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City Faces Crisis

WARNING has been given the city council by its finance committee chairman and indirectly by the provincial Department of Municipalities that the time has come to call a halt to plans involving financing by borrowing on the municipal corporation's credit. In addition to that we are well aware already that the limit of taxation has been about reached as far as general expenditure outlays are concerned. So the city is finding itself about at the end of its financial tether although the requirements of even ordinary maintenance and upkeep are hardly being met, let alone making provision for expansionary requirements that increased industrial activity, business and population is bringing to the community.

There is much the city of Prince Rupert should be doing today. Large problems have to be grappled with. Schools, public services, streets and utilities are crying for attention. A high emergent state of affairs exists. The day of small town municipal administration and petifogging is over. To be realistic, it is a serious situation which is going to require competent and objective handling on a really business-like and long-range scale.

CONSIDER NEW ZEALAND

THE ISSUE of private enterprise vs. socialism is much to the fore these days as British Columbia faces two general elections within the coming six weeks or so. We have been hearing of the good things that are being accomplished where socialistic governments are in the saddle.

Of remote New Zealand we publish today a direct report on conditions after years of socialistic regime and it makes interesting reading. A well known local professional man gave his observations before a city service club yesterday and we commend to our readers a perusal of what he had to say as reported elsewhere in this newspaper. Dr. Montgomery admitted that much has been done in New Zealand in the way of social benefits and the bettering of living conditions but he pointed out, however, the high cost in taxation and the bureaucracy and loss of incentive and enterprise which has resulted.

The doctor's report on New Zealand is of timely interest and gives good food for thought at this time when we are being offered here alternative ideologies of government in both federal and provincial fields.

It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.

BRITISH LIBERALISM

THE SHADOW cast by Britain's Liberal party still seems a bit blurred around the edges. Whether it will loom large before the 1950 general election, or fade into political oblivion is not yet clear.

The party's three-day annual conference at Hastings, Sussex, did not supply an answer. Amid the crowd and clamor—some 1,400 delegates attended—there were fighting speeches and scenes of high enthusiasm.

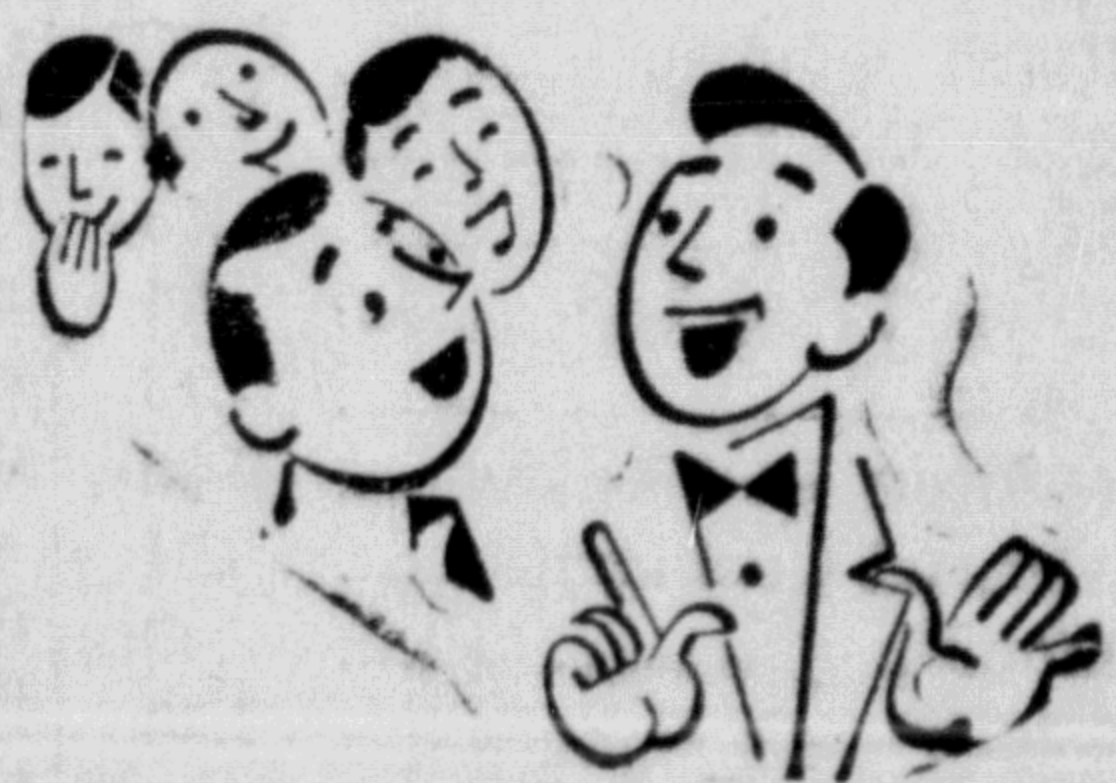
But it was difficult to determine whether the Liberals will be able to increase their tiny team of 11 members in the 640-seat House of Commons.

