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## It's The Sales Tax

WITH PUBLIC DISAPPROVAL already heard from many quarters and in the face of the opposition ever, of some of its own normal supporters in the Legislature the Johnson-Anscomb government is seeking adoption by the House at Victoria of the three percent sales tax. A light sugar coating in the form of exemption of foods and one-third of the proceeds to municipalities notwithstanding, this nuisance tax proposal, involving a visible impost for every purchaser and extra bookkeeping for every business, large and small, will no doubt, get a rough ride although there is little question but that it will get through. The budget would not have been staked to it had there been much possibility of its rejection and defeat of the government on a major matter of policy which this, of course, is. What the electors will have to say about it later on remains to be seen. That is where the gamble with the sales tax will be really reckoned and there will be plenty of capital made of it in the meantime.

In fairness to the government, however, it might be observed that it had acceded to the demand for greatly increased expenditures on social services, which otherwise the municipalities would have had to pay or there would have been none at all. There has to be money found to pay for these things and the government settles on the sales tax as what it considered the fairest, if not the most popular, means. The thing is that, if these services and aids were to be forthcoming, they must be paid for.

## RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

IT IS NOT a very good testimonial to the usual generosity and consideration of the people of Prince Rupert to worthy causes that the Red Cross drive in Prince Rupert should be dragging this year. Things may not be quite as bright in Prince Rupert at the moment as they could be, but nevertheless, there would seem to be really no good reason why the Red Cross drive should suffer or why the modest quota of \$3000 should not be easily and quickly raised. We would venture to say that the most of the people who would stall or evade the subscribing of a few dollars to the Red Cross would not find it hard to dig up the same amount for many another less worthy or less necessary pretext.

Maybe, after seeing the exemplification of the blessing which the Red Cross brought to a neighbor community—the fine little outpost hospital at Terrace this week—we are rather enthusiastic but, nevertheless, we would suggest to the good people of Prince Rupert that, if they fall down in their support of the Red Cross, they should be downright ashamed of themselves.

## WHY PICK ON US?

MAYBE IT WAS just a passing and ill-considered suggestion put forward to develop another point but we heard a radio speaker last night say something about the banning of the daily newspaper from the home because it contained crime news.

What we take objection to is even mentioning the daily newspaper as an outstanding medium of dissemination of crime literature. What about the movies, some of the comics, to say nothing of some of the terrible offerings that we see under lurid covers among the magazine racks of the book shops and news stands?

Why even mention the newspapers in this connection? The radio speaker might as well have suggested even some of the school text books. We do know, but probably she did not think, that, in the modern school room, the much berated and little appreciated daily newspaper is more and more becoming an accepted authority on contemporary history and general knowledge. Indeed, it is becoming a text itself, by and large, we would say, a mighty good one at that.

## BASIC DIFFERENCES

THE DIFFERENCE between the western world and the world of Lenin, Stalin and Co. is a basic difference. Clement Atlee does not often speak of Russia and its way of thought as directly or as colorfully as he did to the students of Oxford. He said: Communism has been "bred on this continent in an atmosphere of authoritarianism, and brought to flower in the soil of czarism." Our way of life "has its roots in European civilization, in humanism, in Christianity and, in this country, in our British history. . . . We here are brought up on the basis of a civilization whose roots go back in the past. We are up against something which has no roots in the past which, indeed, tries to destroy the past."

There is the essential difference. There is no common ground between people who guide their lives by the traditions of a thousand years of history and religious belief and established custom and the people who discard these things; whose only background is the improvised judgments of inexperienced or upstart leaders, who have no past, nor any wish to learn from the past. That is a deep gap that will hardly be bridged in our day.



BARBARA ANN IN PARIS—Barbara Ann Scott, Canada's ice skating champion, who won the Olympics, is shown in Paris as she was received by General Vanier, Canadian ambassador to France.

## LETTERBOX

### WATER IN EARLY DAYS

Editor, Daily News:  
Referring to "Reminiscences" by "W. J." Prince Rupert did worry along for a short time without any water system. We certainly did but that was away back in the winter of 1908-9. There were six weeks of very cold weather and all the water was frozen solid with four feet of snow on top of that. We had to melt snow for water but we soon got tired of that. The next arrangement was to get a man with a horse and sleigh and a barrel fastened on the sleigh to haul water from Morse Creek and deliver it at the houses or shacks as they were then for which he charged 25 cents a bucket and we gladly paid for it. Twenty-five cents was the smallest coin in circulation here at the time.

WILLIAM MacKENZIE.

## JONES ACT DISCUSSED

Part of a page of the Toronto Globe and Mail prints a story over which appears a two-column head that reads as follows: "Prince Rupert's Appetite For Bigger Port Trade Starved By Jones Act." The writer is Harvey Hickey, and the story is dated Ottawa.

Reference is made to the special article on Prince Rupert, in the Saturday Evening Post of February 7 and to General Pearkes, M.P., inquiry in Ottawa as to whether or not the government contemplated moving in the matter of the Jones Act.

Harry Archibald, M.P., is quoted as saying: "Either the Jones Act must be amended, or Prince Rupert's future depends on the natural resources in its hinterland."

In mention of construction of the cellanese plant, it is stated that once completed, expectation is that about three thousand will be employed.

### PROLIFIC WRITER

Max Brand, writer of western stories and author of several movie stories, in 20 years has published more than 25,000,000 words in books, stories and scenarios.

## THIS AND THAT



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## DR. LANE SPEAKER

### Booth P.T.A. Meeting Hears Interesting Address

An informal and interesting address by Dr. R. M. Lane of the Prince Rupert Health Unit on problems of health in the High School age group was enjoyed by Parent-Teacher Association members at the Booth Memorial School last evening. Dr. Lane gave a reassuring picture of general health among the high school students and made constructive suggestions as to how parents and teachers may best co-operate in promoting good health in the home and school. A brief question and answer period followed the address.

The meeting was entertained by Richard Tweed who gave two acceptable vocal solos with his own guitar accompaniment. An interesting short film was shown on the subject of marketing for the family.

During the business session the sum of ten dollars was voted toward the Canadian Appeal for Children fund, a special appeal for which was contained in a letter from the president of the Parent-Teacher Federation.

The meeting adjourned for a social half hour in the teachers' room where refreshments were served by a committee consisting of Mrs. A. S. Hamilton, Miss M. Anstey and Miss Townsend.

## Hotel..

### Arrivals

#### Prince Rupert

P. A. B. Coker, Vancouver; M. Van Duzer, Vancouver; G. A. Bailey, Cornwall, Ontario; J. C. Sanderson, Cornwall, Ontario; C. F. Mephon, North Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. M. MacDonald, Vancouver; J. Cook, Vancouver; H. B. Phillips, Massett; K. Sage, Vancouver; A. Moreton, North Vancouver; N. O. Nelson, Vancouver; T. P. Fairbairn, Vancouver; W. G. Mackenzie, Vancouver; Capt. A. C. M. Davey, Esquimalt.



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