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Congratulations to all concerned

A short paragraph in the middle of a parent-teacher association story this week dealt with a topic which aroused a great deal of interest a few years ago. It was about accreditation. The paragraph said that Prince Rupert Senior High school had been accredited for three years. It is not so long ago that the high school was accredited for one year and before that it had lost its accreditation altogether.

Now the high school has regained what might be termed its academic respectability and everyone concerned can hold up their heads again. No school likes to lose its standing because it reflects on the board of school trustees, the principal, the teachers and the quality of instruction. The fact that the Department of Education has extended the earlier one-year accreditation shows that standards of both teaching and student achievement have been raised and progress made.

This wholesale lifting of standards and morale at the high school can be attributed to three men, former PRSHS principal R. F. Lucas, vice-principal F. N. Sutton and present principal L. G. Truscott. Mr. Truscott has already served notice that Mr. Lucas and Mr. Sutton's efforts will not have been in vain and that he is going to, not only maintain present standards, but improve them.

With accreditation go certain privileges, among them recommendation of top Grade 12 students into university. While we do not agree with this, we cannot help but believe that students who maintain high averages throughout their school life should receive some reward.

We have always felt that the final governmental examinations present a psychological challenge to the student that must be met, not only in high school, but again and again in university and in life. Learning to meet and to handle challenges, crises and difficult situations is essential for a student preparing to go out into a highly competitive world that is becoming more specialized every day.

By the same token, writing final examinations gives students an opportunity to compete for scholarships, which, in this costly era, are becoming more essential all the time for students to acquire a higher education. The student who writes his or her exams, when it isn't necessary, stands a chance of gaining two-fold benefits, experience and financial aid when they are needed most.

Since the academic standing of our high school students is climbing slowly and steadily, it gives us great pleasure to congratulate, not only the three men mentioned hitherto, but District 52 school board, the Prince Rupert Senior High School teachers and the students, on the extension of accreditation of the high school for another three years.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE NOT BANK

Employers aid unjustified payments

By FORBES RHUDE
Canadian Press Business Editor

TORONTO (CP) — James McGregor, federal director of unemployment insurance, this week urged employers to pay more attention to inquiries from his department in order to prevent unjustified payments out of the unemployment insurance fund.

Some employers, Mr. McGregor stated in an address to the Canadian Construction Association, disregard the "confirmation of separation" questionnaire which is sent in regard to persons sons applying for unemployment benefits.

"Others", he added, "supply incorrect information from a mistaken sense of loyalty to former employees, thinking, "Why should I be a party to depriving Bill, or Joe, of benefits?"

"The result is that we must accept the claimant's statement. . . .

"We get, too, the applicant who refuses a job for no good reason. He sells himself short to a prospective employer by demanding unreasonable conditions of employment or maintaining he cannot do this or that part of a job in question. Unless the prospective employer informs us of the reason the applicant is not hired, he will continue to draw benefit."

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Mr. McGregor said there is a general lack of understanding of the role of unemployment insurance.

"The purpose", he added, "is to bridge the gap between jobs to those in the labor market who have the misfortune to become unemployed involuntarily . . . . Too many people regard it as a bank account and think that because they have paid in they are entitled to get something out without regard to the conditions that must be fulfilled."

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Lumumba's growing power threat to Kasavubu

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Patrice Lumumba's power has spread from his jail — or jails — like some weird African magic, tormenting the Congolese leaders who put him there.

It is the power of Lumumba that burdens Congolese President Joseph Kasavubu as he prepares for a preliminary session today of the roundtable conference he hopes will steer the Congo back to the road of tranquility.

Since being toppled from his post as premier in September, Lumumba has won back more than a third of The Congo, which was established as unitary state of six provinces when it received independence from Belgium June 30.

Lumumba, it is sometimes said, is the only leader to command a following in practically all parts of The Congo, thanks to his fiery oratory. It's also said there is nothing "magic" about the outside assistance he has received, notably from the Soviet Union.

Whatever the reason, Kasavubu and his army strongman, Joseph Mobutu, now can claim control only over Leopoldville province and neighboring Equator. Leopoldville has a large population of Kasavubu's Bakongo tribe — although Lumumba also has followers there — and Equator is Mobutu's home province.

By the end of December, "Lumumbists" had taken control of Oriental province, in The Congo northeast, and Kivu, Oriental's southern neighbor. In January they spilled into Katanga, which had been declared a separate state by Premier Moise Tshombe, and claimed authority over the northern part of the province.

The sixth province — Kasai, in the heart of The Congo — has been split since shortly after independence. Kasavubu has shaky authority in the northern half, where Lumumba was born and Joseph Kalonji, paramount chief of the Baluba tribe, reigns in the southern part, rich in diamonds.

In this pattern of split and secession, Kasavubu is striving to stage a political offensive to bring the country's rival factions — including Lumumbists — together and devise a decentralized, federal system.

