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Native argillite carvings invaded -cheap imitations no substitute

anates from Ottawa. It is that our the Slatechuck mountains west of Indian arts and crafts will receive Queen Charlotte City, an ardous and help from the federal Indian affairs—difficult journey for the carvers whose branch to attain the prominence on exclusive property it is. Several able the market that is enjoyed by Eskimo practitioners of the craft today transcarvings.

Prince Rupert region, the home of dallions and other articles, in the mansome of the finest Indian craftsman-ner of their forefathers, although toship on the Continent. Many of us day the standards, as in so many anhave seen the huge wooden totem poles cient crafts, have been lowered by the surviving to this day in the Skeena lure of quick money. River villages and on the Queen Char- And no small consideration this is,

Paince Rupert ean be justly proud of the encouragement and effort given to preserve—and recreate—some of these masterpieces which, apart from worth in their own right as unique works of the peoples whose land we share, will be an attraction for our tombists and enhance the character of our city.

item we have referred to applies to the buyer gets, being moulded or pressthe smaller creations of our native ar- ed out of plastics or pulverized slate tists: the argillite totem pole carvings at a minimum expense, and painted of the Haidas, the weaving, basketry, black, the color of the real thing. beadwork and gold and silver engraving, to mention a few of the hereditary tery, but such blatant copying, while crasts of this area. Artistically and it may not bother many who know, financially, the two most valuable are deceives many who don't know the the argillite carvings and the gold and difference. silver jewelry-making.

Argillite carving belongs exclusively to the Haidas of the Charlottes. For a hundred and fifty years these articles have been sold and traded to the white man. The craft reached its zenith in the late 1800s. Carvings by men like Phief Edensaw, Isaac Chapman, William Dixon, Louis Collison, Tom Price, John Cross and Jim Mackay were Sought after and today are exhibited In museums all over the world. Mukeums in London, Paris, Washington and Ottawa prize their argillite collections.

Frince Rupert itself has a fine small collection and owns one of the largest poles known, for the information of local readers who may not have seen first class carvings.

WITH THE COMMONWEALTH

Britain's labor party

By DOUG MARSHALL

Canadian Press Staff Writer Britain's Labor party, which considers its prospects good for a return to power soon, has Jaioh hopes of renewing the long-time British pronomic love affair with the Commonwealth. The threat to Commonwealth trade was one jet the main reasons the late party leader Hugh Claitskell, opposed Britain's entry into the European Common Market,

A leading Labor spokesman said this week The party refuses to accept the lead, current in some Conservative circles, that Commonwealth Irade is a declining asset to Britain.

Throughout the III-fated Brussels Common Maickt regotiations, the Conservative government mointained that the Commonwealth was not an adequate economic alternative to Europe. Tory critics accused Dabor of embracing the Commonwealth only from pelitical expediency,

But several observers have noted that the ficeintists have a fairly good record in trade agreements with Commonwealth countries. In particular, Harold Wilson, the new Labor leafier, played an active role in expanding Commonwealth trade during the two post-war Labor udministrations.

SOLD EQUIPMENT During visits to Canada, for instance, Wilion sat down with Canadian development bodies such as the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission and convinced them Britain could ેમમુગ્રીષ્ટ્ર their equipment needs. He hopes to do this again.

As Labor planners see it, the real reason for Britain's decreasing share of Commonwealth markets is lack of initiative by British Indus-

siderably harder for hide-bound and lazy firms if he becomes prime minister. Among the wen-

ne of the most welcome bits of The argillite, a slaty material, is news we've come across lately em- quarried from a "reserve" deposit in form the dull stone to glistening black This is of particular interest to the totem poles, dishes, candlesticks, me-

lotte Islands, most of them being the for in leading stores across Canada last great in situ stands in existence. argillite totem poles sell for \$14 an

One or two contemporary carvers can, however, match the attention of detail and beautiful finish displayed by the old masters.

