

PEPPER-TALK

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During this week preparations for the annual Remembrance Day are rapidly rounding into shape and tomorrow we shall be taking our annual march to the cenotaph in Rossland and afterwards we shall, no doubt, hear a lot of reminiscing around the Legion about the bygone days which people all over the world are afraid are going to be repeated.

If you ask some of those who went through it what their thoughts are, most of them would just rather not discuss it. The picture is present too much to dwell upon. However, you do not push a thing further away by clamming up about it. Rather, at this time, when the past is brought home to us, it might be a good idea to think how we, as ordinary citizens, could do something constructive to help keep the peace. Maybe that will help put to rest the dark fears that cloud the thoughts of many people today.

The picture we have painted for us is one of two juggernauts rushing head-on for a confrontation, with the rest of the world caught helplessly in the middle. It's not a pretty picture but it's something to think about as we remember those who gave up everything to help in wars past.

Now, to other subjects. The snow is threatening to arrive and all on us any day now. You can just tell the people who are happy with this state of affairs. They have a gleam in their eye as they gaze up at the small amount of snow dusting the nearby mountains around town. No doubt, they are conjuring up visions of it piling up on Red and Granite mountains and making the bush trails suitable for the cross-country addicts and the slopes in shape for the thrills of downhill.

Right now, of course, the snow in B.C. is a threat to those who must travel, with the current labor problems stopping road clearing, which is a must in our area if we are to be able to live normally. If we get any kind of a snowfall in the next few days, that hill to Trail will become a nightmare. So, here also, we have some kind of a dilemma which we can only hope will be resolved before it caused us any more trouble than it has already done.

Curling for the retirees is proceeding and I'm told by Jim Albo that the main club will be in action before long. He said he will give me some details of what has transpired so far some time this week. The mixed club is already under way with a good strong membership and both women's clubs will be under way momentarily.

With the retirees we are getting excellent response from members. They are turning up for all games in the first competition on time and everyone seems to be enjoying themselves.

Draws for the coming week's competition have been made and we shall be in the first trophy round until Dec. 13, so it's quite likely we shall take our Christmas break then and start a new one early in January.

In KIJHL hockey circles so far this young season, two

teams are making a shambles of the standings. In the west the Spokane Flames are really going to town and showed no visible signs of weakness in their victory over the Warriors last week. Thirteen wins in 14 games played is certainly impressive. In the east the Columbia Valley team are 12 and 4 in 16 outings and nine points ahead of their nearest rival. On the other end of the standings, Creston and Trail are really having their problems. Young teams in the process of rebuilding, have to feel their way and it takes time.

Turning to football for a few moments, I watched both Sunday games in the CFL and thought both of them exciting. Hamilton's tie got them into the east playoffs and the Saskatchewan Spoilers ruined Calgary and let the Eskimos into the playoffs they were in danger of missing for the first time in quite a few years.

Our Vets banquet on Saturday night prevented me from seeing B.C.'s big win over the eastern Rough Riders and so the Lions have a lot of things going for them now, home-field advantage the rest of the way, should they get to the final they will have to play awfully well to handle those high-flying Argos.

Till next week, then!