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EDITORIALS

Our cunning little brother editor of The Journal is very angry because the editor of this paper should dare to be himself. He thinks it would be much more becoming if an editor should studiously endeavor to be somebody else. Particularly does he think this true with regard to politics. He would have all the Liberals cut from the same pattern, and the older the better. The trouble is that our dear little brother is so used to Tory Boss rule that he cannot conceive of anybody being a man, standing on his own feet and doing his own thinking. Liberals refuse to be fossils, and believe that no age nor individual controls all the truth and that the only way to arrive at it is to watch the processes of human society that gradually unfold it and when they see the truth they are willing to follow it, no matter what customs or traditions stand in the way.

Perhaps, however, what made our little friend so particularly angry was a little word dropped by a reporter of this paper when he jokingly referred to the Prince Rupert "Conservative" Hospital Association. Now isn't it a fact that nobody but dyed-in-the-wool Conservatives were ever able to get a position on that same hospital board except when they wanted to drag somebody in in order to give a shadow of impartiality to their board. Isn't it also true that every other organization in this city where there is any money or jobs at stake is sought after by these same gentlemen? Didn't three of their political gunmen stand around all election day in the City Hall in order to secure control of the school board? This rush to grasp after every center of interest looks bad and arouses suspicion that all is not right.

While a great many things

which are connected with the hospital are kept as dark secrets, it is known that when the recent kitchen was added to the hospital, a relative of a member of the board was taken from a district outside the city and set to work to build it by day labor, while scores of good local men who help pay the city's taxes were walking the streets. How many other discrepancies there are, it is hard to say as it is practically a closed corporation, and controlled by men who are known to apply politics to everything from a petty little bit of laundry work up to the preaching of the gospel.

It is no doubt rather unfortunate that a paper must always have a bitter story to tell. It would be much more congenial to have pleasant things to say, but somebody must "tell the truth and shame the devil." If Politics is ever going to settle down to a respectable basis in this city there will have to be some give and take from both parties. It will not do for Conservatives to try to control every year all the petty little affairs in the city. To say the least, it looks bad, and if an arrangement were made to alternate control between the different parties the suspicion that now exists might be allayed.

68th REGIMENT, EARL GREY'S OWN RIFLES.

Orders by Major J. H. McMullin, Commanding, for the week ending February 6, 1915:

Parades.
A-Company will parade at the Exhibition Building on Tuesday and Friday at 7:45 p. m. Drill squad and company.

B-Company will parade at the Exhibition Building on Monday and Thursday at 7:45 p. m. Drill squad and company.

Transfers.

Private Alex. Rae is transferred from B Company to A Company.

Private T. C. Chalmers is transferred from B Company to A Company.

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HAZELTON NEWS.

Rev. C. E. Batzold is here from Smithers.

W. J. Carr left for Smithers on Wednesday night.

Otto Strom came in from Groundhog Monday.

R. G. Mosley is in Prince Rupert on a business trip.

Chief of Police Minty returned from Fort Fraser on Thursday's train.

Sam Myslop is in town on his way to Prince Rupert from Prince George.

Miss Freeman, of Prince Rupert, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hamblin.

Mrs. J. Coyle, of Aldermere, arrived on Wednesday's train from the Coast.

Dr. McLean, of Smithers, spent the first part of the week at the local hospital.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Cline, at the Hazelton Hospital, on January 25, a daughter.

Two Endako blindpiggers have received sentences of six months and one year, respectively.

J. Home went to Smithers on Wednesday to handle the Smithers-New Hazelton hockey game.

A. E. Oakley, who has been surveying bridge sites on the Bulkley, left for the Coast Thursday.

Frank Jackson, who arrived from Groundhog yesterday, is at the hospital, suffering from an injured foot.

Mrs. Glassey, who has been spending a few weeks in town, returned to the ranch at Kispiox on Thursday.

Mrs. James McKay, who underwent an operation at the hospital on Tuesday, is reported to be progressing favorably.

Several skating parties have taken advantage of the splendid ice on the river between town and Kispiox Canyon this week.

R. E. Allen and H. C. Kinghorn, of the Forestry Department, returned on Thursday from a cruising trip to the Kispiox Valley.