Because of the rising price of argillite carvings and the demand exceeding the supply, the industry has been invaded by cheap imitations. They're cheap in relation to the gen-But the great interest in the news uine product but expensive for what

Imitation may be the sincerest flat-

Not only are ignorant buyers misled, but the manufacturers do untold damage to a time-honored and completely distinctive craft which has gone steadily on its way without benefit of modern technology or salesmanship. In another media, insult is added to injury in the form of little wooden poles of Tsimpsian design and coloring, stamped "Made in Japan".

For protection of the native craftman, the government now plans to register a maple leaf shaped trade. mark for authentic Indian work. We heartily endorse the idea.

We hope the time is near when the maple leaf symbol will be searched after and recognized by the Canadian public and our tourist visitors as a respected guarantee of genuine native craftmanship.

hopes to renew love

pons he intends to use are tax incentives, creation of publicly owned scientific corporations and government take-over of industries where

The nationalization threat was selzed upon by the Conservatives, who produced a pamphlet listing more than 100 firms likely to be taken over by a Labor government. Wilson dismissed the pamphlet as "childish". SOME DOUBT LABOR

Childish or not, many informed economists seriously doubt whether nationalization or even publicly owned industries will give the British economy the five-per-cent growth rate it needs, All the deadwood isn't in the directors' chairs; much of it is propping up factory benches. A new Labor government would have to grapple with a developing crisis in industrial relations and so far it has not shown how it should do any better than the Tories.

DINED ON FAGGOTS

MONTREAL @ --- When the Welsh Society Montreal held its annual dinner recently faggots were the main course. Paggots are a kind of ment loaf made from chopped liver. Thirty pounds of the dish were flown to Montreal for the dinner, a gift of the Welsh Tourist, und Hollday Board

HOSED IN VAIN ST. HYACINTHE, Que. (6) -- Firemen hosed 5.300,000 gallons of water on a fire that destroyed the Roman Catholic seminary here, Chief Lionel Gaucher-reported. The capacity of the city reservoir is 8,000,000 gallons.

BACK ON BOARD TORONTO (P. - Col. W. J. Stewart, onetime mayor of Toronto and former speaker of the Ontario legislature, has been re-elected chair-Wilson has indicated he will make life con- man of the Toronto Historical Board. Established in 1060, the board is responsible for all public historical sites in the city.



FACES AFTER THE DISSOLUTION OF CANADA

DUFF ROBLIN A face that waited in the

H. Halliwell.

While some were trying other Now is no dark horse in the For you-know-whose exalted

Indians have same voting privileges

OTTAWA @-Indians now enjoy the same federal voting privileges as all other Canadians, whether they live on or off the reservation, It's another question whether all Indians will exercise their rights on April 3.

In the June 18, 1962, general election an estimated 60,-000 Indians were eligible co vote for the first time federally. But some were skeptical of the newly acquired franchise, suspecting mistakenly that if they used it they would be denied their treasy rights. Several Indian bands in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta passed resolutions saying they wanted no part of the new right to vote. As a result, no enumeration of voters was carried out on those reserva-tions and no polling stations were set up there. However, voting lists were compiled from names provided by the federal Indians affairs branch and polls were located close by so that any Indian who wanted to vote could do so.

No figures were available on how many actually voted. Until the 1962 election, Indians living on reservations were considered wards of the government and with certain exceptions - were denied the franchise. Canada's total Indian population is approxi-

mately 180,00.

Not an MP to be found in Canada By JAMES EMMERSON constituents of the riding al-plain, as yet.

It is, however, hard to im-

agine a "disolutioned" MP fail-

ing to butter up lis former

constituents if he has the

slightest hope of making them

his constituents again. Es-

When an election is held,

pay for the MP-elect starts

reelected has no break in pay.