Clement Davies, 64-year-old Parliamentary leader, was sure it can.

In general, the Liberals' recovery program calls for strong anti-monopoly measures, progressive reduction of food subsidies, close scrutiny of government expenditure, reform and control of the structure of nationalized industries and "co-ownership" in industry.

One thing emerged definitely—the Liberals will not make common cause with the Conservatives.

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ANNOUNCES ELECTION—Joseph Smallwood, premier of Newfoundland, announced the first election for Canada's newest province will be held May 27. The announcement was made at a convention of the Newfoundland Liberals which Premier Smallwood is shown addressing in this photo. (C. P. Photo)

PRESENTATIONS IN NEWS OFFICE

Prior to departure for New Hazelton, where they are taking over the Omineca Herald weekly newspaper, Mr. and Mrs. T. Fraser were honored at a small farewell staff function in the executive office of the Daily News of which Mr. Fraser for many years has been mechanical superintendent and of which Mrs. Fraser was formerly an office staff member.

In the absence of the president of the company, H. G. Perry, the managing editor, G. A. Hunter, presented Mr. Fraser with a club bag and Mrs. Fraser with a toilet set. Sentiments suitable to the occasion were expressed with Mr. and Mrs. Fraser responding.

Old associates on the Daily News staff made a presentation to Mr. Fraser of a handsome engraved cigarette lighter, this presentation being made by S. L. Galloway of the mechanical department.

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CROWDS AT OPENING

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and color which the young singers gave to both their songs.

Miss J. C. Urquhart conducted the Conrad Street choir in Class I, Mrs. A. Rutherford, the Borden Street group, and Mrs. J. Kullander that of King Edward School.

In Class II, grades 3 and 4 participated from the three elementary schools, the test selection being, "Candle Light," with each group choosing its own second song. Mr. Bligh stated that, in this class, two choirs were good while the third was excellent.

While the test song was difficult it required simplicity and sincerity in its interpretation. This was accomplished especially by the Borden Street choir, according to the adjudicator. Choir leaders in this class were Miss G. Foster of Borden Street, Miss H. House of Conrad Street and Mrs. E. Piche of King Edward.

Grades 5 and 6 from four city schools entered in Class III to sing "I'd Like to Sail" and one free choice. Mr. Bligh complimented the four choirs, stressing their excellent sense of direction. They all gave the flavor of the sea to their sea song. Conductors in the various groups were Sister M. St. Rose of Annunciation, Mrs. E. Piche of King Edward, Miss J. C. Urquhart of Conrad and J. S. Wilson of Borden Street.

Adjudicator Bligh expressed pleasure after listening to the two rhythm bands. Both bands made good use of a splendid variety of instruments. Conrad Street band made excellent use of the drums and castanets. Borden Street band effectively introduced singing and dancing into the instrumental numbers. The former band was trained by Miss Urquhart while Mrs. Rutherford trained the latter.

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ian setting. Mrs. Johnson noted that William Griffiths had directed the play and in the lead role as Lord Satteringham, had given the best performance of the evening. Allen Forman, as Dan Brown the sky pilot, was convincing as was Billy Gray (George Evans), the lovesick cowhand, and "The Honourable Gerald Fellows (John Currie). The adjudicator praised the work of Cliff Knutsen as Sam, the handy man, and Dorothy Keehn, who played the part of Dolly Blaine the widow.

During the intermissions between plays the audience was entertained by Murray Boas and Robert Jensen with a violin duet, "Pagan Waltz," a piano duet, "Banjo Pickaninies," by Marilyn de Kergommeaux and Robert Melvin, and two selections by the Booth Memorial High School Girls' Choir under the direction of Miss Marjory Anstey. In his

adjudication of the choir's performance, Mr. Bligh declared it was lovely and indicated fine training. In "Beyond the Spanish Main," he remarked that the choir had given it a lusty opening as suited the piece and in "Prayer Perfect," full expression had been shown and an attitude of true reverence had been conveyed to the listeners.

