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# St. Patrick's Day

THURSDAY will be St. Patrick's Day, the time for Irishmen to engage in flights of fancy about the Green Isle, colleens, politics, religion and what not. But if anyone comes along and starts off with "it seems that once, Mike and Pat were," will he go any further? Heaven forbid!

And now for a few homely facts concerning Ireland. Ireland has an area of 32,586 miles, with length 302 and width 110. There is 3,000 miles of coast, with numerous harbors. Highest mountains are in Wicklow. The longest river is the Shannon, -240 miles, with other important streams the Bandon, the Lee and the Blackwater. The climate is equable, with ample rainfall and fertile soil. Farming is the chief industry. Potatoes and flax, cattle and sheep include some of the outstanding products in agriculture. Brewing, textiles, linen, shipbuilding flourish. Twelve thousand men are engaged in fisheries, and there are three thousand, four hundrd miles of railway in operation. The population is 4,381,400.

As for the hallowed name of St. Patrick many legends come to mind as Irishmen the world around pay tribute to him tomorrow.

But beloved and revered as he is by all the people and descendants of the Emerald Isle, he was not himself born in Ireland. And his day, so firmly fixed as March 17, is by tradition a compromise that settled a lengthy Irish argument.

When it came to fixing upon a day to honor the saint, one faction in old Erin claimed he had died on March 8, and another claimed March 9. The two numbers were finally added together and the date was set for the rest of time.

Tradition sets his birthplace in Wales about 389. He came to Ireland as a prisoner, carried off at the age of 16 by a band of Irish marauders, who raided Britain under the Irish king, Niall Noigiallach.

For six years he was a swineherd in Antrim before he escaped to France in a vessel carrying Irish wolf-dogs for export. It was in France he was prepared for his life in the church. He was consecrated in 432 and sent by Pope Celestine to combat \* heresy in Ireland.

Here he came into opposition with the son of the king who had kidnapped him, and fought the paganism of the Druids. He is said to have overthrown a famous idol in the plains of County Cavan.

It was St. Patrick who made the shamrock Ireland's emblem. Challenged during a speech at Tara as to the mystery of the Trinity, he stooped to earth and picked a shamrock, holding it up to prove the possibility of three in one and one in three.

There are no snakes in Ireland because according to legend St. Patrick drove them out. Today Ireland has none, though reptiles are found in Scotland and England.

He is credited with having founded 365 churches and baptized with his own hand some 12,000 people in Ireland. He was buried in Abbey Saul in County Down, in 461.

Whatever the truth may be, it is certain that St. Patrick was both intensely spiritual and strong in action. The enthusiasm that carried him through all difficulties as a missionary priest and bishop has been so infectious that after centuries his memory is as green as the shamrock that all good Irishmen will wear on the 1,488th Celebration of his day.

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#### FORMER LOCAL MAN ORDAINED

Rev. George Johnston, formerly of Prince Rupert and until last November missionary at the Naas River village of Kincolith, has been ordained into Mr. Johnston is at present at first time. St. Andrew's Indian residentia! school, Whitefish Lake, near block of Alberta.

## CFPR Radio Dial (subject to Change)

WEDNESDAY-P.M.

3:30—Divertimento 3:45—BBC News 3:55-U.N. Com't'y 4:00-Eamung hockringe

4:15-Stock Quotations 4:30-Maggie Muggins 4:45—Easy Listening

5:00-Rendezvous Room 5:30-Musical Cocktails 5:45—Supper Varieties 6:00—Supper Serenade

6:15—Sammy Kaye 6:30—Musical Varieties 6:45—Plantation House Party

7:00—CBC News 7:15--CBC News Roundup 7:30-Carmen Torres,

8:00-Folk Lore of Ireland 8:30-Juno and the Paycock

9:00-The Great Election 9:30-Feature on Sir J. Boyd 10:00-CBC News

10:10—CBC News

10:15-Earle Birney 10:30-London Studio Concerts 11:00-Weather Forecast and Sign Off

#### THURSDAY - A M

7:06-Musical Crock 8:00-CBC News 8:15-Morning Song

8:30-Music for Moderns 8:45-Little Concert

9:00-BBC News and Com'ty 9:15-Morning Devotions

9:30-Morning Concert 9:59—Time Signal

10:00-Ellen Harris

### PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

Twenty-Five Years

Prince Rupert had a surplus the Anglican priesthood, accord- of revenue of \$58,779 in 1923, ing to word received by friends as compared with \$28,707 for here. The ordination was per- 1922, the city's auditor's report formed by Rt. Rev. Arthur Sov- showed. City utilities, light and ereign, Bishop of Athabasca, water, showed a surplus for the

Atikameg, in the Peace River pert fisherman, was drowned off vision began about a year ago. Sumner.