Even if a man serves only a

few months as an MP, he gets

an appropriate proportion of

the \$8,000 a year and \$2,000

on and on . . . the title of an

MP-elect does not become of-

ficial until he is sworn in at

the Peace Tower in Ottawa, ac-

cording to Mr. Castonquay.

elected until election writs are

returned. Date for their return

this month has been set at

May 8, one month after the el-

ection. So it is impossible to

have Parliament convened be-

acknowledged as such and

gazetted as such, when the

writ for his riding reaches the

chief electoral officer. But he

doesn't enjoy the official title

till sworn in, when he gets to

But with the pay going on-

none has been known to com-

An MP therefore is officially

fore May 8.

He is not declared officially

And although the pay goes

tax free expenses.

MP or not MP? That is the though he is still paid to-ap-The answer, according to Nelson Castonquay, Canada's chief electoral officer, is that there are no MPs at present. Once Parliament is dissolved for an election, Mr. Castonquay points out, there is legalpecially when he is being paid. ly and technically no such person as a member of Parfrom election day. So someone

But, by some curious twist of irony the taxpayer keeps on paying him as one until election day....April 8.

This was confirmed by P. M. Ollivier, law clerk of the House of Commons,

The controversial question, which crops up after every dissolution, has numerous citizens protesting, "There is no such thing as an MP" at this

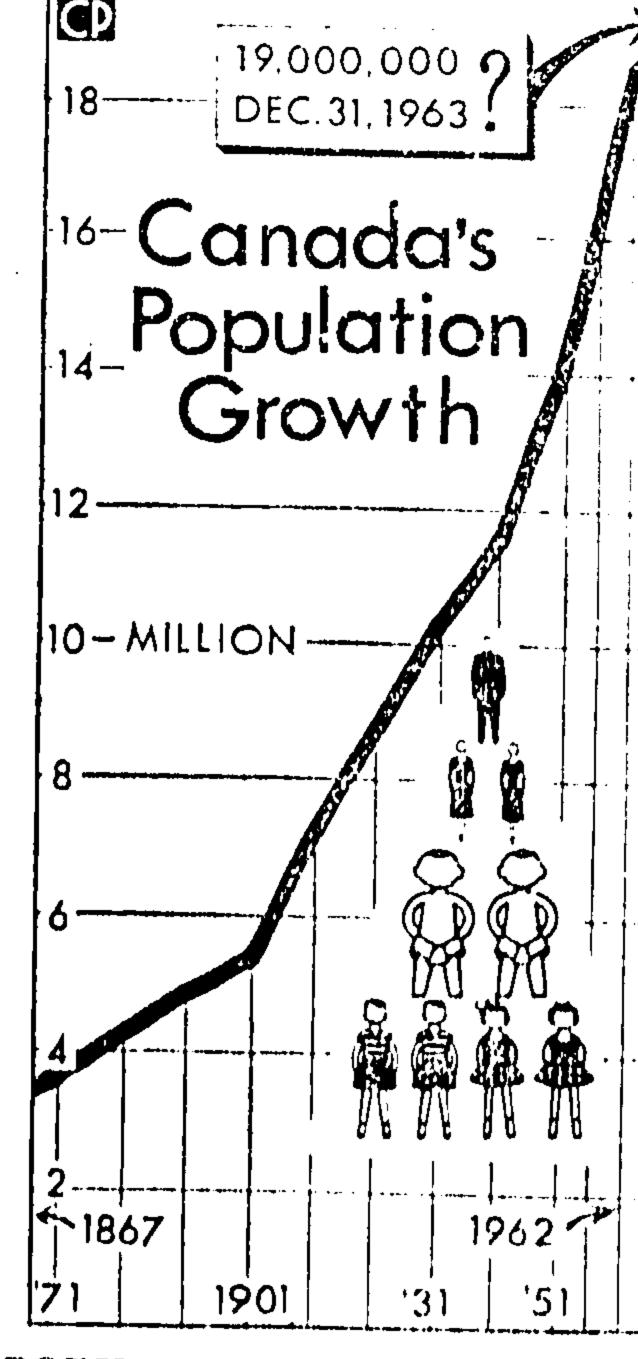
Mr. Castonquay gave a short sharp decision:

"He (the former MP) is no more an MP than you and I once the Parliament has been dissolved." The electoral chief said the

former MP has no legal right to represent constituents in his riding until such time as a new election puts him back in his job. But, Mr. Ollivier points out the man's pay-MP or no MP

-carries on just the same until election day.

