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## Serious Emergency

UNLESS THERE IS A CHANGE in the dry cold weather conditions, Prince Rupert will be without power and water inside a month, city council was told last night. Unless there is curtailment of consumption of both water and power there could be an absence of both within sixteen days. It does not take much imagination to conjure up the calamity it would be if there was neither power or water. The city would almost be uninhabitable and a damage of major proportions would inevitably ensue. Should fire or some such catastrophe occur we would be helpless and the community would be wiped out. We would lose everything and would suffer irreparably. It would be death and disaster.

The mayor has been given special authority to watch the situation vigilantly and to take such measures as are necessary to meet the emergency—current and potential. It should be unnecessary, of course, to suggest to all citizens the urgent importance of co-operating in every way possible with the authorities in the crisis which exists. It is the self-interest of each and all to do so. There is legal authority for drastic measures without recompense should voluntary co-operation fail to meet the situation.

## DIVORCE AND DEATH

DIVORCE IS one of the chief causes of broken homes.

Death is the other cause, and it isn't until after 29 years of marriage that death of one partner becomes as potent a factor in breaking up marriage as divorce is in that third year.

The figures are from the statistical bulletin of an insurance company.

Divorce breaks up far more marriages now than in 1890, the bulletin points out. But the actual number of broken homes each year is somewhat lower than 60 years ago. The reason is the longer life span with death breaking up fewer marriages as early as it once did.

The combined rate of broken homes due to both causes declined a bit from 1890 to 1915. It jumped sharply in 1918, when the great influenza epidemic killed thousands of husbands and wives.

The broken homes rate reached a low in the depression year of 1932.

Divorces jumped during the Second World War, sending the rate up again. Since then, the divorce rate has fallen, but still stands higher than before the war.

"It is difficult to forecast the future course of the divorce rate," says the bulletin. "There is certainly no assurance that within a few years the curve will not resume its upward climb. At the same time, it is expected that mortality conditions will be further improved.

"The prospects are, therefore, that in the years to come divorce will contribute an increasing proportion of family dissolution."

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## Literary Event—

### Poetess Is Charming

Canadian Club Meeting Delighted by Audrey Alexander Brown

"Poetry is contagious—expose yourself to it. Your lives will be the richer for your experience," said Audrey Alexander Brown in an address to the Women's Canadian Club at a dinner meeting held in the Civic Centre on Thursday evening.

And not only were her listeners exposed to poetry in its purest form but in addition they were exposed to a personality so rich and vital that the experience of hearing and meeting Miss Brown will be a treasured memory.

Miss Brown spoke on "The Thrill of Poetry," a subject on which she was well qualified to speak for she has won for herself a distinguished place among contemporary poets and her poems are included in all modern anthologies.

Her success is all the more noteworthy for in her early twenties Miss Brown was stricken with a severe rheumatic illness which left her unable to walk for many years.

Miss Brown spoke in a beautiful, musical voice and her enunciation was impressive. Her charming sense of humor and quick wit were refreshing.

In explaining "Poetry" to her audience Miss Brown said, "Poetry is the interpretation of life. The poet can bring out the inner meaning of the experiences we all go through. True poetry has color and rhythm and that in-

definable spark that will keep it alive. Poetry is one of the oldest of the arts. Unfortunately too many people think of poetry as a too elaborate way of saying something that would be more easily said in prose."

Miss Brown said that it is not always necessary to understand poetry to enjoy it. She recommended that a person wishing to become better acquainted with poetry should buy a good anthology and, as every poem is complete in itself, read poems here and there throughout the book.

The audience was particularly thrilled when Miss Brown recited some of her own poems. The beautiful imagery which painted bright pictures in the mind and her expressive rendition moved her listeners very much indeed. The poems she recited were:

The Negress, The Song of Gardens, The Guest, The Gate, The Strangers.

Mrs. N. E. Arnold, in thanking the speaker for her address, remarked on Miss Brown's exquisite use of language.

Mrs. G. R. S. Blackaby, president of the Women's Canadian Club of Prince Rupert, thanked Miss Brown for coming so far to speak to the Club. In fact this is the farthest that Miss Brown who was born in Nanaimo and now resides in Victoria, has travelled on a speaking engagement.

