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Oil On Charlottes

THERE IS OIL on those Islands. At least, we hope so. And there seems good reason to believe that there may be.

Oil drilling is nothing particularly new on the Queen Charlottes. It was carried out in the very early days and, on occasions, since then. Pioneers can remember the stir that was caused at various times by the prospects of oil there. And very good prospects there are, it has been reported.

With pulp mill building at Prince Rupert, seeming certainty that an aluminum plant will be established somewhere down the coast not so far away, big scale mining likely again in the north and to the east, other industries active, what would be more timely than to find British Columbia's own oil supply on the Queen Charlotte Islands?

The fact that a big company is going to carry out rather extensive exploration work and that the government attaches such importance to it as to declare a blanket reserve for the protection of the public indicates that the oil possibilities of the Islands are taken seriously.

Prince Rupert is more and more becoming the centre of things.

GIVE FROM THE HEART

LET US GIVE generously to the Salvation Army in its annual Red Shield appeal now under way in Prince Rupert! Here, indeed, is one of the best of good causes.

The Army does not loudly parade the good works that it is doing day after day, year in and year out, much of it among an element of the people who are most direly in need of succour and real salvation.

The Salvation Army is to be found in those places where many others do not enter. It is constantly carrying out disaster relief of type which is seldom of the spectacularly emergent character.

We know the work of the Army among the poor, among the downfallen, among the people whom some of us do not often see and, not seeing, may not always fully appreciate.

And when we think of the Salvation Army, we like to think of the work of redemption by those unselfish officers and workers whose reward is not in the pay they receive but in a soul-satisfying satisfaction which must be theirs.

Yes, we know of no better cause than the Salvation Army—incidentally, too, a business-like organization, whose every dollar is carefully accounted for and efficiency employed.

Yes, with the Salvation Army, we know we are offering safe advice when we urge—"Give from the Heart."

VICTORY IN JAPAN

THIS IS "V-J" DAY, four years since Japan formally surrendered and World War II came to its close. Four years ago at this time we paraded and rejoiced. It was a memorable night in Prince Rupert and the more serious of us contemplated a better world, not because a nation and a people had been defeated by the terrible modern weapons of war but because a tyranny had been overthrown and an aggressive autocracy had been brought to its knees in defeat.

General Douglas MacArthur assures us that Communism, the world's newest and possibly most subtle form of expansionist aggression, is no serious menace in Japan. There may be some satisfaction in that, even though it may have required some stern rule to bring about the situation.

We watch the situation in the Orient, after all so close to us right here, with some misgiving. There may be some reassurance to be derived from General MacArthur's statement that Japan is secure, even from the standpoint of the attitude of its own people.

Under the iron hand of MacArthur a great post-war experiment is being made in Japan. And, at least, there does not seem to be the strife and discord that prevails in some of the other occupied countries.

Maybe it is real "Victory in Japan," a victory in economic rehabilitation and benevolent, if not easy, rule.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Oil is an old story on the Queen Charlotte Islands but it never went beyond that stage. Later developments would indicate that whatever is required to bring this field into production, providing such is possible, will be put to work. Why shouldn't there be something more than seafood and lumber come from the isles to the west?

The Irish Weekly Independent says: "During an electric storm turn off your radio, which is inclined to be very noisy then." There are times when a change can be so refreshing.

The closer that what the late Premier Oliver used to call the "Pee Gee and Hee" gets to actual extension between Quesnel and Prince George, the more frequent do stories appear in the American press, concerning railway contact from the United States into Alaska. Reminds one of a continued in - our - next serial.

Not so long ago, they were drilling for "Exercise Eagle" in Alberta. This month, there will be drilling for "Exercise Oil" on Graham Island. That's better.

A U.S. investment banking company offered Ottawa's newest offering of \$100,000,000 of two and three quarter percent, 25-year bonds. The issue was a sell-out in the first hour. Some of the bonds were promptly traded

in the open market. American investors have a healthy regard for Canadian economy, if Canadian youths who cross the border do not.

History keeps repeating itself! One hears that in the Fraser Valley are three, if not more, former Prince Rupert families all now dwelling within a few miles of each other. Old timers lay the groundwork and the oncoming generation build the city-to-be.

MEMORIAL WINDOW AT OCEAN FALLS

Rev. H. Stewart Forbes, United Church minister at Ocean Falls and chairman of the Prince Rupert Presbytery, who has been in the city to officiate at the induction service of Rev. L. G. Sieber as minister of the First United Church, returned to Ocean Falls last evening. He will conduct a special service at Ocean Falls on Sunday next when he will dedicate a new stained glass window given by the teen-age girls who were in her Sunday School class, in memory of Miss Ada Cook, for many years faithful teacher in the church.

Mrs. Glen Martinson arrived on the Prince Rupert Wednesday from Ocean Lake, Oregon, to visit with Mrs. A. Bendrikson, 642 Eight Ave. East.

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FROM BANKER TO SHOWMAN

Henry Meyerhoff Has Had His Ups and Downs

Guest speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club on Thursday was Henry Meyerhoff, proprietor of the Crescent Shows now staging a carnival in the city. He gave a racy account of his experiences from being a director of various banks to his present business of showmanship. He told of the strain he and other bankers had experienced in the United States when they were trying to protect their clients' investments prior to the depression of the 1930's. His own personal experiences then and in succeeding years are a record of varying successes and failures. He is a great believer in the value of travel as a broadening experience. His resourcefulness and perseverance, in spite of the many vicissitudes, were always treated in his talk in a humorous vein but there were many times when he was at bedrock. How he got into the show business and built it up from a one-piece attraction, with frequent recourse to selling "needles, Bibles and crucifixes" to his present equipment with a maximum payroll of 150 employees, revealed some of the trials that showmen encounter.

Mr. Meyerhoff told of how he finally arrived in Penticton and some of his early experiences there. He is very appreciative of the consideration and help he has received from Penticton citizens and businessmen.

While Mr. Meyerhoff did not say so, it is a matter of record that he was voted the "best citizen of the year" in Penticton last year. He has given playgrounds to that city, and scholarships and headed the flood relief fund with a donation of \$10,000.

On behalf of the Rotary Club, President R. G. Van der sluis thanked the speaker for his entertaining talk. Visiting Rotarians were J. "Pat" Mangan of Edmonton and Edwin Flato of San Francisco. Other guests included Reg. Beattie, Penticton, W. McLean, Vancouver, and J. S. Wilson, Prince Rupert.

City Clerk H. D. Thain, who is attending a meeting of the Central British Columbia Municipal Association at Terrace, will continue from there east by train with Mrs. Thain to Vancouver and then return after attending the annual meeting of the Union of B. C. Municipalities at Victoria.

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Cancer Society Makes Arrangements for District Meeting

Establishment of a diagnostic cancer clinic in Prince Rupert by the Canadian Cancer Society which is contemplating the setting up of such clinics at various points in the province outside of metropolitan Vancouver is being sought by the Prince Rupert branch of the British Columbia Division of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Support of the resolution asking for such a clinic will be sought by the local Society next Wednesday when a regional council meeting is held in the

city with delegates also from Ocean Falls, Terrace and Smithers.

The great advantage of a local clinic would be that it would save local cancer sufferers the time and expense of having to go to Vancouver for early diagnostic treatment.

The local branch was in session yesterday afternoon to make final arrangements for next week's district council session.

Illustrating the help that the Society renders with the money it raises, the meeting heard that one local cancer sufferer was now in Vancouver receiving treatment by means of financial assistance which is given in cases of need. The Society has assisted in the financing of two other local cases in a similar



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