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New Citizenship

AN UNPARALLELED EXPERIMENT in new citizenship may soon be witnessed a few miles from Prince Rupert. Final formalities in connection with the total enfranchisement en masse of the nearby native village of Metlakatla appear to be nearing consummation. Then Metlakatla will be the first Indian community in Canada to leave the wardship of the federal government under the Indian Act and assume its own community responsibilities apart from supervision and support of the federal department. In short, it will become a "white" community with all the privileges and responsibilities attached thereto. Possibly, too, there may be some factors which, at the outset at least, may be considered disadvantages. In any case, it will be a complete and drastic change of status.

There may be no parallel in Canada but there is one at the Alaska Metlakatla, not so far from here, and, from all accounts, it has worked out well and satisfactorily there and, in some respects, a model community has been developed.

The result of the enfranchisement of Metlakatla will be watched with more than local interest in view of its unprecedentedness. It is to be expected, too, that other progressive native villages may follow Metlakatla's example.

CLIMATE AND WEATHER

CLIMATE is one of the greatest upsetters of human plans and activities, says the monthly letter of the Royal Bank of Canada. It dictates our economy, what we wear, the kind of house we live in, the sort of food we eat, how hard we work, and even when and where we spend our vacations. Farmers and industrial magnates must bow to it; all animal life, from insect to elephant, lives and dies under its rule.

No other earthly force can so mould civilizations as a change in climate. Men are pushed forward impetuously in some regions and held back to a sluggish pace in others, both physically and mentally. We think and act because of the burning of food in our tissues and the speed of this burning depends largely upon the type of our food and exercise. Exercise steps up the rate. If the temperature and humidity are too high, our body temperature rises quickly. We are soon prostrated. So we learn to take it easy in the tropics.

What we should like is more orderliness in the weather. There should be some snow and ice in winter, so that we are willing to work hard enough to enjoy a little leisure when spring comes. Spring should be a poet's delight, with flowers and bees and mating birds, and it should last two months. Summer should be warm enough to thaw the frost out of our bones, give us the right tint of tan, and grow our garden vegetables and gladiolus to the right size, texture and shade. Autumn should be long enough for us to rest after a strenuous summer, colorful enough to gratify our aesthetic sense and just cool enough to ease us gently into winter.

Every season should dignify itself by coming in on the proper date. This would enable us to make, sell and buy clothes in a reasonably stable way, and to know whether it is necessary to lay in another ton of coal.

Till these improvements can be made, the clothing manufacturer, the department store, the coal dealer and the consumer must plug along with the aid of almanacs, the meteorological bureau and their own amateur efforts at forecasting. Perhaps it is better so, because if our weather ideals were achieved what should we grumble about?

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The typographical error in the date in your account of my retirement from civic administration in last Thursday's paper has been the cause of much amusement among my friends and your readers.

The following letter received by me on this subject may amuse your readers as much as it did me:

"Dear Mrs. Arnold:—
"We were honored with a short visit from you during the Municipal doings at Terrace and it comes as a distinct surprise that you have been concerned with the Council of Prince Rupert since 1143. Yes—eleven hundred and forty-three—according to your own newspaper.

"Seems to me that such personal items should not be exposed to this extent and besides that I don't believe it. A couple of hundred years either way may be permissible but this is certainly rubbing it in.

"Certainly you are entitled to a pension but somebody should be sued first.

Sincerely,
"R. B."

Many thanks,
Yours sincerely,
Nora E. Arnold
MAYOR

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DEMAND ACTION ON EXHIBITION TENNIS COURT

Action will be demanded by city council on the part of a group of city men who acquired the foundation of the former Exhibition building in Roosevelt Park a couple of years ago for the declared purpose of converting it into a tennis court.

Remains of the building which was destroyed in a gale, were put up for public sale, then withdrawn at the request of the group which asked that it be turned over to them for construction of a public tennis project.

Lack of action in the meantime has caused council to press that something be done. The weather-beaten base still remains unused.

The matter was brought up again in council by Alderman W. F. Stone, who charged that the group had failed to live up to their agreement and that the city should take some action.

Alderman T. B. Black was in agreement and recalled that the city had turned down offers ranging from \$500 to \$700 from other bidders to turn the place over to the group.

"They acquired the piece of property from us on the understanding that they would use it for a specific purpose. We should demand an accounting," he declared.

Since no time limit was contained in the agreement, legal counsel had expressed the opinion that the city could not force the group to take action within any specified time. Acting City Clerk William Long, commented:

Council passed a motion that the agreement be amended to set a definite time limit in which the work of building a tennis court be carried out.

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WOULD RE-OPEN FIREMEN'S PACT

Council's agreement with city fire fighters will be re-opened at request of council to institute amendment regarding the rate of promotion of firemen. The agreement was signed earlier this year.

Utilities Chairman Daggett explained to council that it was desirable to request that the agreement be re-opened because of a clause which permits the advancement of new firemen to first-class status within one year, his rate of promotion was thought too speedy by the utilities committee.

Revision of the clause will not affect any of the present members of the fire hall staff Alderman Daggett said, but it

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is being requested because of the eventually that at some future date new firemen may be employed. The committee felt that in this case the advancement of a recruit to first class fireman within one year would be too precipitous.

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