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Excellent Results Obtained In Drive For Used Clothes

Girl Guides and Boy Scouts made a thorough job of canvassing the town on Wednesday, on their tour of collecting clothing for the United Allied Relief Fund.

The response from Quesnel residents was good, and bundles of clothing had been prepared at most residences. Donations were also received from points outside of the town.

C. H. Allison, chairman of the Village Commissioners acted as chairman for the drive, and the collecting and preparation of the clothing was in charge of the ladies of the Cariboo Branch of the Canadian Legion.

The sorting, boxing and tagging of the large amount of clothing was a tremendous task, and to the Legion ladies who attended to this work, goes an expression of thanks from Quesnelites.

The date of the drive has been extended one week to October 31. Until October 29, donations will be received at the D. H. Smith & Co. hardware store. On October 30 and 31, at the post office.

The following letter was received during the week by the chairman:

Dear Mr. Allison:

Many thanks for your interesting letter of October 11 giving me complete details of your collection. This is splendid and the citizens of Quesnel are to be complimented on their fine support in this National Clothing Collection.

Wishing you continued success.

Yours very truly,
R. M. GILL,
Regional Director for B.C.

2nd Annual Beef Cattle Sale



Oct. 25
P.G.E. Stockyards
QUESNEL, B.C.

Cattle will be received from 8 a.m. Tuesday, October 23, to 6 p.m. Wednesday, October 24.

Inquiries from E. A. Winder, secretary, Quesnel; or A. Miles, president, Kersley.

Quesnel Cattlemen's Ass'n

Committee Named To Investigate Extension Of P.G.E. to Northward

VICTORIA—(CP)—The British Columbia Government has taken a step which may lead to development of the vast natural resources in the northern sections of the province.

A committee has been formed with the object of reviewing all data relating to the extension of the Pacific Great Eastern railway, owned by the provincial government. The committee's findings will form the basis of further discussions on the future of the railway.

Represented on the committee are the Dominion and Provincial governments and the two transcontinental railways—Canadian Pacific and Canadian National.

Establishment of the committee is the latest development in connection with discussions about the railway and follows negotiations conducted by Premier Hart when he was in eastern Canada recently.

There has been much conjecture about the future of the line which runs from Squamish to Quesnel, including rumors about its sale to United States interests or to the CPR or CNR. Nothing official has been announced but it is believed that Premier Hart's prime interest is in seeing that the line is extended so that it can tap effectively the huge natural resources of the north half of B.C.

Mr. Hart said the rich resources of the north must be developed to create wider opportunities for the people, adding that if the PGE is to prosper, its lines must be extended to play a part in that development.

There are rich coal fields in the northern part of the province and the Peace River district has a high yield in various grains and is fast developing into a great cattle country. There is also the possibility that the Peace River may yet be a significant oil producing area.

Referring to coal, Premier Hart said that in one area alone there is estimated to be a potential production of 2,700,000,000 tons and a number of other fields also have been uncovered. Analysis of the coal has shown a high heat energy and low ash content.

Recently plans for one route for extension of the PGE to the Peace River area was completed and the province reserved a right-of-way over the tentative route. That route was through the Pine Pass, roughly the same route as that for the highway under construction to the Peace River. However, other routes for the railway have been under consideration and will be included in the studies to be made.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of cattlemen in the Legion Hall Annex on Thursday evening, October 25, at 7:30 o'clock, when J. E. Fry, secretary of the B.C. Beef Cattle Growers' Association, will address the meeting.

The meeting will be followed by paying off the producers.

TENDERS

TENDERS are called by the Cariboo Creamery for 100 cords of wood; cord to be 3 x 4 x 8 feet. To be delivered and neatly piled in Creamery yard. Tenders to be in hands of the manager by Wednesday, October 31, 1945.

JAS. MOORE,
Manager.

by the committee.

Making up the committee are: Provincial Government—J. M. Stewart, provincial deputy minister of railways, and C. R. Crisdale.

Dominion Government—Russell of the Federal department of transport.

CNR Ry.—S. W. Fairweather, of Montreal.

CPR Ry.—T. C. Macnab and H. C. Taylor.

Mr. Stewart will preside at the initial meeting of the committee pending organization.

D. E. Campbell Dies Of Self-Inflicted Gunshot Wounds

Tragedy again struck Quesnel on Friday morning, when Duncan E. Campbell, 57, a resident of Quesnel for the past 25 years, took his own life.

