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Prince Rupert and Defence

FINAL DECISION of United States and Canada on joint defence planning may well have an important bearing on Prince Rupert which in the last war was one of the points where joint defence measures were so fully demonstrated. This seems particularly likely in view of the realistic expectation that the vortex of another war might well be in the northern and western sections of the North American continent. In fact, some wonder may be entertained that already something more along the line of defence preparedness has not been undertaken by this time.

In view of the uncertain international situation, it seems poor policy to be completely letting down our defences at Prince Rupert and other strategic points in the country.

COASTING AREAS

ANOTHER of what appears to be a series of cold snaps and heavy snow falls at Prince Rupert is being washed away. A couple of weeks or so of coasting conditions have ended but there may be more such spells this winter.

In this last cold snap, it is fortunate that there were no accidents due to the collision of coasting children and motor traffic. The car drivers of the city, as a whole, are to be commended for their care and patience.

If another such season of coasting comes, it is to be hoped that the authorities will immediately set off some streets as coasting areas as a safety measure. By doing so the risk of serious accident would be largely reduced.

VALUE OF CHAMBER

IT WAS a timely suggestion that Dr. R. G. Large, in his address of retirement as president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, made last night that there should be a greater modicum of active interest among the supporters of principles of free enterprise as against the various isms of totalitarian tendency in the work of the Chamber of Commerce which the doctor described as "the one non-political Dominion-wide organization giving concrete expression to the claims of private enterprise."

Apart from that aspect of Chamber of Commerce work, however, its function in promoting community interests and developments has been amply demonstrated here through the continued efforts of a not large number of enthusiastic workers. The work has been done effectively and well here. The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce in recent years has done much to put this city on the map. It is not a question of its work not being appreciated. We believe it has been appreciated. However, as Dr. Large suggests, not appreciation but more active support on the part of those who have their interests here is in order. The way that can be done is to join the Chamber and participate in its work.

SIZING UP ONE'S SELF

TO TRY and size up the actual state of a country, as a New Years dawn, is usually a thankless service, even if undertaken with the greatest of care and industry. To take stock of one's self is much easier and in certain respects of greater importance. To you, the condition of your health, your finances, your present prosperity and prospects are, or should be, of vital concern.

The ending of a year is a logical time for the general appraisal and summing up of how everything is standing, respecting yourself. This sounds like lecturing, a habit from which the Good Lord deliver us, yet it will be found that to know which way and in what manner you are going, pays. And a good time to know is now.

WEALTH NOT UNLIMITED

THE PLAIN FACT IS, that as we stand today, there is not unlimited wealth upon the earth to be distributed by any system whatever. The world is desperately poor—all of it except a few patches of prosperity like that in America. No matter how the available goods are redivided there will not be enough to go around and feed everybody properly let alone make everyone comfortable. And even America, fabulously rich beyond the dreams of antiquity, is still very poor. If all the money in Canada for instance—the money being merely a token and index of the wealth—were divided up equally between every person in the country, everybody would still be poor. With all our rich land and vast machinery of production we are able, working at full time, to produce something like a thousand dollars worth of goods per person per year, and a substantial part of that must be set aside for capital replacement, repairs and expansion.

—Bruce Hutchison.



CHRISTMAS MAIL BURNED—Six hundred bags of Christmas letters and parcels were burned and an undetermined number of bags damaged when fire broke out in a baggage car enroute from Moncton, N.B., to Halifax. Most of the parcels came from a large mail order store in Moncton. Men of the Halifax post office investigation and inspection departments are shown above salvaging some of the damaged letters. (CP Photo)

Encouragement of Industry

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small measure at least, of the Fisheries Research Board, and the continued interest on the part of the government in progressive research which that presages. I think we must also give commendation to the Fisheries Department for the work done this past year in developing the tuna fishery which promises so much for the future. This Chamber should do all in its power to further these activities and also take a continued interest in all problems concerning the fishing industry—at the present moment, particularly the approaches of the fishermen's floats, the break-water at Fairview and Coast Guard facilities for aid and protection to the fishing fleet.

"Another primary industry is showing rapid development. I refer, of course, to forestry, and the entrance of the Columbia Cellulose Co. into this area. I would suggest that it is the duty of this Chamber to remember the small operator who has been making his contribution to the progress of this district for many years and to see that his interests are not altogether forgotten in the enthusiasm to welcome big business into the district.

"The advent of the Celanese Corporation brings with it additional problems. The greatest of these at the moment, is housing. In setting up an active committee this year, we have attempted to point the way to some of the solutions and our task will not be done until we succeed in interesting capital in the construction of several new apartments and a definite housing development.

TOURIST INDUSTRY

The tourist industry has become one of the most important of the province. At the present time it surges into the southern half of the province and up and down the Cariboo Highway, while a second stream flows past our doors to the playground of Alaska. Only a trickle wends its way along the Skeena Highway to see the magnificent scenery and enjoy the recreational advantages we have to offer. We can bring the tourist in increasing numbers in two ways. First, by direct advertising; and secondly, and most important, by sending back those who do come as enthusiastic boosters. The first method is being taken care of by the Publicity Relations Council but there is much to be done before the second objective is reached.

