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## THE FIFTH COLUMN

**Well, What DOES Add Up Now?**

★ **SPRING** has kum (official by premiss on of the Coalition—ryme accidental and incidental). We have not yet heard the bull-flogs from the swamp, but there is no lak of seasonal bull, not only Bob Taylor's kind which has as usual won at Kamloops, as regular as the kalender, and the trains have developed a throatier serenade to compensate for the frogs, and the trux have their mufflers off and the ladies their kaps, and of course there are swallows, as always.

Mr. P. has not been in to confess to the kroakus before the first snowdrop has had a chanst to fold its napkin, witch is the way spring kums up here; nor Broncho to brag about her nag (the ring is spring), nor the other Mr. P. just to nag. But that is largely on account of because the Two P's are displeased and unappeased; and Pop (III) is nursing the last long lingering (weLL there is only four i's in his font) streak of snow, and a couple of dozen streaks of mizery And Charlie and Percy think we are AGIN incorporation, so they don't kum neither And Mrs. M'D has gone into solitary confinement (not the pathological kind) since the Offence of Luck Now and Mrs. M. has gone bak to growing heather because davy's do tell. The bluebirds tilt their noses at our Flat for Rent and the wrens tilt their noses at us; and little Artemus has the vernal chickenpox and Ah Sin is in Peking and M'Nulty in the jug, and Mort has borrowed everything that is not screwed down, so we ain't got no friends no more, and can just lie midst our perfumed silx and listen to the bursting of the budz and beer bottles and the symphony of the frogz and the trux and Maggie playing Home Sweet Home on her saxophone. At any rate, you have to admit we can lie.

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★ **JOHN L. SULLIVAN** spilled a fistful (don't nark) when he chirped that the showers for the groom in the spring tra-la are from clouds that come in a case and everything is lovely in the garden, if you like the kind of garden where you sew dragon's britches and rip the whirlwind.

The Atlantic Charter has given way to the Atlantic Onion, and Joey Stalin thinks it stinks his borsch. Canada has found Newfoundland 400 years late and not altogether to the unanimous delight of the Newfoundlanders, with baby benefits the bait that caught the cod.

On the home front, we have been up to the ears in snow, and then in puddles, thanks to the Coalition and our own Progressives; and now we are up to the neck in wrangles. The way to settle things of course is not to sit down and find the truth and accept it gladly, but to hold rival meetings and make right be on the side of the biggest battalions and the best (and least principled) strategy—and make sure the numbers are on our side, in the theory that wrong multiplied is better than the one right—just like they do on the international scene and with the same eventual results. All we need is the atom bomb and the veto and we'd have no douot about the right.

In school matters we get them another meeting, and they go at it the same old way, the way the Kidneypuddle Shinbustsrs play f tba'.

In incorporation, they form rival societies, both solemnly vowing that to make a better town is their only motive and when you ask them to consider what IS better, you get both mad at you, both being too busy arrogating right to be bothered with considering what it is, and must be the same.

We are going to have two elections, though our political expert don't know it, and they want to make it a Coalition both ways to keep out the Socialists. Though they don't believe in it, they have given you large slices of stupid Socialism already—to keep out the Socialists. They don't see that they are simply consolidating the Socialists. There can only be yea or nay, only two parties, and if both the old ones fail separately, they obviously fail together—short of Socialism. If you want Socialism, you are going to get it, Coaltions or no Coalitions—and be sorry.

By the same quaint reasoning they tell you that because floods have happened once in 40 years, there won't be one again this year. Never mind the conditions. Pure science!

They could pass a law. They do to make six o'clock seven, and to finish the Hope road this year.

They could also pass a law to make water run up hill and so end the drainage squabble.

With fanfare that sound far more propaganda than principle, they cook the Atlantic Onion and the expert odds are six to one on war. Balloney — unless they plan one. If they knew Joey Stalin, it has reversed the odds oppositely. Wait and see. And another mess on incorporation; a mess on the school; a mess of water, maybe not quite so bad if the present moderate thaw holds and maybe a surprise for the Coalition. All unless they resolutively wise up forthwith, sit and see—and be sorry.

The buds that bugreon in this strange spring, tra-la look very much like booming crises, or disises if it pleases you queer folk any better. Wait and see—and be sorry.