The menace of Lumumba has moved Tshombe closer to Kasavubu. Lumumba was transferred from a Kasavubu jail, apparently because it was thought he could do less damage in Katanga. Tshombe, it is said, has agreed to attend Kasavubu's talks. Kalonji also has agreed to attend.

Belgium — like other imperial powers in Africa — established provincial and state boundaries with little regard to tribal and linguistic territories. There is speculation that Kasavubu is thinking of re-drawing these lines more in conformity with reality. Even this would be hazardous since tribal relationships extend across not only provincial boundaries but into such neighboring states as the former French Congo now also independent.

But observers believe that the big question mark in Kasavubu's conference is Lumumba, and the memory of his spell-binding oratory from Leopoldville to primitive villages 1,000 miles across the country.

'Progressive' reaction

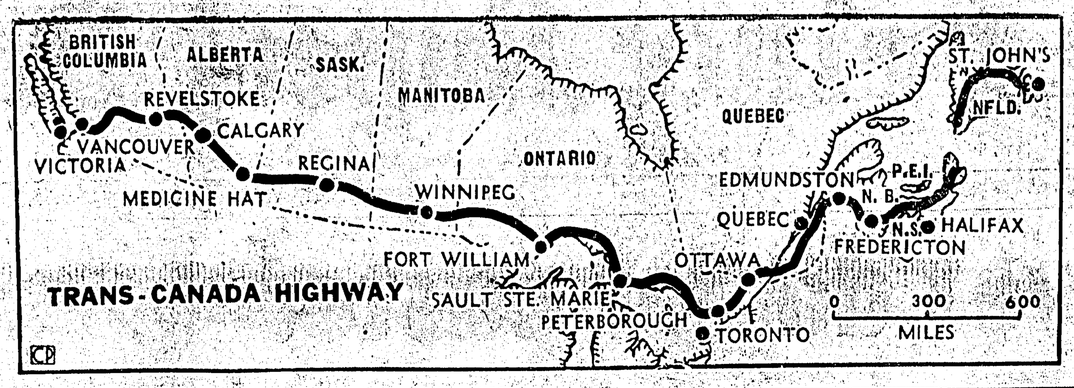
A professional educationalist in British Columbia has criticized the Chant report on education in B.C. in terms more likely to be considered an accolade.

It is the professional educationists who have the greatest responsibility for the devitalized form of education which has been foisted on this continent under the progressive label in recent years.

It is these people, bemused by a meaningless lingo of their own creation, led astray by voluminous folios of pedagogical, philosophical and psychological claptrap, who have set out to educate the whole child and missed by a wide margin in educating his mind.

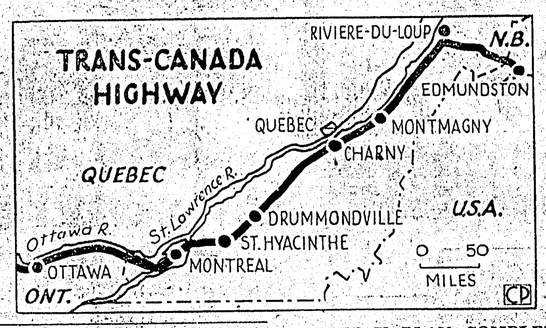
It is only natural that they should react violently and volubly when a royal commission not of their persuasion should suggest a restoration of strength to the school curricula and a curtailment of time devoted to child wandering along profitless bypaths.

— The Calgary Herald



NEARING COMPLETION — Less than one-quarter of the 4,500-mile Trans-Canada highway route remains to be paved 10 years after the joint federal-provincail undertaking was started. Map shows route of the highway from Newfoundland to British Columbia. Alberta and Saskatchewan are the only two provinces to have completed their sections of the two-lane route. The Manitoba and Prince Edward Island sections are almost finished. Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario and B.C. still have stretches to be paved. Quebec, which joined the highway plan late last year, is working to bring up to agreed standards a paved road now linking N.B. and Ontario.

— CP Newsmap



HIGHWAY PLAN COMPLETED — Quebec was the last province to enter the federal-provincial Trans-Canada Highway project, joining in 1960 almost 10 years after the original agreement with other provinces. Map traces the Quebec section of the highway and main communities along the route. Although a 400-mile road between New Brunswick and Ontario now is paved it is yet to be brought up to Trans-Canada Highway standards.

— CP Newsmap

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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One of the things about eating alone in a restaurant is that you can't help hearing the conversation of those around you. At the next table at lunch yesterday were four men in their 30s and 40s, obviously businessmen of the executive level, and they were discussing what the governments, federal, provincial and civic, ought to be doing to counter the trend of unemployment that is getting such widespread publicity these days. Then they drifted into personal accounts of what they were doing, individually, to cut down expenditures so as to save for the rainy day everyone is predicting.

One had decided not to buy a new car. Another had laid down, at home, strict rules regarding expenses, figuring he would reduce by $1,000 the amount spent last year on ordinary household and carefree domestic outlay. The third said he had instituted a budget for his wife, something he hadn't done since he was first married back in the forties.

