

Credit Unions Lauded; History of Movement

For local credit unions and talks on the credit union movement and on a grant from the federal Department of Fisheries for education of fishermen highlighted a meeting of 100 credit union members here in the Canadian Hall.

Says of World Canada

Addressing a congregation at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, the Right Reverend Horace D.D., of Prince Rupert, said that Canada should prosper.

George Sterling, field representative of the Credit Union League of B.C., said that he found himself in a dilemma. His work consisted of advising credit unions who were in need of help.

Gordon Smith of Hamilton, Ont., Canadian manager of the Credit Union National Association, told of how the credit unions had developed and how in their search for methods of giving the greatest possible service to their member owners the new principle had been evolved.

Canadian Club Ranks Men Here

Men's Canadian Club here has changed its name to the Canadian Club of men, and is now open to men and women.

The change was approved at a business meeting of the club attended by some 20 members.

It was hoped that opening of the club to women would increase the membership, which was 215 last year. The club is now open to men and women.

The club had invited speakers for six weeks this season and that, a share of the cost of those speakers in the past had been a financial burden on the B.C. council.

The announcement appeared in today's morning paper—the final one after 102 years of publication under the name of The Evening Citizen.

The Citizen said it realizes its move to consolidate efforts on an afternoon newspaper will inconvenience "to a degree" some readers who have relied on the morning edition.

To them we offer our apologies. Equally we believe that to the majority of our readers our ability to improve materially our services will be of more than off-setting value.

The 1953 Canadian Almanac lists circulation of the morning edition at 12,499; the evening at 48,582.

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Vic Hill from the University of British Columbia Extension Department outlined the work of his department and the history of the grant made by the federal Department of Fisheries for adult education of fishermen.

He warned, however, that while Prince Rupert credit unions had built up over \$2,000,000 in assets, they should not count their success in the millions of dollars, but by the amount of service that they are able to give to their members and the community.

Two films were shown, one on halibut fishing in Alaska and one, "Kings X," on the credit union movement. The latter had been produced by CUNA at a cost of over \$100,000.

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IN AN EFFORT to stimulate interest in fur coats among the women of Amsterdam, 30 mannequins stroll along the Kalverstreet, all wearing expensive furs of various types. The fashion parade was the first of its kind in the capital city.



IT TOOK DUFF ROBLIN, Progressive Conservative member of the Manitoba legislature for Winnipeg South to get the bagpipes recognized as a musical instrument. Mr. Roblin plays the pipes—in the family since his grandfather's time—in the Shrine band and holds the only union card issued to a piper in the Winnipeg local of the musician's union.

Hospital WA Holds Meet

TERRACE—At the first fall meeting on Thursday of the WA Terrace General Hospital, Mrs. Ivan Frank presided in the absence of Miss Elliott Head who was on vacation.

A letter of thanks from the hospital board was read in connection with the new diet kitchen, towards which the WA had contributed \$300. It was also decided to contribute to the work of extending the nurses' lounge, and plans were made for the Hospital tea, to be held on October 10 in the Oddfellows Hall.

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- Are you interested in golf? Please attend meeting, Oct. 1, Civic Centre, 8 p.m. (223)
- BADMINTON PLAYERS—Season starts Civic Centre, Sunday, Oct. 4, 2 p.m. (11)
- Miss C. Beatty of the Elna Sewing Machine Co. will be demonstrating the famous Elna machine at McRae Bros. all day Saturday, Oct. 3. Everybody welcome. (11)

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Council to Prepare By-Laws To Boost Metered Water Rate

A recommendation by the board of works that city council prepare a bylaw to amend the water bylaw by increasing the metered water rates to industrial consumers was approved by council Monday night.

It was reported August 24 that it was necessary to increase the 1951 rate of metered water from 7.7 cents per 100 cubic feet to 9.63 cents per 100 cubic feet, in an effort to equalize the rates between the larger and smaller industrial users.