An old man named Cambridge or Chambers, who claims to be a veteran of the Civil War, and who is without means, has been taken in charge by the police and will be sent to the American consul at Prince Rupert.—Omineca Miner, of January 30.

DEATH OF F. HEAL.

Hazelton, Feb. 2.—The many friends in the district of Mr. Fred Heal—who had extensive interests in the Bulkley Valley—will be sorry to hear of his death, Sunday week, at Salisbury Plain, of pneumonia. Mr. Heal was with the First Canadian Regiment.

Salvation Army.

Public meetings, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 p. m. Sundays at 7:30 p. m.

THE CANADIAN NAVY AND THE EMERGENCY

In view of the very valuable work done by the Niobe and the Rainbow, of His Majesty's Canadian navy, since they were re-fitted and re-commissioned after the outbreak of war, a reference to these ships in the annual report of the Department of Naval Service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1914, is of unusual interest. It shows why these ships were not immediately available for service for which they were sorely needed at the very outbreak of hostilities. The report says:

"The government having decided not to continue H. M. C. ships Niobe and Rainbow in full commission, no recruiting for the Canadian navy was carried on during the year and the program of exercises and training laid down for these ships was not continued. During the year free discharge was given to those Canadians who entered the service and who wished to avail themselves of the offer of discharge. In addition, many of the ranks and ratings, brought from the Imperial service, have completed their engagements under the Canadian government and returned to England without being replaced, with the result that at present the ships are only manned by a crew to keep them in good order and such state that should they be required for sea service at any time they could be placed in commission with as little delay as possible.

"The report by the head school-master of the Niobe shows that the various ratings show a keen desire to increase their knowledge.

This report shows quite frankly why the two Canadian cruisers were not ready to take to sea when their services were so much needed at the very outbreak of the war. It was between two weeks and a month before they were ready for service, which was quite unavoidable in view of the fact that they were without crews to man them, had been at least partly dismantled, and required considerable overhauling and repairing. Details of the work necessary and of the actual time when they were ready to take to sea have been denied to the public, owing mainly to the censorship.

That the Niobe could not take to sea before September 1st was admitted by Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of the naval service, during the special session of parliament in August. He explained that the Niobe was being manned by British naval reserves living in Canada and by men taken from the British Sloop-of-war Shearwater and Algerine, which were in southern Pacific waters at the outbreak of war and which were conveyed to British Columbia by the Rainbow.

Since they were got in commission for active service, the Rainbow and the Niobe have done invaluable work. Details of their activities have not been made public, but it is well known that they have contributed largely to the efficient patrol of the waters contiguous to the Canadian coast in both the Atlantic and the Pacific. On the Atlantic the Niobe

GREAT BANKERS PAY HONOR TO BRITAIN

Ungrudging Praise Given For Financial Prudence in Crisis.

London, Feb. 1.—"Just now the great banking corporations are holding their annual meetings. Ungrudging testimony is given the presidents in every case to the energetic and capable methods with which the government has coped with the financial aspect of the crisis. For instance, Lord St. Aldwyn, formerly Sir Michael Hicks Beach, who was twice chancellor of the exchequer in Unionist administrations, at a meeting of the London Joint Stock Bank yesterday, said that in his opinion every one in the government acted promptly, vigorously and courageously, the result being that in a comparatively short time credit and confidence was restored and all concerned had time to work out their own salvation.

He said he considered that the present state of the country was sound and that he did not think that there ever was a mid-winter before when trade and employment was so thoroughly good. The president of the famous Parr's Bank said that the government had saved the fabric of our credit throughout the civilized world.

The Daily Graphic, which in times of domestic tempest, has soundly berated David Lloyd George today declares, "The chancellor of the exchequer had the wisdom to consult the right people in this unprecedented crisis and the courage to act without hesitation and take risks from which many responsible finance ministers would excusably have shrunk.

"The ultimate loss, whatever it may be, will be small as a matter of comparison with the terrific disaster which would have occurred if the machinery of foreign exchanges had been allowed to collapse entirely. Happily the danger period is now completely passed."

has co-operated with British cruisers, while in the Pacific, the Rainbow has had the co-operation of Japanese warships in the patrol, which undoubtedly averted the danger of a raid by German cruisers which were at large in the Pacific for some weeks after the outbreak of hostilities.

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