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Disgrace of Fire

AT A TIME when the housing shortage is most acute and when building materials for all classes of structure are at their lowest levels and highest prices, Canada has established a new all-time high of \$57,000,000 in fire losses.

Of the total of 52,931 fires which occurred in 1947 more than 38,880 caused damage to residential properties to the value of \$10,207,785. The total fire bill for \$57,000,000, was not only an increase of more than \$7,600,000 over 1946 but also an increase of \$13,000,000 over the average for the past five years. Added to this is the grim fact that in these 52,900 fires a total of 390 men, women and children lost their lives.

Thus we, as Canadians, continue year by year seemingly unperturbed, along the path of destruction. Through carelessness, or wanton disregard of sensible precautions we have built up in the past year the highest record in fire losses our country has ever known.

The remedy, and there is one, lies in our own hands.

Organizations spend much time and money expounding fire prevention and illustrating how carelessness can destroy human lives and valuable property. It has been shown that fire not only brings loss to owners of properties but affects the entire community. The destruction of mercantile and manufacturing properties results in unemployment and loss of wages, which brings hardships to the families of these whose jobs are lost through fire. Likewise the public must pay for these fires, because rates of insurance are based upon losses. Regional insurance underwriters' associations of Board companies throughout Canada maintain rigid inspection services which undoubtedly help to prevent unnecessary fires, yet losses continue to increase.

The time has come when we must pay more attention to the simple rules established for our own protection. Day by day in our homes, in our places of business, in our personal smoking habits we must exercise more care.

We must stop being careless with fire if we are to eliminate this national disgrace.

SOMETHING IS ADDED

ONE DIFFERENCE between Prince Rupert as it is today and what it was ten years ago seems to be existing in hope and living in the realization of solid prosperity and the certainty of uninterrupted growth. There are new faces and new enterprises. The tone is quicker with an optimism and vigor it is a pleasure to note. None will react to this more readily than strangers. Their impressions cannot but be agreeable ones.

FRASER STILL DANGER

WHEN FRASER VALLEY flood waters subsided a few months ago, it did not mean danger had passed and there would be little or no cause to feel apprehensive with the coming of another springtime.

Today, as long established pioneers and later arrivals are doing their best to recover from the ordeals, losses and trials of 1948, some of the ablest engineers in the west are studying a problem that must be solved if ever there is to be real security. The Fraser Valley must be made safe for settlement. It is getting no where to say "there won't be high water like that again for perhaps ten or twenty years." The construction of longer, higher and stronger dikes is not the answer. The history of the Mississippi River proves it. The Fathers of Waters has been checked but, at best, all that has been accomplished in battling its power is far from what it should be. Suggestions about diverging the flow of the Fraser have been heard. But how much is a plan like that practicable?



When the ships of the Royal Canadian Navy's northern task force visited Wakeham Bay, near the northern end of Hudson Strait, they found the population there to consist of one Oblate missionary and 80 Eskimos. Father Schneider of the Wakeham Bay Mission and the only white man in the area is shown here with Father R. W. Ward, Toronto, Ont., R.C.N., Roman Catholic Chaplain of H.M.C.S. Magnificent. (CP Photo)

PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

Twenty-Five Years
G. P. Tinker, local representative of the Grand Trunk Development Co., returned to the city from a conference in Victoria with word that an agreement had been reached between the company and the province under which the G.T.P. would grant land for the construction of a road from Prince Rupert to the Skeena River and re-allocate its waterfrontage to give a fairer share to the provincial government.

Winter tie cutting activities for Canadian National Railways was about to commence in the interior. Contracts had been let for 2,000,000 ties, of which Hanson Tie and Timber Co. had 500,000.

City Council discussed plans for the grading and surfacing of Fifth Avenue between McBride Street and Hays Cove Circle. The plan called for bringing rock from Smith Island. The road would replace a plank street.

Thirty-Five Years
News reached the city that the body of Mrs. Louise Harris, a native woman, had been found on the Skeena River at Glen Vowell, five miles from Hazelton.

William A. Harkin, a prominent Vancouver newspaperman, widely known throughout the province, died in the southern city.