Mr. Campbell, who had been assisting his son John repair a well at their home, disappeared into the bush near their house in North Quesnel shortly after 11 a.m., and a few minutes later both John and Mrs. Campbell heard a shot from the woods. John investigated, and with the aid of their dog found his father shot through the head.

The police were immediately notified and took charge. Coroner E. C. Lunn called a coroner's jury, and it found that the deceased had come to his death by his own hand by means of a gunshot wound, while under severe mental strain.

Besides his widow, he is survived by six daughters and nine sons.

PCMR's Attend Stand Down Ceremonies At Pr. George Sunday

A large contingent of Quesnel and district Pacific Coast Militia Rangers attended the official Stand Down ceremonies held at Prince George Sunday, when the PCMR's which were formed in those dark days when Japan unleashed her treacherous attack in the Pacific, were officially disbanded.

The official ceremony was in the form of a march past, and units from Terrace to Williams Lake were represented. Two truck loads of local men, 38 in all, made the trip.

J. J. Donnelly Retires After Quarter Century As Liquor Vendor

J. J. Donnelly, who has been vendor at the Provincial Government liquor store here since the repeal of prohibition, officially retired from the Government service Monday. Jimmy is retired on pension after nearly a quarter of a century in the service.

J. A. Dixon, who has been Mr. Donnelly's assistant for several years at the local store, and who has relieved at various town north and south of Quesnel, is taking over the position of vendor.

Public Health Supervisor Makes Trip Through North

Miss Dorothy Tail, supervisor of Public Health Nursing for British Columbia, paid a visit to the local public health nurse, Miss Nain Grimmelt, during the week. While here Miss Tail inspected the Northern Dairy Products new pasteurization plant, in which she was much interested due to its contribution in aiding the prevention of infectious diseases.

Australian-Kersley News

Betty Robertson, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robertson, of Australian, was admitted to the Quesnel General Hospital during the week suffering from appendicitis.

The Kersley unit of the PCMR's attended the demobilization ceremonies at Prince George on the 14th.

Phillip Warden, who has been to the Coast for his discharge from the army, has returned and is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alan Miles, at Kersley.

Coalition Candidate



LOUIS LeBOURDAIS

A vote for Louis LeBourdais, Coalition candidate, is a vote for a programme based on the development of every part of the Province. It will mean a reduction of taxes, that new school will be built, educational facilities will be increased and teachers' salaries in rural areas raised.

It will mean a Reconstruction Programme including the completion of highways, improvements of existing highways and side roads, construction of public buildings.

It will mean that the Rural Electrification Plan, instituted through the B.C. Power Commission, will bring electric light and appliances to every practicable area in B.C.

It will mean the successful solution of the PGE Railway problem and the development of the whole of the great and rich area it will serve.

It will bring aid to agriculture and raise the standards of all those engaged in B.C.'s second greatest industry.

Cariboo with scenic wonders, fish and game potentialities, is destined to become the mecca of the tourist.

A Coalition vote will mean the carrying out of the Highway Commission's comprehensive and well-planned construction programme which will provide a system of modern arterial highways and necessary side roads to supply the needs and pleasures of the tourist and all who travel over them.

BADMINTON MEETING

A meeting of the Quesnel Badminton Club will be held in the sample room of the Cariboo Hotel Monday evening, October 29, at 8 o'clock. Members and prospective members please note and make an effort to attend.

Mrs. Lorna Archibald left for the Coast on Tuesday to join her husband, WO Len Archibald, lately returned from overseas. They will make their home in Vancouver.

Jack Anderson was in town during the week. On his return to Vancouver he will be accompanied by Mrs. Anderson, and they plan on making their home at the Coast city.

The Ninth Victory Loan, which opens on the 22nd, is away to a good start in Quesnel. Organizer J. S. Patterson, who has been in the district for some time, had completed arrangements for local bond salesmen. The office of the Victory Loan campaign will be in the Donnelly building, Front Street. Mrs. C. Walker will act as secretary.

Willie Wing of Vancouver, former Quesnel boy, accompanied by Chas. Jue arrived here Tuesday on a visit to C. S. Poy. Mr. Jue is here on a trip from San Francisco.

Work was started during the week on a large addition to the Quesnel Bottling Works, agents for Coca-Cola.

Little Norma Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Smith, had her appendix removed at the hospital during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wally Gravett of Puntacatuk Lake were visitors in town for a few days during the week.

Mrs. S. Allen was admitted to the local hospital during the week. Her condition is not serious and she is making good progress.

