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# Case closed on Mr. Chan

as harsh. But Mr. Chan's methods do size attempt at queue-jumping. not evoke sympathy.

Mr. Chan and his family entered Canada illegally on a visitor's visa. He gave false information to immigration authorities. When ordered to leave he chose to defy. Canadian law and hide out instead.

It is possible to sympathize with his family who, having savored the

WELDON CHAN, the disappear- comforts of Canadian life, must now ing Chinese, will be deported renounce them, and still to assert that along with his wife and five-year-old Mrs. Fairclough is right to uphold the daughter as soon as he is found. Tak- law. To make a visitor's visa an autoing into account the law of Canada matic vehicle for permanent residence and the record of Mr. Chan, it is im- would make mockery of Canadian law. possible to quarrel with immigration Moreover, as thousands of refugees Minister Fairclough's decision in this wait in Hong Kong for a chance to come here while only a trickle gets in, Many Canadians regard the law Mr. Chan's actions total up to a king-

> There is also an air of press agentry about his case reminiscent of the Christian Hanna affair. Memory of Mr. Hanna, the so-called man without a country, is too fresh in the minds of Canadians for them to be taken in a second time so soon.

cannot be countered they might be abolished

sumption for planning purposes is that no

adequate defence against the nuclear threat

is possible. It is this assumption, happily, that

is implicit in the disarmament discussions now

taking place in Paris and which, it i pleasing

to note, Canada is pushing for all its worth.

The allied foregin ministers have called for

talks with their Communist opposites on the

on both sides, are pledged to seek abolition

of the one peapon to which there is no effective

answer. It is on this that the public pins its

real hopes, not on the myth that some defen-

sive device can nullify any nuclear weapon.

Indeed the public is so wise on the subject

that if it were possible to leave the decision

would vanish tomorrow, through the destruc-

On the face of it all the powers concerned,

Dr. Keyston emphasized that the wise as-

- The Toronto Telegram.

## Not easily fooled

subject in March.

scientific expert on the business, Dr. J. E. Keyston of the national defence reasearch board has told a Montreal audience something of his real thoughts on nuclear warfare. There is no adequate defence against

an all-out attack of this nature, he said. Dr. Keyston went further by saying that scientists fool themselves, the public and the politicians if they induce any expectation that means will be devised to counter successfully the nuclear weapon. One doubts that the public has been or will be fooled in this respect. Sometimes people have a wiser instinct than their leaders or the experts. This is why the democratic system has survived the ups and downs of political life; the public has

a collective sagacity that comes to its rescue when a change is needed. The likelihood is that the public is reconciled to the catastrophic power of nuclear explosion insofar as physical means to rebut it are concerned. People have been compelled to all the world's laymen the nuclear threat to a fatalism reflected in the alleged "apathy" with which they view civil defence, allied to

tion of every atomic pile. the sincere hope that since nuclear weapons -The Victoria Colonist. Out-treed by Denmark

In Canada we think of our evergreen Christ-, from Copenhagen by the St. Andrew's Society mas trees as almost an exclusive national of Denmark.... heritage; if other countries grow them, they But the Scandinavians have huge forests, glitters each Christmas between the fountains there be a more delightful Christmas gift?" of Trafalgar Square in London has been the

of Britain.

As the UK magazine, Coming Events in can't grow as many and they must be smaller. Britain, has observed: "These trees, symbol of the season of goodwill, have become a treastoo, and since 1947, the lighted tree which ured feature of our Christmas scene. Could

So it seems the Scandinavians have "outgift of the city of Oslo, Norway, to the people enterprised" Canada, the Commonwealth's greatest grower of trees, in this field of Yule-Edinburgh in Scotland also receives the gift tide goodwill—but a Merry Christmas to them, of a Scandinavian tree at Christmas. It is sent all the same. —The Hamilton Spectator.

#### Put that little candle out

a two the other night," said the Toronto driver, "but I noticed it before he got out a motto in our business: If a man gives you of sight so I caught up with him and gave—too much money, tap on the window but tap him his money back.