# CIVIC STIRRINGS DRIVE A NEW WEDGE

## STIR AND STEER *

THERE are civic stirrings in Princeton, and that is good. There is much to do, and too long has it been —wrongly—said that you can't do anything in Princeton, or with Princeton. By large turnouts and eager interest, the people are once more giving the lie to that. To be doing is fine, but what you do — and even how you do it—counts too. Stir is fine, but it must have steer. Now is the time to look to it.

There are those who say there is no civic interest in Princeton, and we have often said how wrong they are. Wrestling with twin teethings, Princeton packed her largest hall to discuss school troubles; and in the heat found full energy to launch a "ratepayers'" association.

Good lads! And while your umpiring uncle must truthfully tell you that in neither case was the approach overly intelligent, the spirit's the thing and if we are sincerely out to seek improvement we'll find it, however falteringly. If we are simply out with the old fault of building a wall about our faults, well, events will find it futile.

To be going somewhere is great. You know, we're not nearly ready for that road – far more lagging than it. Even now many eyes are upon us; soon an avalanche. A few forerunners have come in, taken one look and—and we've a lot to do before the highway opens unless we want to make it no asset but a damning liability.

It's great to be going somewhere. It is rather wise to check the direction at the start—the maps and the motor, and if we don't know too much about these things, consult an expert or two.

Now we're not going to quibble too much how we do things, just so long as we get them done, but you know if you use the wrong recipe or the recipe wrong you needn't expect the right cake; if you take the wrong way or the machine is wrong, you won't get to the destination. Perverseness won't do it, no matter how sincere your vote or opinion, no matter how unanimous.

You'll get there just as well, of course, on the left side of the road. We don't quibble about things like that—and you must admit that in things civic we in Princeton do a lot of things oppositely — our town is unique in British Columbia; maybe we're smarter.

Amongst ourselves, that's all right, if we get what we want, though even there maybe we should want what is best, don't you think? If we had it, mightn't other towns copy us? But they don't, you know; they say some slurry things. Some of our own folk do too, and some of us don't like it—don't like that they should be able to be said. We think we—you—who live here are just as important as any tourists, deserve just as good a town to live in as they to visit; have no doubts that they would visit that kind of town. You know, everything we have could be a lot better—all of us—and be a lot better for it. Some of us are trying, build ing, but building no walls to keep intelligence and improvement out.

Left-handedness is sometimes simply a matter of choice. But sometimes of efficiency. And in any case, it's sometimes dangerous to flaunt a mere conventiion

That highway won't be just a local road. Our hopes, our stirrings are all the opposite. It will be right hand drive, and we have to consider whether a left-hand town will be very attractive to those who have shown no inclination to copy us—rather to sniff. Or whether, after all WE might be missing something.

They say a good town, a good paper, or something like that. Well, when preparations are complete that the sincere and sensible accept, you won't have to apologize for your paper. And we've never blamed the town, nor do we accept all the blame for a town that has a habit of walling up its faults and stuffing its ears to the things that don't suit its notions. Somehow we're going to change all that—more sensibly and more easily together. That's really what you are stirring for. Suppose we keep it before us.

There is some—mutual—truth in "like newspaper like town." We need you; we think you need us.

We've never told you how to vote. We don't think we have any monopoly on intelligence or right. But we do seek intelligence and right, and we know there is only one—the same for all, and nobody should be

* Some call it "bull."

★ WHEN you feel cross about the winds, just remember it's a good thing beer bottles don't fly.

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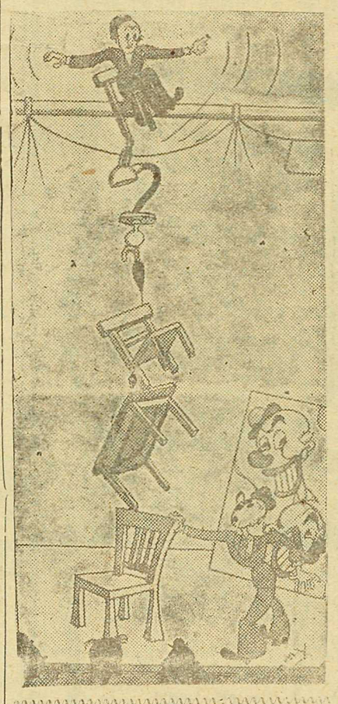
★ **FOWL TIP** — Jack Onslow, ager of my loves the White Sox (they were washed so clean after the '19 scandal they haven't won a thing since) is using movie pix to mend flaws in his hurlers and hitters (??). Mr. G. Worry thinks it's a swell idea. If he can only find a big enough lens he might get a pennant. But if George flops Chairlie could always rent his ball ground to the Cards. Oops. there goes our last friend.

