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THE SALES TAX

THE CANADIAN LEGION, in a letter to the editor today, vigorously opposes the proposed provincial three percent sales tax and calls upon the city council and Chamber of Commerce to support it in the opposition.

As we said in a previous editorial, and we repeat it: "Notwithstanding the Union of Municipalities advocated a retail sales tax, the government would be well advised to forget it." But the government has ignored suggestions along that line and has, in the face of this opposition to the tax on principle, been unable to find a more democratic way to raise the revenue required for social services.

It is undoubtedly true that in these days the cost of social services to the people, all most necessary, is increasing to a very great extent. But of what value are these services if, in the final analysis, it is the consumer who foots the bill? For it is the consumer in this case who will pay for it. Food, it is true, is declared to be exempt from the tax. This statement, however, is hardly correct, for it is noted that the tax is to be added on to restaurant meals. And there are thousands of people of this province who partake of most of their meals in restaurants. They, therefore, will suffer accordingly. Many other commodities in daily use, such as tobacco and cigarettes, and which even at present are beyond the reach of some people, will jump higher, as will clothing, furniture, radios, cars and many other necessities to life.

Municipalities will, of course, benefit from the three percent tax, the sum of \$4,000,000 being earmarked in the \$12,000,000 estimated revenue from the tax. Prince Rupert gets \$42,720. But, will the municipality pass that on to the consumer? Will it reduce his telephone, garbage and water bills? This is not very likely, for this like all cities and municipalities today is feeling the financial stress of the times.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

WARNING WAS GIVEN to the provincial government in the Legislature by W. J. Johnson, coalition member for Revelstoke, about patients being admitted to hospitals when they could be treated at home and also regarding patients remaining too long in hospitals. There may well be some ground for his warning. How many people, suffering from minor ailments, are sent to hospital today when they could just as easily be treated with every comfort in their own homes?

With many hospitals throughout the province hard pressed for room and staff, there are undoubtedly many people who would and could remain at home rather than go to hospital. There are also, no doubt, cases, which after a few days' treatment in hospital, could be sent home to recuperate, instead of remaining in the institution until completely recovered.

In Mr. Johnson's suggestion, it would appear, might be found a partial solution to the overcrowding of hospitals as well as reducing the expenditure of the public on hospitals and, in many cases, the cost to the patients themselves.

TEACHERS' SALARIES

THE PEOPLE of British Columbia are convinced of the value of education, says the British Columbia Teachers' Federation in an appeal for higher pay for teachers. They do not have to be sold on the idea that education is one of the pillars of democratic society, that teachers occupy the chief role in the educational process by the very nature of their calling, or that the quality of the teaching personnel largely determines the quality of education offered in our schools. They know that imposing school buildings, the best of books and the finest equipment are but tools which are put to good advantage only when in the charge of competent teachers.

The teachers' appeal continues:

"It is not quite so generally understood, however, that to get good schools and good education it is necessary to pay good salaries to teachers. No one expects to buy tenderloin steaks for the price of hamburger or good lumber for the price of poor lumber, neither should any person hope to get good teachers for the price of unskilled or semi-skilled labor.

"It just can't be done. In the long run, perhaps not immediately, but over a period of years, the quality of education offered in our schools must and will depend on the money paid to the teachers.

"Teachers' salary rates have increased by 28 per cent since 1945 but in the same period the cost of living has advanced 27 per cent so that the net relative economic position of teachers is virtually unpaid. The teaching profession was underpaid in 1945 and is still underpaid in 1948 in spite of increases in money earnings.

"So long as this condition continues our schools will suffer. Today there are 188 unqualified teachers employed in B.C. schools and another 250 who are in high schools without the educational background normally required. Elementary teachers especially continue to be inadequately trained for the responsibility of work in the classroom. But this situation will not be remedied until teachers' salaries are raised.

"Not only must educational expenditures be maintained at their present level but also more money must be found for education. The burden on real property in most areas is already acute so that it falls on the provincial government with its wider taxation powers to assume the responsibility. If present provincial sources of revenue are inadequate, new sources must be found. Education is too important a service to be crippled by lack of funds."

Letters to the Editor

BEAUTIFUL SASKATOON

Editor, Daily News:
An editorial in the Daily News comments on the value of a good hotel in building up a community and gives as one illustration the Bessborough Hotel at Saskatoon which "went far in helping change Saskatoon from just another drab town, with neither scenery or sport, to a handsome, bustling young city."

