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Review of 1960, hopes for 1961

Prince Rupert's Golden Jubilee Year has come and gone. Some of the hopes and dreams we had for this city during the past 12 months are reality, some failed to materialize, some of them are partly completed and may be fulfilled later in this brand new year of 1961. The city is now launched into its second half century and much remains to be done to see that this northern seaport becomes the transportation hub of the north-central coast.

Of last year's hopes, printed on this page on January 4, 1960, we find some progress but not too many completed projects. Of the projects we wished to come true only the water supply and distribution improvement bylaw was passed and will come into being. Nothing was done about economic rental housing in the city last year until late in the year when City Council decided it should reopen negotiations with Central Housing and Mortgage Corporation. However, a senior citizens housing scheme is now assured.

The second phase of the sewer reconstruction program has already been contracted but it is delaying certain sections of the street paving and reconstruction program, which was originally intended to be completed this year. The sawmill which was expected to boost the economy of the city and give employment to local residents, started operations but is already closed down. It is to be hoped it reopens soon.

The Prince Rupert to Terrace stretch of Highway 16 is still not completely paved but the contract for the last 14 miles has been let. Despite Premier Bennett's and Highways Minister Gaglardi's promises of long ago that Highway 16 from Prince Rupert to Prince George would be paved by 1960, it is still not done. A third remains to be hardtopped.

Our airport on Digby Island is still unoperational, but with tenders now let for all the major contracts including the temporary terminal building, lighting and navigational aids, we should be able to fly out of Prince Rupert by mid-summer.

Another contract has been called to extend the Jasper - McBride - Prince Rupert link of Highway 16, so there should be progress there. The Skeena Health unit isn't built but the foundation work is well underway and it should be opened late this spring. The proposed television station and any other proposals to bring television to Prince Rupert have fallen by the wayside.

However, the completion of a $1,000,000 modernization job by the Northern British Columbia Power Company Limited, has given the city a surplus of power that could attract industry here.

Last year construction was down from 1959's million dollar plus figures and unemployment is up. Fishing was poor in 1960 but, according to Fisheries Department forecasts, the coming year should be a good one so far as salmon is concerned.

We therefore express the hope that Prince Rupert fishermen enjoy a full fishing season without any costly disputes or tieups that will deprive them of their livelihood. We still think, along with the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia, that northern fishermen should seek separate negotiations with the Fisheries Association of B.C., so that if collective bargaining breaks down early in negotiations and a strike is called there is a chance it might be settled before the peak salmon runs are over.

We also hope that markets are found for Columbia Cellulose Company Limited pulp so that the high rate of production achieved by the pulpworkers at Watson Island can be utilized to the full advantage.

We would also like to see the federal government call for tenders on its new building behind the post office, so that sometime late in 1961 the city hall staff can move into its new quarters already bought by the city.

With our hopes pinned on the Alaska marine highway from Prince Rupert to Haines, we would like to see the federal government surveying for dock and terminal sites, another big hotel with 100 rooms, cocktail lounge and shops all in the one building, a few more motels and a large trailer camp site, to be ready for the tourist influx.

Other things we would like to see come to pass in 1961 include: a start by the Parks Board on a 440 - yard track near Prince Rupert Senior High School; a couple of commercial parking lots; more action towards further economical housing; further action on obtaining television here; more tennis courts on available park land; the Civic Centre make more money; the Prince Rupert General Hospital board allow the press to cover its meetings; the street lighting program speeded up; more grain ships call here; more fill used at the Algoma Park land fill and city motorists continue to drive cautiously so that first we can pass the two-year mark without a traffic fatality and then start on our third year.

One of the highlights of the year was the merging of the Metlakatla village children with our District 52 school system and another was the splendid showing of our Prince Rupert Senior High school Rainmakers at the provincial basketball tournament. With PRSHS curlers making a name for themselves in Kitimat over the past weekend, the future bodes well for city athletes.

In conclusion of course, we wish all our readers a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year in 1961.

