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Administration Building

WITH HOUSING accommodation in Prince Rupert showing an acute shortage and with no immediate prospect of relief, it seems a somewhat ironic situation that the former United States Army administration building here, which has been generally deemed admirably fitted for ready conversion into a multiple dwelling of considerable extent, should be offered for demolition by the War Assets authorities.

If there is an opportunity for a profitable rental project, here it would seem to be.

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce is well justified in its endeavour to have the demolition of at least this administration building delayed until every prospect of having the building disposed of for a useful purpose, such as conversion to housing, is exhausted.

If not in Prince Rupert, surely somewhere there must be enterprising interests who would perceive here a golden opportunity for investment.

INTERESTING REPORT

MANY governmental reports reach this editorial desk. They are usually of stereotyped, routine and unimaginative character, full of statistics of little general interest although sometimes efforts are made to brighten them up a bit with photographs.

However, one annual report distinctly different from the usual has come to hand. We were attracted by a new type of cover on the "Report of the Deputy Minister of Lands, Surveys and Water Rights Branches" and, perusing its contents, found a number of popularly written treatises on various phases of this department's activities. It is a new departure in presentation of information and the report should be a valuable reference and compendium of information by virtue of the reports on topographical and other surveys.

Of exceptional interest is the exhaustive report of the topographical survey by A. H. Ralfs, B.C.L.S., on the Lakelse Lake area. Similarly interesting is an astronomic survey and reconnaissance of the Allin Telegraph Creek area.

Interesting pictures include aerial views of Prince George and Quesnel and there are also pictures of the central interior country including the Terrace-Lakelse and Hazelton districts.

AS SERIOUS AS POLIO

POLIOMYELITIS, at present, is not a preventable disease in the sense that there has been developed no proven immunizing agent. Diphtheria and whooping cough are preventable diseases, yet each caused more deaths in 1948 than did dread polio. Medical authorities do not claim to be able to prevent polio, but they can prevent diphtheria and whooping cough—through immunization. The 1948 statistics would indicate that, where these two diseases are concerned, Canada's immunizing program is far from perfect.

	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943
Diphtheria Cases	898	1,550	2,535	2,786	3,211	2,804
Deaths	85	140	229	270	311	287
Whooping Cough Cases	7,084	10,324	7,676	12,192	13,382	19,082
Deaths	155	232	226	457	333	416
Polio Cases	1,158	2,291	2,527	384	721	327
Deaths	73	88	177	24	39	26

BLOOD COUNT

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blood donations from 261 people, 100 in the afternoon session and 161 in the evening. Since the clinic opened Monday evening, 403 people have given blood.

This afternoon, the clinic was in operation at the Civic Centre where night-shift workers at the Columbia Cellulose Co. plant gave blood. Tonight, it moves to the Cellulose Co.'s mess hall at Watson Island to receive donations from workers. Volunteer assistants Tuesday afternoon were: Mrs. G. E. H. Montgomery, registrar; Mrs. T. J. Boulter, Co-ordinating Council; Mrs. T. Norton Youngs, Mrs. A. Davidson and Mrs. S. R. Donaldson, Women's Canadian Club; Mrs. Lionel Holby, Mrs.

W. J. Nelson and Mrs. B. E. Eydolfson, Anglican Women's Auxiliary; Mrs. Erling Pedersen, Mrs. G. McWhinney and Mrs. O. K. Faught, United Church Women's Auxiliary.

Volunteer nurses were Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. O. L. Murray and Mrs. N. A. S. Pett.

Volunteer workers in the evening were: Mrs. J. Garon, Mrs. L. Dolron and Mrs. G. R. Brett, Catholic Women's League; Mrs. E. Heel, Mrs. E. Anderson and Mrs. F. Smith, Canadian Legion Women's Auxiliary; Edith Sorrens, Mrs. J. Sollen and Mrs. C. Stangebye, Lutheran Ladies Aid; Mrs. A. L. Haines, Co-ordinating Council.

Volunteer nurses were Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. O. L. Murray, Mrs. James Fields and Mrs. Walter Landon.

CARNIVAL TO FEATURE TRAIN FOR CHILDREN

A major attraction at this year's Civic Centre carnival will be the kiddies train which will operate throughout the gala week for the benefit of the city's small fry.

