

CANCER X-RAY UNIT BOUGHT
 Hon. George S. Pearson, Provincial Secretary, announced the purchase of a \$25,000 x-ray unit for the British Columbia Cancer Institute to widen the scope of the government's campaign to reduce the mortality rate due to this disease.

The Provincial Secretary also announced that the government will proceed immediately with the construction of a 75-bed temporary addition to the Vancouver tuberculosis hospital, which would cost approximately \$750,000. The site for this institution is yet to be chosen.

Former Cariboo Padre Writes About Normandy

The following letter from Squadron-Leader (Father) T. P. Coyne, who is serving with the Canadian Forces overseas, appeared in a recent issue of the paper "Our Lady's Sentinel," published by the Parish Societies of Our Lady's Church, Vancouver, B.C. Father Coyne left Cariboo, where he was stationed at Williams Lake, to act as a padre with the air force. His letter is written from Normandy:

"There is nothing to tell you that has not been told better in the press. You know more about the war than I do. We don't get the bull you are subjected to—the ravings of intrepid press men and the like—but our view of things is very limited and we look forward to getting the papers eagerly. They are read from end to end religiously. For myself, life has been good and interesting and the hardships not hard to take. The food is good; my tent is comfortable.

CAEN DESOLATED

You have read a great many things about Caen. Once upon a time it was a beautiful city, larger than Greater Vancouver. It is now a pile of desolation. I was through it last night. The return journey was made after dark. A bright moon was shining down on the silent city. It was not the silence of night but the silence of death. Gaunt and empty; roofless, with walls collapsed. It portrays the very soul of the horrors of war. Here, a once beautiful Middle Age church burned and blackened; there, the remnants of a once imposing office building. The thought that was uppermost in my mind was this: how can a city so completely destroyed ever be restored again?

I had been right up to the front—the last outpost of things. It was very eerie up there—men walking through the ruins of a village silently. It was all like the things that move in a nightmare. My prowling have generally been at a distance that is safe and in the villages that have been liberated, and I mean "liberated." The people move about freely and happily. They are very friendly.

SPEECH STALEMATE

My French is not encouraging. I tell them all the news and they look puzzled and ask me if I would like an egg. The inference is clear.

There are very few young people left around. In one little village where we were located for some time, I got to be quite a big shot. They had not had a Cure there for some time. I arranged to use the very beautiful little 12th Century church. The local people came to church each Sunday, at 11 and we had a high mass every Sunday. In between times they sang their own hymns with great enthusiasm.

Because every Frenchman shakes hands with everyone at least twice a day, my arm was just about broken from giving with the big hand, and I had an abiding grin from smiling. The kids, of course, swarmed over me like bees over a dish of prunes. At least the children could understand my French.

As a slight aside, I might mention that I have cornered a French Canadian who talks French with me for an hour a day, so this may be a way out. I have found in this new life at least one real Catholic. He is a Squadron-Leader, D.F.C., who shot down eight German aircraft in seven days or something like that. When he possibly can he goes to Mass and receives Holy Communion every day. It's a wonderful relief after dealing with so much half-baked indifference.

I never had the good fortune to meet any of the boys from the Parish with the exception of Louis Lalonde in bomber command."

Surveys For New Highways To North Via B.C. Routes Are Nearing Completion

VICTORIA.—Survey of British Columbia east of the Coast Range, with the object finding the best possible highway route northward which might eventually serve Hazelton, Telegraph Creek and Atlin is drawing to a close, it is announced by Premier John Hart, minister of lands, following a conference with Hon. Herbert Anscomb, minister of public works.

The public works department and the lands department's survey branch have had men in the field during the last two seasons and it is expected by the end of next year the entire country will have been surveyed.

Party Out Now
 At the present time a party headed by Hugh Pattinson is on the ground working west of Tikla, toward Endako completing the triangulation along the Skeena River.

In the 1942-43 season a survey party went in at Dease Lake and worked south from that point.

Surveys so far show that the pass from the Skeena to Telegraph Creek is 500 feet lower than originally supposed, which is very important, as a difference in altitude in this latitude has a great bearing on the length of the winter.

