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New Era Here

THE BIG celanese pulp mill project at Port Edward is definitely on the move again. Materials are being stockpiled and the organization of personnel in connection with the construction is under way. One of these days there will be an announcement of the letting of contracts and things will then begin to really hum.

Possibly we in Prince Rupert are not fully appreciative even yet of the vast difference this project is going to make to the business and economic set-up of the city. Within the next few weeks it will probably begin to grow upon us and things will be happening, like they did during the war, before we really realize what is going on.

Fact is, Prince Rupert is due for a boom this year—a boom happily founded on legitimate development and exploitation of the country. We should be thinking seriously about whether we are able or are even prepared to cope with the new demands that will be thereby imposed upon us as a community.

We do not need to be wondering any more about whether or not we are going to have big industrial development here. What we should be worrying about is whether we are going to be in a position to meet the changed situation which it will entail.

BETTER WEATHER

FOURTEEN above in San Francisco and eleven above in Vancouver while here in Prince Rupert the thermometer hovers on the upper side of freezing mark—that is a pretty and a comfortable meteorological picture, we would say.

Away up north in the Yukon, streams trickle in balmy fifty above thermometric rages.

The British Columbia Weatherman really says something, even if he is unable to account for it all, when he admits that there is a change these last few years in the meteorological situation.

With that fine weather of last summer and now this winter, snowy though it may have so far been but comparing more than favorably, not only with Vancouver but even with California, Prince Rupert need no longer take back talk from anybody about her weather.

It may take a long time to live down the old rain reputation, which was never as bad as it was made out to be anyway, but it is gratifying at least for us to know, after these successive fine years, that it is at least past history. Prince Rupert people can henceforth do a lot of boasting instead of apologizing about their weather.

LUMBER'S PROBLEM

THE British Columbia lumber industry faces some tough problems in finding markets this year, it was confirmed by Minister of Lands and Forests E. T. Kenney in an address from Victoria Monday night. The statement of the minister that there is no immediate demand for at least fifteen percent of the logs cut last year and that a considerable proportion of them may be wasted may well cause some concern.

"We must solve the problem of locating new markets to absorb the major portion of the 40 percent of the province's lumber production which in recent years has been sold to the United Kingdom," the minister observed, holding that an expansion of pulp and paper manufacture might materially help in the readjustment and maintenance of the industry.

Meantime, a ministerial suggestion is that the industry scale down its logging operations to a point more nearly in line with foreseeable demand. Fortunately, with the new developments in this particular area, an expansion rather than a curtailment of logging operations may be anticipated.

PEACE IN CHINA

IT HAS seemed apparent for some time now that the current development in the Chinese civil war—the impending surrender of nationalist China—is bound to come sooner or later. It may not be a very satisfactory dish to have the sphere of Russian influence extended to the whole of China but the fact is that the Chinese people had little choice in the matter. The obduracy of Chiang Kai-Shek and his ill-scented Kuomintang made it undesirable if not impossible to render aid. As for the people of China themselves Communist domination, it is reasonable to assume, will be no worse than what they have been having.

And probably to the average citizen of the world the advent of some measure of peace to China after its twelve years of strife will be something of a relief even if the political complexion of the new regime in that long-suffering land may be not entirely gratifying and palatable.

ADVERTISING IN THE DAILY NEWS BRINGS RESULTS.

P.O.W. Tells War Story

Rev. G. E. Sendall Recounts Experiences In Intriguing Vein Before Canadian Club

Philosophical humor coated a narrative of two grim years as a prisoner of war which was told at a meeting of the Women's Canadian Club last night in First Presbyterian Church by Rev. George E. Sendall. In a pleasant, conversational style, Mr. Sendall recounted experiences not only in the various camps in Germany, Memeland and Poland but also as a navigator on bombing operations which culminated in escape from a flaming Halifax near Amsterdam and subsequent capture and incarceration "for the duration."

An audience of reasonable numbers, presided over by Mrs. T. N. Youngs, listened with interest and appreciation to Mr. Sendall's discourse and would gladly have heard more of his story.

How the bombing airman was equipped for every emergency including that of being forced down in enemy territory was told by the speaker who went on to describe his first flight over enemy territory—an expedition to drop leaflets on the French city of Orleans which ended in losing the way home and the fortuitous getting back to base with the aid of London searchlights.

Description of some of the thrills and the arduosities of heavy night bombing operations with four-engined Halifaxes led up to a flight of April, 1943, the fifth of a single week, an operation which was preceded by the intuition that they would not be returning "without difficulty." After the bombing of Essen with an already crippled machine, there ensued the taking fire and the bailing out with parachutes into the Dutch field.

Interesting in the telling were the experiences of lying in the sodden ditch as dogs and police searched for the escapees, the wandering about for a week in the disguise of a Dutch sailor, the furtive co-operation of the Dutch people and the final capture in the hay loft with a seeming whole army bearing shotguns, pitchforks and clubs.

Followed a few days of good treatment in the Luftwaffe station at Amsterdam, the trans-



ELLIOTT AND HIS LAWYER—Elliott Roosevelt was in conference with his lawyer at Poughkeepsie, N.Y., before appearing in the office of Dutchess county district Attorney W. Vincent Grady where, after a private half-hour interview, it was announced that "the investigation is terminated and the matter closed." Pictured above is Elliott with his lawyer, Joseph A. McCabe. Both Elliott and his wife, Faye Emerson, vigorously denied that the left wrist wound of the latter was self-inflicted.

Steamship Movements

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From Vancouver
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Sunday—ss. Cardena, 11 p.m.
From Alice Arm and Stewart
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From Ocean Falls
Wednesday—ss. Prince Rupert, 10 a.m.
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K. F. Harding, general manager of the Prince Rupert Fisheries Co-operative Association, who went to Ottawa to attend the annual meeting of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, was forced to enter hospital in the capital soon after his arrival there. However, he expects to be out by the coming Saturday in time to attend sessions of the Fisheries Support Board to be held next week.

A. S. Carter, who entered the Prince Rupert General Hospital a few months ago, is still there and his general condition is favorable. Mr. Carter, who has been living here for more than 20 years, and who comes from Alberta, is nearly 90 years of age.

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Reminiscences and Reflections

By W.J.

There is more than one way to remove ice or snow from the front of business premises. Assuming you are sufficiently foolish to pay rent, the matter can always be referred to the owner of the building. One can quietly ignore the city's ultimatum. You can buy a barrel of coarse salt, charging it, and distribution, to the landlord. Or you can call the snowfall an Act of God and be content to await such time as He, in His wisdom, sees fit to remove it.

Pansies were plucked in Nova Scotia Monday afternoon, according to a dispatch. Snow apples are also grown in that province, only the fruit is not picked in February.

Chief of Canada's travel bureau, Leo Doran, says he never hears Canadians boosting their provinces the way they do that sort of thing in the United States. If they did, perhaps fewer Canadians would cross the border. Watch 'em go.

From the Dayton, Ohio, Journal: "They had their friends in last night for a sousewarming."

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Mary's solution was more perfect than yours."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "maniacal"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Petroleum, petre, petulance.
4. What does the word "segregate" (verb) mean?
5. What is a word beginning with fo that means "to nourish"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "Mary's solution was more nearly perfect than yours."
2. Pronounce ma-ni-a-cal, first and second a's as in ask unstressed, i as in lie, third a as in at unstressed, accent second syllable. 3. Petrify. 4. To separate or cut from others or from the main body. "The poorer class was segregated from the rich."
5. Foster.

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