Last week at a special meeting council heard representations from five Prince Rupert fishing companies, largest consumers of water, who claimed that the proposed rates were discriminatory.

Other recommendations made by the board of works committee and passed by council were that a handrail be erected on the pathway from Fourth Street down to Fulton Street; that \$1,500 be made available to the Parks Board for repairing the city totem poles and that 12 sets of grader blades at an approximate cost of \$340 and a grader tire and tube be purchased.

The city clerk was instructed by the police committee to write the Junior Chamber of Commerce explaining that the committee does not consider bells on the city traffic lights to be of any advantage.

Telephone superintendent A. E. James was delegated to attend a familiarization course in automatic telephone work in Vancouver from September 29 to November 30 with the understanding that an agreement be drawn up between the superintendent and the city in that the superintendent will agree to refund all expenses advanced if he terminates his employment within three years. Expenses were \$125 per month.

Mayor Harold Whalen proclaimed that the week of October 5 to 12 be observed as "Support Your Civic Centre Week."

Prince Rupert Kinsmen club was granted permission to hold a peanut day on Saturday, October 31. A letter from the club informed council that the day was in conjunction with the annual Halloween party staged for the children by the local Kinsmen.

The site of the first farm barn in Denmark, still seen in Jutland province, dates from AD400-600.

Odd Clang of Hammers Only Sound Around Giant Noranda Gold Mines

By JOHN LEBLANC
Canadian Press Staff Writer
NORANDA, Que.—One of the largest single strikes in the Ontario-Quebec hard-rock diggings has been plodding along placidly in this northern Quebec community.

It is at the big gold-base metal mine and smelter of the \$60,000,000 Noranda Mines, Ltd., mainstay of the twin community of Rouyn and Noranda with a population of 26,000. Around 1,500 have been idle since Aug. 21.

In the big plant that normally hums the year around as it grinds out \$20,000,000 worth of metals from the mile-deep ores, there now are only the throb of pumps and the occasional clang of maintenance men's hammers.

No attempt has been made to operate the plant, though officials and staffs outside the union bargaining unit pass in and out freely under the perfunctory eye of pickets outside the property.

In Noranda, the issues between the United Steelworkers of America (CIO-CCL) and the company are basically the same as in Ontario's strike-ridden Porcupine gold camp just across the border from here.

Union men suggest it is in fact Noranda—which has 16 subsidiary companies and interests in 17 others—that is calling the tune for the mines generally.

Three of the mines involved in disputes with the USWA around Timmins, Ont.—Aunor, Pamour and Hallnor—are Noranda subsidiaries. Hallnor is one of those on strike while at the other two conciliation proceedings have been exhausted and strikes are possible.

In addition, there are links between Noranda and Hollinger mines, biggest of the gold producers in the Porcupine area. Hollinger, which produces more than \$7,000,000 worth of gold a year, was tied up by the steel union Sept. 24.

UNION DEMANDS

At Noranda, the union has been demanding higher pay, shorter hours and the checkoff of union dues as its main proposals. Seeking a 30-cents-an-hour boost, it won differing wage-increase recommendations from a Quebec conciliation board, ranging up to 22 cents by the union representative.

But the majority findings threw out the requests for

shorter hours and the checkoff, which has been a key demand of the union and has been resisted by the companies.

Noranda advanced the argument of the union's support of the CCF, contending it shouldn't be asked to help a political group by collecting dues for the union—which might socialize the property out of the hands of private owners.

The company has offered to negotiate on wages if the union withdraws the checkoff proposal.

One of the union's replies to the company on the checkoff is that a Noranda subsidiary—Canada Wire and Cable—grants this to the Communist-led International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

The mine-mill union was pushed out of the northern Quebec field by the steel workers after it had been kicked out of the Canadian Congress of Labor because of its Red leadership.

Despite sharp differences be-

tween the disputants, the strike here has gone on almost without incident since its start.

Meanwhile, negotiations have been at a standstill.

"We're dug in for a long fight," says Pat Burke, chief USWA organizer here. "It could go until winter."

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