> went aground. Shipbuilding is an election this year. firms at Vancouver and Victoria also tendered on the job.

#### Thirty-Five Years

Mayor S. M. Newton appointed a committee consisting of and Alderman Morrissey to arrange for the celebration of the official opening of the Grand Trunk Pacific line later in the

William W. Rush of Stewart, in a letter to the press, complained of the iniquities attending road construction in the Portland Canal district.

At a well attended meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the St. Andrew's Society was formed Officers elected were: president, Mrs. G. P. McColl; vice-president, Mrs. H. Killin. secretary, Miss A. F. Dunn; treasurer, Mrs. T. McMeekin; executive committee-Mrs. J. H. Kelly, Miss A. Cowie, Miss Garton, Miss Moir and Mrs. W. Longwill.

10:15-Morning Melodies 10:30-Roundup Time

11:00-Musical Varieties 11:15-Songs of Today 11:30-Weather Forecast

## Provincial Voters' Lost About Same as for Election of 1945

If forecasts regarding a provincial election in British Columbia this year are borne out, Prince Rupert constituency is likely to find that it has a similar number of voters as it had in the war-swellen election year of 1945.

According to Government Agent Gordon F. Forbes,

who is also registrar of voters, 5,287 persons have been placed Chris Petersen, a Prince Ru- on the voters' list since re-Portlock Banks, Alaska, when Prior to the October, 1945 his dorey upset. He was a crew provincial election, there were member of the halibut boat 5,447 voters listed in the Prince Rupert provincial riding.

stone, Mrs. G. Martin. Figures on the current com-Prince Rupert dry dock began pilation are not final, Mr. the largest repair job in its his- Forbes pointed out and there is gan, C. H. Orme, Mrs. W. Stratory when it won a bid to repair no way of anticipating just how chan, C. Nicholson, F. Conrad, the Canadian Scottish which many names the completed list D. Clendenning, A. G. Shore, damaged her bottom when it will contain when, and if, there Mr. and Mrs. Orme Stuart, Mrs.

> To date, the list contains 4,348 From Sandspit-H. Helin. names in the city and 939 names in rural parts of the constitu-

For the last several months Harry M. Daggett has been acthimself. Alderman McClyment ing as deputy registrar of voters and has been circulating throughout the city and district registering qualified citizens.

However, Mr. Forbes explained that persons wishing to find out whether or not their names are on the list can do so by checking at the Government Agent's office.

Possibility of a federal election, which is being mooted also for this year, will see Prince Rupert with a new Returning Officer to replace T. W. Brown who has announced his intention of resigning. No official announcement has yet been made although it is understood Rod MacLeod will be his successor.

Skeena federal riding had 16,-000 voters listed at the June, 1945 elections, 5,855 in the city and the balance in rural points as far east as Endako.

B.C. Undertakers has received. delivery of a new three-way loading Pontiac funeral coach.

# HYDER, ALASKA

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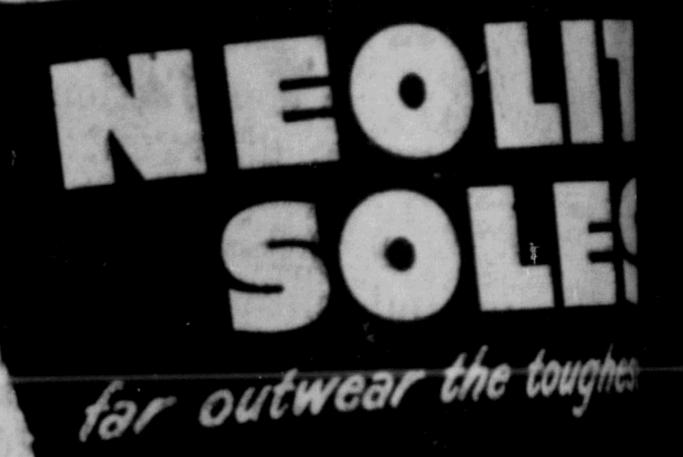
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To Sandspit-J. Allan.

