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## Girl Guides Did Well

GIRL Guides of this city are to be warmly congratulated for the novel and successful dinner they held Saturday in aid of their World Friendship Fund.

In venturing to raise money by this means, the Guides were bravely stepping out in a direction never explored by their movement in Canada before. The idea of serving a meal with an international menu to underline its purpose was entirely original and the way was naturally paved with uncertainties.

But now the Guides can relax with the pleasant realization that they did well. Not only was the dinner delicious, but there were plenty of guests to enjoy it. In fact, two sittings were necessary to accommodate all of them.

It was appropriate that Prince Rupert Guides should be the first in such an undertaking because here is a city where people from many countries live and work closely together. Other cities have their international element, too, but in larger communities than this there is a tendency for racial groups to segregate themselves and occasionally to establish their own neighborhoods. Here the lines of distinction must be virtually eliminated if the city is to live in harmony and move ahead.

So we are proud of our Girl Guides, not just because they put on a good meal, but also because in their own relatively small way they showed the country what can be done when real world friendship exists among neighbors.

## An Excellent Sign

PROBABLY nothing has stirred Canada's academic and educational circles more in the last 10 or 20 years than publication of Dr. Hilda Neatby's book, "So Little of the Mind." It is an indictment of so-called progressivism in modern education, and a plea for a return to the fundamentals and old-time disciplines.

The book has enjoyed excellent publicity, as it deserved to do. The comment has been divided. Those who previously believed as Dr. Neatby argues are now more outspoken and bitter in their denunciation of the present "system." Those who believed in the modern education theories are still mostly of the same mind, although they have been visibly shaken and put on the defensive by the book.

As for us, we refuse to take an "either-or" position. There is no doubt that the children coming out of the public schools today are woefully deficient in some of the fundamentals. But in some other ways they are definitely better prepared for citizenship than their parents or grandparents were. The emphasis, we think, is much better placed—on the child instead of on the curriculum. Surely it's possible to work out a system retaining the best of both.

That is what we hope the Neatby book will help to accomplish. If it is studied honestly and critically it can be very worthwhile. If swallowed blindly much of its value is lost.—Calgary Albertan.

## Scripture Passage for Today

He that loveth not knoweth not God...—1 John 4:3

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by  
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### Life Back East

MY WIFE and I often meet people who ask us the same question, that we also get in many letters:

"How do you like living back East, after so many years on the Pacific Coast?"

The answer is, it's the heat that gets us down more than the cold. The colder it is outside, the hotter they keep the buildings indoors. When indoors you are always in a stew, with steam rising from your woolly undies. Then when you step outside, the steam freezes. Even worse than the heat indoors is the necessity of bundling up.

Come to think of it, I think the main reason we moved to the West coast in the first place was because we were so sick and tired of dressing and undressing youngsters, in the eastern Canadian wintertime.

They would see the snow, snow, beautiful snow, and shout with delight about getting out to sleigh-ride. You would bundle them into their ski suits, scarves, helmets and overshoes and let them out. Then no sooner were they out than they were at the door again, crying they had to go to the bathroom. You cursed and swore under your breathe because nobody had ever made a snow suit with a zipper which went all the way around, and settled down to take off the heavy garb—only to have to put it on again a couple of minutes later. And so on, ad infinitum, for about five or six months of the year.

AS A matter of fact the whole country would save money if they moved the capital, bag and baggage, to Vancouver. The way things are, the Ontario and Quebec MP's find it too easy to get home for long weekends. The result is that the business of the country tends to drag from Thursday night till Monday night.

If we had the capital of Canada on the banks of the Fraser instead of the banks of the Ottawa all the MP's would have the advantage of pure air, washed almost daily. And apart from the odd game of golf during December, January and February, there would be nothing to distract them from their work, and we could get through the job in about four months instead of about seven or eight.

BUT accepting the pessimistic and fatalistic view that the capital of Canada is likely to remain where it is, and that big business is also likely to stay concentrated around Toronto and Montreal:

How long will it be before we are going to get some new style winter clothing, really designed to meet our winter conditions in Canada?

We have dozens of high class designers, competing with each other, to see who can cut the most off the ladies' bathing suits which have now reached the last word in economy.

How about a nice light-weight winter outdoor suit for business men. It could be built along the lines of those airman's zipper, step-in suits that had the shoes attached to the trousers.

It might even be a light-weight two layer affair, with chemical anklets to heat the air space in between.

If we are going to have to live in Ottawa, Toronto, or Montreal, why try to fool ourselves that we can dress like we would in Washington, London or Vancouver?

## Camera Ban Off In B.C. House

VICTORIA (CP)—Thomas Irwin, Speaker of the British Columbia legislature, said Sunday all restrictions against press photographers have been lifted, subject to an agreement with the Legislative Press Gallery.

He confirmed a Vancouver report of Saturday which quoted him as saying "I wish to re-assure an aroused press by voluntarily withdrawing any restrictions subject to an agreement with the legislative press gallery."

## Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Canadian citizens are said to spend much more per capita while visiting in the United States than Americans do while in Canada. For example there was a recent incident of a man who had been inspecting Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington. But he had never been in Ottawa, Canada.

By the way, this summer will see more Ontario Chambers of Commerce taking a more northerly slant.

## OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. McLEOD

Every now and then a news correspondent—particularly if he happens to be a Parliamentary Press Gallery Correspondent—lands right in the middle of history.

That was the experience of this writer at a luncheon of the Ottawa diplomatic corps at which he was a recent guest. His seat-mate was Sir Archibald Nye, British High Commissioner.