J. R. Arnold of Vancouver, representative for Continental Life, was a business visitor in town during the week.

Geo. Allen, of Six Mile Lake, arrived home during the week after serving with the Canadian Army overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Duclos arrived home last week end after spending a month with their daughter at Red Deer, Alberta. This was George's first trip away from the old stamping grounds in a half century, although Mrs. Duclos has made frequent trips outside visiting their sons and daughters.

Local Business Men Brave the Hustings In Support of Coalition

A number of local speakers addressed a well attended meeting at the Rex Theatre Wednesday evening in support of Louis LeBourdais, Coalition candidate for Cariboo.

Opening the meeting, D. F. McNeill, chairman, explained that Mr. LeBourdais was at present covering other parts of the riding, and would address the Quesnel people on the eve of the election, October 24. His committee had chosen five local speakers to give their views on the Coalition Government at the present meeting.

W. Pawcett was the first speaker, and humorously remarked that it was generally an Irishman's prerogative to be "agin the government," but in this instance, such was not the case. He asked his listeners to support Louis LeBourdais, an honest and capable man who had the interests of Cariboo at heart long before he was elected to the Legislature.

Jas. R. Kinley spoke next, and urged the people to take more interest in politics, and to co-operate with and advise their members in parliament. He spoke of the good work accomplished by the Coalition Government. Even the CCF, he said, admitted that it had been the best government B.C. had ever had.

He made mention of the government's newly formed B.C. Power Commission, which would benefit Quesnel greatly in the near future when it is expected a 700 h.p. plant will be installed here.

He gave credit to Mr. LeBourdais for his assistance in improving the local stock yards, where the second annual sale will take place on Thursday next. He urged his audience to avoid the complete socialism of the CCF, and to support the Coalition Government.

D. H. Smith then took the platform, and explained he was a reluctant speaker but he had been persuaded to address the meeting. Once started, Mr. Smith was a convincing speaker. He had no use for the CCF policy and made no bones about it. He spoke of the leaders of Canada as being able and competent men who, in his opinion, do not want a repetition of the hard times of the 1930's. He felt the only solution was to return to power a sane, sound government, as had existed in B.C. for the past four years.

A. S. Vaughan then took the rostrum. He did not wish to express a political viewpoint, but rather, a business one. He was genuinely concerned that the followers of the CCF were not aware of the true policy of that party. They did not seem to realize, he said, the dictatorship that would result should the CCF be elected to power. He read excerpts of statements made by Mm. Irvine, CCF Dominion Member for Cariboo, and by Harold Winch, which were both militant and revolutionary, in his opinion.

He outlined the program of the Coalition Government for the future which included rehabilitation and an extensive highway program. He urged his listeners to cast their vote for this sane, sensible government.

John A. Fraser, the Coalition candidate's campaign manager was the final speaker. Mr. Fraser, who has battled through nine campaigns in years gone by is no stranger to Quesnel audiences and his remarks are always attentively

received. He mentioned, as did the other speakers, the soundness of the present government under the leadership of Hon. John Hart, who, he said, was nothing short of a financial wizard. When other provinces had defaulted on bonds during the hard years of the war, British Columbia had met her obligations on due date.

In outlining some of the benefits during the past four years, Mr. Fraser stated that there had been more accomplished in education than in the previous 20 years. Social services were away ahead of any of the other provinces, and during the years of the war there had been very little in the way of labor trouble. He pointed out that during the difficult days of 1941, with war on the Pacific Coast imminent, the CCF had refused to co-operate with the Coalition Government, and the fact that B.C. had come through those difficult times with such success was certainly not due to efforts of the CCF whose main policy had seemed to be to stir up trouble and try to make the people dissatisfied.

It had been a difficult job in war time, Mr. Fraser said, and he failed to see how an inexperienced and untrained government could possibly take over the equally difficult years of peace immediately ahead. He outlined the future policy of the Coalition, mentioning the extensive highway program, development of natural resources, electrical power, railways, etc.

In urging his fellow townspeople to support the Coalition candidate, Mr. Fraser also stated that Louis LeBourdais was well liked by all cabinet ministers, and was always sure of an attentive hearing to any of his appeals. He felt it would be a serious calamity to elect a CCF candidate, a man unknown and uninterested in the Cariboo.

Ninth Williams Lake Cattle Sale Largest Ever Held In Province

Williams Lake stock yards were crammed to capacity with 2,700 head of prime beef cattle at the Ninth Annual Cattle Sale last Wednesday. All were disposed of a good price according to reports. Officials state that this is the greatest number the sale has ever handled the previous record being 2,400.

