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A Good Winter

PRINCE RUPERT can well look forward to one of its busiest and most prosperous winters. Usually at this time of year, there is at least a slackening off in employment due to the dropping off in the seasonal industries such as fishing, logging, shipping and such like. But this is all offset this winter by the celanese mill construction, building activity in the city including the new theatre, etc. Resumption of the mining industry is also having a helpful effect.

A market survey publication of the Canadian Daily Newspapers Association sums up the fall situation in Prince Rupert as follows:

ONE THOUSAND MEN are now being employed on the construction of the \$35,000,000 cellulose pulp mill being built at Prince Rupert by the Columbia Cellulose Co., subsidiary of the Celanese Corporation of America. Steel is now in the course of erection for the mill buildings. The other principal operation at the present time is the construction of a 13-mile 52-inch pipe line which will carry the water from Prudhomme Lake to the mill at Watson Island. The great plant is to be ready for operation by 1951 and will give employment to some 1,000 persons in the mill and woods. Organization is now under way for the production of the timber and floating of logs 100 miles down the Skeena River from Terrace area to Prince Rupert.

While the pulp mill is now becoming an actuality, a new vaster new industry appears likely for Prince Rupert. The Aluminum Co. of Canada is spending a million dollars this year on hydro-electric surveys for a projected \$300,000,000 aluminum plant which it is planned to establish at Kitimaat, some 80 miles down the coast from Prince Rupert.

A profitable halibut and salmon fishing year has been enjoyed in 1949 by Prince Rupert. Much of Alaska's frozen and canned fish production is being moved through Prince Rupert and over the Canadian National Railways to the United States.

Mining in Prince Rupert area is showing a revival. The Torbit mine at Alice Arm is now in full production, giving employment to 200 men. The famous Premier gold mine, near Stewart, is reopening after being closed over a year ago.

Another important development at Prince Rupert is the announced intentions of Toronto interests to build a million dollar hotel. Final site surveys are about to be made with a view to drawing plans.

UNFAIR TO C.N.R.

THE OTTAWA JOURNAL, commenting on requests from the Canadian National Railways to the Royal Commission on Transportation says:

When the Canadian National was welded together into a single system out of a grab-bag of lines that had been built here there and everywhere for all sorts of reasons and sometimes for no apparent reason at all, it was mysteriously saddled with the debts of such lines, and even more mysteriously saddled with them ever since. Under any practical, business-like method, such charges, so far as the Canadian National is concerned, would have been written off long ago or in any case transferred to some other account. Certainly, it is nonsense and an injustice to ask the Canadian National to pay interest on debts incurred by railway ventures before the Canadian National was even thought of and as long as 60 years ago.

If, by the same token we think we should take over the railways of Newfoundland as a part of Newfoundland's union with us, then losses incurred by such railways should be charged to the union, not to the Canadian National. Such charges have no more right to appear in the annual statements of the Canadian National than they would have right to appear in the annual statements of the C.P.R.

No one, not even Donald Gordon, could make the Canadian National show a profit, or even make a good financial showing, if it is to be burdened with charges that don't belong to it at all.

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SCOUTS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Neville Gerrard Is President
Leaders are Needed

Prince Rupert Boy Scouts Association elected a new executive and congratulated its former President, F. E. Anfield, on confirmation of his appointment as District Commissioner at the annual meeting held in the Civic Centre last Friday evening.

Reports on progress of the Scout and Cub movement in the city during the last year were heard and one of these—the President's report, forecast an active fund-raising season ahead.

The new executive panel consists of the following:
President, N. E. Gerrard
Vice-President, Robert Cameron

Secretary, William Baxter
Treasurer, Grant Stewart
Executive—Fred Conrad, A. G. Boas, F. B. Woods-Johnson, Rev. L. G. Selber, Dr. J. A. MacDonald, G. P. Lyons, Carlo Hansen, Robert Ferguson, Dennis Garon, M. J. Saunders, H. H. Thom.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation by the newly elected President, N. E. Gerrard, of a Charter to the Catholic Church Scout troop represented at the meeting by G. P. Lyons, President of the Holy Name Society and chairman of the Scout Group Committee. Mr. Lyons, in replying to the presentation, told the meeting that this was the culmination of two years of effort on behalf of the Catholic Parish to bring the opportunities of scouting to these youngsters. Walter Page is Scoutmaster of this troop.

