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Only One Answer

D'INCE RUPERT needs new schools, new sewer system, complete overhaul of roads, finishing of uncompleted roads connecting avenues, new water lines, complete modern telephone system, parks and many other things of almost, if not equal,

importance. The citizens may clamor and talk with shame, which all must admit, of our down-at-the-heel and poverty-stricken municipal appearance. And poverty-stricken is the word for it. That is what it

The fact of the matter, which we might as well face, is that, under the present restrictions, there is no way of getting these things. We cannot borrow under the obligations of our special Refunding Act without special permission. We cannot finance our requirements out o four present income which cannot be increased because taxes are at the breaking point as far as the capacity of the taxpayers to pay themselves is concerned and, anyway, the difference between the present mill rate and its legal limit is so narrow as to be inconsequental. So what is the answer?

The answer, of course, if Prince Rupert and other municipalities are not to go down through sheer inability to meet their vital requirements, is action without further delay by the province action which has often been recommended by royal commission after royal commission but which has ever been deferred.

Other cities are urging this immediate action and have put up strong cases. Possibly, none are worse off or more badly in need of a new deal from the government than is Prince Rupert.

What goes for Victoria, it might be said, goes also for Prince Rupert and here is what the Victoria Colonist says:

"It is common knowledge that this city (Victoria) is at or near the peak of its borrowing powers, that its mill rate is within sight of the legal limit, and that all of the natural increase in its revenues is being taken up in merely standing still. Meanwhile the city has accumulated obligations ahead of it which may run into \$20,000,000; for roads, schools, bridges, hospitals, waterworks and other essential capital services. Where is that money to be found? Under today's division of taxation no British Columbia city can hope to keep abreast of its essential requirements out of revenue and borrowing powers depend chiefly on that revenue and its sufficiency.

"When it is recalled that the Provincial Government takes all of the liquor profits, pari-mutuel receipts, amusement tax, gasoline taxes; and hands back to the Municipalities a limited percentage of the motor vehicle licences, about 40 per cent of school operating costs, with minor and insufficient disbursements for hospitals and other purposes, mostly structural, it is not difficult to see why the municipalities are in trouble. Outside of federal taxation, theseare among the real revenues deriving from the growth of population in British Columbia, a population which has centred in the cities.

"If the government had not withdrawn the former oldtime grants the municipalities would be \$5,000,000 better off today on a yearly basis; but meanwhile the province's own revenues have gone up very sharply, as the last budget address indicated. In that, the treasury estimated receipts of \$58,888,930 for the current fiscal year closing on March 21 next; referred to Dominion grants totalling \$21,857,680, in place of \$15,049,439 previously; liquor profits of \$11,600,000; gasoline taxes at \$3,495,000; and other provincial revenues on a mounting plane. Meanwhile, through accumulated revenue surpluses, the province had pushed its spending above \$50,000,000 a year and one official reference said this year it might be \$90,000,000.

"Meanwhile, it remains a fact that every dollar the province takes from the British Columbia motorist, for example, is one that will not go on any city road. It is the same with liquor profits and the major sources of provincial revenue, now more than twice as high as that of the municipalities themselves. The position has got to the point where something will have to be done about it. No mere patching with a sales tax will enable the cities to provide those services which they must give, and soon.

"What is required is an entirely new deal for the municipalities. The province should hand back a substantial proportion of the liguor profits, gasoline revenues, pari-mutuel and amusement taxes, together with a fair share of all other receipts that are extracted now from the cities without any equivalent return. If the municipalities are to care for 85 percent of the population they must be given the means of doing that. If they are to continue to be treated as poor relations of the senior government they will go down. Here is urgent business for the LLegislature when it meets in March, and it must be faced."....

Over and above all this, Prince Rupert has an additional claim for consideration because of the large amount of province-owned land here which goes tax-free even some that is producing revenue.

> American women are spending \$250,000,000 a year for beauty, but old-timers doubt if they are a quarter of a billion dollars prettier than they were 40 years ago.

Steamship Sailings

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10:00 a m.-

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From Alaska-Thursday—ss Prince Rupert, 8

REBUILT CITY

Szeged, the second city which he shall then have had notice. Hungary, situated at the junction of two rivers, was entirely 1948. rebuilt after 1879 when the city Wednesday-ss Prince Rupert | was swept away by a disastrous flood.

LETTERBOX

NOT APPEALING

Editor, Daily News: In yesterday's issue of the News carrying a list of appeals to come before the Court of Revision my name appeared as one of those appealing against the assessment.