Drastic but fair enough

A. P. (Sir Alan) Herbert, who combines humor with political savvy and experience, has come up with a really constructive suggestion about the BNA Act, Canada's written constitution. He proposes that the parliament at Westminster repeal it on July 1, 1967, when it will be 100 years old.

In assessing this scheme, Canadians might well look at the question from the British point of view for a change. Why should the U.K. parliament be troubled, and embarrassed, by requests for BNA Act amendments which, as its members constantly protest, are none of its business? Would Canada relish the job of revising the Australian or Nigerian constitution?

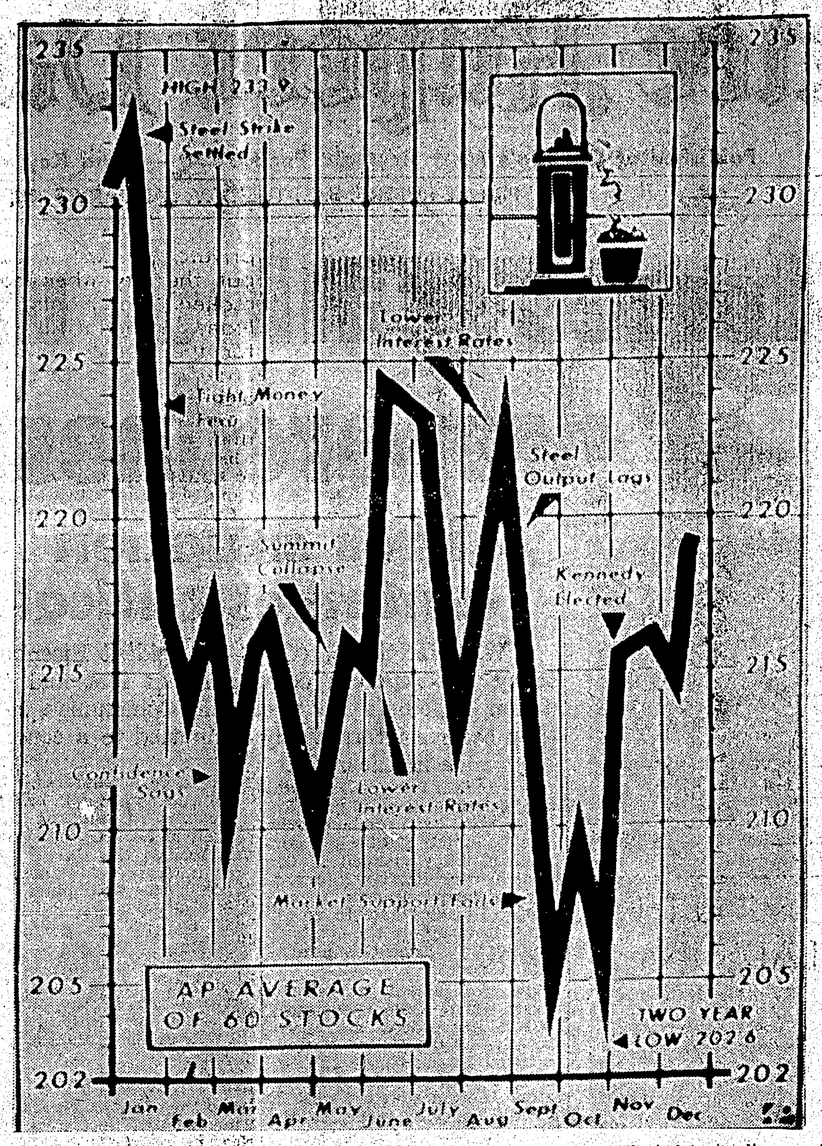
Sir Alan Herbert's idea may look drastic; but it's perfectly fair warning to us that we had better be quick about repatriating the BNA Act and re-writing it if we wish. We have had 93 years to do the job. If we haven't got it done by 1967, and if the U.K. adopts the Herbert plan and leaves us without a constitution, it will serve us right.

