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THE BOYS' BAND

The Boys' Band is one of the most important institutions in Prince Rupert. It has done excellent work and much credit is due to those who organized it and to the bandmaster who trained the lads to bring them to their present proficiency. A meeting is being held tonight with a view to placing the band on a better basis. Until now the committee in charge has been unofficially appointed. Now it is proposed to have a constitution and arrange for the financing in such a manner as not to make it necessary to collect money from house to house, or to pass the hat on the street, a course of action which does not lend dignity to the institution.

We take it that Prince Rupert is proud of the band and is anxious for its continued success. The new committee will have in hand the work of financing and carrying on. They will be supreme and will pay the salary of the bandmaster.

We also would like to suggest that in employing a bandmaster the work previously done by the bandmaster should have consideration. While the good of the band should be the only thought, the bandmaster who has had charge of the work has been tried and the results are before us. We know what he can do and the members of the band like him. That is a great deal in his favor.

All who have the interests of the band at heart are asked to be present at the meeting tonight.

DIED ABORNIN'

(Victoria Times)

It did not take the house of commons long to write the obituary of the agitation sponsored, if not fathered, by Mr. Cahan, one of the Montreal members, for the restoration of titles in Canada.

While the motion in itself did not provide for the revival of titles, but called for an inquiry into the matter by a committee, it undoubtedly was intended to be the thin edge of a wedge which would have been driven farther if the operation could be started.

The vote was almost two to one against the motion, so the infant died abornin'. It is unlikely, however, that it will stay dead. Like the proverbial cat, it has nine lives and we shall hear from it again and again—in fact, as long as new-rich social climbers and sundry puffed-up politicians believe that in this system lies their best prospect of getting into a Canadian edition of Burke's or Debrett's register of nobility. Yesterday's vote, however, shows that this is the most forlorn of forlorn hopes.

Ottawa dispatches report both the prime minister and the leader of the opposition as voting for Mr. Cahan's motion. This does not necessarily imply that they favor more than an investigation of the subject of titles in Canada, but the onus is upon them to prove that they do not cherish the aspiration to become Viscount King of Prince Albert, and Baron Bennett of Calgary.

In any case, it is safe to predict that the resolution of the house of commons which put an end to the bestowal of titles in Canada—the credit for which belongs largely to Conservative members, by the way—never will be rescinded.

DOUBLE REPRESENTED

It seems to be a good thing for Prince Rupert that there are two men who are working for her at Ottawa. There is the accredited member, J. C. Brady, who speaks often in the house and is quite active. There is also just now the Liberal candidate who at his own expense has made a trip to the capital to see what he can do in his official capacity as being the man to whom the Liberal government looks for advise. In his quiet way he has been pressing on the ministers the needs of the city and the desirability of spending some money here. Without his aid we should probably have got little or nothing. As a community we can congratulate ourselves on our unique position and hope for good results.

THAT CANADIAN FLAG

Here is some of the argument put forward in favor of a distinctive Canadian flag during a debate in Victoria recently:

That lack of a distinctive Canadian flag was to the prejudice of Canadianism; that Canada was a nation without a flag, first because the present flag was not official, second because it was not in any event distinctively Canadian in that it did not express the genius and spirit of the Canadian people; that the development of Canadian nationalism was of the greatest importance, because only by that means could Canada preserve unity in the British Commonwealth, only by that means could Canada's unity apart from the United States be assured, that only by that means could the migration of young Canadians to the United States be stopped.

It looks as if the cold weather in Europe is settling the coal miners' situation even quicker than could the Prince of Wales.

The irrepressible Mary Ellen is to enter the lists once more. That's what comes of being a widow and publicly kissed by a premier.

The Conservatives around town say Brady got the money for the floats and the Liberals say it was Hanson, so there you are. Take your choice, ladies and gentlemen, it's all the same to us.

Even a farmer government does not seem to be above suspicion these days. There is the Bracken government down in Manitoba being investigated and found somewhat wanting in integrity.

NEWS OF NORTHERN B.C.

NEW HAZELTON

Miss Ethel Craig, R.N., of Winnipeg arrived here this week to take over duty as lady superintendent of the Hazelton hospital. Miss Turner, who has been here on relief duty, has left on her return to Vancouver.

The local influenza epidemic being now practically over, restrictions on visitors to the Hazelton hospital have been removed.

Rev. Thomas Ferrier of Brandon, Man., who has been visiting at the Hazelton hospital for a week or so, has become seriously ill. His son, Dr. H. J. Ferrier, of Fort William, has arrived on account of his illness, as has also Dr. H. C. Wrinch, M.L.A., who was called home from the session of the legislature. Mrs. Ferrier is here with her husband.

In a few days the third car of ore from the Rocher de Boule mine, which is being worked by Duke Harris, will be on its way to the smelter.

James Turnbull of the Hanson Timber & Lumber Co. has returned to duty after having been laid up for a week with an attack of influenza.

Mollie Williams, a native woman, was fined $25 in Hazelton police court on Monday for theft of provisions from Yukon telegraph cabins.

