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Something for everyone in Chant report

Full impact of the report of the Chant tional loan plan to subsidize teacher-Royal Commission on Education, training to a maximum of \$4,000; will not be evident until the report has there is aid for school boards to help been studied fully, digested and anal- them build the required hundreds of yzed. On the face of it, the recommen- classrooms and shops envisioned undations of Dean Chant and his two as- der the proposed new system; a better sociates John E. Liersch and Riley P. chance is offered the student in the Walrod, meet the requirements needed streamlined, de - frilled curriculum to bring British Columbia's education plus bursaries for deserving students system up to a standard necessary for in rural areas. For parents there are a student facing life in this technol- free text books on basic subjects and ogical age.

briefs to the commission here, and mer vacation at the end of which chil-The Daily News itself, which long be-dren are almost eager to return to labored the inadequacy of the present school and mothers cannot wait for public school system, will find many the opening school bell. of the improvements suggested by them in the Chant report.

One of the major recommendations is for the provision of junior and senior vocational schools, a collegiate academy and an institute of advanced technology. With this is incorporated a move to end elementary school education at Grade 7 instead of Grade 6, so that even at 13 years a child can be channeled toward either an academic or vocational course. A further split occurs at the end of Grade 10 when a youth can transfer from the junior academic to senior vocational plan if that course would serve him

Such a plan will do much to thin the ranks of unemployed in the future when technological skills and high academic talents are going to be es- gratulated on the end result of the

requirements for teachers.

a longer school term for their chil-Local organizations who presented dren, cutting down on the longer sum-

> Also important are the clauses governing an increase in requirements for basic elementary certificates for teachers, regulations to provide withdrawal of unsatisfactory teachers and a centrally-negotiated, province - wide teachers' salary scale.

Without a doubt, the proposed revision of the school system is going to cost a tremendous amount of money. This is something that the provincial government and taxpayers have to recognize. The increased cost will be the price to be paid for survival. If it's not met and met handsomely, we will not survive this highly competitive and dangerous age.

Both the provincial government and the Chant Commission are to be consential to work at all. two-year study, the former for ap-We are also extremely pleased at pointing the commission and the latter the stress placed on a return to em- for its painstaking job. Whether the phasizing the "three R's," so that we commission's work will bear fruit dewill not continue to send illiterates to pends on the government. Since the university. For the same reason we present education system has been are glad that a start is to be made to- found wanting for some years now, ward implementation of full degree the sooner the majority of the Chant Commission's report is implemented, There is something for everyone in the greater the value B.C.'s education the Chant Commission report. There system will be to its youth, its econis incentive for teachers in the addi- omy and the rest of Canada.

Extra care urged to cut mishap toll

roads during the last Christmas and tially. New Year holidays and experts are predicting that this figure will be sur- of its annual safe-driving campaign, passed before the New Year holiday is over.

The fact that there were at least six traffic accidents and some injuries during the Christmas weekend should give city drivers cause to consider the safety of others as well as themselves. The tragic accident toll across Canada is not inevitable, nor is it in Prince Rupert. A little extra care on the part of both motorists and pedestrians

Eighty-six people died on Canadian could curb traffic accidents substan-

The Tea Council of Canada, as part offers these suggestions for a safe New Year holiday:

- Don't drive if you are tired.
- Obey the speed limits.
- Don't mix alcohol with driving.
- Before driving home from parties have a cup of hot tea or other alertness beverage.
- Whether you be a driver or a pedestrian give the other fellow a chance.

commerce and head of one of the biggest

"I now get to office half an hour earlier.

import houses in Port-of-Spain told FP why.

