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New bank symbol of faith in city

Tomorrow will be a big day in the life of an institution which has served the residents of Prince Rupert for 63 years. January 14, will be written into the history of this city as the day that the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the city's first bank, moved into its fourth home, and a mighty fine new home it is. One probably shouldn't mention such things, but we imagine that the city's two other chartered bank managers are eyeing Bank of Commerce manager R. A. Morley's new headquarters with a touch of envy, combined with congratulations, of course.

A new building of note is always something of which a city can be proud and Prince Rupert should also be thankful for the confidence in which the Canadian Bank of Commerce head office has had in this city for so long.

The bank opened for business three years before Prince Rupert was incorporated, in the days when men were still dreaming of fantastic fortunes to be made in this booming north coast town. With the city, the bank has ridden out the various adversities which have plagued the town and the new building to be opened tomorrow is a symbol of faith in the future which matches that of the city in planning its new role as the transportation hub of the north and gateway to Alaska.

With the opening, of course, comes the desertion of the old structure on Second Avenue west which has served the city faithfully for 49 years. It is not known what the Bank of Commerce plans to do with the building or whether other firms plan to bid for it. To our way of thinking it would make an excellent Public Library Building and as such could continue to serve the city for a good many years to come.

We congratulate Canadian Bank of Commerce director J. M. Buchanan and assistant general manager Reginald G. Miller on their fine building and wish manager R. A. Morley many years of successful endeavor in his new quarters.

Indian integration

A Commons member has appealed for elimination of all special Indian day and residential schools administered by the federal government. Citizenship Minister Fairclough says it is an admirable aim and one towards which the government is working.

It is an admirable aim, and probably the quickest and surest means of integration for Canada's Indians. Mingling with other children will create a wholesome social feeling for Indian children. Barriers will be broken down which will eventually lead to social and economic equality for Canada's first citizens, which is as it should be. — The Lethbridge Herald

NO LACK OF "ZIP AND GO"

More merchant adventurers needed in Canada

MONTREAL (CP) — Canada needs more merchant adventurers, S. J. Randall, second vice-president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, said Monday night in an address to the Montreal chapter of the National Office Management Association.

He described such merchants as men who are alive to the trading opportunities that exist in the world and are determined to make the most of them.

At the same time Mr. Randall denied charges that Canadian producers have lacked "zip and go", and combatted claims that manufacturers are taking an extreme stand in their "buy Canadian" campaign.

Few countries after the war, he stated, were in a position to permit unrestricted entry of goods from dollar countries, and until quite recently Canadian manufacturers had not had easy access to such markets.

Only within the last two years had Britain found it possible to relax the stringent controls she was forced to impose.

"The hurdles have not been completely removed by any means", Mr. Randall stated, "nor can we be sure that a turn for the worse in the United Kingdom balance — of — payments position might not compel her to reimpose controls again."

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In regard to the United States, he said:

"Even where our manufacturers are able to scale the tariff wall, they must contend with a customs and excise system and administration which, to put it mildly, is complicated and discouraging.

"We have a right, I think, to expect easier access in the shape of fewer administrative road blocks, not merely because of the close relationship between our two countries, but more particularly because of the high volume of their manufactured goods that we admit to compete with our own.

"Relaxation of U.S. restrictions now in force against our manufactured goods could have a tremendous influence for good. We must hope that Prime Minister Diefenbaker will lose no time in making the strongest representations, in the friendliest way, on this subject, to President-elect Kennedy and his administration".

Mr. Randall's comments were contained in a text made available to the press in advance of delivery.

Mr. Randall, who is president of General Steel Wares Ltd., Toronto, said Canada in the post-war years has gone further in reducing tariffs than has its competitor industrial countries "and there can be no doubt that recent modest increases in tariff rates as they apply to certain industries were overdue.

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"But it is quite true that we have to be careful that we do not invite retaliation from countries which fail to realize that we are merely correcting past errors rather than embarking on a program of prohibitive exclusion.

"I know from personal experience that, notwithstanding the many disadvantages, there are sales to be made in other countries if we get after them.

"But it is not unreasonable for us to call on Ottawa to remove those disadvantages and impediments that can be removed, and I do not think we should be accused of leaning on government when, for example, we urge provision of worthwhile incentives in the shape of tax concessions and the like."

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

U.S. worried about Canadian stand on defence

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

American defence planners view with rising concern expressions of sentiment in Canada favoring a loosening of military ties with the United States.

Responsible American officials say the defence of the U.S. would be made much more difficult if Canada denied its neighbor reasonable use of Canadian territory for defence purposes.

The Pentagon informant, who asked not to be identified, said there seems to be an element of "resignation" in Canada towards meeting the long-range nuclear threat.