"Auto camps are urgently needed; street and road signs to relieve confusion; charter

City Merchants

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This co-operation will greatly assist the mechanical department in keeping to the regular hour for publication.

boats to make available the fishing and hunting opportunities at our very door; better train service so that tourists can once more be routed east to Jasper; an airfield to make rapid transportation more easily available; improvement to our highway. These are only some of the ways we can help ourselves and as a Chamber we should be pressing steadily for their accomplishment.

PARAMOUNT CONCERN

"In closing, let me try to express what I believe to be the paramount concern of any Chamber of Commerce. These are pregnant days. They hold the real possibility of a Third World War, it is true. But they hold much more than that. We are in the midst of the final struggle of two philosophies—two ways of life. I have not been able to get too greatly exercised over Communism in particular. I do not believe that it will ever find a very fruitful ground in Canadian life. Its chief menace is military and its nuisance value in our economic life. But I am concerned about isms, in general and what they represent. Call them what you like—communism, socialism, C.C.F.ism, Social Creditism, New Dealism they represent the yearning of the common man for Utopia—that idealistic state where everything is perfect. Their advocates refuse to recognize that you cannot have perfection of life, or laws or states, until human nature itself is perfect. These isms would subject all human endeavour to the will of the State. It is only by a complete dictatorship of the State, that socialism can be made to work, and even though it be a benevolent dictatorship, the principle

is repugnant.

"We, on the other hand, who live by, and believe in private enterprise, see the state as the servant of the people—wielding only such authority as may be necessary to co-ordinate individual effort in this modern society and to alleviate unavoidable and inevitable suffering. The Chamber of Commerce movement is the one non-political, Dominion-wide organization giving concrete expression to the claims of private enterprise. As such it commands the unqualified support of every man who loves individual freedom and wants to see the freedom safe-guarded. It is our duty as Chamber of Commerce members to constantly preach the advantages of the system of private enterprise, to make use of the educational facilities which are being supplied in ever increasing amount by the Canadian Chamber, and last, but most important, be constantly vigilant to detect and correct the abuses and failures of this system in which we believe."

Dr. Large received a hearty vote of thanks for his "inspiring message" to the Chamber.

NOTICE

The Daily News wishes to draw attention to the rule that classified and transient advertising is payable in advance at the office at time of presenting copy for advertising. Those desiring to advertise in this manner in the Daily News are asked to assist the office and respect this rule by refraining from telephoning classified advertising.

STEPHEN CLAYTON AIYANSH 'MAYOR'

Native Village on Naas River Elects Council for 1949

Stephen Clayton was elected chief councillor of the Naas River native village of Aiyansh which has just completed the election of its 1949 native council.

Other councillors are Kenneth Grandison, Ephraim Johnson, John Morven, Titus Nishik, George Robinson and Reginald Percival (secretary-treasurer).

Kitkatla is having its election tonight. So is Kincolith, another Naas River village.

Metlakatla will nominate on

LETTERBOX

HOSPITAL VISITORS

The Editor:
From information I have received there appear to be rather severe restrictions in regard to visitors to the local hospital. Recently the two daughters of a local resident were presented with babies on the same day. The mother of these girls was naturally anxious and wished to see them. Her request was turned down though their husbands were allowed in. It is understandable that regulations are necessary if the patients' welfare is to be assured. Surely in this case the anxiety of the mother and desire of the daughters to see their mother allowed for some relaxation in the regulations. Trusting that in future more consideration could be shown.

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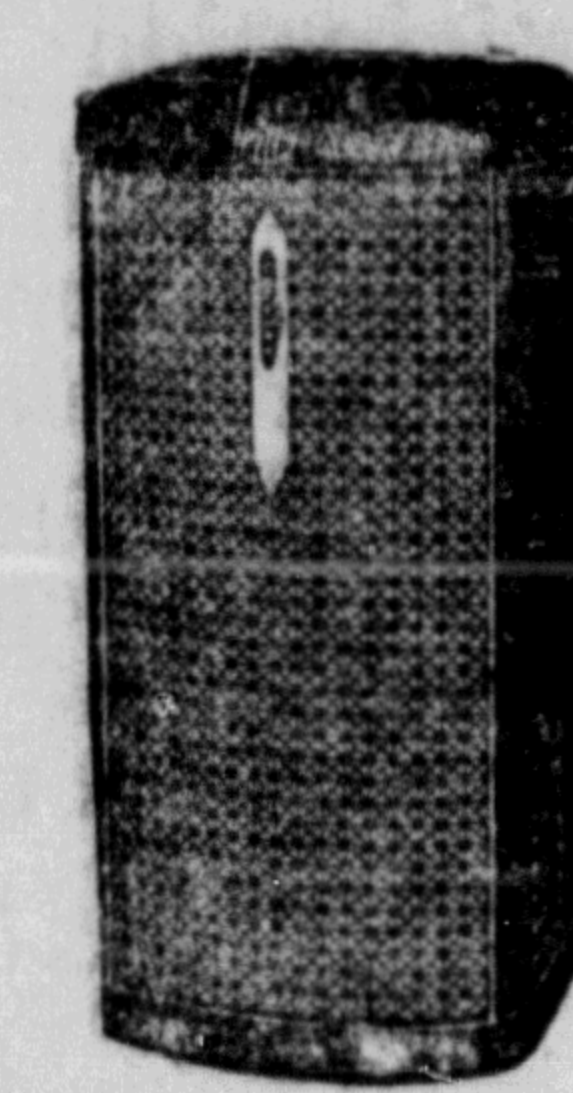
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