For the first time in a number of years Hazelton people have been enjoying good skating on the Skeena River for several weeks.

David Wiggins of Hazelton has been sent to jail for supplying liquor to Indians.

L. Belmont is able to be about again after having been confined for some time to his home with influenza.

The Felix Bridge Club met this week at the home of Mrs. William Gow at South Hazelton.

TERRACE

Orval Kenney returned on Wednesday from Vancouver where he has spent the past six weeks receiving treatment, under the Compensation Board for an injured knee.

Mrs. McKinnon, wife of the Vanarsdol Indian School teacher, returned on Wednesday from Vancouver where she has been under medical care since last summer.

Rev. Wm. Allan left on Wednesday to hold United Church service at Vanarsdol, and on Thursday went through to Prince Rupert to attend the meeting of the Presbytery convening there at the end of the week.

J. K. Gordon left on Thursday to spend the next few weeks in southern B.C. and Seattle.

Mrs. Holmwood supplied at the public school on Monday owing to the illness of Miss Wright.

Miss Lillian Taper of Pacific was in town during the week.

The contract for the building of the sidewalks at the school has been awarded to W. A. King and work on it will commence as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

George Little, who recently underwent an operation in a Montreal hospital, left that city last Sunday enroute home. He expects to be in Terrace about the end of the month.

M. Dalquist, pole contractor of Cedarvale, spent a few days in town at the beginning of the week.

C. C. Pierre, Vancouver, Atkins Saw C. representative, and old time resident of Terrace was a business visitor here during the week.

G. A. Woodland, Prince Rupert, visited the local Imperial Oil office on Thursday.

A. Goodenough of Smithers was in town at the beginning of the week.

A. J. Collison, Prince Rupert, representing the Union Oil Co., was a business visitor here on Wednesday.

Mrs. A. H. Barker left on Thursday to spend a few days in Prince Rupert.

SKIDEGATE

Several boats have passed here on their way to the west coast to fish for halibut.

The log barge Biscayne is at Queen Charlotte City for a load of spruce logs for Ocean Falls paper mill.

The first bathers of the season went in for a swim at the end of last week, the weather being very mild.

Local fishermen bitterly resent the proposed action of the government in not issuing any more cannery licenses. They feel that this is giving the cannerymen a monopoly of the salmon canning business. They also object to the proposal to make seiners pack their own fish as this will put all the small seiners out of business.

A successful dance was given by the Skidegate concert band at Skidegate Mission. Among those motoring over from Queen Charlotte City for the event were Mrs. E. Moore, Miss Dorothy Barge, J. Jolliff, C. Miller, Captain C. Valley, E. Moore, Mrs. Chastney, Miss F. Size and B. Munro.

GOOD YEAR FOR KNOX CHURCH

Terrace United Church Congregation Extending Its Young People's Activities

TERRACE, Feb. 22:—The annual meeting of Knox United Church was held in the church on the evening of Tuesday. Most encouraging reports were received from each department of church activity. In the absence of A. H. Barger, treasurer, the financial report for the year was presented by E. T. Kenney, and was unanimously adopted by the meeting, and special reference was made to the substantial increase in weekly free-will offerings.

Mrs. W. Smith gave the report from the Ladies' Guild, wherein a membership of twenty-nine ladies was recorded. Deep appreciation of the congregation and of the official board was expressed for the invaluable assistance which had for another year been rendered by the Guild to every department of the work.

Mrs. Allan presented a report from the Young Peoples' department, wherein reference was made to the work carried on by the four groups under the C. G. I. T. and C. S. E. T. movement. It was pointed out that, although the aggregate membership of the groups stood at fifty-eight, over ten more children had in the meantime become of age, and it was with deep regret that membership for these had to be delayed until the groups could be further reorganized.

Rev. Wm. Allan presented the ministerial report as sent in to the Presbytery, showing an increase in church membership of seven. The Sunday School recorded a membership of 121, with an income of $151. Most of this was expanded in Sunday School literature, and $38 was sent in to the official board to be included in the Maintainance and Missionary Fund of the church. The aggregate income of every department amounted to $1,482, and it was decided in view of such advance, to make further reduction in the annual grant from the Missionary Board, and to use every effort to raise Terrace to the status of a self-supporting field.

The pastor expressed his deep appreciation of the effective support he had received from the members of the board for the past year, and referred to the faithful manner in which the weekly services had been attended.

A resolution was unanimously adopted thanking Miss Annie Allan for her valued services as organist for the past year.

The following committee of stewarts was then elected: A. H. Barker, treasurer; E. T. Kenney, secretary; Thomas Brooks; R. W. Riley; James Swan; William Robinson. James McConnell will continue as chairman of the official board.

In view of Presbytery and annual conference, it was decided to nominate James McConnell as lay delegate with Mrs. James Smith as alternative.

Refreshments were served by the members of the Ladies' Guild. Jack Allan acted as organist for the evening.

HOW MUCH

While motoring in England an American tourist stopped at a garage to have a small defect in his accumulator remedied.

"Say," he inquired, when the job was done, "what's the charge for this battery?"

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