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THEO COLLART

PRINCE RUPERT mourns the loss of another of its good pioneer citizens in the passing in his native Belgium in the town where he was born of J. J. T. (better known as "Theo") Collart.

He is another of those enthusiastic pioneers who came here forty odd years ago and put their means, their confidence and their energy into the building up of the community. Today their ranks are rapidly thinning just as the vision they saw of the great future of this city and district is commencing to be realized.

It is but the irony of history that the pioneers, who do much like Mr. Collart and so many others have done, should pass on before they are able to reap the reward and satisfaction of realizing the things for which they worked and strived—to see the culmination of their confidence and their beliefs.

Like many others, Theo Collart, in his own way, helped conscientiously and effectively in the building up of the city in which he spent the past years of his life. He will be missed by many friends, particularly those of the "good old days." He was a good soldier and a good citizen. Sympathy is extended to his son, Robert, and other relatives.

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To Vancouver (Today)—L. W. Lefler, A. Simundson, Mrs. M. Martin, H. Miske, Miss M. Nelson, D. P. Hunter, B. S. Iveson, S. Mykle, M. Timchuk, H. Richardson.

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To Port Hardy (Today)—W. A. Bruce.

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son, Mrs. H. Olson.

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From Sandspit (Friday)—G. Colbert, Mrs. B. Roberts, E. T. S. Moore.

COMINFOM DATE

The Cominform, Communist information bureau, was created in September, 1947.



HATTER'S NIGHTMARE—The stove-pipe at the left is perched on the head of Calgary's Mayor James C. Watson, to go with the bright yellow cutaway and trousers presented to him by Toronto's delegation to the Calgary Stampede. The old-time carnival outfit was a swap for the cowboy suit and stetson sported by Toronto Mayor Hiram E. McCallum, right, which he received from the western city when its Stampeders came to Toronto last fall to take the Dominion football title. (C. P. Phoo)

LETTERBOX

HOW ABOUT FLAGS?

Editor Daily News:
I see correspondents in Vancouver papers are protesting at the lack of flag unfurling on such occasions as Dominion Day. It seems to me similar protests might be in order in Prince Rupert. All the flags I could see on Dominion Day here were those on the Court House grounds, the Post Office and City Hall. How about the other organizations that profess such loyalty and talk so much about good citizenship? What do our tourists think of us on a national holiday with flags broken out all over their ships but few, if any, in this loyal city.

Here is a letter in the Vancouver Province which I think is very applicable to Prince Rupert:

"I have been waiting to see if someone better qualified than myself, would deliver the deserved condemnatory broadside against our fair city for its appearance on Dominion Day.

"Perhaps only a retired Imperial Army general could deliver a fitting blast.

"Where were the flags? "From casual observation I should say that the proportion of flagpoles without flags to those with was four to one.

"If our civic-spirited city feels that loyalty and patriotism are just a couple of funny dead words, surely, when Canada was being praised and remembered in many parts of the world on July 1, self-respect should compel it to pretend some enthusiasm for membership in that same Canada." E. K. STEELE.

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Joe Slaggard Still Catching Big Ones

Joe Slaggard, No. 1 yodeler, can catch as well as tell the big ones. He has not lost his piscatorial touch. He demonstrated the fact yesterday when he visited Prudhomme Lake with a number of his Moose friends. Joe boasted one of the best fish of the day, a fine twelve-inch cutthroat.

Central British Columbia is drawing large scale attention. Important interests and prospective settlers are looking this way. Far reaching plans are maturing. But the great silence

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

It is probable local old timers living in Vancouver and Victoria exceed the number still located here. Reasons are natural enough. Many, as age came on, returned to where they originally came from. Some moved south for family considerations. Others felt the urge to know larger city life. How satisfactory the change might be is another story. History is only being repeated. Every big town on the coast has always had two sets of citizens—the originals and those who became the real builders.

There is something about the Calgary Stampede that makes a fellow wish, assuming he's never been there, he had. Last week, a multitude of shouting, sweating westerners gloried in enjoying themselves. It was the greatest attendance in the history of Calgary's favorite annual blow-out. Well, perhaps next year!

Juneau people, seeing whales having their breakfast hour frolic the other morning, became deeply concerned if not excited. The sight was most unusual as well as entertaining. Townsite engineers at Prince Rupert back in 1908 and '09, in letters home mentioned seeing whales playing around in the harbor. The novel news was featured. It was in this way many first heard of such a place as Prince Rupert.

in the Groundhog zone remains unbroken. Yet there was a time when its widening fame as a source of high grade coal was indeed a fact. There are residents of Rupert today, who never even heard of it. How often do you see the words "Groundhog" in print, hear them in conversation or over the air?

There is said to be not less than a hundred miles of Ground Hog coal fields not so far from where this is being written. The location, roughly described is just north of the most northerly point on the C.N.R. or north of the Terrace-Hazelton region. Years ago Lord Rhondda, British coal baron, became interested. For a while the situation looked like the approach of action on a major scale. But Rhondda died, and since then there were times when it almost seemed the Groundhog had also succumbed. Northern and Central British Columbia continue to challenge enterprise and endeavor as never before. Coal has always been in demand and always will. But so far as any reference to it is concerned, Groundhog might just as well not exist. Yet it's there and just as good as it was in 1910.

Just because a man bores from within, observes a student of the times, it does not follow he is a Communist. He may be Dad telling the family anecdotes they have heard ten thousand times before.

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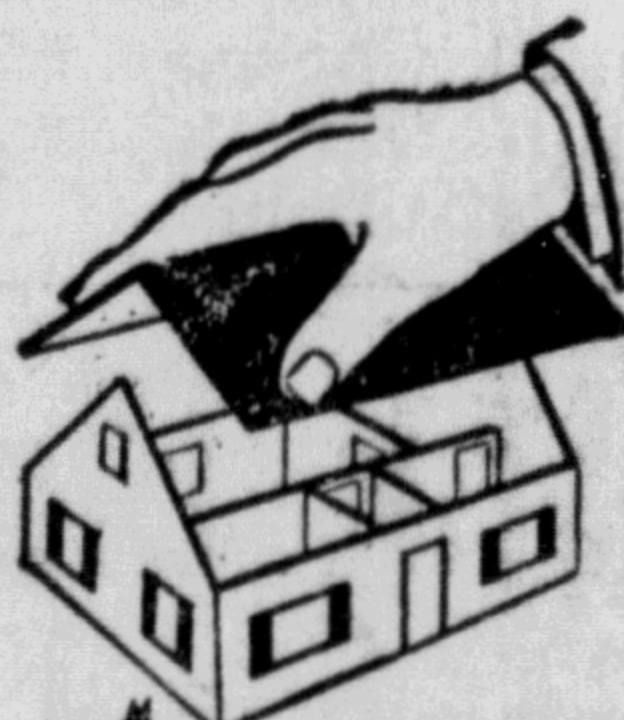
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