*No Comment*



## 'BILLY' HAZZARD DIED SATURDAY

"Billy" Hazzard is dead. He left us Sautrday, the end coming somewhat mercifully in Princeton, for Billy had been failing for some time. A queer little man he had been with us for a third of his 73 years.

For 17 years he was our undertaker. That period saw the Blakeburn explosion, the Copper Mountain bunkhouse fire. In all he registered 665 deaths from 6th December, 1919, to 16th February, 1941; and now they have buried Billy.

William Franklin Hazzard was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, 26th July, 1876 when the West was still young. He left school at 13 to work in a packing house, then was a store clerk in neighboring North Dakota. His employer also had store in Rock Creek, one of our earliest gold towns, and that is how he came to B.C.

His father was secretary of the Territorial Pioneers.

When the Boundary boom began to fade, like many others moved over to Similkamen; there are many here who knew him from the Boundary days.

He came to Princeton in 1917, for a short time was hotel clerk and ran a dry-cleaning business for a while. In 1919 he bought out the colorful "Tink" French (initials D.M.) and operated the mortuary until 18th March, 1941 when he sold out to Mr. Geo. E. Gurr. In July of that year he left for the Coast seeking a congenial place to end his days, but soon realized it was back among us, and lived quietly in his bachelor cabin since then. His relatives are in the U.S.

The funeral was held Tuesday from St. Paul's. Pall - bearers were members of the I.O.O.F. lodge of which he was an old member.

## Twenty-One Pass First Aid Exams

TWENTY-ONE candidates passed first aid examinations at Princeton Centre. Thirty-two attended classes. Examiners were Doctors Hicks and Murphy, with Mr. T. H. Cunliffe instructor. A good season.

Junior—Diane Bottaro, Jean Muir, Ruby Willis.

Senior—Certificates (1st year) G. Francis, W. Francis, E. Plexman. R. Hume, A. Swanson, P Colton, R. Vidovich, H. Williams, A. Browne, Miss. C. Johnson, Miss A. Antonich; voucher (2nd year) A. Suran, R. Miller Jr., J. P. Cunliffe; medallion (third year)—Const. W. Hare; label (four and over)—Mrs. N. Anderson, F. Anch. D. Bryden.

## NEWS BRIEFS

★ **TAG DAY** for national first aid service will be held 23rd, with funds drive from 10th to 26th. Bob Miller is local convenor and objective is $300. St. John Assn. serves in emergencies. Local example—Copper Mtn. cage disaster.

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★ **BIG TURBINE** at Granby's power plant is down for about a fortnight for overhaul. Frequently in past when Bonnington power has been low hookup has been made to power plant. Just now Granby operation is virtually rationed for power.

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★ **STRIP MINING** has been suspended at the Black property.

## CITIZENS STAND BY ONE BOARD-ONE, NOT

SPRING has come to Princeton with a bursting of sudden civic-mindedness; who quipped blooming? A civic rash; since in the mixup, we must be allowed to mix a metaphor. The spring of highway hopes. A month ago it was sodden, and it is factual biology that life springs from water, though Princeton is usually held to nourish on a companionate beverage. And water—the kind that (doesn't) run off and the kind that is laid on—at rising rates—loom large in the Spring springs. There are sincere neighborly anxieties lest wet feet develop into water on the brain and a crop of prize bloomers. The seeds, more hearty than heady, give misgivings. But the idea is grand.

## OLD SCHOOL SITE STANDS

**"My Meeting" Does Same Old Things In Same Old Way, Only Moreso**

YOU can take the school plans or leave them when you vote on the $350,000 plebiscite soon. You have passed up your last chance to make them suit.

At a packed but orderly "inquest" meeting Princeton taxpayers voted 131 to 36 to stand by the disputed site, and the plans "as is."

It was a normal but abnormal meeting, not so much by what was said as what was unsaid.