At the same time, Mr. Gerrard presented to Canon B. S. Procter, a certificate of Completion of the AKELA Course as a Cub master. This certificate, signed by Lord Alexander of Tunis, Governor General and Chief Scout of Canada, was accompanied by the investiture of Mr. Procter with the cords, emblematic of this rank in the Cub movement.

District Commissioner Anfield, who has been doubling recently as Association president and acting district Commissioner, outlined the growth of the Scout movement in the city. Currently there are eight Scout and Cub groups, totaling 168 members.

The Conrad Street district has a Scout Troop and a large Cub pack. The Presbyterian Church has a large Scout troop and a growing Cub pack. At the Anglican Cathedral there is a large Cub pack and the nucleus of a re-organized Scout troop.

The Catholic church has a newly-formed Scout troop.

These groups span the city and afford an opportunity for all boys of Cub and Scout age to get into active work in this movement, said Mr. Anfield. "It is necessary to reiterate that none of these groups are sufficiently manned as far as leadership is concerned."

Mr. Anfield saw two immediate objectives for the newly-elected executive—the development of more leaders and the raising of funds for the Association.

"The first of these two tasks is many times more important than the second," he declared.

However, he continued, the district Association's finances are "a city-wide responsibility and our only means of financial aid is from memberships of \$1 annually plus such efforts as that of the Symphony concert."

Outstanding local effort in the last year, apart from the work carried on within the groups, was the sending of four city scouts to the All-Canada Jamboree at Ottawa during the summer.

"Four boys, two each from the Conrad and Presbyterian Scout Troops, represented Scouting in Prince Rupert at the Capital city where more than 3,000 enthusiastic Scouts

MEETINGS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Rev. R. J. D. Morris, Christian Education secretary for the United Church in British Columbia, had a busy three days in Prince Rupert at the end of the week. Sunday evening he spoke from the pulpit of First United Church and later, accompanied by his wife and family, sailed on the Camosun for Vancouver.

Friday evening Mr. Morris addressed a group of men after a supper and said to them: "We must organize our lives on the basis of Christian faith and teaching rather than on a materialist and secular philosophy if we would stop the drift toward a greater catastrophe."

The Sunday School teachers and workers met with Mrs. Morris in their teacher training classes. First meeting was in the home of Mrs. C. J. O. Olson Friday evening—and the second was in Conrad United Hall Sunday afternoon.

The young people sat down to a supper meeting before Church Sunday with Mr. Morris.

Interpreted this movement on a national basis. Let it not be forgotten, however, that primary responsibility for the success of these boys in winning a place on the Jamboree team must go to the Scoutmasters Harry Quick and Dennis Garon," he declared.

Mr. Anfield paid tribute to the Prince Rupert Symphony Orchestra and W. D. Lambie for their aid in raising funds for the Ottawa journey. A symphony concert by the orchestra and a World Series film showing arranged by Mr. Lambie added materially to the funds.

Interesting reports were also received from Robert Cameron, group chairman of the Conrad Street Group; Fred Conrad, of the Presbyterian Church Group; Canon B. S. Procter, representing the Cathedral and G. P. Lyons, of the Catholic Church Group. From these reports, it was evident, that there is no shortage of boys for Scouting and Cubbing in Prince Rupert, if only leaders could be found to handle them.

The President, in his report, paid tribute to those who, in ways large and small, have helped in the Scout Movement in Prince Rupert, during the past year, and pleaded with the Association to elect a strong Executive Board so that the work might go forward.

New Leaders
Announcement was also made that Rev. Lawrence Sieber will take over the leadership of the United Church Cub pack and Wilfrid St. Clair has assumed leadership of the Presbyterian Cub Pack, which was formerly under the leadership of Cubmaster Don McAllister.