How to live without a phone

· Can you imagine what would happen if, in a city the size and importance of Quebec City. Windsor or Calgary, a strike cut out all telephone communication for a prolonged period? Down in Trinidad, telephones have been silent for over four months. But Port-of-Spain,

the capital and business and industrial centre, has taken it all in its strice. Business is better than ever and what's more important, relabotwoon businessimen are even more they wells when the phones

Leon Taurel, president of the local chamber

seat and go and see customers.

the telephone, they are now very personal people. Many have become my friends. And my business has increased in the last four

.- The Financial Report

The fashion once with to have Toronto, to speak ill of it, to jesst about its dreary back-Canada of being aler alive exciting. Is the butation deserved

For an answer, we turn to External Affairs Minister Whole Clark is to survey the ing here this week, he deported to have said, "If there is a Third World-War, there will be

go through my mail, do necessary dictation and make decisions faster. Then I get off my "Where my customers were once just voices

Every cloud has its moral.

Thank you, Mr. Green; thank you very much. We Torontonians think pretty highly of - From The Toronto Globe and Mail

The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the Everlasting Arms. Deut. 33:27. This is true of individuals as well as of



FLOWER OF THE HOLY NIGHT — Poinsettia plants are called flowers of the Holy Night in Mexico and FTD florists say that these heat-loving plants, which flower in warm Canadian homes, are still among the most popular choice for Christmas gifts. The Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association reports wiring more flower gifts during Yuletide, than any other time of the year. Other flower choices at this season were carnations, chrysanthemums and vari-Photo by MALAK, Ottawa ous hollies and greenery.

ALL ABOARD with G. E. Mortimore

first" between Russia and dian in New York. America has been played with last several years.

The two giants, intent only upon clouting each other on the ear with jagged lumps of achievement, picked up and hurled any invention they saw lying around, without being particular whose property really was.

In fact, "I invented It Fiirst" is a childish game, since no nation and no individual can claim sole credit for any advance of knowledge.

Inventors don't pull ideas from the air. They put them together from the materials supplied by other men. Each invention is built on centuries of knowledge.

Men with creative minds are able to put together old elements into new shapes. But they can't do this strictly on their own. The time must be ripe for it. The raw materials must be there. And those raw materials come from many countries. The stuff of knowledge is international.

However, when all that has been said, the game of "I invented It First" can be fun to play, as long as you dont believe it is real.

I see in the Sentinel, the official magazine of the Loyal Orange Association (which someone kindly sends to me) that Canadians have invented a number of useful things.

"The constant ballyhoo and propaganda concerning Rus-U.S.) Brantford, Ont., businessman, Cyril D. Henderson, that he decided to blow Canadas trumpet for a while.

"After two years' research he publicized a pamphlet of Canadian and British inventions that far outshine those of the Soviet Union.

It lists 20 firsts that are definitely Canadian and 53 that are British . . . "

For Canada, he claims: Alexander Bell. The railway sleeping car, built at Brantford and Hamilton.

Standard time, originated by covered in St. John and Napstrains, Marquis and Reward.

The first crossing of the Atlantic by a steamship, the Canadian-made Royal William. The compound steam engine, which replaced the onecylinder type. The first commercial oil well in North America, at Oil Springs, Ont.

The submarine cable, which New Brunswick and Edward Island. electric heater, at Ottawa. The steam foghern.

Hellum gas, at the University of Toronto, Pablum, another U of T first, now world renowned as a baby food. Life

bowling, Hockey, five-pin great zeal on both sides, these and basketball. The world's first board of trade, at Halifax. The founding of womens institutes, at Brantford.

These are the first for Great

Propellor-turbine airliners. air mail service, antiseptics, atomic power station, Bessemer steel process. blood circulation discovery, cellulose, Portland cement.

Liquid compass, reinforced concrete, elastic, electric clock, electric dynamo, electric lamp, chemical fertilizer, fire extinguisher, fountain pen, hydraulic press, jet engine, latex (foam), lawn mower, lifeboat, linoleum, loom.

friction Macadam roads, matches, microphone, open hearth furnace, photographic negatives, pneumatic tire, postage stamp, radar, reaping machine, sextant.