There has been no opposition to building a school, but there have been sincere anxieties at this critical stage whether the proposed project is the right one.

It is not a matter of local opinion, but of expert advice, looking into the future. And there was none. It was the same old story as the annual school meeting, only larger—and final.

The credit goes to Mr. Matheson, the inspector and sole expert, who made it "my meeting." And the verdict he got is known to be entirely against his own opinions, officially stated, and those of the experts.

### EXPERTS OFFERED

When, as is usual in Princeton, a purely technical promblem devolved into partisan opinion, a sincere and disinterested appeal was made to Victoria to use its good offices to put the issue on a factual level.

Officialdom responded properly It sent Mr. Matheson in, to work through the constituted authority of the Board. It offered "a DELEGATION OF THREE INSPECTORS PLUS WHATEVER ASSISTANCE THE INSPECTORS MAY REQUIRE."

It offered to give the recommendations of Mr. Graham, Town Planning expert, WHEN AND IF THE PRINCETON SCHOOL BOARD DESIRE TO CARRY OUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT."

Not one word of this was said at the meeting. Not a word of $700 spent for discarded plans; of other pertinent facts.

Nothing about the budget and the financial statement, which the law says must be audited and published—slackness, not deceit.

It was simply the old issue of the P.T.A. versus the Board and the P.T.A. again made a sorry case.

### AND FORGOTTEN

Mr. Matheson came in as directed and approached the Board. They arranged a private session with the P.T.A.—and decided to call for a summary public decision—at five days' notice.

There was nothing new before the meeting. There were local suggestions on sites and plans, local opinions and local objections, and obvious nonsense. A leader of one side said the plans called for putting a second storey on a 50-year old building. Her opposite painted a tearful—turn all mirthful picture of the poor little children creeping in terror through the dark woods to an alternate site.

There was some good solid sense too, but just not enough evidence on which to base any intelligent verdict.

Many said, "I voted for the present set up because nothing better is offered. This has consistently been the board's own case.

Yet "ALL THE ABOVE HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND YOUR LOCAL INSPECTOR", and these were the auspices under which the Inspector was sent in.

Mr. Matheson said it was "my meeting". He has told us that "all government is by the consent of the people" and the people accordingly consented to a benevolent despotism where

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## LOOK OUT, MR. CARSON!

**Prideaux's Powerful Punch To Plump Fot Princeton Progress; Poor Politicians**

PRINCETON has a Ratepayers' Association, and already they are brawling about it. But just the same they are going to Victoria to tell the Government that they have to make a better Princeton.

And who is going? Our Mr. Prideaux is going — the champion with the powerful punch. He will frankly admit it. For a long time Mr. Prideaux has been laying about the Government, whom he claims are responsible for the ills that Princeton is heir to. Now he has his big chance; and while most of us have no great love for government, it's only human to warn Mr. Carson that he had better wear his aluminium armour and be ready to bet a bottle of Scot's whiskey.

In the past when James Bay has been chided about the Great Lakes on Princeton's main streets the government has always reminded us that all we have to do is incorporate and we can have exactly what we want. And Mr. Prideaux is rumored to be not altogether in favor of incorporation. With Mr. Prideaux goes Mr. Avery.

In fact there are nasty people admittedly equally partisan on the other side who are saying that the Ratepayers' Association is a hole-in-the wall move to block incorporation; and they are determined to push it thro' in much the same tactics. That's Princeton and both sides solemnly assure us they are simply out to make a better Princeton.

### OUR STREETS (?)

The idea of a ratepayers' association was first mooted in your newspaper under the incorporation controversy, and the preamble is in much the original words, though the idea has been taken over by new sponsors. Mr. Prideaux at that time gave the suggestion his blessing, but regretted he could not take a prominent part. However, he does not seem averse to a good-natured wrestle with Mr. Carson, and he carries the blessing of most of us.

Just what they are going to ask Victoria to do is not quite clear, since the idea of a deputation seems to have come from the executive rather than from the floor of the house, but no matter how they do things, just so long as they get them done is o.k. by most of us, if only the government will see it that way.

One of the main points will be streets and drainage, and it is notorious that there is much to do, and that the government is constrained to do, incorporation or no incorporation.

