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## Let's Get Started

ONCE AGAIN A HOUSING SHORTAGE is developing in Prince Rupert. In fact, it is already here. To find rental living quarters is very difficult. Even the number of houses being offered for sale is shrinking in a seller's market. Lack of housing is keeping away from the city people who would otherwise come to Prince Rupert.

Federal government a few months ago set up a new scheme to keep prospective home builders who need financial assistance. Its terms appeared to be very interesting with possibility of application in Prince Rupert. Although the city sent its clerk south to hear about it, no action has since been taken, it appears.

The first thing required to be done locally is to ascertain the need for housing and determine the number of those interested in building under a government assisted plan. For this purpose, questionnaires are furnished.

It would seem reasonable, to suggest that there should be no further delay in undertaking the survey. Certainly nothing will ever be done if this simple preliminary is not even undertaken.

## SOCIAL SECURITY

THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS for present altered attitudes in regard to the need for Social Security. The crash of 1929, the depression of the hungry thirties, two wars in one generation, enough to try the stoutest hearts. The cost of living has gone up almost 60 per cent. The worker earns more dollars but his higher pay is eaten up to some extent, by higher taxes, higher costs of living.

There is a scramble for more public services. This is true not only of federal affairs, it applies also to provincial and municipal administrations. We want more service from stores and hospitals, we expect it everywhere we go. Costs go up and we do not want to pay. Some of us find it hard to make ends meet. We worry about the future. We turn to social security. But somebody also has to pay for that, too.

Mr. Harold Church of the H. G. Roaf, the district administrator of the D.V.A. at the of that city Tuesday. He visited the city yesterday. He visited the city yesterday. He visited the city yesterday.

# Victoria Report

by J. K. Nesbitt

## Harold Winch's Memorable Speech—A Journalistic Institution Leaves

VICTORIA—Lost in the flood of arguing and bickering in the Legislature's dying days was one of the finest speeches Opposition Leader Harold Winch had ever made.

It dealt with the Canadian constitution and his ideas as to how it should be amended. It was obvious

he had given the matter much study and had heard widely. Mr. Winch is a polished orator with a natural born gift for words and fluency. Attorney-General Wismer was so impressed with the Winch speech that he asked for a copy.

Of particular interest were Mr. Winch's remarks about the Canadian Senate. It is worth quoting him on this: "Many people in Canada are coming to the conclusion that the Canadian Senate which now has far greater powers of obstruction than the House of Lords should be either abolished or reformed. The C. C. F. is in favor of complete abolition since the Senate has no place in a democratic state. It is highly questionable whether the Senate should be allowed to retain its veto power in decisions affecting the Canadian constitution which have such significance for the future of Canada."

"The situation is particularly serious because the Senate is rapidly becoming a completely one-party chamber. In event of a government or another political party taking office at Ottawa, any sharp conflict between the Commons and the Senate would reveal the indefensible power of the latter body. But apart from this consideration, it is axiomatic that the democratic system is rendered completely unworkable if decisions are to be made by people who are not elected but appointed. Many people are of the opinion that the Senate, in its present form at least, has outlived its usefulness. If we are to have the kind of amended constitution which the electors of Canada want, it would be well to leave a non-elected body out of the power of amend."

An institution has left the Press Gallery. Cornelius Francis Moriarty, for more than 23 years reporter of legislative proceedings for the Canadian Press is retiring on superannuation. He has been with C. P. in Victoria more than 40 years. Before that he barnstormed through Canada and the United States, working as telegrapher in big cities and whistle stops, "Morry," as everyone calls him, was honored by M. L. A.'s just before the session broke up. They presented him with a handsome traveling bag, for he's off to Toronto and New York and his native Boston to see some of his old haunts after these many years. Finance Minister Anscomb and Opposition Leader Winch made the presentation on behalf of their colleagues.

There was a great love feast the last day of the session. All the arguments, the nasty-name calling were forgotten. Premier Johnson and Opposition Leader Winch agreed Madame Speaker Hodges had done a splendid job and they thanked her for understanding and sympathy. Madame Speaker was touched by this and thanked the members. She said she knew she had made mistakes but would try to do better next year. Premier Johnson thanked Attorney-general Wismer for the wonderful way he piloted through a maze of intricate bills, especially hospital insurance. The Premier also thanked Finance Minister Anscomb for leading the House when he (the Premier) was away a week in London. And everyone, of course, wished Mr. Anscomb a pleasant trip to St. John's to present to the Legislature of Newfoundland a magnificent mace from the people of British Columbia.

And then away to their homes in every part of the province went the 48 M. L. A.'s to report to the people who elected them the happenings of the 1st session of B. C.'s 22nd Legislature since the province joined Canadian Confederation in 1871.

## TRAIN SCHEDULE

For the East—  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
8:00 p.m.  
From the East—  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Oliver Santurbane returned to the city on the Prince Rupert yesterday from Vancouver.

## Church Children's Sale Nets \$50

Articles such as slippers and maps made throughout the year by children of the Mission Band and Explorers of the Presbyterian Church were put on sale at an attractive affair in the Church Hall Tuesday afternoon. The financial result was a successful \$50 as many parents and friends attended.

Games were held and tea was served to the visiting ladies by the children. The Burning Bush Guild, a senior ladies' organization of the church, headed by Mrs. W. H. Wilson-Murray, were in charge of the tea room. Mrs. J. Hadden Sr. and Mrs. J. W. Eastwood poured and the children served.

## Headlines And Libel

WINNIPEG—Royal assent has been given to an Act to the Manitoba Legislation amending the Defamation Act as it relates to newspaper headlines. The bill will enable the courts to view the headline of a story in conjunction with the story itself when considering whether it was libelous.

Under the Act, until now, a headline could be deemed a report. This has been interpreted by the courts as meaning that a caption must be judged separately. The amendment provides for joint consideration of caption and story, although an inaccurate headline may still be ruled defamatory, regardless of the story under it.

## CHURCH NOTICE

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER 1950  
Good Friday—11:30—Ante Communion.  
12 Noon Meditation on the Passion of Our Lord.  
Saturday—7:30 p.m.—Preparation for Easter Communion.  
Easter Day—7:30 & 8:30 (choral)—a.m. Holy Communion.  
11:00 a.m.—Easter Festival Service.  
12:15 p.m.—Holy Communion  
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