Data Compiled
 All this work followed complete

tion of a survey along the Rocky Mountain trench, so that when the existing surveys are completed, the government will have complete data on both of these north-south highway routes.

All in all it would appear that the government is planning extensive road programs in the post-war years.

Mr. Anscomb told a public meeting here a few nights ago that surveyors are working on highway routes in all parts of the province, that private property which will have to be expropriated for streamlined roads is now under consideration and that the government will have a road program on which to start the minute there is a post-war employment emergency.

Take one young Canadian slightly green. Stir from bed at an early hour; soak in shower or tub daily. Dress in olive drab. Mix with others of his kind. Grate on sergeant's nerves. Toughen on manoeuvres. Add liberal portions baked beans and roast beef in season with rain, wind, sand and snow. Sweeten occasionally with chocolate bars. Let smoke often. Sprinkle generously with War Savings and Victory Bonds. Bake in 90 degrees temperature in summer and let cool below zero in winter. Serves 11,500,000 people.

MORE "BOGUS GOLD" CASES HEARD AT VANCOUVER TRIAL

Reverberations of the bogus gold case which was tried at the Spring Assize Court at Williams Lake were heard in Vancouver last week when Pete Rapaudi, of Britannia Beach, was committed for trial by Magistrate H. S. Wood, on charges of conspiring with Adam Wasiuk to defraud a man of \$700 in connection with the sale of lacquered lead filings as gold.

Wasiuk, who is now serving 18 months in jail on conviction of defrauding a Quesnel resident by similar means of \$2,000, was committed for trial last week. He is also waiting trial on another charge of defrauding a man and his wife of \$2,580 by means of the sale of gilded lead filings as gold.

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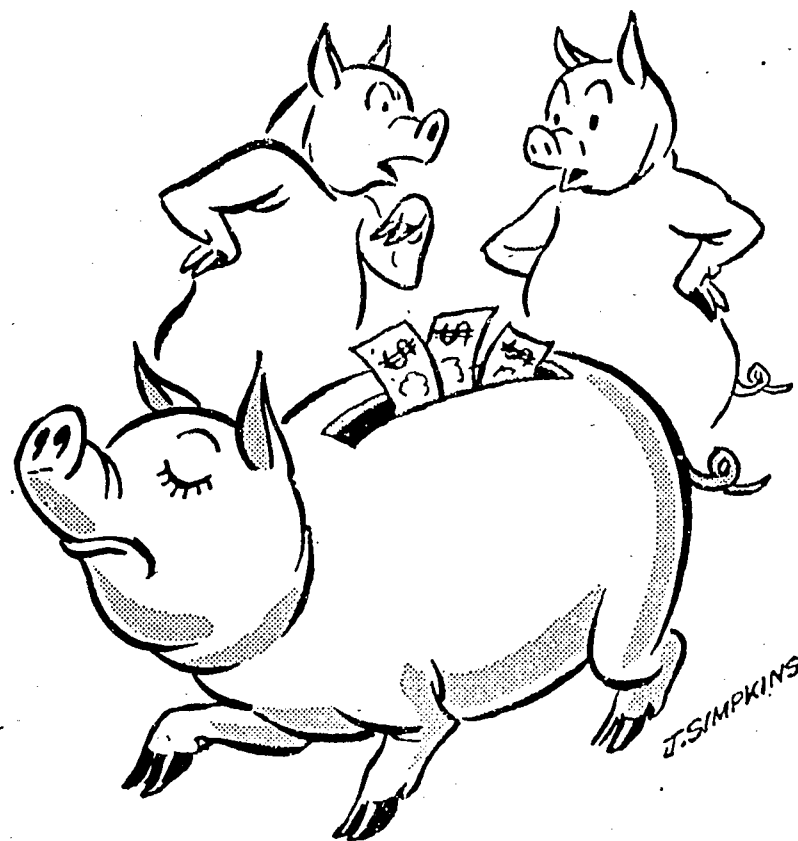
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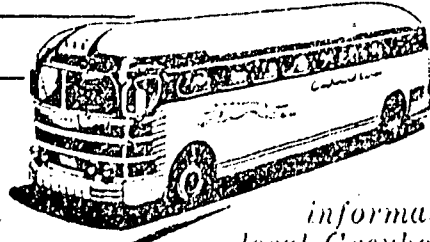
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7:36 a.m.	CACHE CREEK	10:39 p.m.
8:40 a.m.	Ar. CLINTON	Lv. 9:35 p.m.
8:45 a.m.	Lv. CLINTON	Ar. 9:15 p.m.
9:15 a.m.	CHASM	8:43 p.m.
9:45 a.m.	70 MILE HOUSE	8:13 p.m.
10:25 a.m.	83 MILE HOUSE	7:38 p.m.
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12:01 p.m.	TWILIGHT	5:22 p.m.
1:00 p.m.	150 MILE HOUSE	4:20 p.m.
1:25 p.m.	Ar. WILLIAMS LAKE	Lv. 3:50 p.m.
1:50 p.m.	Lv. WILLIAMS LAKE	Ar. 3:30 p.m.
3:24 p.m.	MARGUERITE	2:00 p.m.
3:57 p.m.	ALEXANDRIA	1:22 p.m.
5:00 p.m.	Ar. QUESNEL	Lv. 12:15 p.m.
5:15 p.m.	Lv. QUESNEL	Ar. 11:45 a.m.
6:43 p.m.	STRATHNAVER	10:17 a.m.
7:05 p.m.	HIXON CREEK	10:00 a.m.
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Under a salvo of long range shells, their squadron splashed ashore two hours after the first Commando assault and moved a mile inland. At that moment it was touch-and-go on the sands.