Have come during the recent heavy snows, when they simply ploughed it up against the sidewalks and often over them, with no clearing of sidewalks and no removal of snow—often blocking

### CONFUSION, INC.

The breaking point seems to what had been privately cleared. And when the thaw came these great dykes—they did no draining either but often blocked private attempts to drain—made a glorious mess to street's and private property and the basement of the government office itself flooded in consequence, was simply pumped out into the street, to flood private property. The streets are a notorious mess, and even the advocates of incorporation feel that the government is trying to rub incorporation in.

But the government for a long time has been committed to a complete overhaul of streets and drains this year. In a letter to the Board of Trade (Star, 28th November, 1947) Chief Engineer

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★ *ATTENTION!*

## BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS

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They must be exchanged for new books before March 31st. *The new books have spaces for March contributions, so you can renew the old ones before the end of the month.*

Renewal of books is important to you, to your employees and to the Commission. *Please Act Promptly.*

TO THE INSURED WORKER!—Have you an insurance book in your possession? If so, please take or send it to the nearest National Employment Office for renewal before March 31st. If you send your book, enclose your present address so that your new book may be returned to you promptly.

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION**

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HAL ROACH COMEDY
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JOHNNY COMES FLYING HOME
with Richard Crane, Fay Marlin
ARTHUR TAKES OVER
with Lois Collier, Richard Crane
WED.. THURS., APRIL 14-15
THE ENDS OF THE EARTH
with Dick Powell Signe Hasso

**INDECENT EXPOSURE**
in a local cafe sent a transient to Oakalla for four months this week at Princeton Police Court.

**LIQUOR AT A DANCE**
at Copper Mtn. brought $50 fines on four Copper Mtn. men in police court here this week.

**DOG OWNERS—WARNING**
Failure to take out a dog licence brought a $2.50 fine to a Princeton resident this week.

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**The Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax is designed to assist you and your community. One-third of all money collected under the Act is turned over to the Municipal governing body to be spent for the benefit of the people who live in the community.**

### NO "STRINGS" ON MUNICIPAL AID

**No restrictions have been placed on communities . . . you and your community can spend tre money as you see the need . . . for schools or roads, or hospitals, or to reduce the tax burden now imposed on the tax sources available to municipalities, towns, or cities.**

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**Due to the exemption of food, fuel and essential services and commodities, the Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax results in a taxation of about 1% of the expenditures of an average family.**

### EVERYONE SHARES BURDEN

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YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY BENEFIT FROM THE "B.C. SALES TAX"

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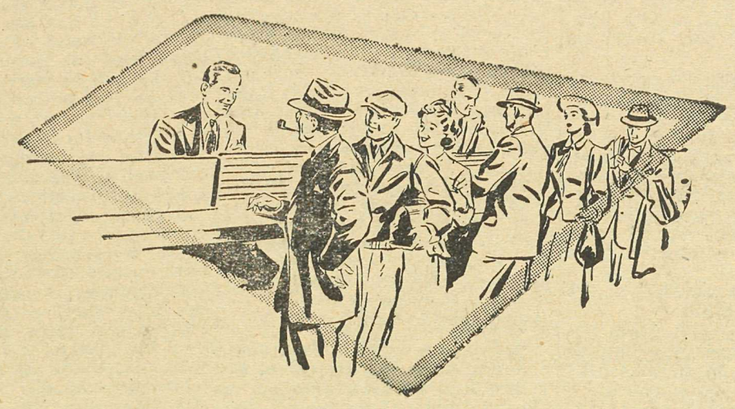

## Canada's banks have 7,000,000 bosses

**Your bank account is one of seven million. You keep it in the bank of your choice. A bank exists by the confidence of its depositors. *You're the boss.***

YOUR banks operate under charters granted by Parliament, which every ten years reviews and revises them.

Above all, the depositor is the controlling factor—the safety of depositors' funds is a bank's first concern. As a depositor exercising your free choice—yours is the power which keeps the bank alert to your needs.

And it works out. Impartial authorities have called Canada's banking system one of the soundest and most efficient in the world.

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The Navy offers you a chance to see the world—the opportunity to learn valuable skills—every training and educational aid to climb its ladder of advancement and take promotion quickly.

The Navy's interests are your interests. Your interests are the Navy's. When you join the R.C.N. you not only play a man's part in national security but you embark on a career that gives you ample opportunities for personal advancement and the realization of your ambitions.