"He gave me five bucks and said, 'Gee the evening paper. Give me your name and tribute that virtue pays to vice. I'll phone him up so he can make a story

REPORT FROM OTTAWA

#### Money still in CMHC kitty for winter works By Gerald Waring in The Victoria Colonist.

Works Minister Walker began his first press was that the banks could not up their rates conference the other day on a refreshing note because of the ceiling of 6 per cent imposed

of frankness. "I want to explain why I was so stupid,"

Now, cabinet ministers do not usually address the press in this disarming way. So we gages only? A "notwithstanding . . ." clause? listened fascinated-like while the Queen's No. 1 boy for housing, flower beds, printing bureaus and the P.E.I. causeway confessed his short-

It seems that a couple of months ago his Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation put out a press release saying that it had run through all the money the government had given it to make mortgage loans, so It was calling a halt on new loans.

"I was green on the job," explained Walker, punning on his predecessor, the Honorable Howard G. "The press release could be taken two ways," he added. He took it the wrong

"We're not broke," affirmed the minister. In October he had thought so, but it was all in the way you read that press release, Read it the other way—as he does now—and you realize that Central Mortgage still has some

and forbidding the banks to charge more than \$250,000,000 to lond for housing. Mind you, this manay is nearly all committed. But it hasn't been paid out yet., It's , banks? still in the kitty to help—and here a ned in the direction of Mecca—to help;"the prime ing by the banks is only an "ancillary" activity; minister's winter program."

What can you do with a guy like that! Takes a big man to admit a mistake, and, us they are so heavily committed supplying whon it's a \$250,000,000 mistake-well. But unfortunately for the rest of my tale, a question how much money the banks would

this was where Mr. Walker and frankness

rather parted company. He was increasing NHA mortgage interest rates from 6 to 6% per cent, in the hope of attracting more private money into housing, Legal opinion received by the banks, he said,

Further sociological note from the taxi-cab out of it.' So I said: 'Please don't do that. I don't want to be the laughing stock of the

> "You see," the driver explained, "there's with a feather."

whiz, you ought to get some recognition for honest than they are. This new, 20th-century this. I know Smith who writes a column in form of hypocrisy might be defined as the

Couldn't this be got around by an amend-

No, said Walker, because the Bank Act

But surely Parliament can do anything, . . .

Walker switched like a way freight whip-

Was it the government's intention to drive

No, said Walker. No such intention. Matter

of fact, he hoped the banks would continue

mortgage lending at 6 per cent. The banks

could make just as much money on mort-

gages at 6 per cent as on other types of loans

ting mortgage and insurance companies to

charge 6% per cent on an NHA mertgage,

6 per cent on an identical NHA mortgage?

Wasn't this unfair discrimination against the

It's the broad-and-butter of the others.

have to lond at 6% per cent."

around more equitably?

No. Walker didnn't think so. Mortgage lend-

Bosidos, the minister said, "The banks tell

But Mr. Walker, don't you recall Mr. Diesen-

the needs of their customers for loans, it is

baker saying that the banks have "plenty of

money" for small businesses, farmers and home

buildars? That they only have to spread it

Wasn't there a basic inequity in permit-

ping into a siding just ahead of the trans-

continental. Oh, yes, Parliament could, he ad-

mitted, but the prime minister had said the

8 per cent ceiling would not be raised.

the banks out of mortgage lending?

at 6 per cent.

ment to the National Housing Act to permit

the banks to charge the higher rate on mort-

on bank loans by the Bank Act.

would be the dominant legislation.

"A fellow gave me a \$100 bill in mistake for taxi business."

Moral: Some people pretend to be less -The Financial Post.

# Victoria Report by J. K. Nesbitt VICTORIA — Constant inand exercised no control over

crease in teachers' pay is bringing constant demands from municipalities that the provincial government take over entirely the payment of teachers' salaries.

Most B.C. municipalities now insist they're going broke paying teachers' salaries. Latest storm has started over

a \$400,000 a year increase in teachers' salaries in Greater Victoria. An arbitration board made the award. The Mayor of Victoria, and the reeves of the adjoining municipalities are horrified, insist the taxes will have to go up to pay the higher salaries to teachers.

if the provincial government takes over full payment of teachers' salaries, the teachers will become nothing more, nothing less than civil servants. The teachers themselves are fearful of this, for they don't want to be classified as civil servants, for what reason they do not explain.

Yet, their demands and their pay increases are bringing the day closer and closer when they'll be civil servants, whether they want to or not. The government some day will have no alternative but to force it. The provincial government could not pay teachers' salaries and permit teachers the freedom they now have. It would not be honest with the people's money if the government paid the salaries, It could well be good for the

the teachers. province and its people if the government paid all the salaries, making them uniform throughout the province.