If the Nazis attacked with armor now, it was up to Lieut. Henry, and others like him, to cripple that attack. Otherwise, brave Canadian foot soldiers would be killed . . . perhaps pushed into the sea.

And the Nazis did attack!

Hiding in low willows, Henry watched the German Panthers rush forward through the sands.

By radio he quietly told his own gunners, and those in other tanks, to hold their fire. They could have shot, with accuracy, at a mile. Instead, they waited until the Germans were 300 yards away, then shattered the enemy leader with one terrific salvo.

The next salvo blew a tank to pieces, and within one minute of the first red hot shell, six tanks . . . the entire enemy formation . . . had been blown to pieces. Lieut. Henry's crew got five of the six. There were no survivors.

Then Henry and his Panther-killers rumbled forward and got three more Panthers within the next hour.

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Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements

CAIRN Fractional Mineral Claim: Situate in the Cariboo Mining Division.

Where located:—Williams Creek near Barkerville.

Lawful holder:—Shamrock Gold Mines Limited N.P.L., F.M.C. No. 75021E.

Take notice that H. T. Garden acting as agent for the lawful holder, Free Miner's Certificate No. 74994E, intends, at the end of sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 85 of the "Mineral Act," must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 12th day of September, 1944.

H. T. GARDEN.

Miners Meet In Vancouver In November

In recent years, because of war conditions, the meetings of the Canadian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy have been considerably curtailed and the usual social functions eliminated. With the improved outlook it has been decided that these restrictions can now be removed and accordingly the program arranged for the annual western meeting to be held in Vancouver on November 15-17 next is again to be on the pre-war standard. Actually, it will be an even more comprehensive scale than formerly.

In brief, the program is as follows: At the opening session, following an address by the Minister of Mines, the progress and development of the industry in Western Canada will be reviewed by representatives of the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Mines. In the afternoon there will be two technical sessions, one to be held jointly with the British Columbia Chapter of the American Society of Metals and the other dealing with the technology of coal. In the evening there will be a lecture on modern communications. On the morning of the 16th two sessions will be held, one on mining methods and the other relating to mining and metallurgical practices.

Two sessions will also be held in the afternoon, the one on prospecting and exploration and other a continuation of discussions on coal. In the evening there will be a lecture with motion pictures. On the third day two sessions will be held in the morning, one a "Master Mechanics' Session" and the other devoted to geological subjects. In the afternoon there will be a symposium on marketing problems in the metal manufacturing industry.