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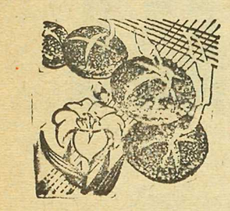

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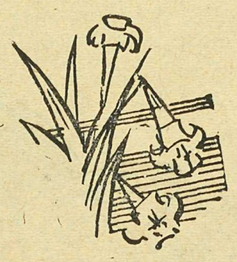

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**A CADETS' TAG DAY** is being held in Princeton on Saturday.

**BASEBALL SCHEDULE** will be drawn up Sunday. George is league vice-president.

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The advertisements, which are appearing in magazines and newspapers published in various languages and circulated in all parts of the world, are in keeping with the belief of The House of Seagram that the future of every Canadian business enterprise is inextricably bound up in the future of Canada itself; and that it is in the interest of every Canadian manufacturer to help promote the sale of *all* Canadian products in foreign markets.

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## RATEPAYERS

(From Page Thirty-Three)

Anderson promised that the high way streets, Bridge and Vermilion, would be graded, drained and hard-surfaced in 1949, when the equipment would be here for the highway. So the deputation should "get results."

There is no dispute that there is much for a ratepayers' association to do, and most of us won't be over-technical as long as they get things done. But just as we had to point out with the opposite bid to incorporate, procedure has an important bearing on authority, and while this move has a good backing, there is also undisputed rivalry.

### PRO BONO PUBLICO

In checking up the incorporationists, we pointed out clearly how a public movement must be launched, to claim authority on the public's behalf. Authority simply does not have to recognize what lacks authority and while this is anything but an attempt to discourage public spiritedness those who devote themselves to it should surely be sufficiently interested to ensure that they are not merely liable to waste their work, but liable to do a public disservice. For lack of attention to a few simple rules most public movements hereabouts are highly irregular, and it could be serious. A technically minded critic, for instance, could—in legal sense quite properly void most of what the Board of Trade has done in the last ten years. Smart lawyers condone murder by just such and you never know when someone is going to find it profitable to be smart.

But we are not trying to be just technical. We need a good citizens' organization, and it would be a shame to see it just another move to split the community. It must have the confidence of every citizen that he can get a hearing of his views whatever they are, or it will obviously fail to fill that need.

**A public movement must be fully public.**

A public meeting must be called by public advertisement. (92) The chairman should read to the meeting copy of notice or advertisement. (94).

(Numbers are references to pages in Bourinot's "Rules of Order", the standard authority on procedure).

All public bodies are governed by parliamentary law (5).

### ALL HER FAULT

**This movement was started by inviting selected persons to a preliminary meeting. No general public notice was given, therefor it was not a public meeting. (We have condemned the incorporation move on the same score)**

**Incorporationists — who continue to hold private meetings until they are ready to launch a public campaign — promptly dubbed it hole-in-the-wall anti-incorporation move, went to the meeting—no one seems to have been barred, but that does not make it public.**

**Temporary officers were named and membership petitions circulated, a fee being collected.**

**Your newspaper pointed out this criticism and offered to donate handbills for a public meeting. Two notices were posted calling not a public meeting but a meeting of the Ratepayers' Association, clearly confined to members of what was not organized as a public body. However some 150 reportedly took out membership, and the vast majority sustained the procedure**

### SAVE OUR SOLOMONS

**There are complaints that, though sustained, some proceedings were curious and irregular, contrary to authoritative Rules of Order, which no majority can disregard and maintain authority. A member rose to a point of order. The chairman refused to hear it.**

Any member may call for a division (141)

If the chairman, or the meeting, believes that the speaker's remarks are not relative to the question, he shall be promptly called to order by the former. 53

**A member — admittedly critical moved to regularize procedure by endorsing the organization. His motion was curiously rejected except that it include the proviso that pro-tem officers be installed en bloc. He and others urged that any new election requires new nominations. This was voted down.**

Elections are governed by the Constitution of the organization concerned, but the principle laid down for organizations with boards of trade, municipalities, school districts and all bodies of recognized public authority) is published nomination. There is no such thing as automatic reelection and each office must be filled separately, just a each motion is dealt with separately; a nomination being in effect a motion to elect, which any member has the right to make, and the majority to accept or reject, and can re-elect the entire slate separately, by this procedure. Can you conceive of parliament being re-elected en bloc in such fashion? Most private societies embrace this principle in their by-laws and it is established that in anything not provided for in the by-laws, or in the absence of by-laws, the Rules of Order apply (2).