Several students and teachers of the High School attended the meeting as guests.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Blackaby entertained at her home in honor of Miss Brown so that members of the Canadian Club, executive members of the Boy Club, and members of the Reading Club might meet the poetess. Pouring tea were Mrs. Eva and Mrs. Norton Youngs.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES—Locked doors face cable messenger seeking to make a delivery at the Hungarian Consulate in New York, ordered by the U.S. state department to wind up its business by Jan. 15, the consular officials didn't wait for the deadline. The U.S. action was taken in reprisal for Red Hungary's recent action against several American citizens.

## Scouts and Cubs To See Pictures

Local Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs, waxing in numbers and enthusiasm, are to see during the next few days a series of Scout training films which have been brought to the city. Tonight all Scouts and Cubs have been invited to be the guests of the Fifth Prince Rupert Troop at Annunciation Hall for the first of the series showing. In addition to the Scout films, W. N. (Rusty) Campbell of the Forest Branch from Prince George will show on which Scouts are particularly three films on forestry, a subject interested

## Funeral Of Joe Jorgensen

Funeral services for elderly Prince Rupert resident Joe Jorgensen, 70 found dead in his cabin at Cow Bay Monday night were held in the B.C. Undertakers Chapel this afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. Charles Lomas and burial was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were all members of the Canadian Legion.

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(A REPORT FROM THE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN CANADA)



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Last year, more than \$125 million was paid to living policyholders by the life insurance companies in Canada!



FOR SOME FAMILIES like the Coopers last year brought tragedy. But, although this family lost its father, there was enough money to maintain the home, pay living expenses and keep the children at school—thanks to life insurance.

Death claims paid by the life insurance companies in Canada in 1949 totalled more than \$80 million!



TYPICAL OF PEOPLE who bought new life insurance policies this year are the Rennalls. Since taking this step they have discovered greater peace of mind because it gives them more financial protection and retirement income for the future.

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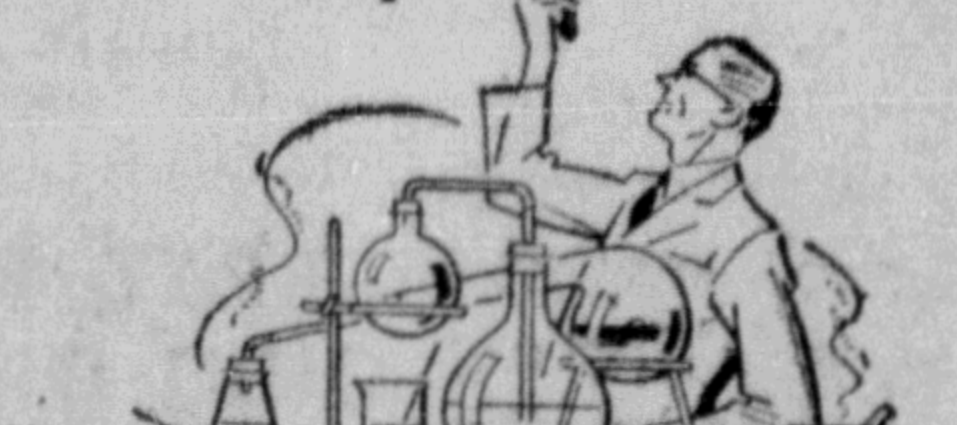
## Life Insurance Served Everyone in These Important Ways!



BUILDING FOR PROGRESS. Last year over two hundred million dollars were invested on policyholders' behalf by the life insurance companies. Result: new schools, roads, bridges, industrial plants and many other projects were completed, promoting progress and creating jobs.



HELPING PEOPLE BUY HOMES. Life insurance companies invested many millions of dollars in mortgages for those who bought new homes last year. So from coast to coast, thousands of families are now happily settled in the homes they needed so urgently.



AIDING THE WAR AGAINST DISEASE. By contributing financial aid to medical research again last year, the life insurance companies helped science to fight cancer, tuberculosis, heart ailments and polio. This research promotes longer, healthier lives for all Canadians.



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## Sergeant Mead Is Transferred

After over eight years of acknowledged efficient and esteemed service as divisional clerk at Prince Rupert headquarters, Sgt. George D. Mead is being transferred from here to headquarters of the B. C. Police at Victoria, it was announced today. His successor here is Constable J. J. Ehly from Chilliwack. The transfers are effective February 1.

Sgt. Mead came here in December 1941 from Vancouver. Three years ago he was promoted from the rank of corporal to sergeant and two years ago he received his 25-year long-service and good conduct award.

While Sgt. Mead will leave early in February, Mrs. Mead will remain in Prince Rupert until early fall.

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