Ship stabilizer, first Atlantic flight (Alcock and Brown), telegraph. reflecting telescope.

cutting machine, electric arc canning, machine-made glass

Hair spring, miner's safety lamp, motor boat, bicycle, rotary press, screw micrometer, seismometer, universal joint, vacuum bottle, water closet, The last item is an inter-

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dens by the fire, The catalog presents a fashion Crossed strains, best hybrids,

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When sun turns north again and marshes ring With hyla choruses in silver As surely as the seasons come

To fill a cycle, keeping na-1 book of seeds will melt the frozen ground

And furrow drifts one February day With colored splendor, far as -William Vincent Bieller.

Short sermons When you lose hope, you'll

part with anything. The weaker the argument, the atronger the words.

Peering into the future

By LEWIS MILLIGAN

Janus, after whom January was named, was the Roman god of gates and doors. He was represented with two faces, one looking forward and the other backward. Man has been described as the only creature that looks behind and before; but, unlike Janus, he can only see in one direction. The past s an open vista stretching backward from recent events into the dim mists of prehistoric ages. The future is a blank. And yet from ancient times man has been impatient and curious about the future. The Greeks and Romans had their oracles, which were consulted by emperors and even the common people before venturing upon some national campaign or private enterprise.

Ambitious men in all ages have been obsessed with a desire to peer into the future. Napoleon consulted astrologists, and Hitler had a private fortune-teller. Hitler was probably prompted by fear and a guilty conscience, for he had his fits of gloom and passion, from which the oracle relieved him with lying forecasts of victory and world power.

All oracles are deliberate liars;; they can read the present condition of their consultants and accommodate them with the predictions. they desire. A famous example of that was the Delphic oracle telling Croesus that if he began a war he would destroy great Empire. He went to

war and destroyed his own. That is a bit of ancient history, but it has been repeated down through the years; rulers and would-be world rulers are still peering into the future and consulting the oracles for confirmation of their dreams of power. Karl Marx was the greatest oracle of the 19th century and he is still doing a roaring business — especially in the Near East and Africa. The rulers of Russia and China have put their whole faith in his utopian predictions.

esting one, for those people

who are always critizing

English plumbing. Britain in-

the people of that country

want to go on using some of

their original models, it's their

Some North Americans har-

bor the strange notion that

Britain is a fusty old country.

Far from it. Britain is the

motherland of the industrial

revolution. And the industrial

revolution includes the water

closet as well as the atomic

power generator.

vented indoor plumbing.

own business.

Stalin, who at one time studied for the priesthood, swallowed Karl Marx's horoscope whole, and he proceeded to fulfil it by violence and treachery. His succesor, Nikita. Khrushchev, tries hard on occasion to be affable, but he can be as fanatical as a whirling dervish when the infallibility of his oracle is flouted. He has himself assumed the mantle of a prophet by dogmatically declaring that the

States will live under the

Communist system. On that authority we can look forward to the New Year with assurance that Mr. Khrushchev has no immediate intention of annihilating the inhabitants of this continent with his fantastic rockets; for that would cancel out the fulfilment of his oracular prediction. We can gratefully thank Mr. Khrushchev for his promised respite from Communism for at least a couple of generations, and wish him, along with ourselves, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

With the classics

Should auld acquaintance be-

And never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne, We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne. And there's a hand, my trusty

And gie's a hand o' thine! And we'll tak a right gude-

And auld lang syne??

For auld lang syne. For auld lang syne, etc. -Robert Burns.

The lighter side

principal guest: "I suppose I Aren't your offer you wine. chairman of the Temperance

"Oh, no," said the guest; "I'm president of the Anti-Vice League.