The social functions include a luncheon on November 15th sponsored by the Vancouver Board of Trade; and a dinner in the evening under the auspices of the Association of Professional Engineers; and a dinner-dance on the evening of the third day. There will also be entertainment for the ladies attending the meeting.

Justice and Common Sense In Vancouver Court Cases

Those persons who may feel that the wheels of justice sometimes do not turn out humane decisions were given two heartening incidents last week.

At New Westminster a magistrate dismissed a charge against a grocer because the prosecution took too long to prepare its case. The grocer, who was prepared to fight the charge of violating price regulations had been compelled to attend court too many times, the magistrate ruled.

Another incident was at Van-

couver where Chief Justice Wendell Farris was unable to "find time" to sign eviction orders against several families ordered to move because a naval stores building is planned for the area where there present homes are. It had already been decided by the courts that the families must move but the signature on the orders was necessary before the families could be moved. Admitting he was exceeding his powers, Chief Justice said he would "find time" to sign the orders after the expropriation money is paid the families or they find new houses.

TWEEDSMUIR PARK SURVEY COMPLETED

British Columbia Forest Service Parks Engineers have returned from a two-months' survey of the Tweedsmuir Park, thus completing the preliminary work on all major

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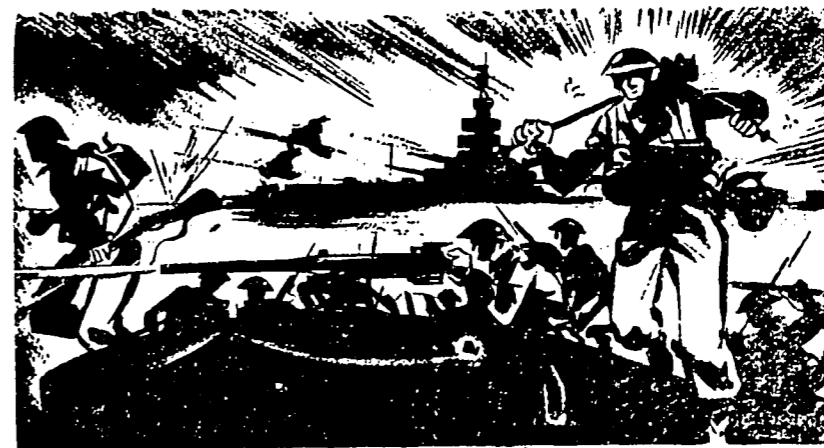
parks under the jurisdiction of the Forestry Department. The field reports will now be assembled and details worked out during the winter months so that when completed, the government will have a comprehensive program for post-war park development.