So, in effect, he has no responsibility or right to act for



POPULATION GROWING __ Canada's population is expected to hit the 19,000,000 mark by the end of the year. The total was 18,767,000 at the end of 19**62**, a gain of 333,000 or 1.8 per cent over the previous year, Graph traces population growth since Confederation.

ME Packsack Gregory Clark A diminutive lady of my ac-

quaintance has never found her five-foot stature any great handican except in one regard. At church, and at movies, theatres and concerts, not to mention political meetings, she M found she sat so low in contrast to

4 those ahead − M her that she either missed much of or else got a thred a neck from peering and pecking am-

She has recently solved the Droblem, She carries one of those

eloth shopping bags now seen everywhere, made of striped

awning material, canvas or other pleasantly decorated fabric. In this shopping bag she puts one of these modern light, firm cushions filled with plas-

tic foam, not the squashy type. Thus, a lady carrying a shopping bag in the familiar fashion, she attends all gatherings, and calmly sits on the shopping bag. It raises her at least four inches, and beautifully into the level of even the tallest of the other customers.

With the increasing domestication of men, it is not at all idst the tall heads uncommon to see men carrying shopping bags. I can see no reason, from my five-footthree point of view, why short men shouldn't avail themselves of this most interesting innovation, too,

Formerly, MPs were paid per

session. When it was decided

to pay annually, about 10 years

ago, the House and the Senate

agreed that the MP and for-

mer MP and future MP should

be paid right through—with

Of course, part pay could

still go to one man before

election day and to another

after. But that's the way the

are no MPs, the Prime Minister

and Cabinet still function as

the Government until defeated

at the polls or until the PM re-

between dissolution and an el-

deal with it alone. It can't

summon MPs to Parliament

LETTERS MUST

BE SIGNED

ection, the government must.

If any great crisis arrives

And despite the fact there

no break for elections.

system works.

the appointment at this port* of a foreign freight agent to. act as a freight gatherer inview of the development of foreign shipping out of Prince (30 Years Ago) March 4, 1933-At the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held in the council chamber at the City Hall last night, T. H. Johnson, presiding, S. E. Par-

A Look Back

March 4, 1913—At the meet

ing of the council last evenings

a report of the board of works

was read that upon the rec-

ommendation of Mr. C. G.

Ducane a pumping plant be

purchased for installation at

Shawatlans Lake to cost the

(40 Years Ago)

of C. H. Orme, seconded by J.

Scott, a resolution was passed

by the board of trade at its

meeting last night requesting

March 4, 1923—One motion"

sum of \$7,000.

(50 Years Ago) Town

better rates on motor cars between Prince Rupert and the (20 Years Ago) March 4, 1943—A. M. Borland until recently with the Union Steamship Co. office here, was in the city yesterday afternoon bound for vancouver to Whitehorse where he has accepted a position as accountant with the White Pass