Following the election and installation of the new officers, a vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring executive for labors well performed. Preliminary plans were made for a visit of the Provincial Commissioner, Mr. R. K. Jordan, and the ground work set for Scout-Guide Week activities, early in 1950.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, a most interesting series of film slides were shown, depicting the national and international aspects of Scouting, from its inception up to the present time. The thanks of the meeting were tendered to Canon Procter, for securing these film slides.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spencer arrived in the city by car yesterday afternoon for a brief business visit, returning to the interior today.

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The life of William Lyon Mackenzie King is on the market and it is pleasing to reflect that it will be read while he is still in the land of the living. That cannot be said of all previous Prime Ministers. Incidentally sometimes one hears that leisure, after activity, shortens life. In Mr. King's case however, he looks happy and appears to be enjoying every hour.

Robert McKeown, Canadian newspaperman, describes life in Warsaw. He took no trouble to conceal his identity and business and says the first thing he noticed was the fact that, no matter where he went, alone or in company, driving or on foot, he was always followed. In a busy publishing office in Canada—featuring interviews—it might be the other way around with McKeown.

A Scotsman was run over by a brewery wagon according to a recent report from Calgary. There is a general belief the drinks were on him.

Election year is sometimes a comfortable sort of year for a small part of Canada's population.

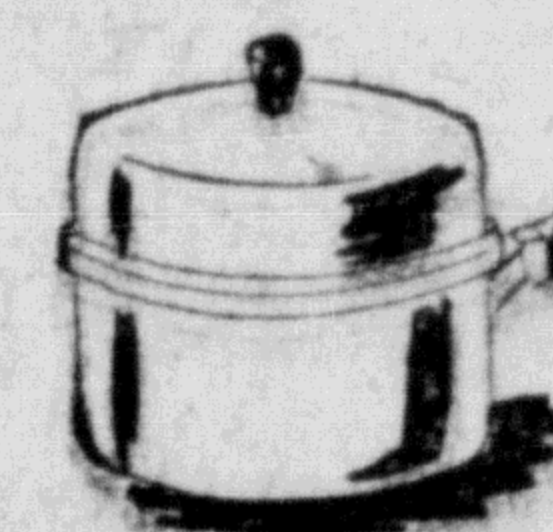
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Bridge Parties Prove Popular

The number of tables in play at the Civic Centre's fortnightly bridge parties is increasing. There were six tables last Friday night. The prize-winners were Mrs. G. Krause and F. A. Wright.

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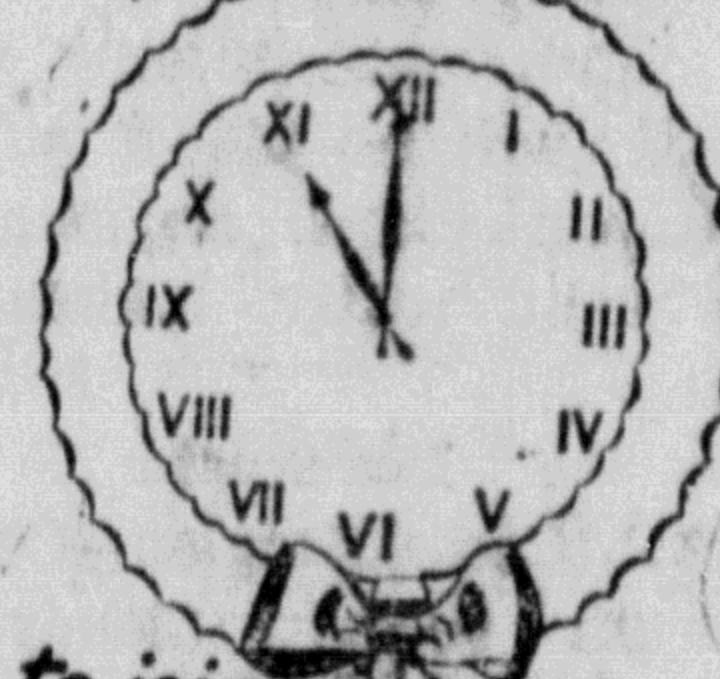
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