"Look," said the fourth man, the only intelligent one, in my view, in the party. If everybody suddenly starts hoarding his dollars the way you guys admit you are doing, you can bet there will be tough times ahead. Don't just sit there and holler for governments to do something. Do something ourselves. And do you know what that is?"

"What?" demanded the other three indignantly.

"Spend as usual," said the fourth.

OTTAWA REPORT

By FRANK HOWARD, M.P.

Now that Prime Minister Diefenbaker has finished his fishing expedition and his marlin has been mounted, eaten, or sold, the House of Commons is back in business. But, we appear to be embarking on a strange sort of program which has relatively little to do with the actual business of parliament, at least at the moment.

As is well known, the Liberal Party had a national rally here in Ottawa just prior to the reopening of parliament. This rally received a considerable amount of publicity. It appears as if the Tory members in the House want to continue the Liberal rally far past its demise. As soon as we re-convened we started to debate the so-called "baby budget." The rules of the House are such that one does not need to discuss either the baby or the budget, but can talk about almost anything.

The main theme of the government supporters is to ridicule the Liberal rally. Those who have spoken so far have lampooned the Liberals unmercifully. Their affection for the years of the Liberal rule is amazing. There has been comparison after comparison, many in derisive tones, of the record of the Liberals while they were in office with the program developed at the National Liberal rally.

This, to me, is rather unfortunate. After all we should be here to consider such things as trade, tariffs, unemployment and defence. These are some of the most important matters confronting the country at the moment. These are things which, to a greater or lesser degree, are contained in the Baby Budget.

While such type of discussion is an integral part of our political system I think that there is far too much of it. Political back-biting is needed in order to keep other parties on their toes. But when it predominates any particular debate there is not much sense that develops therefrom.

Parliament moved quickly to set up two special committees during the first week. One of these was the Senate and House of Commons Committee on Indian Affairs and the other was the special House Committee on the Rules and Procedures of Parliament.

Insofar as the Indian Affairs Committee is concerned this will be the third time that it has functioned during this Parliament. I, for one, hope and feel that it will complete its report this session. We dont have too many more witnesses to hear.

The most important work, though, is yet to come. This is the writing of a report. The Indian Affairs Committee can do no more than recommend certain action. It cannot take corrective measures itself. I know that every Native Indian in the country will be looking forward to the report. I know also that many non-Indians will be hoping that the report will be beneficial and helpful.

What the Rules Committee will do is anyone's guess. Presumably it will concern itself with placing time limits on speeches, for many of them are tedious and repetitious. And I am not excluding myself from this criticism either.

All in all these two committees can be of great help. One to our social relationships; the other to Parliament and the country generally.

Unemployment questions and answers

In this column we publish questions about unemployment insurance and employment, together with answers which may be of interest to you:

Following are some questions with answers received from the Unemployment Insurance Commission. If you are uncertain about any point do not hesitate to send us your question. We will obtain an answer and publish it in this column.

Q. Does the fact that a claimant has defrauded the Commission deprive him of applying for future benefits?

A. If a claimant has defrauded the Commission, all benefits drawn fraudulently must be repaid to the Commission. In addition, any penalty imposed for having committed offences in order to draw benefits illegally, can only be liquidated against future benefits. Therefore, no one can be deprived of the right of

"When you educate a man,

Q. One or my employees who has no family boarded at my house. The investigators came to inspect my records and cancelled the stamps which I had affixed to this employee's book. Why did they do this?

A. Because they determined that the type of work being done by the employee was not being carried out under a contract of service (i.e., there was no master and servant relationship between the employer and the boarder). Under these circumstances no contributions could be credited.

Letterbox

CURBS TOO HIGH

The Editor,
The Daily News:

I would like to congratulate the City on its fine sidewalks now completed in the downtown area.

There is only one fault which I would like to bring to the City's attention and that is the difficulty encountered in trying to manoeuvre a baby buggy up and down these sidewalks.

It seems that especially at the crosswalks, the sidewalks must be at least one foot high or more and it is absolutely impossible to get either up or down. I find myself wandering all over the roadway trying to find a spot that is low enough to get up or down.

This is just a suggestion, but, if they ever get around to building sidewalks in the rest of the city, please build them a litle closer to the ground for us poor baby-buggy weary mothers.

"FRUSTRATED,"
Prince Rupert.

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Quote, unquote

Charles D. McIver:

"When you educate a man, you educate an individual. When you educate a woman, you educate a whole family."

With the classics

Blest, who can unconcern'dly find
Hours, days, and years slide soft away
In health of body, peace of mind,
Quiet by day
Sound asleep by night; study and ease
Together mixed; sweet recreation;
And innocence, which most does please
With mediation.
Thus let me live, unseen, unknown
Thus lamented let me die
Steal from the world,, and not a stone
Tell where I lie.

—Alexander Pope.

The lighter side

"My husband was born on the second hour of the second day of the second month of the second year of this century the second child of a second daughter and a second son," the wife said.

"Has Number Two been lucky for him?" her friend asked.

"Well, I'll say this. He's come out second best in everything he ever did."

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