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Pioneers' Satisfaction

MANY of those who settled in Prince Rupert as adults prior to 1910 were comparatively young, yet old enough to be well beyond seventy if surviving today. For, after maturity, forty years is a large part of a lifetime.

Yet to think of the past, to live over again many a colorful occasion and to compare the swift growth of today with the stress and efforts of long ago, need bring no repining. It was a lusty, cheery, optimistic era. Often one hears the remark they came "about fifty years too soon." Well, what of it? Adventurous, confident and sturdy, it was not for them to linger somewhere else and from a safe distance contemplate the rolling back of an unpeopled frontier? Few ever thought of "security" which comes first in everyone's calculations today. Instead, they welcomed another opportunity — another chance at fortune in the development of a vast land. They had their dreams and it is a pleasure to know that many have lived long enough to see the commencement of what was once fond visions, turning at last to reality.

The indications today are unmistakable. A city to rank with the major ports of the Pacific is destined to rise here. How soon it is given no one to tell.

The men and women who spent their best days here enjoyed a privilege, and are entitled to feel a satisfaction and possibly a measure of pride to reflect that in a prominent or obscure degree, they at least shared in Prince Rupert's founding.

NOW FOR SPRING

SHOULD January or February or both months turn cold, or produce snow, the winter will still be short so far as Prince Rupert is concerned. To date, while frost and ice have appeared there has been at no time great severity. Snowfalls have been brief and of small consequence. The end of the year is little more than a week away. Once past January the lengthening days will be more in evidence as spring advances.

East of the Rockies midwinter prevails and as such, is recognized. There is no getting away from that stubborn fact. But on the coast there is a happy difference. If, by New Year, weather remains reasonably kindly, even though at times a shade rough, there is usually no question as to doubt or uncertainty. The time is not so distant when it may be advisable to consider gardening.



ARABS, JEWS UNITE AGAINST U.N. PLAN — Members of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations are shown in conference after the U.N. voted to place Jerusalem under international control, despite the opposition of Israel and Transjordan, whose forces now jointly occupy the Holy City. The United States and Britain also voted against the plan. Left to right are: I. L. Kenyon Raphael, adviser to the delegation; and Moshe Sharett, Israeli minister, who declared after the vote: "This is a dark day for U.N."

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Celibacy and Decadence

Editor, Daily News.

The white man's child differs but little from the black baby. Their manners, their voices, their ready laughter and tears are all of a kind. What, then, can prevent young America and Europe from growing into the infantile senility of Africa with her six thousand years and more of bootless literary, artistic and religious culture, or of Haiti Porto Rico, or Harlem, the equally slummy young offspring of Africa's senility?

The religious and social institutions that have spread from Egypt into Europe and America are perhaps the real key to Africa's darkness and our own threatening decadence, for these institutions penalize questioning intelligence, and tend to reserve higher education to the hierarchy and the nobles or the privileged few who are forbidden to become many, while the unprivileged many are forbidden to become wise. But the many, by the inexorable force of propinquity and extended time, eventually find their way into the secret chambers, the harems, and the cradles of their masters until those that were last become both first and last by default, and those that were first become mummies, or mere names, or forgotten memories. The privileged few cannot preserve their privilege by military force or frightfulness, lynching for instance, or burning of witches and heretics. Such customs have endured in Africa to this day but have not made Africa into a paradise of intellectual culture and refinement nor a nursery of highly bred nobility.

Perhaps the rational way to intellectual culture and racial betterment would be to encourage all intellectual talent and energy, regardless of race or birth, and invest some effort, treasure, and risk in the physiological preservation and propagation of cerebral aptitude. But there is a broad rocky core of fact and experience that tends to crush any hopes of such practical salvation for the race. Italy, by the insane but persistent practice of consecrated celibacy, has sunk from first place to a somewhat dubious fifth or sixth, although her unprivileged masses have been prolific enough. That same Italian practice of professional childlessness is gaining many imitators in the United States of America, while at the same time America's former slaves are extremely busy propagating their own version of democratic humanity. The same dual tendencies are broadly visible in Canada. Much of Canada's best pioneer blood, for instance the Jesuit missionaries, were condemned to childlessness or miscegenation. The early H.B.C. factors and the early R. N. W. M.P. likewise brought no wives to Canada with them. Great honor is due to the pioneer wives of many Protestant missionaries but they were almost too isolated to found lasting families of their own kind.

