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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 ser-

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

A ARNING WAS GIVEN to the provincial gov-VV ernment 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 bospital, 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 mony 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."



BEAUTIFUL SASKATOON

Editor, Daily News: An editorial in the Daily News comments on the value of a good

bustling young city. lion dollar hoted, a building of ada. outstanding architectural beauty, Efforts to paralyze the trade grounds on the river bank, is a the time-worn bogey of some real asset to Saskatoon. However, hidden hand have been made the city was already handsome the early labor struggles in 1883 and bustling. It had been care- the homestead steel strike level, hard-surfaced and clean, some such sinister hand. For homes, with sprinklers going all the simple issue. day long in summer to keep the The bogey now is a ferocious lawns green and the flowers international communist ring cious grounds. Bridges, some of purpose the overthrow by force them models of engineering of the national governments of 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 incongru-

would not improve them much. ecclesiastical calls at Burns Lake good sporting town. In 1923, sev- Edmonton to attend the conseen years before the Bessborough cration of Archbishop O'Neill of

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

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LEGION AND SALES TAX Editor, Daily News:

The Canadian Legion is deeply concerned about the forthcoming provincial three per cent sales tax. In the local branch we have a membership of 620, hundreds of whom are young married men fighting an un-hill battle to establish themselves in civilian life, buying homes and furniture, raising families and vainly trying to save a little for the inevitable emergency. The 12 midnight. present high cost of living presents a severe enough handicap without the additional burden p.m. of this new tax.

The Legion does not intend to sit idly by without raising a most vigorous protest.

We are telegraphing our member at Victoria instructing him as to our opposition to this tax and also asking our Provincial Command to take action.

May we respectfully urge the city council and Chamber of Commerce to actively oppose this oppressive tax. Without a doubt, it is the most unpopular piece of legislation to come out of Victoria in many years. The national mail order houses are the people who will gain at the expense of local merchants.

Let's kill this bill with concerted action and do it now.

V. G. HOUSTON, President, Canadian Legion.

Father J. Carroll, O.M.I., who has been for the past month in Vancouver on ecclesiastical business, returned to the city from the south on the Coquitlam last evening.

You saw 16 11 the News!

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BOGEYS AND GHOSTS

Editor, Daily News:

Undoubtedly many readers of your paper have read the series hotel in building up a commun- of articles in the Vancouver Sun ity and gives as one illustration written by Don Cameron of the the Bessborough Hotel at Saska- Windsor Star alleging a red plot toon which "went far in helping for power in Canada. In my change Saskatoon from just an- opinion, the articles have a twoother drab town, with neither fold purpose-first, to intensify scenery or sport, to a handsome, the prejudice against Russia second, to undermine the foun-It is true that this four-mil- dation of organized labor in Can-

charmingly landscaped union movement in Canada by at the time the hotel was built, for many years—as far back as fully planned from the outset against the Carnegie interests. and public funds were spent to During the ensuing 65-year the best advantage. The streets period every struggle of labor in the business areas and other has had to hear some unfounded public thoroughfares, are wide, charge of being directed by Land was set aside for parks, many years the inner circle of schools and hospitals and the the I.W.W. served the purpose, residential sections were zoned. the last big splash of that being Thousands of young trees and witnessed in the Winipeg strike shrubs were brought in from the of 1919 when Russell Pritchard nearby forestry farm at Suther- and others had to do a spell in land and planted lavishly on the Stony Mountain Prison for what boulevards and by the side-walks Arthur Meigen called directing and in the parks and cemeteries. an attempted revolution al It became a city of beautiful though collective bargaining was

blooming. One after another, reaching from Mascow and beautiful churches were built around the world and back to and splendid schools with spa- Moscow again, having for its skill, spanned the river to where 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. ous and obviously 10 years of is leaving on this evening's train depression followed by a war for the interior to make brief Queen Charlotte City; K. Row-Saskatoon has always been a and Lejac before proceeding to Queen Charlotte City. was built, it had a professional Regina, until recently rector at hockey team which went East Edmonton. Bishop Jordan will the following year, almost in- also attend church meetings at tact, and became that well known St. Boniface (Winnipeg) before aggregation called the New York returning to the city in about a month's time by way of Van-

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You saw it in the Daily News!