This comment followed a statement in Ottawa by Liberal Leader Lester B. Pearson that Canada should not continue its present role in North American Air Defence Command. He suggested that Canada do away with interceptors, manned or unmanned, but co-operate closely with the U.S. in matters of air detection, identification and warning.

An American authority said the Pearson statement could not be "dismissed off" as an isolated Canadian opinion.

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CCF Leader Hazen Argue has suggested NORAD is a waste of time because there is no air defence against hydrogen bombs.

American planners say they are wondering "just how far Canada really wants to go" in defence preparedness.

"In all truth", said one source, "there has been considerable thought to what we would do, assuming Canada got out of NORAD. We would have to retreat to a "fortress America" concept of defence. This would reduce our flexibility".

He expressed concern that if the air defence umbrella did not stretch over Canadian territory, an enemy might find it easier to penetrate their industrial heartland of the northeastern United States.

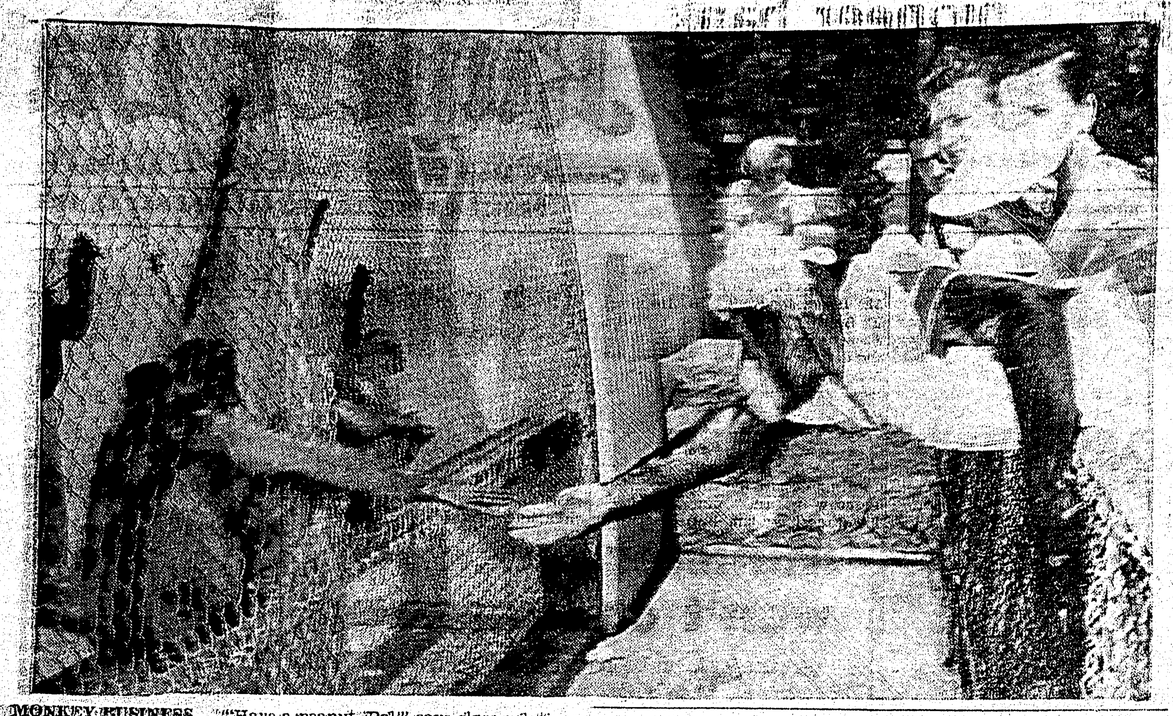
Another view expressed in American quarters is that Canadian sentiment on loosening of Canada-U.S. ties seems to go beyond the defence sphere.

"There seems to be a kind of confused attitude of tending to blame the United States for everything that happens", one source commented.

A Bible Thought for Today

Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10.

Christ was guided by his inner voice. He illustrated a technique of fabulous value to humanity.



MONKEY BUSINESS — "Have a peanut, Pal," says close relative of Vancouver's Stanley Park Zoo residents. Well dressed gal handing peanut to caged cousin is Candy, a working girl and also member of Marquis family of chimps, who visited Vancouver last summer to promote movie "Toby Tyler". Candy received a royal welcome from relatives but her two buddies alongside her were more retiring, preferring to hobnob with the humans. — CP Photo

LETTERBOX

The Editor,
The Daily News:

The beginning of a new year reminds us of the debt the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society owes to those who have given such valuable assistance to our public information program throughout 1960. In our efforts to inform the people of British Columbia of the dangers of the rheumatic diseases, the work that is being done to combat them, and the great advances being made in research, we lean very heavily on your willing co-operation. Without it, this program would be quite ineffectual and we cannot, therefore, thank you enough for all that you have done to ensure its success.

