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Paying Teachers

SCHOOL TEACHERS of Prince Rupert will, no doubt, derive some measure of satisfaction from the finding of the board of arbitration which this week sat in their dispute with the board of school trustees on the salary question and awarded them a compromise salary increase. The trustees will now have to dig that much more money—\$13,541 over 1948—out of the long-suffering taxpayer who sees so many other municipal needs staring him in the face these days.

There is no disputing that, in the case of the school teacher, the workman is worthy of his hire. There are very few of us who in our daily avocation have a greater responsibility than the school teacher. The teacher has as the material on which he works, the most important of our assets—the children and the youth.

To chisel on the teacher's salary is the last thing which any taxpayer would desire to do. The more we can pay them the better quality of people we will get in the profession and the more ample the supply will be.

Meanwhile, the harassed local taxpayers are laboring under the financial demands of ever increasing local needs and there would appear to be ample justification for a greater measure of external support for the communities in this matter of education.

Our children being not merely a local but a national asset, their development would reasonably appear to be more than a mere local responsibility.

The dispute between teachers and school trustees over wages merely points another aspect of the necessity for a new deal on the matter of school financing, something which has already been recommended but not fully implemented.

TRUTH ABOUT WEATHER

WHILE it must be admitted a few squalls have been felt in Prince Rupert, there has never been the faintest desire to deceive—never the slightest urge to have created the impression that conditions were other than the absolute truth. Therefore, when from tempest-lashed Vancouver come statements suggesting it's worse in Prince Rupert, we raise a work-hardened hand, and utter a resounding protest. When there's no fog, no snow, no slush, no rain, when the air is clear and crisp, the sun beaming from dawn to dusk (and it's been like that for days) we want the world to know it.

FISH AND WORLD FOOD

FISHERIES are said to be vital to the food supply and economic prosperity of at least sixty-one nations and some producers are declaring that the supply of sea food is by no means as great as it could be without risk of depleting the source. On the other hand, some industrialists are eager for agreements to restrict what is called over-fishing.

From Great Britain comes the warning that, if the North Sea is to remain prolific, special care will be an absolute necessity. Heed must be given the scope of operations. The catch, today, is said to be back to the 1938 low levels. During the years of war, with the suspension of fishing, there was an immediate and far-reaching increase in all kinds of this great natural resource.

Not long ago the United States received a request to assist in bringing about an international agreement between England, France, the Netherlands, Denmark, Iceland and Norway to limit the size of whitefish catches. This was but one of several conservation projects.

The depth of ocean waters largely determine the number and relative importance of the world's chief fishing grounds. They are almost all within a 200-fathom depth, many being on the shelves of continents, or banks of the oceans. The major sources are the Asiatic shores, and the coasts of Europe, and the eastern and western zones of North America.

To a somewhat lesser degree the same may be said of the Arctic and Antarctic and certain parts of the East Indies.

Production is not less than a billion dollars.

The effect of two vast wars caused disastrous consequences for the feeding of untold millions of human beings. Cultivation of the soil decreased in extent, or ceased in different parts of the globe. The labor that planted and reaped died on thousands of battlefields, became hopelessly crippled or yielded to disease. Reserves, stored away for emergencies were destroyed, or made use of earlier than had been intended. Development of fisheries could help.



IN HIGH C.P.A. POSTS.—R. W. Ryan of Winnipeg (left) and W. G. Townley of Vancouver (right), who have been named to important posts in Canadian Pacific Air Lines by G. W. G. McConachie, president of Canadian Pacific Air Lines. Mr. Ryan becomes executive assistant to the president in Montreal, while Mr. Townley has been made general manager of operations with headquarters in Winnipeg and later in Vancouver when trans-Pacific services to Australia, New Zealand and to the Orient are started. The appointments are designed to co-ordinate the new Pacific services with existing domestic operations.

Farm Prices Major Issue

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WASHINGTON—One of the big battles of the year is expected when the government's Farm Price-Support program comes up for congressional review.

The issue is whether the prices of major products should be maintained beyond January 1, 1950, at the mandatory 90 percent of parity. A long-range, flexible support system is scheduled to go into operation on that date but some groups in Congress have indicated they will seek to ditch it and keep the present program in effect.

(Parity is a legal standard for measuring actual farm prices. It is declared by law to be fairly equal to farmer and consumer. Parity prices are set by complicated government formula for every major farm product. All are based on price and cost levels as they existed in the 1909-14 period.)

Farmers now are getting much more than parity prices on beef cattle, veal calves, lambs, hogs, turkeys, rice, flaxseed, cottonseed and milk. Close-to-parity prices are being paid for cotton, soybeans, wool and chickens.

Less-than-parity prices are being received for rye, corn, oats, barley, hay, peanuts, potatoes, sweet potatoes, beans, tobacco, apples, grapefruit, oranges, lemons, butter and eggs.

Senator George D. Aiken (Rep. Vt.), the man who almost single-handedly pushed the flexible Price-Support program through Congress last June, contends:

"With rigid 90 percent price supports, farm commodity prices would collapse and pull the whole national economy down with them."