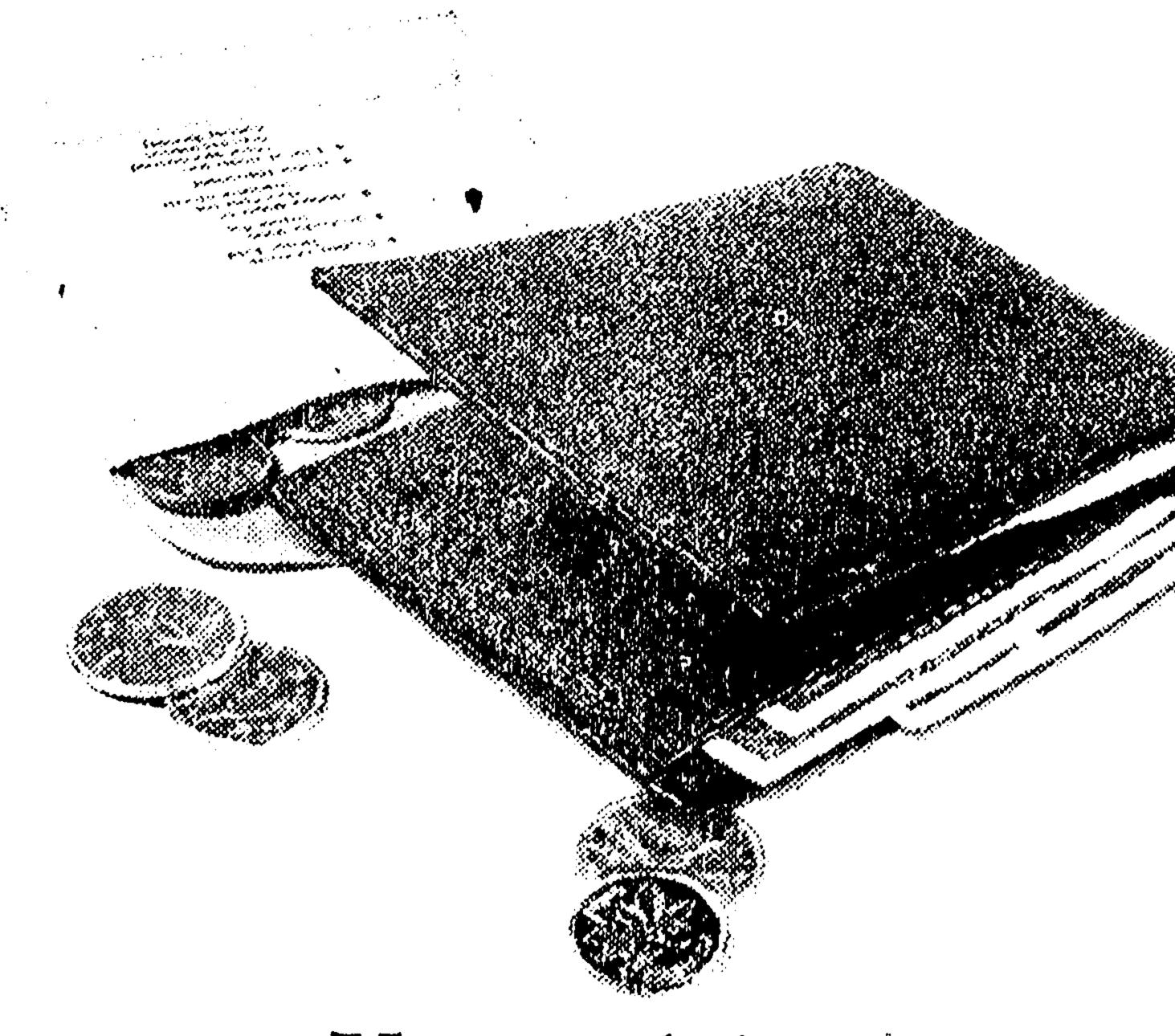
ker brought up the subect of

and Yukon rotue. (10 Years Ago) March 4, 1953 — Maximum surplus electrical power which could be developed from any one source of hydro energy within a 50-mile radius of Prince Rupert is 18,000 horse power, manager of the only major private power company in Northern B.C., said in an interview today.

word of God

"NOTHING TO FEAR" We have nothing to feat when Love is at the helm of thought, but everything to enjoy on earth and in heaven. -Mary Baker Eddy





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