The conversation had turned—in compliment to this writer—upon literary topics. Your Diary mentioned the thrill which he had derived from "Operation Heartbreak", the romance based on fact which had been authored by Duff Cooper, British cabinet minister during World War II.

"Operation Heartbreak" hasn't been quite as successful a fictional work as it deserves. Its theme is the real life one of the British and Allied attempt to conceal the Allied intention of invading Western Europe. To that end an unknown British soldier's body was washed up off the coast of Southern Ireland carrying documents alleging the Allied intention of a decisive push from North Africa. The corpse actually was that of an unknown English civilian who had died from pneumonia, leaving the medical traces which simulate drowning. He was dressed in military uniform and his pockets were loaded with secret documents describing the coming invasion from North Africa, cunningly contrived so as to convince the German intelligence—then active in Southern Ireland—of their authenticity.

The Germans were convinced by the ruse. But first they tested in every detail—as the British Intelligence service had foreseen that they would—the bona fides of the corpse. They checked the military papers found on his person carefully with their own intelligence service and found them accurate in military details upon which their own intelligence had posted them. They held an autopsy to prove that the deceased had actually drowned and hadn't just been dumped ashore for decoy purposes. That was why it was essential to have a pneumonia victim for the role of corpse. When the Germans were satisfied that the corpse was no plant, they accepted the secret military information which he was carrying as accurate. They prepared for a movement from North Africa, and the Western invasion was a success.

In "Operation Heartbreak" British cabinet minister Duff Cooper wrote the fictionalized background of the unknown Britisher who finally played the central role of corpse in the drama of British versus German wartime intelligence. At the luncheon gathering of the diplomatic corps in Ottawa British High Commissioner Sir Archibald Nye agreed that the work was an enthralling one, of particular interest to himself, because he had written the military documents with which the corpse in the drama had been supplied.

That Montreal "slasher" seems to have suspended cutting girls' ankles or vanished. Police feel it all comes down to a case of "mass hysteria"—an outbreak of imaginary assaults. Anything to be noticed. Anything to get her name in the paper. Doing it herself? Why not? This isn't the first time a youngster has yelled "Lookout me!"

Story about a 19-year-old bridge in the Wabash (Ind.) Plain Dealer: "The bridge is in good condition. It should be, resident points out, because it's hardly ever been used."

Seventy dollars deposited in a Brantford bank 80 years ago is today \$700. Completely forgotten, interest has earned this. The real owner ought to be about five, and salt that \$700 away for about half a century.

From Victoria comes the explanation of Alcoholism, which is said to afflict British Columbia: Influence of Mild Weather, Sea Ports, Alcan and all that. It means, Boom Towns, and a continued Feeling of Great Expectations.

When Premier St. Laurent arrived in London, on his world tour, the cold was reckoned severe. Weather was unpleasant in Paris. It was sloppy and chilly. In Germany it could be hardly

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# POLIO

The annual Kinsmen Club's B.C. Polio Fund drive gets underway in Prince Rupert today. Your contributions over the past years have helped many polio victims — young and old—to enjoy happy lives. Your funds buy expensive equipment to aid victims. Support the Kinsmen Club, which is always ready to help you.

When polio strikes there's no warning. It can strike you or I. If it does, we need help quickly. That's where the Kinsmen Club comes in. The B.C. Polio Fund, founded by the Kinsmen, is used to aid polio victims and to fight the dread disease in this province. Send your donations to: "THE B.C. POLIO FUND, P.O. BOX 151, PRINCE RUPERT, B.C."

Take notice that the Liquor Control Board of British Columbia, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, has designated the following area as a licensing area for the issuance of licences under the "Government Liquor Act, 1953":—

Licensing Area No. 21.

Description: City of Prince Rupert.

And further take notice that the Board will receive applications for licences within that area until the 5th day of April, 1954.

And further take notice that the Board will, at a meeting to be held at the Board's office, 525 Fort Street, in the City of Victoria, on the 6th day of April, 1954, commencing at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, proceed to deal with the applications for licences received prior to the 5th day of April, 1954, unless in the meantime:—

- The Municipal Council of the City of Prince Rupert requests the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to submit to a vote of the electors of the polling divisions within the licensing area any or all of the questions hereinafter set out; or
- The Lieutenant-Governor receives a petition in the form prescribed by these regulations or to a like effect signed by thirty-five per centum of the electors of the polling divisions within the licensing area requesting that any or all of the questions hereinafter set out be submitted to a vote of the electors of the polling divisions within the licensing area.

The questions that shall upon request as aforesaid be submitted to a vote of the electors in the licensing area are as follows:—

- Are you in favour of the sale of beer, ale, and stout only under a public-house licence for consumption on licensed premises?  
(Note:—A public-house licence will be similar to the present beer-parlour licence.)
- Are you in favour of the sale of beer, ale, stout, and wine only under a dining-room licence for consumption with meals on licensed premises?  
(Note:—Dining-room licences will be granted to hotels, restaurants, clubs, railway-cars, steamships, and resorts.)
- Are you in favour of the sale of liquor under a dining-lounge licence for consumption with meals on licensed premises?  
(Note:—Dining-lounge licences will be issued principally to what are commonly known as cabarets, and to clubs.)
- Are you in favour of the sale of liquor under a lounge licence for consumption on licensed premises?  
(Note:—Lounge licences will be issued to cocktail-bars. They will be granted only to hotels, resorts, railway-cars, and steamships.)

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