

Elliot Lake keep chin up" says experienced Kitimat

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KITIMAT, B.C. (CP)—In Kitimat, the former Indian village that has progressed through infancy and boisterous adolescence to maturity as a modern MOVIE COLUMN city in less than 10 years, they say: "Tell Elliot Lake to keep its chin up."

A month after the layoffs in

\$3,850,000 general hospital.

The future of Elliot Lake, Ont., field of town planning, the lean the uranium boom town threat- years saw possibly more progress ened with the unhappy distinc- than the fat years. tion of becoming the first atomic-age ghost town because October, 1957, voters overwhelof falling demand for its pro- mingly approved a \$2,280,000 ---duct, is of interest because Kit-| hospital bylaw, the municipalimat faced similar prospects two ity's share in construction of a years ago.

Kitimat's bubble burst at the was to open at the end of March. end of 1957 when a decreasing demand for aluminum forced the library was built. Municipal Aluminum Company of Canada services were installed in a clear- up next Monday, campaigning is to cancel plans for continued ex- ed neighborhood waiting for fu- over. pansion of its smelter. The de- ture homes. A modern shopping cision meant the layoff of nearly and business centre sprang up in thousands of dollars were spent cline of good character roles in 2,000 construction workers, a de- the downtown area. pression in local business and a general atmosphere of pessim- ner, visiting the town in August, able.

Some people packed up and stands as an outstanding ex-free admissions to nominated egory are evidence of that. left. The majority who stayed ample of literally mind over films, press agent fees, cocktail and weathered the storm now matter." survey their town with pride and SPACIOUS LOTS look to the future with enthus- | Kitimat residents now occupy

MODERN WONDER tury. Those who had built homes before the mortgage is paid off, achievement. It isn't something

mined not to give it up. ments are rented. but we'd rather stay here and try terests to suit almost every taste, in 1940 "The Westerner"." to improve them than move out) Kitimat's working force draws: "That was when it really ki and look for a pie in the sky." In monthly payroll of about \$1,- meant something to belong to \$2.

"I once mentioned leaving. My the layoffs but its workers now join after I had won two awards. average \$2.60 an hour. Twofive kids said 'No, Sir!'" Kitimat's youth is probably one thirds of the population depend

of the main reasons for its sur- on the smelter for a living the vival. Of the population of near-tremainder on 200 private busly 9,000 -- down more than 3,000 inesses which now fill all availsince 1957--about 97 per cent are able store and office space. under 50 years of age. Half are The number of people now seeking work stands at 240, compared with a peak of 900 two SET TO WORK

Those who stayed after the years ago. The future looks 1957 hayoffs decided that the bright, Lord helps those who help them- "STEADY IMPROVEMENT" selves, and set to work. In the

DOLLARS

and taking it out."

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SURVIVED CRISIS—Progressive planning has made the aluminum community of Kitimat, in the rugged Coast Mountains 400 miles north of Vancouver, North America's newest modern city in less than 10 years. Its planners and residents sympathize with the problems now facing the town of Elliot Lake, Ont., also carved out of the wilderness and facing the prospect of becoming a ghost town because of the depression in uranium demand. Kitimat survived a similar depression in 1957 when a decline in aluminum demand forced widespread layoffs. Most residents remained, weathered the bad times and today Kitimat is thriving again. Aerial photo shows two of the city's four residential neighborhoods.

Three-time Oscar winner blasts award campaigning

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Stars who campaign for Academy Awards drew a blast today from three-time Streets were paved; a modern Oscai winner Walter Brennan.

the academy."

"Nowadays, anybody can get in

performers. This year's slim

"The trouble is that today's

value of having experience

around them. They start up-

staging you and all that non-

That's a sure sign of insecur-

With the awards event coming

No one knows how many trying to sway the academy vot- films, now that producers place Attorney-General Robert Bon- ers, but the amount is consider- 30 much emphasis on a few star

"Kitimat It went for trade paper ads, pickings in the supporting catparties and other stunts. young actors don't realize the Brennan deplores this. He claimed he won his triple

more than 1,000 privately-owned crown—the only actor to do so homes on spacious, landscaped without campaigning a bit. Kitimat is something of a lots. Most were built with NHA: "Why, I never would have modern wonder. It is the first loans and a second mortgage thought of asking someone to ity." completely new, completely mod- from Alcan which provides for vote for me. Never. An Academy ern planned city to be built in repurchase of the home by the Award should be a recognition North America in the 20th cen-company if the employee leaves by your fellow craftsmen of your

and settled down were deter- Nearly 700 homes and apart- you should ask for." THEY MEANT MORE "The easiest thing for us would Twenty per cent of the popula- The actor said that he won his have been to leave and go where tion attend three elementary Oscars back in the days when there was work," said a constructischools. a high school and a septithey meant more—"and I won! tion worker's wife. "But we liked arate school. There are nine three out of the first five awards it here. There are things we churches and nearly 200 active for support: In 1936 "Come and & might like to have improved organizations and clubs cover in- Get It", in 1938 "Kentucky" and

Says: Russ Hoover, smelter 400,000, of which \$1.125,000 is the leademy. You had to achieve L worker and local president of the supplied by Alcan. The Alcan something in the movie business. United Steelworkers of America: figure is less than it paid before For instance, I was invited to 3

Names in the News

WASHINGTON-Congressional investigators have ordered telesays Ted Musgrove, manager of vision disc jockey Dick Clark to the National Employment Erry-appear for questioning at payola hearings tentatively set to begin and 1956, but we have passed a April 21. In addition to Clark, rough spot and entered a stage 20-30 other persons from the Philadelphia area have been subpoenhed to testify at the new 🚜 round of payola hearings. They instend of making a fast buck include disc jockeys, phonograph record distributors and record ! In store for the area in 1980].

up n \$1,400,000 B.C. Power Com-1 OTTAWA --- Permanent-class Canadian employees working at U.S. military bases in Canada & have been declared eligible for 12 Bost, news of all was Alcan's announced Wednesday. Richard A B. Wigglesworth, U.S. ambassador to Canada, said in a letter to 38 External Affairs Minister Green A dlans affected by the decision.

implie average family feels more Martin F. O'Donoghus on moth-Joeuro," anya Monty Alton, Unit- oda of cleaning up the union nd Stoolworkers staff represent headed by James R. Hoffa.

