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Welcome Graduates

ANOTHER graduating class has just issued from Prince Rupert's Booth Memorial High School. Some of them, probably, the minority, will go on to higher academic learning. The rest of them will now turn to employment in business or in the trades, and, in the meantime, their jobs will be but another phase of learning in the school which is called experience.

They are a promising lot of young folk and, while their ways may be different than those of some of the oldsters, the most of them can be counted upon and, doubtless, will do a good and decent job of work in whatever line of work they pursue. If they realize that, in doing such a good job, they are not only helping their employers but benefitting themselves, they will apply themselves with conscience and with zeal.

Meantime they are entitled to our best wishes and all the support and co-operation we, as older citizens, can give them directly or indirectly. And it is to our best interests to do so for this is a turning point whence they may become a priceless asset or a deplorable liability. Good luck then to the boys and girls of Bo-Me-Hi 1950 and other local graduates.

THE NEW THEATRE

A new theatre project in Prince Rupert is a welcome development and we hope there will be no further delays in getting it accomplished. Good theatres are today an amenity in any modern community. Their erection is also a token of confidence in the future of the communities in which they are built.

We doubt if there are many cities of the size and importance of Prince Rupert—remote as it is too from other cultural and recreational facilities—that has gotten along so long with only one good theatre. That the concern which now operates the single theatre here is the one that is providing the second is clear admission of the need for and economic soundness of a second.

The new theatre is in line with other developments that are going on here.

DIVISION UPON DIVISION

THE future of Leopold III—and what is even more important the political future of Belgium, to which country he seeks to return as King—becomes even less clear as a result of the recent general election there.

In this election, there is no doubt, the real issue was the position of Leopold. The party supporting him, the Roman Catholic Social Christians, polled between 46 and 47 per cent of the vote. This compares with a vote of better than 57 per cent for Leopold in the advisory plebiscite last March.

Now, with voting on a party basis, Leopold appears as King, not of Belgium, nor even of Flanders as he was described just after the plebiscite, but of a single political party.

Yet this party asserts it will reinstate Leopold as King. As things look now, the Social Christians will have a majority in Parliament. If they use this to put Leopold back on the throne, they may find they have weakened the entire dynasty by making it the capstone of a single political party.

What seems to be happening is that divisions in Belgium have been hardened by the former King's determination to regain the throne—hardened along geographical and now along political lines as well.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Psalm 32:5.

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"BUFFER STATE"—Drawn by Robert Chambers in the Halifax Chronicle Herald.

LETTERBOX

MUSEUM INTERESTING

Editor, Daily News: I would like to thank you for the space your newspaper has given to the museum this year. Your articles have done much to revive civic interest here. I have been hired for the summer to catalogue and redisplay the articles in the museum but find what is really lacking is a large number of interested citizens to keep the museum up. I would like to list a few of the additions given to the museum in the last month and hope that you may use some of the material to keep the museum in the public eye at least for the summer.

Both floors of the museum are now open and Eliza Abraham, one of the few Indians who still retains the art of cedar bark and spruce root weaving, demonstrates each Monday and Friday. A number of new displays have been either donated or loaned to the museum. Mr. McAllister has loaned a very finely carved horn spoon which was traced by Mr. Cunningham the original owner, back 500 years through the lineage of the chiefs who had owned it. From a collection of P. F. Phillipson loaned to the museum, a display of eleven paddles has been set up and a trap made of nettle fibre has been added to the fishing case. Canon Rushbrock has recently sent the museum collections of fossils, Indian baskets and stone implements. A loan of fossils from Francois Lake 50,000,000 years old which contains pieces showing the ginkgo, true sequoia and other trees that existed in this area long before the ice age, some of which are now extinct has been given by L. B. B. Boulton. Other samples of this type have been donated by J. D. Scott. A. G. Boas has loaned an interesting display of Eskimo and Indian work which includes a model kayak complete with fisherman dressed in fur parka and mukluks, harpoon with bone point and sealskin float. Skin work, basketry, model totems and other objects of modern Indian art are on display

and Mr. Black has loaned a number of examples of Indian work that he will later display in the new Totem Theatre.

I hope that I may have the co-operation of the Daily News in trying to make the Museum of Northern British Columbia not only one of the best tourist attractions along the coast, but also a cultural and scientific center for the city of Prince Rupert.

MARGARET ELLIS,
(Mrs. Wm. N.)
Summer Curator.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

The Department of Finance says the general average of individual savings, as reflected in the banks of Canada is \$500. It's not so much to have salted away for a cloudy day but a whale of a lot better than \$4.39.

Some employers say they don't care how old a man is, provided he is healthy, and when he was younger took the trouble to learn a useful trade, or become trained and experienced in some special, definite line. The man they do not want and won't have is the party who says he can "do anything." He can, but it's chiefly street walking.

Suitable for some score of small apartments, centrally situated, light on all sides and splendid sea and land vistas in all directions, the administration block on First Avenue awaits action. So does the summer.

Farewell to agitation and argument as to how and what to call the First of July. The House of Commons, in its wisdom, settled that a few weeks ago. A private member's bill would have changed the name from Dominion Day to Canada Day. The Commons voted 73 to 39 against it, and that's a snug majority, although rather odd that but four out of 18 cabinet ministers were present.

We are more conscious in the

spring than at any other season, perhaps, of the sheer loveliness of trees. We see their majestic gauntness coming to life, watch them through the feathery stages of bursting bud, admire them finally in their full-leaf dress and say to ourselves that not often does even beneficent Nature give so much in enjoyment and friendly service for so small an expenditure in money and in labor.—Ottawa Journal.

Dawson was officially reported the warmest city in Canada last Sunday. Remembering this next January is not going to help you the least bit. That is, should you happen to be living in Dawson next January.

Building of a second theatre for Prince Rupert, started months ago and then delayed, is resuming. The site is on First Street. Two places of amusement in a city of twelve thousand is only what should be and

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