I have not lodged an appeal so ad I fail to see why my name appeared therein.

H. M. DAGGETT.

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Prince Rupert

G. Jacobson, Kwinitsa; T. Lovoas, Decker Lake; W. Hogg, Erdiany, Alta.; S. Kirkaldy, Terrace; C. W. Micheil, Terrace T. Brue, Terrace; Miss R. Miller, Lethbridge; J. A. D'Andrea, Vancouver; W. H. Williscroft, Terrace; W. G. McIntosh, Vancouver; Dr. L. Hitchmanova, Ottawa; E. Lotty, Victoria; Wiley, Prince George; Mrs. G. Kerr, Terrace.

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You read it in the News!



.. About Running Backward

There used to be a negro dancer who made a lot of money showing how fast he could go backward He's about the only fellow I know who could get anywhere that way Governments can't.

And yet the strange thing about governments that go in for generous dose of Socialism is that they become chiefly remarkable for going backward.

Russia was already a backward country when it became Socialist. You'd think it would go ahead. But it started with a few thousand by the Czar and ended up with 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 outright slaves (apart from prisoners of war). Slavery went out of style everywhere else in the world close to a century ago, but Russia shot back a century under Socialism so fast that most people scarcely realize

In Britain only a little Socialist regimentation, bureaucracy and interference in the people's running of their own affairs has been tried, compared with Russia,

and yet the results have been so poor that Socialists in this country don't tell us to "go and do likewise." No, our Socialists don't care to

talk about Russia or the Labor Government in Britain. They'd sooner keep nursing the belief that Socialism goes forward, not backward, when it operates and that a Government can run the lives of all of us, give us more things than we ever had before and still leave

Well, they'd better show us a good working model somewhere.



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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE "ADMIN-

ISTRATION ACT" IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANE ROSS, DECEASED NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of Jane Ross, Deceased, late of Burns Lake, British Columbia, who died on the 21st day of March, 1947 are hereby required on or before the 1st day of March, 1948, to deliver or send by prepaid letter full particulars of their claims duly verified to the undersigned at Box 658, Prince Rupert, B. C., as solicitors for the Executors of the said estate. AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last mentioned date the Attorney of the Executors named in the will James Teetzel Harvey, will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of

DATED this 30th day of January BROWN & HARVEY. Solicitors for the Executors, Box 658, Prince Rupert, B. C.

TRUCKS HERE

Are Centre of Interest at Bob Parker's Garage

The first of the new Ford "Bonus Built" trucks for 1948, which many post-war advancements have been incorporated, has arrived in Prince and had no intention of doing Rupert and will be the centre of interest at Bob Parker Ltd.'s premises Ford and Monarch

Previewed today, the new trucks turned out to be very attractively styled without sacrifice of the ruggedness necessary for good performance and long service of life.

The radiator grille and headlights, for instance, have been recessed in a functional pattern in the massive-appearing front end, providing extra protection and adding greatly to the general appearance of the trucks. Fenders are heavier, wider and of new design to permit greater tire clearance. another advancement is a heavy channel steel front bumper attached directly to extended frame side rails, which becomes in effect, an extra cross member adding rigidity and strength.

The new trucks also feature a specially designed cab on the development of which more than a million dollars was spent. The object of the research that went into it was the provision of maximum comfort as an antidote to driver fatigue which in the past has been one of the highway accidents.

Mr. Parker, manager of Bob Rupert. Parker Ltd. explained the fea-He said brakes have been engineered to each truck size, and wider-base wheel rims have been incorporated for stability on curves as well as minimizing tire heating.

The new Ford truck line ranges from the F-47, or halfton, to the F-155, or three-ton heavy duty models. In all, he explained, a combination seven wheelbases and a variety party. of body types provides a choice of more than 40 models.

Two V-8 engines are manustraight through muffler lowers ing at anchor. back pressure and improves engine perfromance.

DANGEROUS PRACTICE

air for "cooling themselves" or away. for dusting clothes are warned stream penerates the body.

Reminiscences

houses in St. John, N.B., con- queries. taining a million dollars' worth

PRINCE RUPFRT YEARS AGO

February 4, 1923

The Northern B.C. Timbermen's Association passed a resolution asking that the C.N.R. put in assembly wharf at Prince Rupert for export lumber shipments and provide special excontributing factors in many port freight rates for lumber from interior points to Prince

> The board of trade declined to appoint a representative on an investigating committee proposed by the school board to look into the construction background of Booth School.