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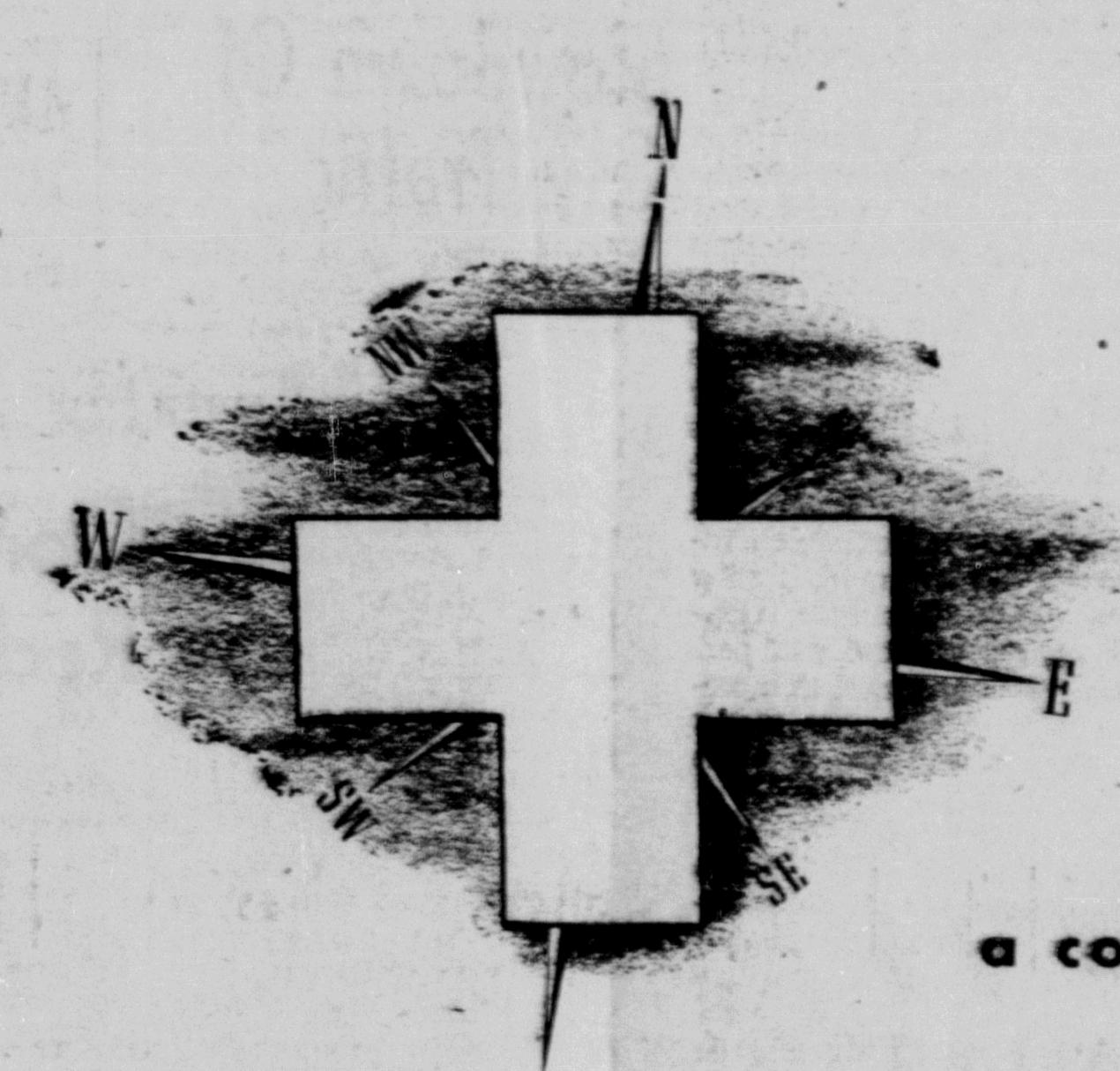
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