Officials had difficulty in crowding all the cattle into the yards, and it appears that the yards will have to be enlarged next year. Ray Hargreaves, who acted as yards manager, says the Wednesday sale was the largest cattle sale ever held in British Columbia.

Plans are completed for the Quesnel Cattlemen's Association sale, which, however, is not expected to be large this year. Much work has been done enlarging the pens and installing water and electric lights. The sale will be held on Thursday, October 25.

P. E. Wilson, dean of the Prince George barristers, and father of Judge J. O. Wilson of the Supreme Court, celebrated an anniversary recently. In the year 1905 he was appointed judge of the County Court of East Kootenay.

COALITION RALLY

LEGION HALL

WED., OCT. 24

8:00 p.m.

SPEAKERS:

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John A. Fraser, Jim Kinley
and others

Quesnel Curling Club

D-A-N-C-E

LEGION HALL
9:00 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 25th

Drawing for Curling Club Raffle will take place during the evening.

Election flashes will be announced at intervals in the Hall at midnight.

Gentlemen 75c - Ladies 50c

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SOCIALISM FOR PROFIT

IN AN ADDRESS to the people of Saskatchewan during the provincial election campaign in July, 1944, Mr. T. C. Douglas, who is now premier of the province, made the following statement:

"If an industry is open to newcomers and a monopoly does not exist, then there is nothing to be restored and socialism is not called. We do not believe in socialization for the sake of socialization."

That was a straight-forward statement but it has not been lived up to. Premier Douglas' government has gone into the shoe business, has started a brick factory, a fish filleting plant, a woollen mill and a job printing plant. Saskatchewan has had no monopolies in any of these businesses, so that it cannot be claimed that the government is protecting the people from exploitation. These ventures are plainly 'Socialization for the sake of socialization.' They are straight Socialism.

"Straight," however, is not quite the word, for there is something crooked about the purpose of these enterprises, from the point of view of pure Socialism. The great evil of capitalism, we have been told, is the "profit motive," and now we have Premier Douglas declaring that his government has gone into these businesses to make money. The profits are to go to provide funds for government services and finance developments without dependence upon private capital. But the profit motive is there, and it is the prevailing motive of these socialistic enterprises.

Of course we will be told that the profits in these businesses will not go to private individuals, but directly into the public treasury. But the profits will also go into the prices of hoes, of bricks, fish, woollen goods and printing. Moreover, the profits will go into the pockets of an ever-growing number of private individuals in the civil service, all of whom are non-producers. So it would seem that even a socialist government can't get away from the profit motive. — The Kelowna Courier.

INDIAN SUMMER

IF THIS is not the Indian Summer season, it is pretty close to it.

Most people referring to Indian Summer are not at all technical, they regard any nice stretch of late autumn weather as constituting Indian Summer weather. A formal dictionary definition terming it "a period of calm, dry weather in late autumn in the northern parts of North America" generally suits most people. It satisfies a longing for accuracy.

But what is most satisfying about Indian Summer is Indian Summer itself. This short, irregular season really might be called the epitome of autumn.

The sky is cloudless, the atmosphere hazy. Every breath is filled with the sharp, invigorating tang of nature at its best. The calm translucence of the air and the mellowness of the sun shining—sharply contrasting the climatic conditions which precede and follow—have a quality of warmth that helps one to live through the cold winter months.

The first blast of "Squaw Winter," when the thermometer takes its first dip to the cold regions, is forgotten for the time.

This peculiar seasonal warmth—corresponding to what is known as St. Luke's Summer in Britain—probably was discovered about the same time that the Indians were discovered in Canada. When smoke was seen issuing lazily from a wigwam or a hogan in the fall, someone must have said: "This is Indian Summer."

French Singer On BBC



Sylvie Saint Clair, the popular French singer, has recently been heard by British Broadcasting Corporation overseas listeners to "Variety Bandbox" and the BBC's Allied Expeditionary Forces Program.

Many Take Advantage Of Veterans' Insurance Plan

Many of Canada's veterans returning to the ways of peace are taking out Veterans' insurance. This insurance is available in amounts up to \$10,000 without an examination (except in exceptional cases).

During the past six months a total of 1,317 applications for \$4,042,500 worth of insurance has been received by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Of these 1,164 applications totalling \$3,515,000, have been approved, Veterans, Affairs Minister Mackenzie discloses. Of those approved 1,150 applications were from ex-servicemen, eight from women and six from widows, who are eligible if their husbands did not carry veterans' insurance. Three hundred and eighty-two

of the applicants are using their re-establishment credit to pay the premiums, while 212 are paying them through deductions from disability pensions.