The flexible system, due to take effect next January 1, unless the law is changed, would tie farm prices to the general trends of the United States economy. It is approved—in principle—by such organizations as the National Grange, biggest farmer group in the country.

A big question facing the government policy-makers is whether it is possible to have government aid programs without measures which would tell the farmer just how much land he would plant to particular crops and how much he could sell.

Supporters of the 90 percent Supports argue that over-production and surpluses could be prevented by the use of controls over production and markets. They would bring back acreage allotments and marketing quotas, inaugurated by Henry A. Wallace when he was agriculture secretary in the 30's.

Foes of the high Supports argue that farmers don't want to go back to controls.

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4:45—Easy Listening
5:00—MacMillan Club Quiz
5:30—Keyboard & Console
5:45—About Town
6:00—Musical Varieties
6:30—Malkin's Melody Money Time
6:45—Plantation House Party
7:00—CBC News
7:15—CBC News Round-up
7:30—Feidler Conducts
8:00—Your Favorite Band
8:30—Citizens' Forum
9:10—Citizens' Forum News
9:15—Emma Caslor
9:30—Prairie Schooner
10:00—CBC News
10:10—CBC News
10:15—Bill Clifford's Orch.
10:30—Biltmore Hotel Orch.
11:00—Weather and Sign Off

- SATURDAY—A.M.
7:00—Musical Clock
8:00—CBC News
8:15—Morning of the Hits
8:30—Morning Devotions
8:45—Little Concert
9:00—BBC News Commentary
9:15—Saddle Serenade
9:30—Melodies for Junior
9:59—Time Signal
10:00—Bandstand
10:15—World Church News
10:30—Concert Favorites
10:45—CBC News and Com'y
10:55—Weather Report
11:00—T.B.A.
11:30—Weather Forecast
11:31—Message Period
11:33—Rec. Int.
11:45—Personal Album

- SATURDAY—P.M.
12:00—Mid-Day Melodies
12:15—Rec. Int.
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RETURNING TO NORWAY

Bjorn Selvig, Norwegian artist, and Mrs. Selvig, who will be remembered by Prince Rupert friends, will sail from New York City February 22, for Norway. They will resume residence in their native land after a sojourn in British Columbia and Alaska. They lived in Prince Rupert for a while travelling from here to Juneau and other northern centres.

A letter has been received from Mr. Selvig, written at Port Hope, Ontario. He mentioned that they hoped to end the series of mishaps which occurred since they left the north. Mrs. Selvig still wears a neck-to-hip cast following injuries received in an accident on the Skeena Highway when a hawk flew into their car, hitting Selvig in the eye.

Passage on the steamer sailing from New York has been booked.

LOCAL PIONEER IS BURNED OUT

Sid Hardy, who many years ago lived in Prince Rupert and has been for a long time in the grocery and meat business at Forest Grove near Portland, Ore., had the misfortune to be completely burned out recently. It was a \$75,000 fire which destroyed his premises. However, there was insurance coverage and Mr. Hardy is going back into business again. He was a well known football player here in the early days and is a brother of Fred Hardy.

Bridge Classes Prove Popular

Garnet Hull and Mrs. R. E. Moore had a class of 20 enthusiastic bridge disciples Tuesday night of this week at the regular instruction session. Cards were laid on the tables and the budding players supervised in appraisal and bidding. The next party of the student group will be held tonight.

LINGUIST IN DEMAND
KITCHENER, Ont., @—Rev. Joseph Cramer of Kitchener House of Friendship, speaks eight languages and is kept busy quite apart from his regular work at the city shelter. He translates many letters from Europe and is frequently called in as an interpreter.

- 12:30—T.B.A.
2:00—Musical Program
2:45—This Week
3:00—Piano Classics
3:15—CBC News
3:25—Rec. Int.
3:30—NBC Symphony Orch.

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CALGARY TRIP FOLLOWS RITE AT ST. PAUL'S

St. Paul's Lutheran Church was the scene at 5 o'clock Thursday evening of a wedding which united Georgie Myrtle McCombie, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. McCombie of Winnipeg, and Alexander Repp of Prince Rupert, formerly of Calgary, before a group of friends. The rite was performed by Rev. Earl Soiland.

Gowned in white satin brocade cut on princess lines, with train veil crowned by a coronet of orange blossoms, the bride was given in marriage by Nelson Royce. She carried a colonial bouquet of orange blossoms and red roses. A pearl necklace enhanced her costume.

Matron-of-honor was Mrs. Margaret Mathew, wearing a gown of blue crepe, cut on princess lines. She wore matching accessories and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Groomsman was Milfred Mathew.

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During the singing of the register, organ music was played by Mrs. Soiland.
A reception followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Rowe, Bacon Street. Guests were received by the hostess, who was attired in a suit of grey, with matching accessories. Toast to the bride was proposed by Mr. Soiland with response by the bridegroom. A lovely wedding cake was cut by the bride.
Mr. and Mrs. Repp left last night on the Prince Rupert on a honeymoon trip to Vancouver and Calgary. They will return to take up residence here. Both the bride and groom have been employed at Mattson's upholstery shop.

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