No toy, the train is electrically operated and will carry a capacity load of 54 youngsters. It will operate on a 500 foot track laid out on McBride Street.

The apparatus is the first large piece of carnival equipment purchased by the Civic Centre. However, a policy of purchasing other items, such as a merry-go-round, and perhaps a ferris wheel, is being considered.

The train is well known to British Columbia youngsters. For years it was operated in the David Spencer store in Vancouver. It was taken out and placed for sale when Spencer's was sold to the T. Eaton Co.

Last Christmas the train set a record of having carried 150,000 children in a month—better than 5,000 a day on its circular track.

Like most electric trains, it derives its power from a third rail, which will be carefully covered at the loading point from the public.



HOUSING PROBLEM SOLVED—Silas A. Burgett poses with his rake in front of the 11-room house built by himself and his wife on the shore of Big Crooked Lake near Brighton, Mich. They built the home when Mr. Burgett was 75 and his wife 70. That was five years ago. Mr. Burgett, a painter, developed lead poisoning in 1937 and the medicos gave him six months to live. Today doctors say he is good for another ten years. In building the house, Mrs. Burgett mixed the mortar. Her husband laid the stones. They are now planning to build a smaller house.

Track laying will be begun on McBride Street, near the back of the Civic Centre, this week.



PRINCE CHARLES AND PROUD PARENTS—Taking advantage of a sunny day, Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, play with little Prince Charles on the lawn of their summer home in Windiesham Moor, England. At top, Princess Elizabeth holds up the eight-months-old tot. At bottom, the proud father poses with his young son.

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25 Years Ago
(August 3, 1924)
Flying Officer A. H. Hull brought an R.C.A.F. plane to Prince Rupert for use on the first aircraft patrol ever undertaken by the Department of Fisheries.

Two fishermen named Redman and Brown were rescued after spending five foodless days adrift in a disabled gillnet sailboat. The small boat was swept out to sea from the Skeena mouth during the storm.

John Rustgaard, Attorney-General of Alaska, addressing the Rotary Club here, urged British Columbia and Alaska to co-operate economically and financially. Opening of the railway to Prince Rupert made such co-operation practical, he said.

10 Years Ago
(August 3, 1939)
City Solicitor Edward F. Jones was found dead in his berth aboard the Prince Rupert at Alert Bay. He was on his way to Vancouver on a business trip.

The Prince Rupert Embargo Council, object of which was to bring about an embargo on shipment of war materials to aggressor nations, was organized. The committee consisted of Thomas Elliott, Rev. H. G. Funston, George Lawson, Dr. R. E. Coleman, Jack Deane, Edward Chung Kee, H. Marcus and F. McKenzie.

While building a road in connection with the fortification of Frederick point, Northern Construction Co. workmen dug up the skeletons of 12 natives, believed by their apparent age and condition of their teeth, to be aboriginal. The remains were carefully re-interred.

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Ray Reflects ... and Reminds

In the execution of a vital and unselfish act, it is sometimes necessary to surrender both blood and tears. But so far as Prince Rupert was concerned, at the Civic Centre last evening, there wasn't a wet eye in the house.

Looking through a newspaper file dating back to 1912, the other day, it was learned that in Prince Rupert a tailored suit cost \$20. But the hand-me-downs were not exactly unknown or neglected.

There must be an untold but a powerful story behind the Amethyst. So far, everything has been coldly official, but the reader can detect, somewhere, a vast satisfaction. Try and picture the situation! A British warship trapped and held as a hostage! A stark challenge from Communism representing everything the British Navy objects to! Months of silence, defiance and falling prestige. Then, the message, winding up with the ringing God Save The King—and a little later the King's own order to "splice the main brace." Yes, it sounds like a story. Cheer up! A few more weeks shall roll and the good old movies will be along with the whole show.

Three thousand Boy Scouts spent ten days in camp at Ottawa and, when the time came to say farewell, there wasn't a scrap of paper or bit of rubbish on the camp grounds. The Scouts saw to that.

There is said to be no danger of complications in the event of blue blood being used for donations and subsequent transfusions. It seems this point was tried out in Boston (Mass.) some years ago and proven to the satisfaction of everybody.

Premier St. Laurent has returned to Ottawa after three weeks' holiday in the country.

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