The teachers do not particularly want a uniform salary scale, preferring to negotiate piecemeal, believing this gives them more power.

There's no reason why a teacher in Vancouver should have higher pay than a teacher in, say Kelowna, Vernon, Prince Rupert or Cranbrook. A teacher's a teacher, and the students in outlying places are quite as important as the students in Victoria or Vancouver.

For some reason the provincial government has been afraid to set a uniform standard of teachers' pay throughout the entire province.

But it will come when the government takes over full payment of teachers' salaries, and turns the teachers into civil servants, a move the govpernment will be forced to take by the teachers themselves, who do not want such a move.

It's bound to come if teachers' salaries keep rising, with the municipalities unable to pay without increasing the taxes, and no taxpayer favors his taxes going up to pay teachers more than what the public considers an adequate

# All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Imitation Haida "slate" totem poles, selling at a fraction of the price of the real article, are being turned out by the Royal Ontarlo Museum. I saw a large one in a store, priced at \$10. The same article, made by Indian craftsmen in the Queen Charlotte Islands,

would sell at about \$250. "They're not competition for the real article," said a man in the store. "We handle both. But the people who would buy an imitation pole would never be in the market for the real

L'm not so certain. From a short distance away, it's hard to tell the difference between the two kinds of pole.

Just why has the Royal Ontarlo Museum entered competition with the Haida Indians of the Pacific Coast in the making of Haida handlerafts? I'd like to hear an explanation.

There is talk of more pulp mills in B.C. I suppose every mill is good news for sharoholders, bankers and merch-

But it's bad news for the noighbors, because cortain kinds of pulp mill have a smoll Scientists have been studying the problem of P.O. (Pulp) Odor) for yours. Every so often they announce that they are on the track of a remady. But it nover comes.

A pulp mill still has the odor of mud flats at low tide. About a year ago I asked a pulp mill executive what his company was doing about the smell. He said blandly this his company hadn'l boon rocelving many complaints. And gathered from that the company wasn't doing much. That same day, the air was thick for miles around with an odor of rotten eggs.

After a time, a denizen of pulp-mill country gets used to the smell of rotten eggs. He thinks it's normal. When pulp mills are spaced

close enough together across the countryside, escape from the smell will no longer be

By that time, people will be conditioned to sniff rotten-agg smell with relish. A blast of rose-petal or new-mown hay will cause them to hold their

## Good move

From The Ottawa Cilizen The sale of several thousand tons of aluminum to China by the Aluminum Company of Canada is a stop in the right direction.

'Aluminum is not on the prohibited list of strategic goods. and the sale represents the kind of peaceful trade that could help create a more hospitable political climate in which issues causing friction between nations could be re-

Trade in goods involves, by its nature, personal contact and an exchange of views, This in itself does not bring peace. But it can help create more peaceful atmosphere. That is the host that can be expected at the moment in Ohlna's rolations with the



Most songs are written in one of two ways: either a poem or clever lyric is written first, and suitable music designed to suit the words; or else composer dreams up a beautiful or interesting melody, and words are cooked up to suit the tune.

Most of the popular songs written in the past thirty years were composed by tunesmiths in search of a fast buck rather than of a good song. If the tunesmiths, so called, knew of faster way of making a fast buck, they would have adopted it instead o writing songs.

Thus, only a limited number of songs have survived the good ones. These are played and sung over and over again, not only year after year, but day after day, by singers and bands that are not contributing to, but trying to get on board, the popularity of these few dozen ever-súrviying tunes and songs...

Each singer or band leader. feels he must add something to the song. So he "arranges' it, to give it his personal touch. The result is, after a few years of being booted around by all manner of acrobats and con-

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tortionists of music, that no vestige remains of the relationship between the meaning of

the music—the secret of the song's continued popularity. Stride by stride, we are entering into an era in which meaning is sacrificed for a fast buck.

the words and the sound of

### Time short

From The Brandon Sun What too few realize is that modern communications have made every country a neighbor. Underdeveloped countries watch our luxuries and extravagances with hungry eyes, and their ears are receptive to the whisper All this can be yours. The time in which we can make up our minds to voluntarily share our wealth or have it taken away from us in a revolutionary explosion is running short.

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