CHAS. SCHARF PASSES AWAY

Veteran of First World War Dies Here On Sunday

Vernon Charles Scharff, resident of Prince Rupert for For the Eastthe last 13 years and a veteran of the First World War, died Sunday at his home at 852 Sum- From the Eastmit Avenue. He was 47 years

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 Was he lived in Vancouver and Sas katchewan, 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

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 Renfrew. He will be buried in

diers' Plot of Fairview tery. Funeral arrangeme e announced later

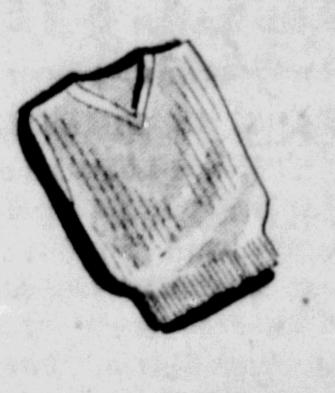
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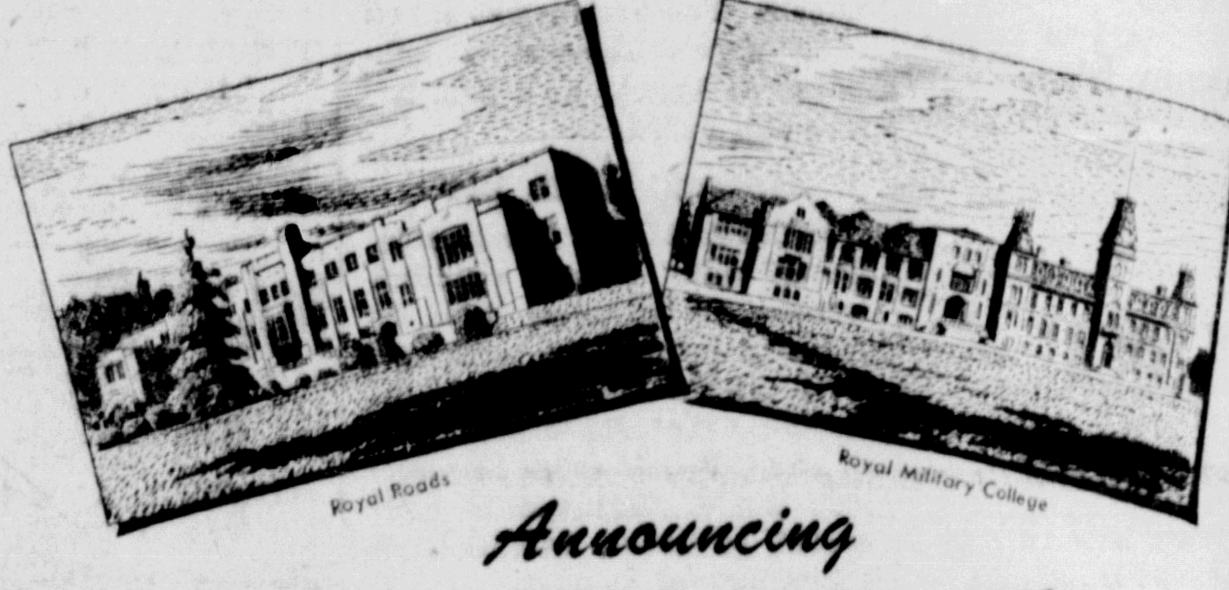
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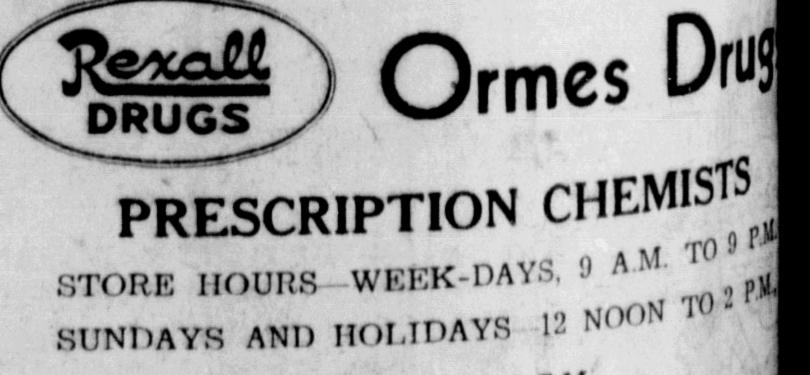
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