

Victoria Report

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Boosting Boy Scouts

NOW THAT THE ORGANIZATION is conducting its 1950 financial appeal, it is a pleasure to put in a good word for the Boy Scout movement and the fine work it is doing among hundreds of boys in this community and thousands in the province of British Columbia. With vigorous organizers and leaders in Prince Rupert, the movement has made excellent progress and has spread out widely during the past year or so and the several enthusiastic groups of Scouts and Cubs that are now flourishing here are a vivid testimonial to the value of the activities that are being carried out. Citizens are well justified in being as generous as possible in their response to the appeal.

Here is a boost that Premier Byron Johnson gives the Boy Scouts in a personal statement of commendation on behalf of the appeal:

"The good work of the Scout movement is such that it commands the ready and generous support of our citizens. Scouting today follows the precepts laid down by its founder and is building citizens of tomorrow out of the boys of today. Scouting not only builds boys in a physical and moral sense but it teaches the principles of good citizenship and co-operation. Public support of the current appeal will also mean that many more boys will be able to benefit from the wonderful training of the Scout movement."

GOOD OLD SEAWEED

DOES THE COCOA SETTLE in the chocolate milk that you buy? If it does, the maker is probably unaware that one pound of a seaweed extract, carrageenin, will stabilize one ton of chocolate milk. Does the ice cream that you buy lack smoothness? If so, probably the manufacturer is not using sodium alginate, another seaweed product, as a stabilizer. You know of penicillin. The first penicillin was produced on agar, which is a seaweed extract, and agar is used extensively in testing penicillin. Are you interested in fire resistant insulation for your house? A seaweed will provide it. These are only a few of the uses of seaweeds discussed in a report on the Canadian seaweed industry published this week by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

The report points out that Canada has alginate bearing, carrageenin bearing, agar bearing and insulating seaweeds, but questions whether the best use is being made of these. The insulating weeds are being used, and carrageenin bearing weeds are being collected and exported to the U. S. This industry developed during the war; shipments increased from about five tons in 1940 to nearly 1500 tons in 1946. Since then it has dropped to about 1000 tons with a monetary value of about a quarter of million dollars annually.

A considerable seaweed research program is being carried on by both government and private sources. It is expected that markets for seaweed products will increase and the report suggests that these products should be "extracted from Canadian weeds in Canadian factories by Canadians."

HOLIDAYS AND DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

STANDARDIZATION OF HOLIDAYS and daylight saving are two subjects which may come before Parliament at the forthcoming session in Ottawa.

Favor is growing for the adoption of a standard of celebrating national holidays on the Monday nearest to the actual date so that a good week-end holiday would be given.

The daylight saving nuisance is another which could well enough have some attention. The trouble as far as daylight saving is concerned is not so much against daylight saving itself but against the confusion that arises from partial observance such as was inflicted upon British Columbia last year by an arbitrary provincial order which resulted in many communities observing it while some important organizations such as the railways kept on standard time. As we have advocated—daylight saving should be universal or it should not be at all.

LETTERBOX

HONEST WEIGHT!

Editor, Daily News: Coal deliveries are supposedly put up in 10 pounds to the sack but how many of those sacks actually contain 100 pounds of coal? Many times I have received sacks weighing not over 50 or 60 pounds at the most. The coal is supposed to be weighed up on the scales and then dumped

into the sacks but I have seen the men just fill the sacks and guess at the weight. That's not good enough, with coal at \$19.25 per ton! We pay for full measure and get about three-quarters of a ton for our money. Whether the companies themselves are aware of the "short weight" being delivered or not is another thing. Twenty sacks are being delivered all right but not a ton of coal.

"FAIRPLAY"

Youth Accented in New Appointments—Throne Speech Ready

VICTORIA—It's accent on youth these days in key government positions. Time was when no man under 45 was considered much good. Nowadays it seems few men over 45 are any good. Two of the government's most important positions have gone in recent days to young men. Lloyd Detwiler, 32, is new commissioner of hospital insurance; Gerald S. Bryson, 29, commissioner of sales tax.

There has been some criticism of these people who don't believe a man under 40 can have much ability. Detwiler proved his ability in organizing the sales tax division and operating it smoothly for 18 months. Bryson in recent months was second in command of the sales tax.

Both are commerce graduates of U.B.C. These days, too, a man doesn't have much chance of top financial positions unless he holds a university degree.