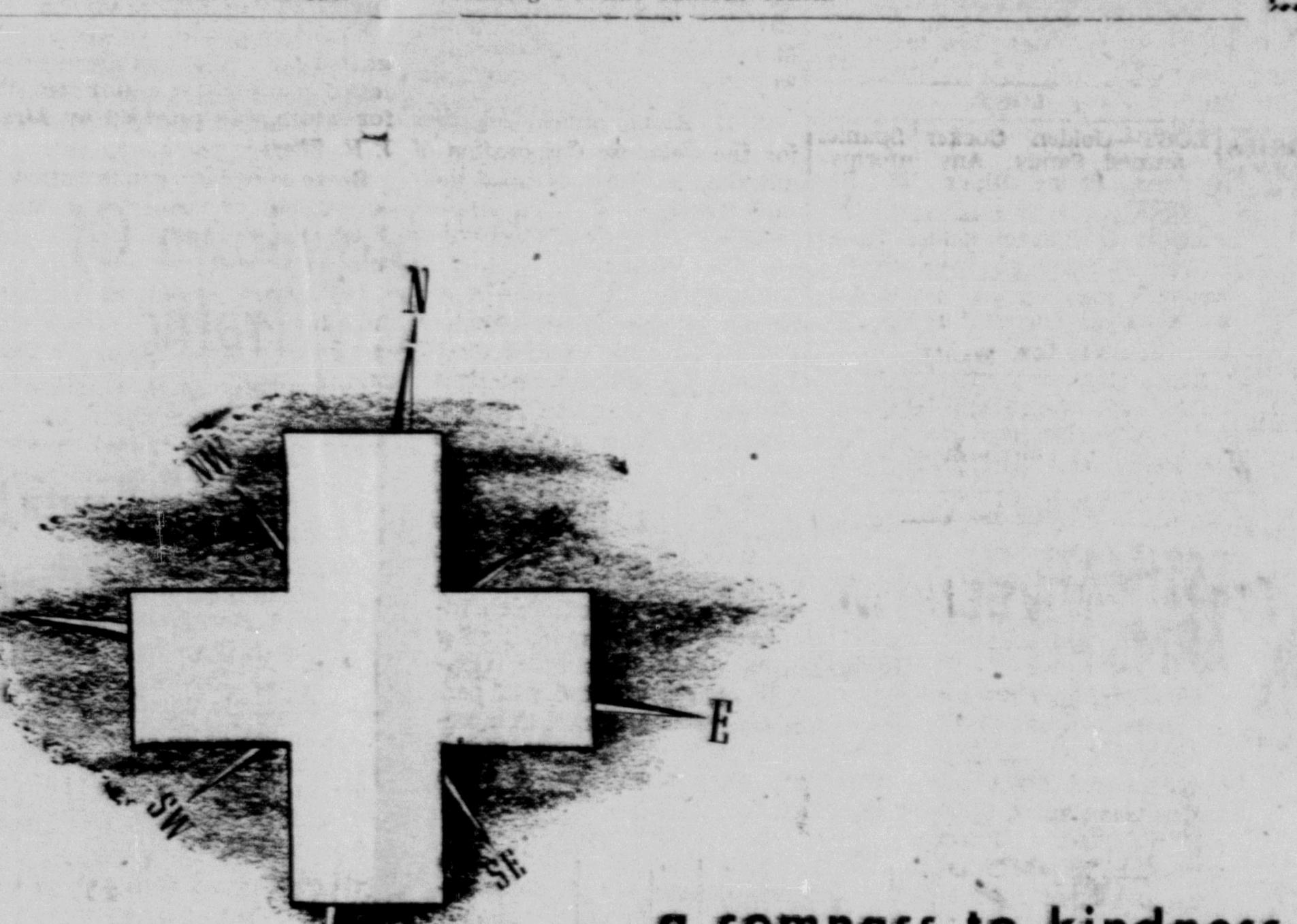


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