**To begin with, though more humorous than serious, there can be no ratepayers' association in Princeton because there are no ratepayers.**

Ratepayer—one who pays local (municipal) taxes.—Century, Collins' and other dictionaries.

**AND—to frame by-laws they have written for copies of by-laws of three ratepayers' associations IN INCORPORATED TOWNS.**

## SCHOOL

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he so effaced himself in giving them their own way that he did not tell them what they had to know. He has also warned you not to believe what you see in the papers. Let him disprove this.

Disgruntled ones, given this information for the first time, are suggesting that "my meeting" should pay the taxes.

The score now is that the plebiscite will go ahead, already delayed nearly two years. The plans and the plebiscite are not yet ready. The only authoritative vote is of course the plebiscite, and every taxpayer throughout the entire School District has an equal vote if current school taxes are paid.

Meanwhile at Princeton school banners are being prepared under school authority, in school time and with school materials to regale the taxpayers in student parade with "We want a school."

### LET'S GET IT RIGHT

We all want the school — the right one. None of us in competent to say what it is. We are competent to seek competent advice and give them what they —we—should have. It is a purely technical question in which expert advice seems to be against us, and we simply want to know we are doing what is best. Town planning is at a critical stage, and many a town has too late regretted not looking ahead, as we are with our street plan. There is in this view no clashing with authority, no predisposition for any plan, no hostility to any plan or any person; simply an appeal through respected authority to the authority we can respect. We don't want to have to vote "no" because we are denied the chance to honestly and intelligently vote "yes."

We cannot but feel that, meaning well, our inspector has let us down badly. We don't want to risk events forcing us to say the same of our Board, our school, our students and ourselves.

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stubborn or resentful about finding it.

We have tried. and will always try, however resented, to help you to find it. To serve you we must.

Here is how a much admired statesman says he votes: He asks himself—(1) Is it right?; (2) Will it work?; (3) Is it good value—not only can we afford it but can we afford not to?; (4) Do the people want it? You see, there is no mention of majority. Enough must want right to make it work. That is really what democracy means. And you are a very important individual. You must be one of those who want right to work, or you are really a public enemy. Putting up fences changes nothing. That is what we have tried to tell you. It is all a Solomon could do for you; and sincerely share the search. "Like newspaper like town" is hardly fair in fence-building and ear-stuffing.

Most often this good man has to vote "no." Many good things are not allowed to work. But it is not enough just to admit it.

Vote as your search dictates. But if we disagree, on this formula of search, then either of us is either wrong or hypocritical, and it's neighborly incumbent to put him right.

We've told you that if you can find a newspaperman to serve you better—not as a puppet, but in this solid creed—we'd gladly step out. We put up a thousand dollars—a conviction, not a wager—to anyone who could disprove this creed, for we are anxious to be right, more anxious not to mislead. Neither challenge found a taker, and in sincerity there must have been some. For the same old fence-building, the same old stubborn, all-hurtful, selfish wrangle, where in sincerity and good sense there must be sweet and common search,

You are stirring! and that is good. But are you searching or ear stuffing? Do you want a good town, and right, or your own way, right or wrong. Are you public spirited, a true democrat, or a public enemy—and your own, in the long run? That is your vote.

## LEGALS

**Department of Public Works**
**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

SEALED TENDERS, endorsed "Tender for Public Works Garage at Princeton", will be received by the Minister of Public Works, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., up to 12 o'clock noon on Monday, the 25th day of April, 1949, and opened in public at that time and place.

Plans, specifications and conditions of tender may be obtained on and after April 1st., 1949, from the Department of Public Works Victoria, B.C., on deposit of the sum of Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00) which will be refunded on their return in good order, and will also be on view at the offices of The Court House Vancouver, and the Court House, Princeton.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Minister of Public Works, for the sum of Five thousand dollars ($5,000.00), which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into the contract when called upon to do so.