Plans now under study by the B.C. Government call for the complete overhaul of the famous old Cariboo Road, from Prince George to Ashcroft. The road will be completely modernized and streamlined, and eventually blacktopped.

THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER

by Collins



HON. JOHN HART

PREMIER of BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Make no mistake,
The Coalition Government
will be returned!**

Make sure THIS constituency keeps in step and co-operates in the development of the rest of the Province. The Coalition Party has a great and progressive reconstruction programme.

Make sure this important riding returns a member on the Coalition team.

Vote COALITION

Sign your name for Victory...
Buy Victory Bonds



Racing Revenue

Pari-mutuel bets in British Columbia in the racing season just closed reached a total of \$6,859,314 compared with \$6,168,817 last year. Figures released by Hon. John Hart as minister of finance showed the Provincial Government's share as \$468,148.18.

Canada's trans-Atlantic air service to carry armed forces mail and official passengers between Canada and the United Kingdom was begun in 1943. At first only one aircraft was in service, but by the end of 1944 five were operating on a tri-weekly service.

Interesting Saga of Old Car Stranded More Than 100 Miles From Nearest Highway

By JAMES E. KEW

Old cars find strange resting places—over road banks, on city dumps, in the junk yards of garages where their bones are stripped for spare parts until at last the

beautiful shiny thing of yesterday dissolves into dust.

In the shadow of a trapper's over-head cache, almost hidden beneath a welter of devil-club and salmon heavy bush at the mouth of remote Fontaniko Creek in the upper McGregor River lies one of these pathetic old automobiles. Yes, there it rests, far from road or trail, and on seeing it and not knowing its history, one almost jumps back in astonishment, wondering how in the world it got there. Yet this decrepit, useless hulk once bore the high hopes and aspirations of the populace of the great Peace River Block.

Up through Monkman Pass it came in pre-war years, over a road carved from virgin bush and hillside by a few hardy souls—up to the summit of the Pacific Divide until its power failed and the season grew late. Still the sponsors of this route never lost heart. Hooking on a sturdy team of nimble-footed cayuses, with a big Swede to guide the wheels by hand and rope (the steering gear having long since gone) down the Fontaniko from the summit came this odd caravan, for twenty miles following the creek bed on the bars, over, through and under all obstacles—log jams, sweepers and rocks, nothing stopped it.

Down it came to the North Fork of the McGregor to rest on its banks still a hundred or more miles from contact with civilization, a symbol of a mighty undertaking that failed.

Who knows, perhaps if this car had finally "got through" the much discussed Monkman Pass route would have been chosen instead of the present site for the Peace River Highway.

Shades of Alexander Mackenzie and his West Road to the Pacific! Perhaps the McGregor Valley is destined for nothing but a trapper's paradise. Starting from Peace River in the spring of 1793, following the Parsnip River to its headwaters came Mackenzie's party in a 30-foot birch canoe. Over a summit portage, described in his diary as "817 paces to a bad river" (the name stuck); down Bad River to the McGregor. The Bad River was well named as it is very treacherous in high water.

It was here that the canoe was overturned and holed, everything being recovered but the shot for their muskets; the crew, however, wanted to turn back, being afraid of hostile Indians. Down the McGregor to the "Great River," as the Indians called the Fraser, as far as Alexandria, thence overland to the Deane Channel.

Mackenzie, then in a hurry to return and report to his company (his store of rum also petering out fast), made a fast trip back up the same route in August "his men suffering much from sore feet and from wading in the cold water."

Years later in 1806, Simon Fraser in following this same route, cussed out Mackenzie in his journal for advising him of this passage through the mountains. He later heard of a much easier way from an Indian, this being the present Summit-Lake-Crooked River route.

Yes, the great McGregor Valley with its mountains and its glaciers is still a wilderness as it was 150 years ago, except for a few trappers' cabins, and now for ever abandoned as a land route through the Rockies to the sea.

Scouts Reform

The local Scout Troop, which has been inactive since the closing of school for the summer holidays, is being re-organized for its winter schedule. The boys are again under the leadership of J. J. (Dick) Roddis, and their winter work will be the completion of their new Troop headquarters on Front St.

A GREAT PLAN FOR ALL OF B.C.

The programme of the **COALITION** Government is based on the development of every part of the Province, not on the needs of one section alone.

Taxes will be reduced; new schools built; educational facilities increased and teachers' salaries in rural areas raised.

Additional reforms in our Provincial-Municipal relations will be made following the setting-up of the proposed Provincial-Municipal Commission.

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Let's Keep British Columbia Marching Ahead!

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