Miss Laur Jean Holtby and H. D. Hemmel were married at St. Andrew's Church by Rev. G. A. Rix. The bride was given in marriage by her father, A. R. Holtby, and was attended by her sister, Mrs. O'Neill. Lionel Holtby, brother of the bride, was groomsmen.

LOCAL GYROS TO PRINCE GEORGE

Four Prince Rupert Gyros left today by car for Prince George where a new Gyro Club is to be instituted tomorrow evening under the sponsorship of the Kamloops and Prince Rupert clubs. The local delegation consisted of W. F. Stone, W. D. Lambie, J. S. Lindsay, and George Murray. Mr. and Mrs. Stone will continue on to Vancouver after the Prince George affair.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "His office is a long way off from his home."
 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "placable?"
 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Hickory, hierarchy, hilarious.
 4. What does the word "inadmissible" mean?
- ANSWERS
1. Say, "His office is a long way off from his home."
 2. Pronounce pla-ka-b'l, first a as in play, second a as in ask unstressed, accent first syllable.
 3. Hickory. 4. Not worthy to be admitted. "The discussion of this subject is inadmissible."

PLANNING OF COMMUNITY

Communications have been received by the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and the city council from the Community Planning Association of Canada proposing the organization of a planning group in this city with a view to making proper environment in the community that better and healthier citizens and a planned community of which all may be proud might result.

A regional conference of the British Columbia division of the Association is to be held in Vancouver October 28 to which a representative from Prince Rupert is invited. The municipal committee of the Chamber of Commerce has the matter in hand.



WEARS RARE RING—Wearing a 50-carat sapphire ring, the Maharajah of Baroda arrives in New York from Europe on the Queen Mary. In addition, the potentate wears a lucky bracelet containing nine jewels.

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SUPPORT OF CIVIC CENTRE

Appeal Made by Don Forward at Rotary Luncheon

The increasing value of Prince Rupert's Civic Centre was stressed Thursday by Don Forward, managing secretary of the community institution, in an address yesterday to the weekly meeting of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club in which he urged all citizens to take out membership.

"It is good to see, with the passage of time, the disappearance of misgivings which were prevalent during the early days of the Civic Centre," he said. "We believe that it has been the broad scope of community service which has been offered that has been responsible for this."

Mr. Forward based his talk on an appeal for individual and family memberships, saying that, if every family in the city took out membership, there would be sufficient finances to make it possible to make all programs and services free.

"I am sure that there is not one of us who at one time or another has taken strangers through the building, without commenting with pride that it is the finest of its kind in Canada. In order for it to live up to that claim, it must have the support of the whole community."

Response to the current membership drive was termed gratifying by Mr. Forward, who said that in the first five days of the campaign, 452 people had taken out memberships at the Civic Centre desk.

This year's drive is not depending on canvassers to contact homes and businesses but it is being done through the mails. Membership blanks and educational literature have been

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FRIDAY—P.M.

- 4:00—Ed McCurdy sings.
- 4:15—Stock Quotations
- 4:30—Sleepy Time Story Teller
- 4:45—Easy Listening
- 5:00—String Stylings
- 5:30—Keyboard and Console
- 5:45—Canadian Short Stories
- 6:00—Vienna Waltzes
- 6:30—Musical Varieties
- 6:40—Rec. Int.
- 6:45—Plantation House Party
- 7:00—CBC News
- 7:15—CBC News Roundup
- 7:30—Beat the Champs
- 8:00—British Theatre
- 8:30—Youth Speaks Out
- 9:15—T.B.A.
- 9:30—Prairie Schooner
- 10:00—CBC News
- 10:10—B. C. News
- 10:15—Speaking As a Listener
- 10:30—Dal Richards Orch.
- 11:00—Weather and Sign Off.

SATURDAY—A.M.

- 7:30—Musical Clock
- 8:00—CBC News

sent to every home in the city.

Mr. Forward was thanked for his address by club director E. T. Applewhite who acted as chairman in the absence of President D. C. Stevenson.

Guests at the luncheon were W. J. Alder, Victoria; Walter Luney, Victoria; Milton Scott, Vancouver; Dr. A. W. Large, Prince Rupert; Ted Ivy, Vancouver; Fred Brown, Victoria, and J. S. Thompson, Vancouver.

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