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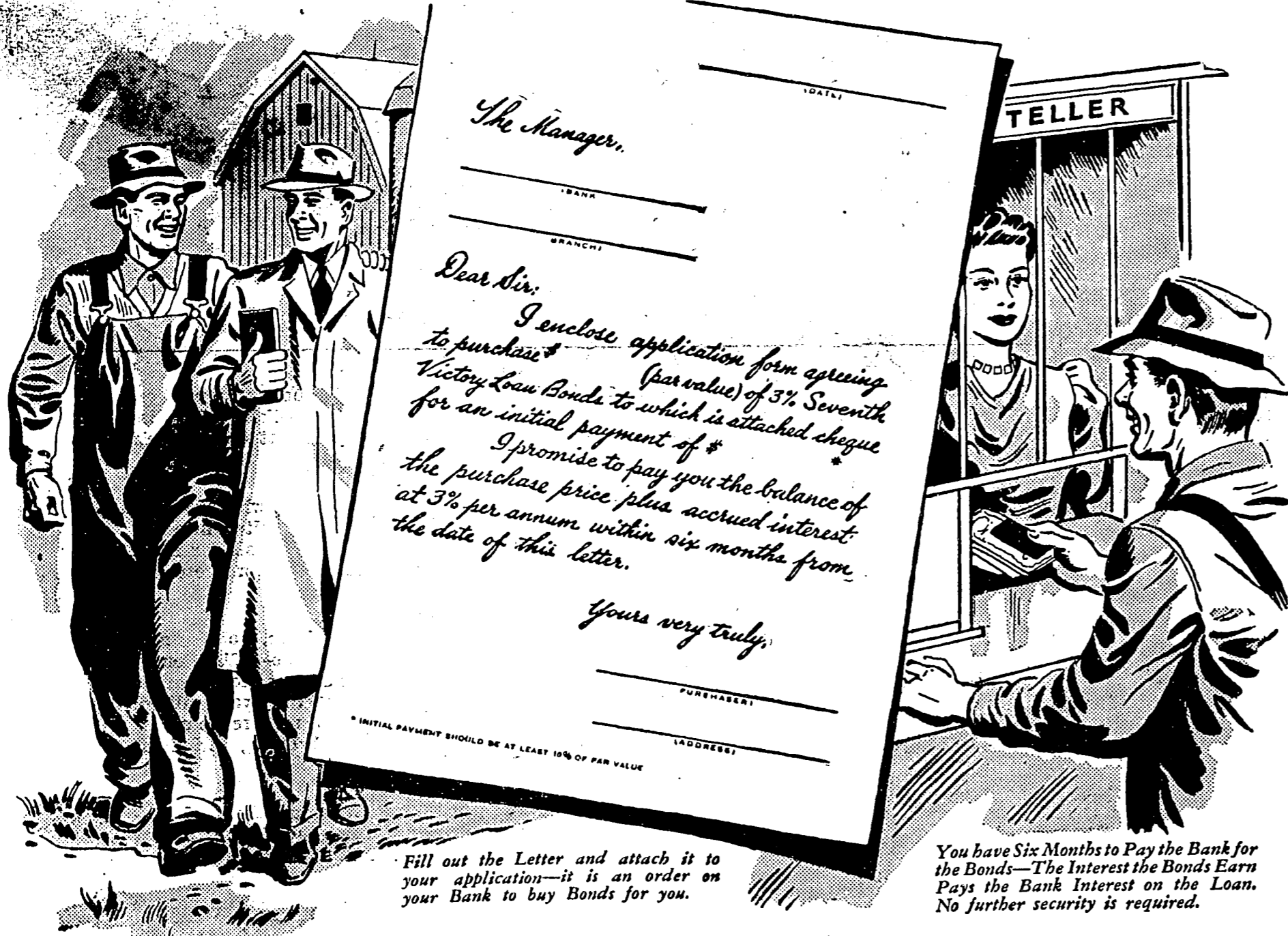
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Marguerite News

Jim Pullen of Castle Rock is home on leave at present, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pullen.

Toby Neilson, old timer of the Marguerite district, but now of Vancouver, accompanied by his son-in-law, George Randall, also of Vancouver, are spending a holiday among their old Marguerite neighbors and friends. Toby has noticed a number of improvements, among them being the new ferry house, of which he took a number of snapshots.

Frank Laing of Marguerite was a business visitor to Williams Lake last week.

Marguerite is basking in Indian summer weather — no frost yet. Spuds for victory will soon be moving from the district, and everyone has big crops this year.

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the subject may be reviewed. "In that connection I would like to quote from my original statement made to the Legislature on February 10, 1943, as follows:

"While it might be a very opportune time for Vancouver or Victoria to acquire the rights and charters of this Company, the Government is not suggesting that they do so; but, as I said before, if it is their desire and they approach the Government, every assistance will be given in connection with the financing of such a scheme."

"I would, therefore, in conclusion like to repeat the statement made by me in the Legislature on January 21 last as follows:

"After a great deal of consideration I firmly believe it is in the best interest of the development of this province for the people to control the entire hydro-electric power and light services now being used and which may be used for sale to the public."

"I am even more convinced today that that is the correct stand for the future development of this province."

Personal Items

Geo. Robinson left Thursday on a business visitor to the Coast.

J. F. Barry and party of Everett, Wash., are on a hunting trip at the Quanstrom ranch.

W. O. Acheson of the Ration Administration visited Quesnel during the week on business.

Pte. Janet Rolph, CWAC, is spending her furlough visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. L. B. Rolph.

Maturza Kahn, well known Quesnel old timer, left for two weeks' visit to the Coast.

