk and ballet dancing by King Edward Grade Five girls, one of the school classes regularly operated by the Civic Centre staff. "Human ten pins," a unique routine by King Edward Grade Five and Six boys, involving elementary tumbling under direction of Neil Ross. Rhythm drill by Borden Street Grade Five and Six boys and girls. These classes have been instructed by Mr. Ross and Miss Slinn at the school and the routines will be accompanied by Miss Frances Moore, staff pianist. Rup-Rec intermediate girls and the ladies' "keep fit" class will combine in square dance routines. There will be about 32 people in the group. Borden Street Grade Five and Six classes, both boys and girls, will combine in a rhythmic "minuet" which they will dance to accompaniment by Miss Frances Moore. Grade Six girls from King Ed-

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