— The Financial Post

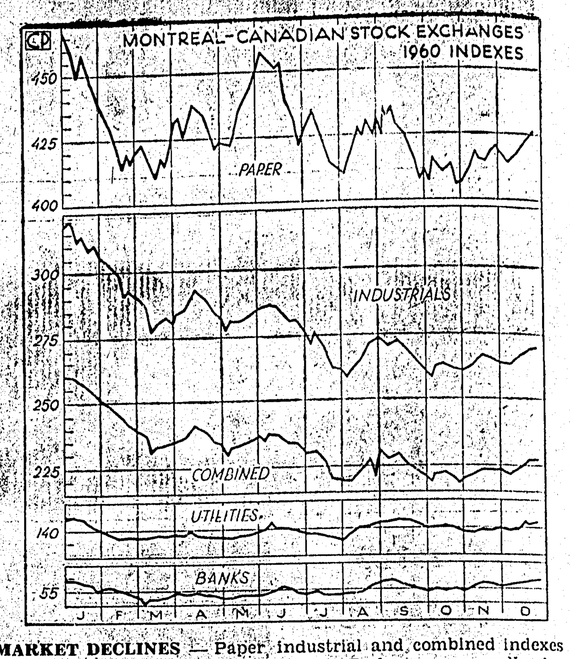
A Bible Thought for Today

Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you and ye shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem . . . and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Acts 1:8;

It has taken nearly two thousand years of devoted discipleship to approach that goal. A changed life is the perfect testimony. Actions speak louder than words. The kingdom is within us. We must obey the divine voice within us.



STOCK MARKET DOWN IN 1960 — The stock market in 1960, as reflected in trading on the New York Stock Exchange, started with a high on January 5 but declined rapidly during succeeding months, reaching a two-year low at October 25. It recovered partially as the year ended. Some described the slackening of the economy as a recession. There was a spurt in defence stocks in May, after collapse of the Paris summit conference, and some market lift was provided by lowered interest rates in Ausust. But the stimulations were short-lived and the market dropped sharply in September. — CP Newsmap from AP



MARKET DECLINES — Paper, industrial and combined indexes on the Montreal and Canadian Stock Exchanges generally declined during 1960 with paper showing the only sizable upswing in June. Utilities and banks followed a moderately-level course but never reached high points which started the year. Graph traces movements of indexes for major groups through the year to December 22. — CP Newsmap

On the lighter side

Wife: Honey, I've baked you two kinds of biscuits. I want you to take your pick.

Husband: Thanks, but I think I'll use my hammer.

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The attorney for the complainant in a divorce action put his client on the stand.

"Now, as I understand it," the lawyer said "every night when you returned from work, instead of finding your wife alone and waiting for you, you found a different man hiding in the closet?"

"Yes. That's right."

"And this, of course, caused you untold anguish and unhappiness, did it not?"

"Why sure," came the hurt reply. "I never had any room to hang my clothes."

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There is one thing a man will never forget or forgive, whether he is English or Chinese, Scotch or French, Swedish or African, and that is humiliation. You can hit a man or rob him, and he will in time forget or forgive. You can cheat him, defraud him, play him false, and he will sooner or later rationalize it some way, toss it off, be reconciled, outgrow it.

But humiliate a man and you have put a branding iron on his brain or his heart, and nothing in the wide world will erase it.

This is the thing the masters of the earth have never learned in all the long centuries. As the tyrants fell under the clubs of the mob, they had no way of knowing who aimed the shrewdest blows. It was those who had suffered humiliation and with this club were recapturing their dignity. And if the tyrant locked ridiculous as he sprawled in the dust, bereft of his scarlet robes, so much the merrier.

Nations have risen and fallen without ever understanding the fatal consequences of the humiliation they blandly imposed on subject races, and it pained them, as they fell, to think how ungrateful for all the blessings received, are these uncouth barbarians trampling over them.