The age-old Alger story of a youth going into government service as an office boy and working to the top just isn't true any more. More and more a degree is becoming a "must" to get anywhere in government service.

The Speech from the Throne is ready. Tied in red ribbons it's under lock and key in the Premier's office until next Tuesday when it will be read by Lieut. - Governor Charles Banks at the opening of the Legislature.

This is the Speech that is supposed to contain the government's program of legislation. Usually it's pretty barren, governments not believing in letting the Opposition know too much of what's going to happen—too far in advance.

The Speech from the Throne is one of the bits of make-believe connected with a legislative session. It's called "His Honor's speech." The Lieut. - Governor, however, has nothing to do with it, except read it. The Premier, after consultation with his cabinet, tells his executive assistant what to put into it.

Not so much as a word may be changed after the Premier gives his final approval.

This is the speech the members are supposed to discuss in what's known as the Throne debate. As a matter of fact, this is just an excuse for M.L.A.'s to talk on everything under the sun. Seldom is the subject matter in the Throne Speech mentioned, and if it is, very



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briefly.

At the beginning of a session everybody says it's a shame all the time that is wasted in talk. Members always say they're going to be short and to the point. Few of them are. A few hardy souls make suggestions like this: private M.L.A.'s should have no more than 20 minutes, cabinet ministers one hour and the Premier as long as he wants.

Certainly there should be some attempt made to cut speeches. Madame Speaker Nancy Hodges, who believes in brevity and always kept her speeches short, will probably be impatient as she sits in the Speaker's chair, but she won't be able to do anything about the long-winded M.L.A.'s as long as they keep within parliamentary rules and don't call each other nasty names.

The Legislative Buildings are all ready for next Tuesday's big show — the capital's biggest social event. There will be gold braid, clanking swords, gun salutes and a motor cycle escort for the big black limousine that will carry the Lieut. - Governor from Government House. The chamber itself, as always, will be jam packed with Victoria's elite and the most faithful workers of Liberal and Conservative parties. The men and women who worked hard to get the Coalition re-elected last June are thanked in this manner—a seat on the floor of the House with the province's most distinguished citizens.

W. N. Campbell, Forest Branch official from Prince George, who has been spending the past few weeks in the city, sailed last night on the Prince George for Ocean Falls.

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United Church

Enthusiastic Congregation Considers Many Matters at Annual Session

Reports of expanding church work which imposed new problems of service and finance were heard when First United Church had its annual congregational meeting a few nights ago. Attendance of church members and adherents was large and the usual enthusiasm of this church pervaded the proceedings.

One of the famous dinners prepared by the Women's Association preceded the business session and everyone was in a fine mood to hear the annual report of the various committees and organizations.

Joseph Chell was elected as chairman of the meeting with Mrs. C. J. O. Olson as secretary for the evening.

The minister, Rev. L. G. Sieber, in his report mentioned some of the many problems they were facing him. He was worried that the families of a large number of the children who attend Sunday School at Conrad United Hall in East Prince Rupert were not all being active in the church worship services as well as the W. A. Green there. "We need the Church and the Church needs us," he said.

Mr. Sieber also expressed concern over the people at Miller Bay and at Port Essington and now the new project of Protestant services at Watson Island under the Prince Rupert Ministerial Association. Mr. Sieber felt it was an impossible task for one minister to cover such an area. Dr. Greene suggested the official board should set up a committee to handle the situation.

In reporting for the Board of Stewards, D. M. Forward told of

but with prices and general expenses rising it was not easy to keep up. He thought that 1950 looked brighter as there were already fifteen more envelope subscribers than in the previous year.

The Board had handled over \$4,000 during the year which was \$1,000 more than the previous year.

Mrs. A. Thompson, president of the Women's Associations, paid tribute to the fine group of women she worked with and said: "The Conrad W. A. which is the newest circle, deserves a pat on the back and the rest of us are very proud of them. They have done a great job and are still doing it."

Mrs. J. S. Irvine commended Mrs. Thompson on her tireless efforts in this organization.

Mr. Sieber spoke appreciatively of his work here and of the organizations which carried on. He praised the work of the Junior and Senior Choirs under the leadership of J. S. Wilson and Henry Plum at the organ. "I hope my ministry somewhere approaches their fine caliber," said the pastor.

J. S. Wilson urged the Board and organizations to keep the needs of the church constantly before the congregation. He pointed out the gratifying response to the Organ and Rehabilitation Fund and felt sure there would be similar responses in the future if the people were kept informed.

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