Arne Hassel-Gren, proprietor of the Quesnel Hotel, left for the Coast during the week on business.

Mrs. Jas. Kinley and daughter Shannon returned home Tuesday after spending three weeks visiting at the Coast.

Don Fullerton, of the RCAF, is spending two weeks furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fullerton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Whitmore returned home at the week end after a hunting trip to the Okanagan. Frank was after pheasants.

Miss Mary McArthur of Barkerville has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tuffley for the past week. She returned home Thursday.

Dr. G. R. Baker arrived back in Quesnel during the week after spending five days in the Ashcroft and Cache Creek district after pheasant.

E. A. Winder returned from the Coast after three weeks visit. He attended the annual meeting of hospital executives in Victoria. Mr. Winder is secretary of the local Hospital Board.

Commissioner Allison received word this week that it is almost impossible to obtain an electric washing machine for the H.M.C.S. Quesnel in the West, so inquiries are now being made in the East.

Geo. Johnston returned Monday night after ten days at Chilanko Forks, in the Chilcotin country, hunting ducks and geese. George and his party got 80 ducks and 10 geese.

HARD TIMES DANCE TONIGHT

Don't forget the Women's Auxiliary of the Hospital's Hard Times Dance at the Legion Hall tonight — the proceeds will be devoted to the Hospital.

COAL NOTICE

Quesnel Mining Division
TAKE NOTICE that we, David Wells and Carl F. Johnson, of Cottonwood, B.C., intend to apply to the Minister of Lands, Victoria, B.C., for a coal licence covering the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted 40 chains East and 500 feet South of the South-East corner of Lot 443, thence South 40 chains; thence West 80 chains; thence North 40 chains; thence East 80 chains, to point of commencement, and containing 320 acres, more or less.

DATED this 25th day of October, 1944.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA'S Health and Welfare PROGRAMME

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Experience gained during the depression of the 1930's, when governments (Dominion, Provincial and Municipal) were catapulted into the complicated field of social services, has been used as a basis for more studied and comprehensive plans, and steady, consistent progress has been made.

In the above-mentioned emergency, when legislation, policies and administration were admittedly haphazard, little or no co-ordination of social welfare activities was undertaken. But it was during these pioneer days that the necessity for a permanent planned program was realized. Gradually plans have been evolved to ensure against a recurrence of the want, suffering and deterioration of health prevalent during periods of economic depression.

Apart from activities primarily concerned with education and prevention, here are some measures adopted by the Provincial Government of British Columbia to cope with social welfare problems:

1. The Legislature has recognized the need to provide for the welfare of the people of this province by increasing its appropriation for health and other welfare services from approximately \$2,500,000 in 1933 to about \$4,500,000 in 1943. These figures do not include old age pensions, but as the Old Age Pensions Act is now administered by the Provincial Secretary, these pensions are included in 1944-45 health and welfare estimates amounting to \$12,000,000.
2. Throughout the province, five health units have been developed in addition to the Greater Vancouver Metropolitan Area, staffed by Public Health Physicians and Nurses, Sanitary Inspectors and Statistical Clerks. The Central Vancouver Island and Prince Rupert units were fortunately organized in time to cope with problems arising out of war conditions in these areas. After the war the complete programme will be put into effect as quickly as personnel can be obtained. The function of such personnel is to co-ordinate all medical and other resources of the community with the technical and specialized services of the Provincial Board of Health.
3. For the administration of Social Assistance the province has been divided into five regions, in which have been established nineteen District Offices, so that rural as well as urban residents may be served by the Social Workers when needed.
4. Social assistance is available to help families or individuals who through illness or other exigency are unable to maintain a standard of living compatible with health needs. Such help may be in the form of financial assistance in the home; boarding, foster home or institutional care; hospitalization.
5. There is authority and personnel to protect children without adequate guardianship, and funds to provide foster home care.

This summarized and incomplete description of the services available will nevertheless indicate that a health and welfare programme broad in scope is being developed that will place British Columbia in a position to take full advantage without delay of any Federal action to implement a Social Security plan.

Further announcements on this subject, containing more detailed information, will be issued in the near future.

HON. G. S. PEARSON, Minister. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.