EVENING SESSION

Mrs. Earl Becker acted as program chairman for the evening. The seven o'clock session in the common lounge was composed of solos by three age groups. In the first, girls under 13, Ivy Gillespie was awarded 80 and 81 marks on her two songs. Alanna Cushwig was given 82 for each of her two while Marilyn De Kergommeaux received 81 for each of hers. All three of these Terrace girls had sweet voices that promise to

The next group, Class XIV,

Ray Reflects . . .

. . . and Reminisces

A public meeting in Ontario recently found itself unable to sing "O Canada" for a logical enough reason. Few could go beyond the opening line "our home, our native land." There was a haziness about the tune. And 900 were present. In other words, they knew precious little about "O Canada," good, bad or indifferent. "O Canada" indeed. "O Ye Gods."

Warnings to stay away from Alaska if seeking work do not appear to carry much weight or conviction. Of course, now spring is here, the risk is less. But the head-wagging and cautioning never did appear to get anywhere. Always comes the movement from the south, much the same as the tide of settlement that crept westward after the sixties, in the face of all kinds of stories about desert lands. Injuns and what not. Yet they carved states out of territories and built scores of busy cities.

Tidy up the town, and while one is about it also brush up, shave up and shine up! It is not expensive to look and feel trim, unless it is the cost of effort. Usually, it pays.

Well meant advice is perhaps permissive during election time, particularly if it leans toward counselling caution. The woods are full of prophets who know beyond all question that so and so cannot lose, and this or that side cannot falter. But

there is always a beautiful uncertainty. In the last general election, the popular vote was, according to the records—for the government 2,352,557, and against the government 2,267,703.

George Wilson, working newspaperman, has completed sixty years on the Cornwall (Ont.) Standard-Freeholder. He writes all copy by hand. Photo shows him using lead pencil at his desk. If what he turns out is more unforgeable than the handwriting of a certain reporter we know out west, it's a miracle Mr. Wilson is still alive today. The linotype operators would have attended to that little detail long before he reached his present age.

It is not summer, yet the Skeena River highway this mid-May is coming into general use perhaps earlier than ever before. It's being taken for granted that at last we've a real road—not something to drive over part of a year, and keep thinking of in a dubious sort of way. The highway, built during a crisis, regardless of cost and without an hour's waste of time, was intended to be what it is, one of the best. The government stand committed to maintaining it and it is evident this course is being followed. Heavy travel is looked for this summer and the day is coming when year round usage will be seen as a matter of course.

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

Notice Re Curfew

The Curfew By-Law directs that: under the age of fourteen years

"No child shall be on the streets of Prince Rupert after the hour of eight-thirty o'clock in the evening during the months of October, November, December, January, February and March, and after the hour of ten o'clock in the evening during the months of April, May, June, July, August and September unaccompanied by their parents or other proper guardians, unless for some unavoidable cause."

Commencing Monday May 16th, the siren located on the Besner Block will be sounded at the curfew hour and this By-Law will be strictly enforced.

H. D. THAIN, City Clerk.

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

Notice to Motorists

Section 35 of "STREET TRAFFIC & PARKING BY-LAW 968" reads as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person, being the owner or having charge of any vehicle, to allow or permit the same or any animal or animals attached thereto, to be stood or remain standing upon any street within eighteen feet of any fire hydrant, or within fifteen feet of the building line of any street intersection, or a greater distance than one foot from the curb, or in any other position than parallel with the curb. Provided that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent any vehicle remaining stationary up to the property line intersections of streets at lanes."

The Police Department has been instructed to enforce these provisions rigidly.

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H. D. THAIN, City Clerk.

was for girls 13 to 16 years. The three entrants were again from Terrace and Mr. Bligh pronounced them to have "three lovely voices." Though none did full justice to the test song, "Under the Greenwood Tree," all did very well on the song of their choice. The marks were close, Gloria Irving receiving 82 and 83, Pauline Mac 82, Anita Brue 81 and 82. The only entrant was Joanne Langley voice, Mr. Bligh pronounced her of exceptional quality. Peter Lien was of this section of the gram.

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