The lordly manner is the most fatal of attitudes.

gems of thought

No age or time of life, no position or circumstance, has a monopoly on success. Any age is the right age to start doing. — Gerard

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The belief that youth is the happiest time of life is founded on a fallacy. The happiest person is the person who thinks the most interesting thoughts, and we grow happier as we grow older. — William Lyon Phelps.

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You'll find as you grow older that you weren't born such a very great while ago after all. The time shortens up. — William D. Howells

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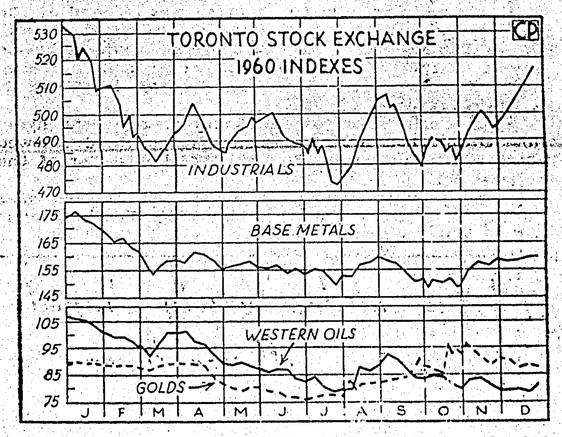
The mere lapse of years is not life . . . Knowledge, truth, love, beauty, goodness, faith, alone can give vitality to the mechanism of existence.

— James Martineau



SHOWS MODERATE RECOVERY — Industrials provided a bright spot in a generally disappointing year on the Toronto Stock Exchange in 1960. The index started the year at its highest point, fell to a low in July but recovered as the year closed.

Base metals responded to New York and London trends, closing on the upswing after hitting a low in October.

Western oils reflected market uncertainties with a steady decline during the year. But golds recorded a rush in October with speculation on an increase in the official United States price.

Graph traces movements of indexes for major groups on the exchange to December 22. — CP Newsmap

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

"No thank you," I said. "I have enough mess on my desk as it is. I don't want to put a picture on top of it."

But the man said I should have this superb water-color, which he had found in the parking lot of a beer-parlor.

The picture showed a man's head with thinning hair, facing away as if he couldn't bear to watch the artist at work.

On one side of it was a tire track. The picture had been run over. It had been cracked in half.

"I've kept it in the basement," the man said. "Every time I go down there, I wonder who the artist was. It isn't signed."

"Well, you might be able to find out who painted it," said my visitor.

"You can see all the junk I have here," I pointed out. "A lot of it consists of priceless documents that must be returned. I don't want to add to it."

"An artist like this deserves to be known to the world," he said heavily. "What is the story behind it?"

"Could be that it dawned on the artist while he was drinking, that he really had no talent. He had taken the picture into the beer parlor with him, and all kinds of people had been praising it. But he knew they didn't know what they were talking about. So he hurled it on the ground and a car ran over it."

"But he does have talent," my visitor said.

"I know your angle," I remarked. "You are too squeamish to put this picture humanely to death. You haven't the nerve to just throw it in the garbage can or the fire. You think you'll have it on your conscience, if you do. On the other hand, you don't want it kicking around your basement forever. So you shuffled it on to me."

"It wasn't that," he said. "But I'd like you to try to find who painted it."

So there the picture is, lying among all the rubble on my desk . . . But hold on a minute. Where is it anyway?

Somehow I just can't find that picture. But if anyone really wants to know about it, I'll rummage around on that desk and see if I can find the thing.

Short sermons

You can get undivided attention after you have made a mistake.

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Don't complain about the way the ball bounces, especially if you dropped it.

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Diplomacy, at one time, consisted of giving a hand without a handout.

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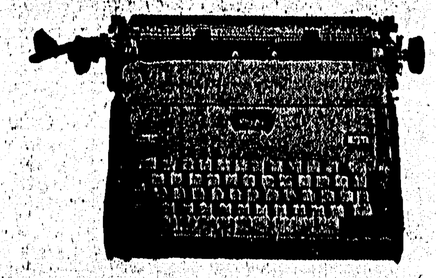

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