Each year our Society expands and the need for comprehensive news coverage increases. We realize that the future is dependent both on research, through which we hope to provide an answer to arthritis, the sphinx of diseases, and also on the smooth maintenance of our treatment services. The past year has seen two important gains—the establishment of the Research Unit at UBC and the promise of a B.C. School of Physiotherapy. We are doing all we can to encourage those who are about to choose their careers to take an interest in these fields of endeavor. It is vital, therefore, to keep the public constantly aware of the progress being made, and this could not possibly be done without the help we receive from people such as yourself.

Please accept our sincere thanks for all that you have done to aid our work. May we take this opportunity to wish you a successful and progressive 1961.

Miss Kay Bourneman
Information Officer,
Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society.

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SUPPORT URGED

The Editor,
The Daily News:

Often people get accused of being anti-American because of some doubtful and undemocratic acts by United States officials. The cases of deportations of William Mackie to Finland where he was born by chance, and Hamish Scott McKay who was sent to Canada where he was born 55 years ago, are only examples. Their main sins were that they participated in unemployed organizations during the depression years, and it would appear that this should not warrant such harsh treatment.

We feel that the American people are very fine and friendly, and we think that the actions of the United States Immigration Department in deporting MacKay and Mackie is not the wish of the many millions of good people in that country.

That is why we are urging all the friends of the American people to write to Senator Wayne L. Morse of Oregon, whose address is: The United States Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., giving him full support in his private bills to cancel these deportations and permit these two long time residents of Portland to return to their homes and families.

This should be done immediately, as this great country is much hurt in prestige by the petty actions of their immigration officials.

Carl Erickson, Sec.,
Hamish Scott MacKay Defence Committee.

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Mrs. Alice Colclough, of Victoria takes me to task for what I wrote about arms control.

"In your survey of the world armaments situation, you do not appear to realize, or you refuse to from prejudice, this fact: That but for the United States of America's power and resources, the world would be over-run by Soviet forces by now, including Canada.

"If you and your family had survived you and yours would be slaves under that dreadful regime of force and fear."

Maybe so. But the Russian government isn't going to go away just because we don't like it. Neither is the Chinese government. All of us must try to live in the same world, and refrain from blowing each other up.

Herman Kahn, American strategic analyst and military planner, recently discussed the possibility of a nation building a "Doomsday Machine", a gadget that can destroy the world. Under attack, a nation could retaliate by destroying everything, including itself.

Mr. Kahn was using the Doomsday Machine idea to emphasize the danger in which the world now finds itself. However, he added, such a machine may be literally feasible in a few years. Whether any nation would be rash enough to build one—that's another question.

A slightly less perilous arrangement is the Suicide Pact Machine, which allows two enemy nations to blow one another up without doing serious damage to anyone else. We have gone past that point already.

With a New Book

I bought the book for you, but
I confess
Quite unabashedly, I read it
through
Before I gave it, savoring loveliness
With double relish since it is
for you,
Thinking how you will cherish
rary phrases
As delicately luminous as snow
That falls through sunlight—
and each word that raises
Old forts of lies with one hard
clanging blow.
You will not chide because I
do not send
This book to you unopened
and unread,
A stranger other people recommend:
You will be glad that I have
verified
Its worth, and gained the deep
abiding pleasure
Of being sure my gift is one
to treasure.

Jane Merchant.

Short sermons

Considering that children learn by example, it is astonishing how well the younger generation is doing.

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We know you can't take it with you; but it would be nice to have some of it left at the end of the month.

Suspension for life

From The Edmonton Journal

Canadian motorists who defy the courts by continuing to drive while their driving licences are under suspension—and, judging by the number caught, there must be many of them—should be thankful they do not live in Britain. It would seem that British courts take a much more serious view of the offence than do Canadian courts in general.

In Kingston, Surray, recently a 46-year-old motorist was convicted of driving while disqualified. He was sentenced to 12 months in prison and disqualified from holding a driving licence for life.

In continuing to drive after a court suspends his licence, a motorist betrays an attitude of belligerent defiance that points to a bad driver, the type that is always a menace on the road.

Parliament should make a jail term mandatory for those convicted of driving during any term of suspension ordered by a court.

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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In the year 1818, my forebears of my name took 16 weeks in a sailing ship to reach Quebec from Scotland. It being the edge of winter when they arrived, it took them two months to find and earn the means of reaching Montreal. Then it took them three months, in slow stages, working a couple of weeks here, and a week there, to make their way by bateau and bogged down frontier road to reach the village of York, where, for better or for worse, they sat down and stayed a generation.