The Hildebrandian political device of childlessness for the elite, a device imported here, has spread even faster than religion. Within the past year a daily paper editorialized that

MINERS' ACT (FORM F) Certificate of Improvement NOTICE

Jean Mineral Claim, situate in the Skeena Mining Division of Range 5, Coast District.

Located on the east side of the Prince Rupert to Port Edward highway on Wolf Creek.
Take notice that J. A. Rutherford, F. M. Certificate No. 25725F, as agent for Henry F. Knudson, F. M. Certificate No. 26868F, and Frederick Handforth, F. M. Certificate No. 26786F, intends at the end of six days but not later than one year from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.
Dated this 10th day of November 1949.

MINERAL ACT (Form F) Certificate of Improvement NOTICE

NABOB and Jeanie Mineral Claims, situate in the Skeena Mining Division of RANGE 5, Coast District. WHERE LOCATED on Porcher Island near Surf Point.
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Dated this 17th day of November, 1949.



PRESIDENT ENJOYS LAST DAY OF VACATION — President Truman's three-week vacation is over but judging by this photo, taken on his last day in Miami, Fla., he benefitted by the relaxation. His wife and daughter Margaret are shown with him.

Xmas Concert At Annunciation

On Monday evening some two hundred parents and friends gathered in Annunciation Parish Hall to enjoy the annual Christmas concert by the children of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The program consisted of Christmas carols, action songs and a playlet, "The Mother of the Messiah" telling the old Christmas story of the Christ Child.

Of special interest were "Old King Cole" by Grades 3, 4 and 5 and the "Christmas Stocking" by Grades 1 and 2.

Bishop Jordan O.M.I. spoke to the children on the meaning of Christmas and the happiness of Canadian children compared with children of other lands.

The evening came to a climax for the little ones when Santa, with bag and bells, arrived to distribute gifts.

brilliance is usually a handicap to a man seeking a livelihood; while elsewhere we are blandly assured that morons commonly do remarkably well for themselves.

Oh! Africa! Though your children shun you, yet your levities, your Moses, your sons of Solomon, your hieroglyphics and your Septuagint, your Athanasius, your Anchorites, your Coptic and Alexandrian priest-hoods, your adolescent music and dancing and fornication, your mental and moral twilight threatens to be in very fact the twilight of the gods and of men.

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The program was as follows:—
Chorus, "Christmas" and "Christmas Carol Sweetly," The School.

Action Song, "Christmas Bells," Intermediate Girls.

Character Dance "The Christmas Stocking," the Little Ones.
Chorus, "Lullaby for the Christ Child," "The Christmas Rose" and "The First Noel," High School.

Action Song, "Old King Cole," Grades 3, 4 and 5.

Christmas Carols, the Choir.

Play, "The Mother of the Messiah," Grades 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10—
Maria Brett (Mary); Richard Gable (Joseph), John Laporte (Nathaniel), Derek Letourneau & Philip Lyons (Nathaniel's neighbors), Rose Marie Tetrault (Zora), Alanna Cushing (Ruth), Lorraine Smith (Gabriel), Arthur Turcotte, John Dumas, Brian Fitzgerald and Edward Chaprun (Shepherds), Michael Magee.

Donalda Letourneau and James Marshall (Kings).
Chorus, "Make Ready," The School.

The C.N.R. train from the east is expected to be three hours late in arriving tonight. The train was held up due to late connections at Jasper. Regular time of arrival is 10:15 p.m. It should arrive at 1:15 a.m.

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