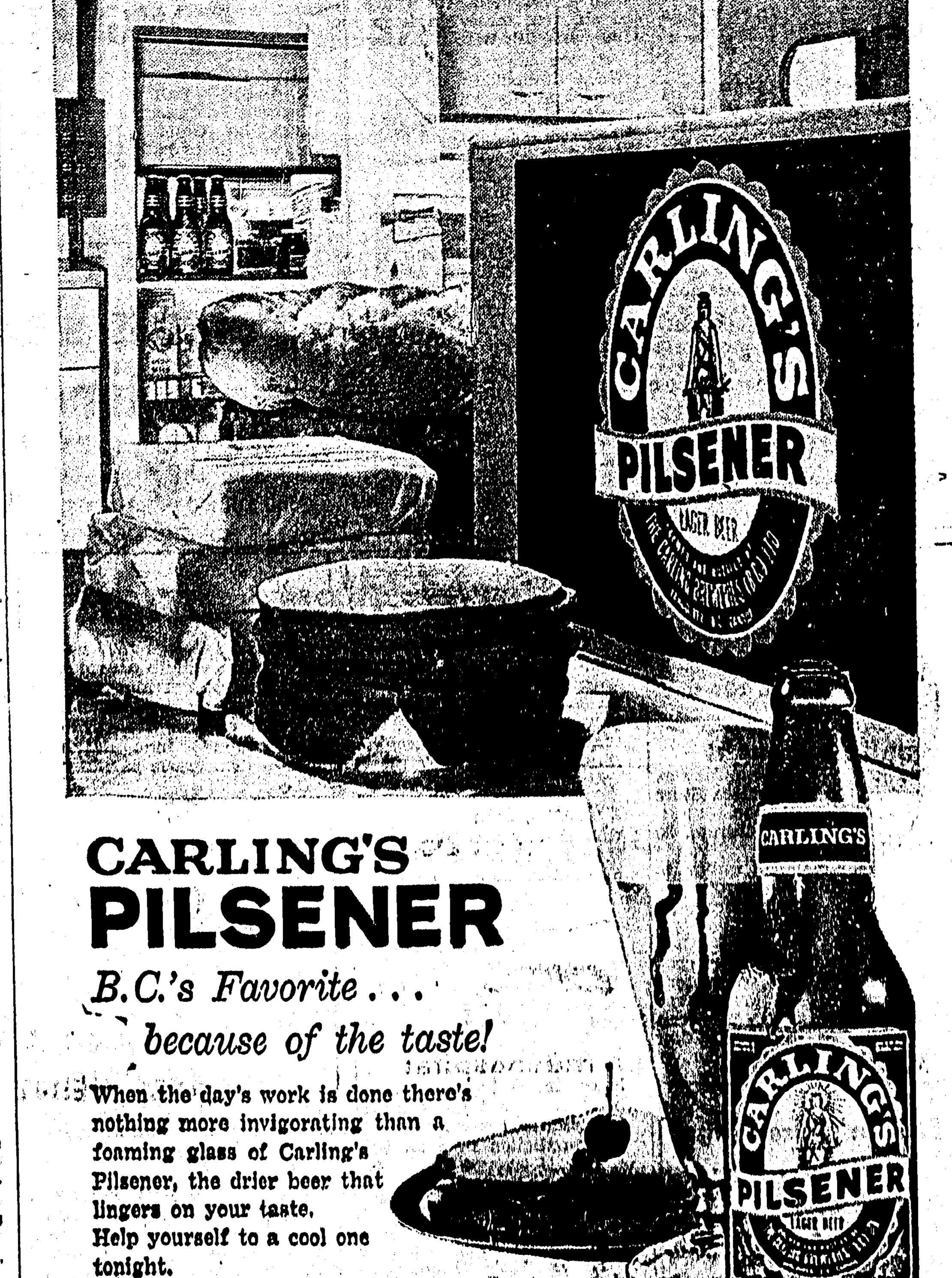
"Oh." replied the now flustered hostess; "I knew there was something I shouldn't offer you."

She made a right-hand turn from the left lane and collided with another car.

"Lady-why didn't you signal?" he roared. "Don't be silly," she retorted, 'I always turn here."

The husband was telling the

divorce judge-"Then I came nome and found my wife embracing a strange man . . . but what hurt most of all, Judge, when she sees me she says to this strange man, 'Well, look who's here; old blabbermouth; now the whole neighborhood will



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