"They don't expect Killmut to realize they'll have to put by a store firms operating in 1958 illie nost ogg for a rainy day, with 0.604 outlots and total sales A

Greatest rush since Coronation expected by travel association

LONDON (CP)—If you're coming to London around the time of Princess Margaret's wedding, it's time to start worrying about a place to stay. The city's hotels—all 1,800 of them—are going to be packed. Already many of the better-

known hotels are booked solid tion in 1953—and London loves a answered until all wedding de-The British Holiday and Travel Plans are already well ad-formation on the procession, They said Robert Spicer, 283 Association says it's obvious that vanced for arranging private ac- seats available along the route, a contractor and father of five

that weekend, and at least two works galore.

appointed.

Travel officials expect the greatest rush since the Corona-

many visitors are going to be dis-commodations, keeping pubs and for rooms in high-class children, thought to have been open far beyond normal hours, hotels. Apart from the supreme at- renting window space along the The association says it has one ed in nearby Howe Sound traction of the royal wedding, procession route, and selling a letter from a Canadian mother—| September turned up at his the Football Association Cup virtual flood of souvenirs and she went to Canada as a war home at Ingleside, Ont., near final is being played in London trinkets. There should be fire- bride 14 years ago—who is com- Cornwall.

And the ordinary tourist season travel association and a spokes- request for an inexpensive hotel Spicer

is usually pretty well under way man says most must remain un- has been looked after.

for several days around May 6, rush. tails are known. Tourists, main- his home seven months after and others are filling up fast. PLANS WELL AHEAD ly Americans, are asking for in- he was thought to be dead.

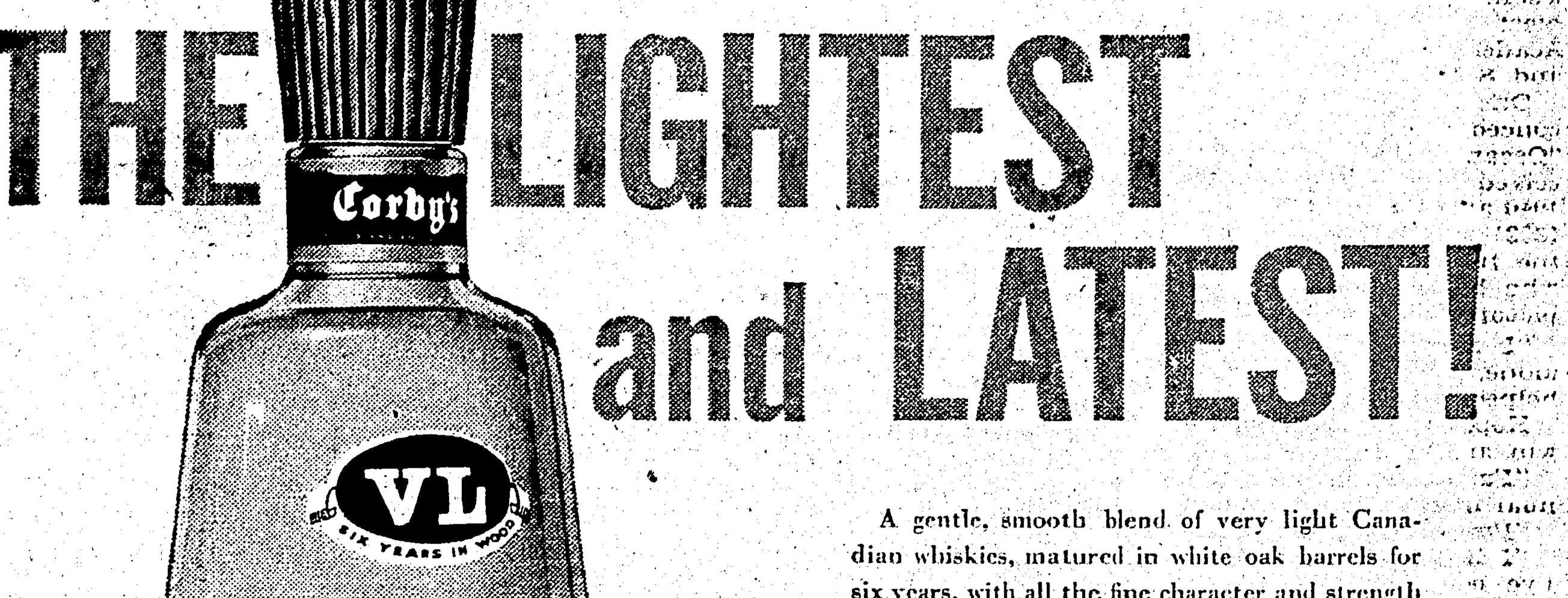
ing home "on a shoestring" to exhibitions will be in full swing. Inquiries are pouring in to the see the princess married. Her voiced by police after a care

> Prince Rupert Daily News. Thursday, March 31, 1960

today they have asked the Ontario headquarters to interm view a man who turned up

The possibility of murder was friends September 3 was found in Howe Sound near Porteau. 20 I miles northwest of here. The body could not be found

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