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## Safety First

CONSEQUENCES of fire that destroyed the steamship Noronic and took the lives of more than a hundred passengers at Toronto last September mean litigation. The official report of the disaster, as submitted to the Federal Government, makes it clear that responsibility can be attached to the company and the skipper. Those who suffered losses were awaiting the authoritative findings and can now proceed to whatever result court action will bring.

That there was negligence no one can now question. There was more than that. The investigation took weeks and it appears evident that, from the minute inquiry and careful probing of all the circumstances, discipline and system aboard the Noronic, on that night at any rate, had been permitted to drop to a low point. Whatever is done to enhance the security of the travelling public, must in future reach to the very root of where a possible source of danger exists. Any recommendations must be fearless and searching and, as far as humanly possible, forestall the risk of disaster. Nothing less than this will meet the views of the millions who, when they tour of travel take for granted that they are safe.

## TRIBUTARY TO RUPERT

SINCE mining resumed at the Premier, near Stewart, at the Silver Standard, New Hazelton, and at Alice Arm, all within convenient distance of Prince Rupert, the difference seen in a business way has become obvious at once. The properties had their reasons for having been shut down. Mining camps have a certain similarity in that respect and, as such, are different from the average town without dependence on some other natural resource.

The fact of Premier, New Hazelton and Alice Arm being busy with hundreds of employees regularly occupied, whereas not so long ago there was no production, is today most gratifying. Indirectly, the new earnings to a substantial extent, find their way to Prince Rupert, becoming recognized more and more as the northern industrial and commercial hub.

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## LETTERBOX

### ANSWER TO MCKAY

Editor, Daily News:  
In regard to Bob McKay's manifesto, I would like to take exception to a few of his statements:

H. Carl Goldenberg, in his report issued in 1947, while Mr. McKay was an alderman, condemned the form of taxation advocated by Mr. McKay. Mr. Goldenberg is a qualified expert and made his report after a detailed survey of municipal taxation throughout British Columbia. After all we do have to consider recommendations made by such experts as Mr. Goldenberg.

The present Council, of which I am a member, have already contacted Mr. Breckenridge and he advised us that he would not be available. Several other experts have also been approached in this respect. I might mention here that our own City Engineer, Don Stewart, is in agreement with having a consulting engineer engaged for some of our major problems.

The next Mayor and Council will certainly have some problems to contend with. In my opinion water and sewers are the first utilities to be given immediate attention. Contrary to Mr. McKay's statement, all pipe and fittings are not on hand to complete the line from Shawatans to the underwater main. As soon as fittings are available tenders should be called for this work.

I believe that the recommendations as reported by our telephone superintendent are very sound, in short, a pay as you go plan. Most certainly not the same plan as was put forth last year.

City Hall—We believe that co-operation can be had from any or all employees. It depends a lot in the way in which it is solicited. As a member of the Council, I have never felt that I was being given the run around as stated by Mr. McKay.

A city managership will have

its merits but we do not need the consent or approval of the Provincial Government. The Mayor and Council can pass a bylaw authorizing the city to appoint a City Manager. This would save the city the cost of Mr. McKay's proposed trip to Victoria.

In closing, Mr. Editor, I would like to ask Mr. McKay what special qualifications he has that would qualify him for special consideration from the Provincial Government.

Thanking you for your space,  
Mr. Editor.

H. S. WHALEN, Alderman.

### BURN OUT THE VERMIN

Editor, Daily News:  
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Dated this 17th day of November, 1949. (H)

## BUILDING BETTER CITIZENS

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Edward was also giving of his time in coaching a winning team. Principals J. S. Wilson and R. G. Moore were there as were Miss Trotter and S. A. Cheeseman.

Referees are in the making. Dick Large, Alvin Adkins, Robert Smith and Dick Wesch all did a very capable job with the whistle and were given every support by the players. Decisions were taken without question or argument; and surely this is one of the most delightful features of school games and indicative of true sportsmanship. They spelled off too as time keepers and scorekeepers with F. Kristmanson also assisting. Substitutions were properly made and players were had to report. The whole was a most enjoyable experience.

Of course the players have a lot to learn. As one team returned to the coach at an interval a player on the bench

asked a player coming off the floor, "Who is your check?" and nearly swallowed his Adam's Apple when the players said, "Check? I don't know." Oh, well it has happened in other places. An old-timer would be ready to comment, as he watched the games, "Umph! I'm not surprised at that boy, his dad used to be good at sports."

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