> Hon. T. D. Pattulle, accempanied by his secretary, Norman A. Watt, returned from a trip to Stewart. H. F. Kergin, M.P.P. for Atlin was a member of the

February 4, 1913

There was a phenomenal run factured to power the new of herring in the harbor. People trucks, one for the lighter cap- were actually pulling them out acity vehicles and one for in bucketsful and the myriads heavier - duty jobs. A new of fish actually move boats rid-

After a few months of absence. W. J. Alder, of Victoria, return ed to the city. He said that the development of the city was re-Workmen who use compressed markable during the time he was

political and criminal prisoners jailed that this is a dangerous prac- Alex Yule returned to the city tice. Death can occur if the air after having spent some time with his family in Montana.

and Reflections

People used to hear a lot about Scattered over North America the spirit of Seattle. It was taken will be found numerous persons as a matter of course in Wash- who are known to have lived in ington and oft quoted in British Prince Rupert. In demand Columbia. But it's away out of among them the Saturday Evedate now and stale. The world ning Post story by Dick Neuis moving and moving north, berger is certain also to sharpen The thing to cultivate is not interest in this city to the point what was talked of yesterday where curiosity will widen furbut what is immediately ahead, ther and the published illusthat's "The Spirit of trations inspire more question-Prince Rupert." It's long over- ing. And if we know Prince Rupert and those who have al-* * * ready dwelt here, it will be a Spuds are booming! Ware- pleasure for them to answer the gren, food director of the

of potatoes await shipment to! There are 28 Johnsons in the South America. It was there, new city telephone directory, by the way-and not Canada- this useful bit of information that the world first heard of being offered just in case you them. And here is the place to feel like asking. There are mention that, hoeing a few rows Johnstons and Johnstones and lower Saxony potato crop last of Murphies or Early Roses be- Johnsons and Johnsens and year. Some parts of Bizonia fore breakfast, is a fine ap. Johansens—as well as several have too much spuds, while petizer as well as excellent ex- Jensens and Johnes and all add stout clan of the Johnstons, the commanders. Johnsons et al o'ershadow all

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left is Dr. Schlang-Schoenin-American - British zones in Germany. The potato he is accepting from Heinrich Kopf, minister president of lower met at the recent parley in

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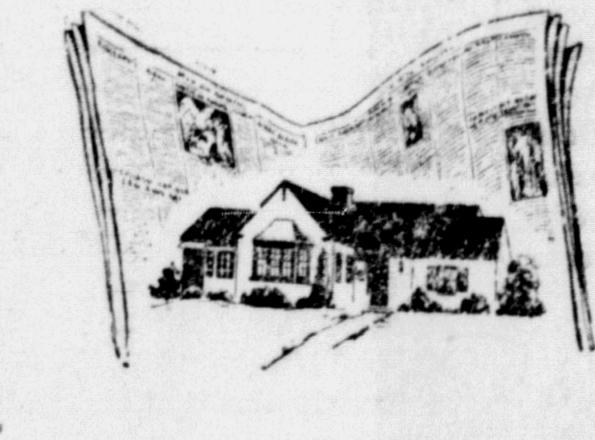
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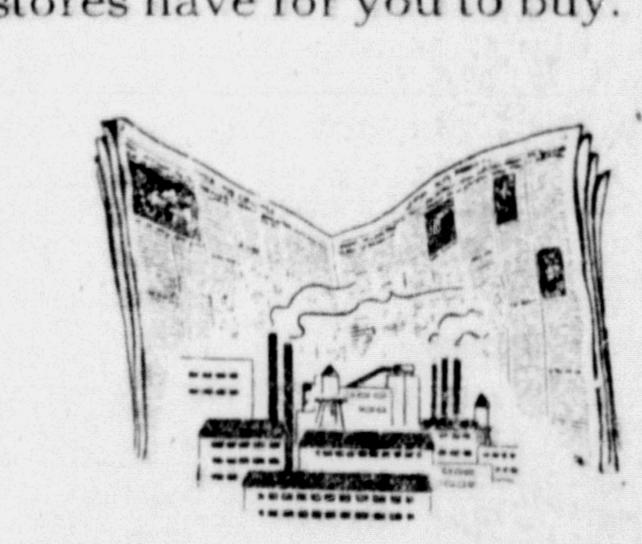
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