It is true that this four-million dollar hotel, a building of outstanding architectural beauty, in charmingly landscaped grounds on the river bank, is a real asset to Saskatoon. However, at the time the hotel was built, the city was already handsome and bustling. It had been carefully planned from the outset and public funds were spent to the best advantage. The streets in the business areas and other public thoroughfares, are wide, level, hard-surfaced and clean. Land was set aside for parks, schools and hospitals and the residential sections were zoned. Thousands of young trees and shrubs were brought in from the nearby forestry farm at Sutherland and planted lavishly on the boulevards and by the side-walks and in the parks and cemeteries. It became a city of beautiful homes, with sprinklers going all day long in summer to keep the lawns green and the flowers blooming. One after another, beautiful churches were built and splendid schools with spacious grounds. Bridges, some of them models of engineering skill, spanned the river to where the grey stone university buildings rose on the southern side. When the Bessborough was built it fitted into this setting like a great gem in a cluster of smaller jewels. Any other surroundings would have been incongruous and obviously 10 years of depression followed by a war would not improve them much.

Saskatoon has always been a good sporting town. In 1923, seven years before the Bessborough was built, it had a professional hockey team which went East the following year, almost intact, and became that well known aggregation called the New York Rangers.

As to scenery, that is a matter of opinion. Some people prefer the wide open spaces to being hemmed in by mountains, just as some gentlemen prefer blondes to brunettes.

BOGEYS AND GHOSTS

Editor, Daily News:
Undoubtedly many readers of your paper have read the series of articles in the Vancouver Sun written by Don Cameron of the Windsor Star alleging a red plot for power in Canada. In my opinion, the articles have a twofold purpose—first, to intensify the prejudice against Russia, second, to undermine the foundation of organized labor in Canada.

Efforts to paralyze the trade union movement in Canada by the time-worn bogey of some hidden hand have been made for many years—as far back as the early labor struggles in 1883, the homestead steel strike against the Carnegie interests. During the ensuing 65-year period every struggle of labor has had to hear some unfounded charge of being directed by some such sinister hand. For many years the inner circle of the I.W.W. served the purpose, the last big splash of that being witnessed in the Winnipeg strike of 1919 when Russell Pritchard and others had to do a spell in Stony Mountain Prison for what Arthur Meigen called directing an attempted revolution although collective bargaining was the simple issue.

The bogey now is a ferocious international communist ring reaching from Moscow and around the world and back to Moscow again, having for its purpose the overthrow by force of the national governments of Canada and the United States.

The history of man has been one continual battle with ghosts and I suppose will remain so.

GEORGE B. CASEY

Bishop Anthony Jordan O.M.I. is leaving on this evening's train for the interior to make brief ecclesiastical calls at Burns Lake and Lejac before proceeding to Edmonton to attend the consecration of Archbishop O'Neill of Regina, until recently rector at Edmonton. Bishop Jordan will also attend church meetings at St. Boniface (Winnipeg) before returning to the city in about a month's time by way of Vancouver.

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TONIGHT

HEAR
Hon. R. C. MacDONALD
Minister of Mines and Minister of Municipal Affairs

DISCUSS
'SOCIALISM CAN MEAN REVOLUTION'

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CHAS. SCHARFF PASSES AWAY

Veteran of First World War Dies Here on Sunday

Vernon Charles Scharff, a resident of Prince Rupert for the last 13 years and a veteran of the First World War, died Sunday at his home at 352 Summit Avenue. He was 47 years old.

Born at Renfrew, Ontario, deceased served in England during the First World War with the 240th Battalion, C.E.F., enlisting at the age of 16. He was discharged because of his youth in 1917 before his unit reached France.

Following the First World War, he lived in Vancouver and Saskatchewan, coming to Prince Rupert in 1935. Here he followed the trade of carpenter, being employed at the dry dock, and more recently with Northwest Construction Co., and Greer and Briden.

He is survived by his widow and two sons, Robert and Stanley in Prince Rupert and two brothers, one in Renfrew and one in Toronto, and a sister, Renfrew.

He will be buried in the Soldiers' Plot of Fairview cemetery. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Train Schedules
For the East—
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 p.m.
From the East—
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 10:45 p.m.

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Prince Rupert Man Receives Promotion

The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada has formed a new Northern British Columbia Unit with a well known Prince Rupert man, Tom McKeown, as unit supervisor. Mr. McKeown, who returned to the city on the Coquitlam last evening from a business trip to Vancouver, has been a resident of Prince Rupert since 1943 and joined the Company early in 1945. Last year he ranked second in production in the whole province. Mr. McKeown will have associated with him in the Prince Rupert area, E. T. Appelwhaite.

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