No tender will be considered having any qualifying clauses whatsoever, and the lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

N. W. MACPHERSON,
Deputy Minister.
Department of Public Works,
Parliament Buildings,
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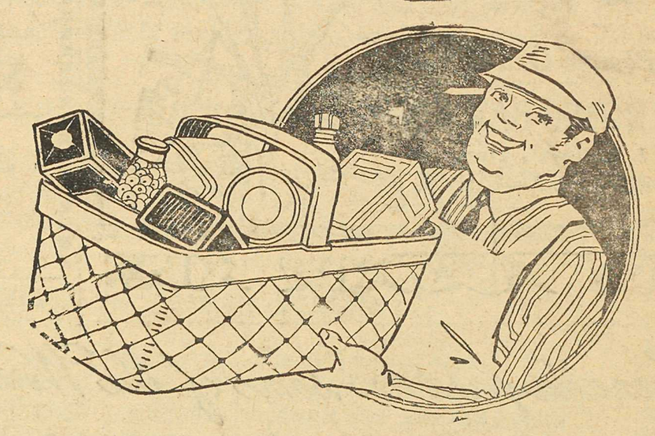

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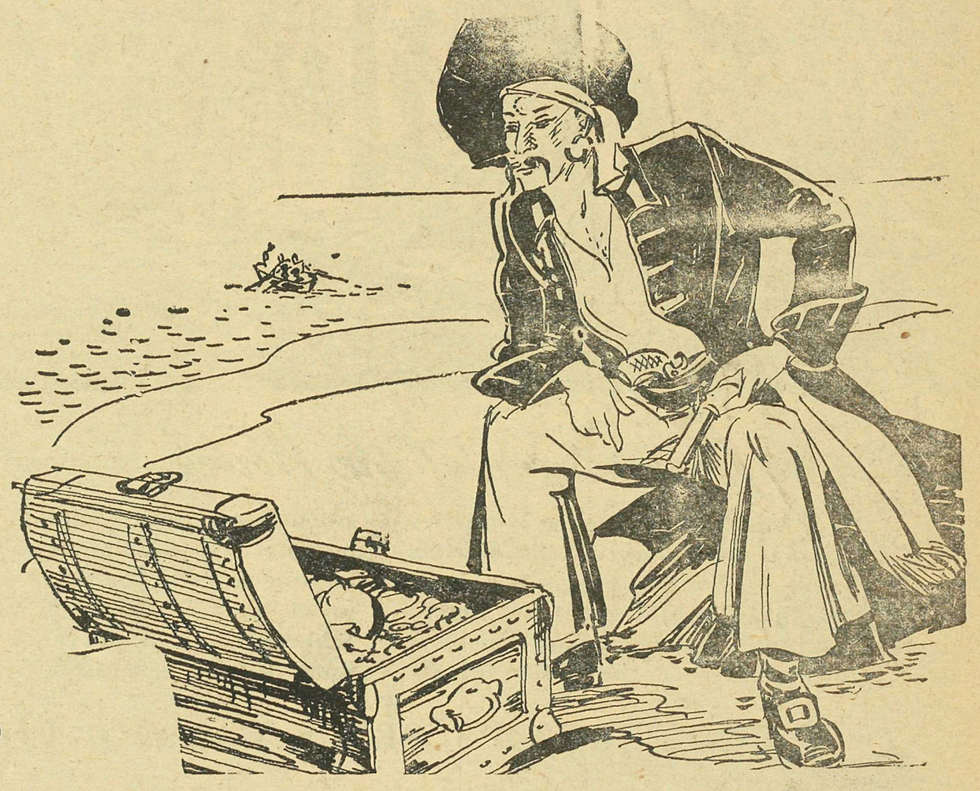

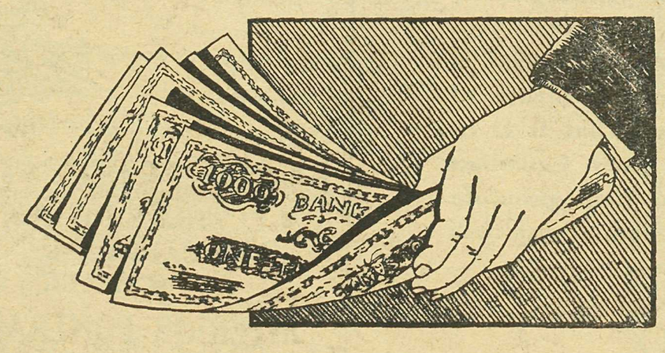

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