That was my grandfather's father who made the journey. Not so far back, really. I knew my grandfather well, and his hand which I often clasped had clasped the hand of that previous man.

Last week, on a moonlit night, I flew in a Viscount in two hours and 45 minutes from Quebec City to the city that once was York. In soft comfort, I reclined and watched out the window as mile by mile the route my forebears had so laboriously taken floated moonlit and tranquilly past.

But strangely enough it was not of them I kept thinking. I have grandsons now. And I kept thinking of the sons of my grandsons, and how they would some day look back at me and think how primitively I had labored through the air, taking two and three-quarter hours to go only 500 miles.

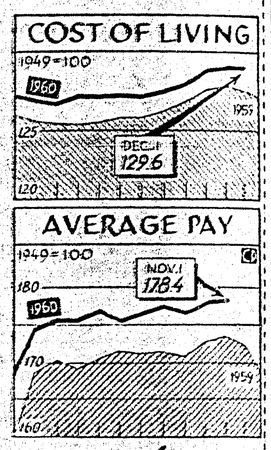
The lighter side

Two duck hunters were sitting behind their blind early one morning. One was drinking coffee from a thermos. The other was guzzling whisky from a jug.

Several hours passed before a lone duck came overhead. Taking quick aim the coffee drinker arose, fired and missed. The whisky drinker also got up, aimed at the bird and brought it down.

His companion, properly amazed, complimented him on the shot.

"Aw, it's nothing," he replied. "I usually get five or six out of a flock like that."



CANADA'S cost-of-living index held steady at the record high level of 129.6 at Dec. 1, no change from a month earlier. The levelling off followed a four-month rise in the index. Upper graph traces living costs, based on 1949 prices equalling 100, for 1959 and to December 1 last year. Lower graph shows the index of average industrial wages and salaries. The index, based on 1949 figures equalling 100, rose slightly to 178.4 at November 1 from 178.2 at October 1. (CP Newsmap)

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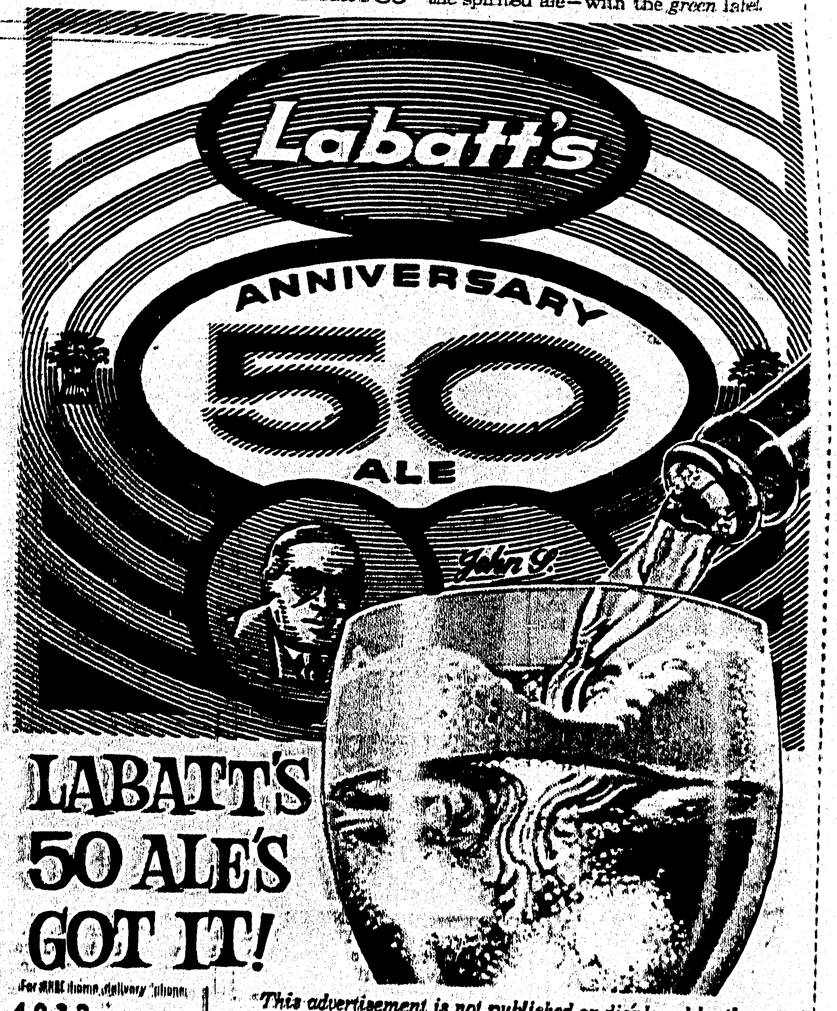

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