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## School Deserves High Praise

Booth Memorial High School students and its staff members made a valuable contribution to the city of Prince Rupert last week. In three days more than 650 students and nearly 1,200 adults saw the high school Glee Club's presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Popular demand will see the performance repeated on March 23 and it is our guess that not only will those who missed seeing the operetta last week take the opportunity of taking in the well-presented production, but many of those who have already seen it will be going back for another evening of pleasure.

To Mr. Gordon Griffin, director of the students' production high praise is due. In taking an extremely large group of teen-agers, all untrained and coming up in four months with an operetta that would have compared well to many university productions, is indeed a noteworthy feat.

At the same time the hard work of all the students, those who sang the main roles, were in the choruses, worked back stage, or played in the orchestra was necessary to produce a successful show. The eventual result, showed without doubt that the student body had worked with a will and had given the teaching staff the utmost co-operation.

Booth High school Principal stressed Friday night that little school time had been lost due to the operetta. He also paid tribute to the students for their efforts and the enjoyment they realized in being part of a successful undertaking. We can heartily agree with him when he said that the production "was one of the 'frills' that turned out to be one of the 'thrills' of today's educational system."

The school's "Mikado" was a fitting introduction to Education Week that gets underway today.

## Congratulations Penticton V's

Canada's hockey victory yesterday against the Russians was sweet but almost anti-climactic. The disappointing fact was that the Russians simply failed to make a game of it. Possibly the political police that followed the team around were a poor influence, but whatever the reason the players behaved in precisely the way one might expect of subjects of a dictatorship. They lacked ingenuity. Once the Canadians caught on to their strategy, the Dynamos were anything but dynamic.

However it all went to show that without doubt Canada produces the greatest hockey players on earth. How we lost to the Russians last year is hard to understand, but it is quite apparent now that there are at least a dozen amateur teams in the country that could handle them with ease.

Nevertheless for the Penticton V's it was a wonderful triumph. They showed spirit all the way and despite, or perhaps because of, their aggressive tactics they won themselves a host of supporters. They have the congratulations not only of Canada but of the whole western world. It looked as if some of the countries behind the Iron Curtain were rooting for them as well.

## Annual Meeting RUPERT ROD AND GUN CLUB

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## As I See It



Hon. Jimmy's Fish

The Honourable Jimmy Sinclair has a reputation around parliament for having a single track mind. He is the first Minister of Fisheries that Canada has ever had who concentrated his whole energy on the job of selling fish.

So assiduous is the Hon. Jimmy on this job that some of his colleagues have admiringly named him the Fishmonger General.

The Sinclair approach is simplicity itself. Canada is one of the most fish-rich countries in the world, he states, without fear of contradiction. But the Canadians are among the world's least enthusiastic fish eaters.

A few years ago Canadians were eating only 12 pounds of fish per head per year. One way and another, this consumption has now been boosted to 14 pounds per year. But that amount of fish consumption, says the Minister of Fisheries, is mere chicken feed. He shows that the Japanese eat no less than 90 pounds per head per year. He tries to show that we could eat far more fish than we do eat with great benefit to ourselves.

THE Honourable Jimmy may or may not really believe that fish is the most valuable form of brain food. He may or may not believe that his fellow MPs and cabinet ministers could do with a heavy extra intake of brain food. But he is carrying out the most powerful campaign that this parliament has ever seen to make each and every MP eat more fish—and like to eat more fish.

Systematic in all things—and stubborn too—Jimmy is going through the list of MPs literally from A to Z. Groups of the MPs by priority of initial are treated to one of Jimmy's famous fish fries, clam bakes, or what have you?

The MPs get fish served to them in all sorts of new ways. The luncheons take place right in the testing kitchens of the Department of Fisheries, and most MPs come away marvelling, not only at the tastiness of the fare, but its variety.

YESTERDAY I was one of a goodly sized group from P to S who ate Jimmy's fish fare—and really liked it.

Jimmy gave us perky cod chowder to begin with. Then we got a nice helping of fine salmon (thank the Lord, real B.C., and not the anemic pale variety known as Gaspe.) But along with the salmon came some excellent Black Alaska cod. Just to show that there can be something fishy even about a wonderful salad, Jimmy's team of dieticians also served Halibut, Flakes orange salad.

ALONG with my chicken and coffee I even picked up the bonus of a good, and true, fish story. It came from the lady MP—Mrs. Ann Shipley.

It seems that one summer one of Mrs. Shipley's young daughters was in poor health. She arranged for the girl to spend some weeks on one of the missionary launches which ply the B.C. coast. The girl came home much improved in health. But one night, listening to the little daughter say her prayers by the bedside—Mrs. Shipley was puzzled by one phrase in the Lord's prayer. She asked the daughter to repeat the first line—which should be Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. The little girl said, very clearly:

"Our Father, which are in heaven, hallowed be thy name." According to the little lady, growing steadily faster. This is that was the way all her little Indian girl friends said it.



PTE. AND MRS. GERRY DUBE, Quebec City, wait to pay for their purchases in the new Maple Leaf Services in Soest, Germany. The store was recently opened for dependents of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade and is designed to Canadian buying tastes. The up-to-date groceries and family department store, located in the centre of a 602-unit Canadian married quarters site. Stocked with more than 4,500 items, it will feature self-service and self-selection.

## Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

It's easy to be tolerant of the principles of other people, if you have none of your own.

In France many automobiles are still operated on charcoal. That's nothing. Here, even more are operated on credit.—Wind-sor Star.

Something wrong! Snow is here. Ice is here. Zero and below zero have both been here. Shipments of seed for future gardens are here. Everything correct except robins.

In the judgement of J. V. Hughes of the Tourist Bureau in Vancouver, the flying of a lot of American flags in Canada does not do Canadians any credit. "Americans coming up here like to think they are in another country," he remarked. "They are not interested in seeing their own flag here just as we don't look for ours down south. To the visitor seeing his flag here means only one thing—that you've got your hand out looking for a buck." You said something that, like Mr. Canuck.

A floating dry dock, in which Prince Rupert took a profound pride was sold down south a few weeks ago. But somehow, there has been no collapse. The city is carrying on.

### RESEMBLES ONE?

The district of Sudbury in Ontario claims a wolf as large as a pony. Or could it be a pony that looks like a wolf? The wild region north of Lake Superior has had many a wolf sighted, as well as shot. The pony is usually kept in a barn.

Internal differences in the C.O.F. arouse speculation as to the shape of things to come. Whatever happened to all that pile in the sky served on flying saucers.

Premier Churchill recently observed it will be at least three or four more years before the third world war will be under attack. Where will we be by that time? To hear some folks talk, several strategists totalling about a thousand, know already.

### MODERN GERMANY

It had long been thought that a Helene Kaiser was long responsible for the first great war. But, today, it appears Canadians and others discovering what Germans are honestly and actually like. It is declared he has no more wish for war than has any Canadian citizen. He would rather sit, quaffing his stein of lager and singing folk songs than go out on manoeuvres in preparation for war.

The production of electricity is growing steadily faster. This is real news. May be shocking one of these days.

NOT EVEN BRUISED  
It would really be news if a fellow who fought through two wars and wasn't scratched, fell on the ice and wasn't hurt.

All the fuss about Rocky Marciano's head suggests to us that it is only in boxing that the right thing to do is stick your business into someone else's nose.

The individual who declares he has a case of "walking flu" probably has no flu whatever. Anyone with genuine flu couldn't even crawl.

Federal parliament, part of this week, debated a dismal subject. These included soup kitchens, ill health, domestic unhappiness and desertion. Unemployment, of course was neither overlooked or forgotten.

That a good many Canadians enlisted in the American Civil War is well known. But that the total reached 50,000 of whom 18,000 died is quite astonishing. On a population basis, the equivalent of this enlistment would be 250,000.



NIR ARTHUR DOWLER (centre) a retired British Army lieutenant-general, marches briskly along in the ranks as a humble private in Britain's Home Guard, distinguished from his fellow soldiers only by the generous award of medals, bawling on his chest. Sir Arthur, 60, retired from the Army last summer after being Chief of Staff to Field Marshal Lord Montgomery in Germany; Director of Infantry at the War Office, London; and General Officer, Commanding, in East Africa.

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## OTTAWA DIARY

Contrary to what may be a fairly widespread belief, your average back-bencher MP isn't too financially minded. He can act with decision in raising his own indemnity from \$8,000 to \$10,000 (\$2,000 of this latter sum tax-free.) But that's about as far as he's prepared to go with confidence in any financial problem.

In particular, the annual report of the Bank of Canada regularly leaves him completely baffled. It's just too intricate for him to even attempt to digest, despite the fact that there's well known to be very vital financial "meat" contained within its pages.

The government's economic experts, to whom the central bank's annual report is figuratively an open book, aren't too harshly critical of the rank-and-file MPs for shying away from it. They admit that it is a fairly formidable document, with more than a slight flavor of ivory tower economic theory about it. A merely initial hurdle is the fact that it uses a minimum of one-syllable words. Added difficulties include the frequent necessity of reading closely between its lines to grasp its essential meaning, plus the final ambiguity that very often more importance attaches to what it does NOT say than to anything in its generally cautiously worded text.

In brief, the report isn't too free from the suspicion that its authors are in on the close conspiracy of the banking and financial world generally to preserve the mystery of its 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. five-day-a-week monopoly.

— a monopoly, incidentally, which still finds time even in its abbreviated hours to exhort the rest of the economy periodically to greater labors in the vital cause of increasing production so as to keep Canadian unit costs competitive with the rest of the world.

Nominally, of course, the report isn't bound to do anything more than review Bank of Canada operations over the year. And since most of them are fairly technical that obviously cannot be done satisfactorily on a kindergarten level.

But in practice the report does come to be regarded as a signpost marking the road which the national economy is heading. Many large and small business men rely on it to be useful and plain to the standing. They suggest there is plenty of room for improvement in the central report in these particular respects. Its present form is a palatable economic treat for the average MP to avail himself of.

## Says AFL Gro Losing Benefit

KITIMAT, B.C. — A rivalry flared anew between the CIO Steelworkers and the AFL, building trades with bawling away from the before seeing a with Aluminum Co. of Canada, to construct a new addition to the smelter.

Ted Kennedy of the "upset" record last year "no sellout."

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