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Investment Pays Off

THE Parks Board is to be congratulated for its efforts in organizing the successful swim gala last Sunday, which not only gave the children an opportunity to compete in a first rate sport and show what they have learned, but also gave adults an insight how much the pool and park are appreciated.

The voters of Prince Rupert cannot help but recognize the work the parks board commissioners are doing. Taxpayers have given the board its first actual working capital—roughly \$10,000. This investment is paying off.

It is evident in all our parks that a considerable amount of work is being done continuously in keeping them in shape, but more than that is the important factor of new development.

McClymont Park has been chosen by the board to be the "beauty centre" of the city. The commissioners have made a wise choice and it is likely to believe that in the future, as development there makes progress, it will be a most popular spot for city residents.

We believe that the work of the park commissioners merits the wholehearted support of the public. All their meetings have been open to the press. Nothing that has been done has escaped public knowledge, which is good public relations.

In organizing the swim gala, the commissioners worked hard. In all their work there is no pay, only the reward of seeing the fruits of their work—better park facilities, more enjoyment for children and the appreciation of a job well done from the public.

Scripture Passage for Today

"I am with thee, and will keep thee."—Gen. 28:15.

Alberta Voters Offered "Share the Wealth" Plan

EDMONTON (CP)—A major issue in today's Alberta election is whether the Social Credit government is making the best use of the millions in revenue it is getting from the province's oil resources.

Opposition groups contend the government is hoarding its oil wealth while the municipalities struggle with an increasing burden of debt and taxation.

The government says its fiscal policies have brought the province from the verge of bankruptcy in 1935 to a position where the provincial debt will be wiped out in 20 years. Municipal aid is a big issue. The government is offering a new "share the wealth" program of municipal assistance. A new formula for grants to municipalities and school districts would be supplemented by a revolving fund for low-interest loans.

The Liberals promise to take the municipalities into "full partnership" if a Liberal government is elected. Interest-free loans for school buildings are one plank in the Liberal platform.

WOULD CUT TAXES

The CCF says that while the provincial debt has been cut by \$53,000,000 since 1944, municipal debt has increased by \$74,000,000 in the same period. It promises a CCF government would cut the tax bill of municipal taxpayers.

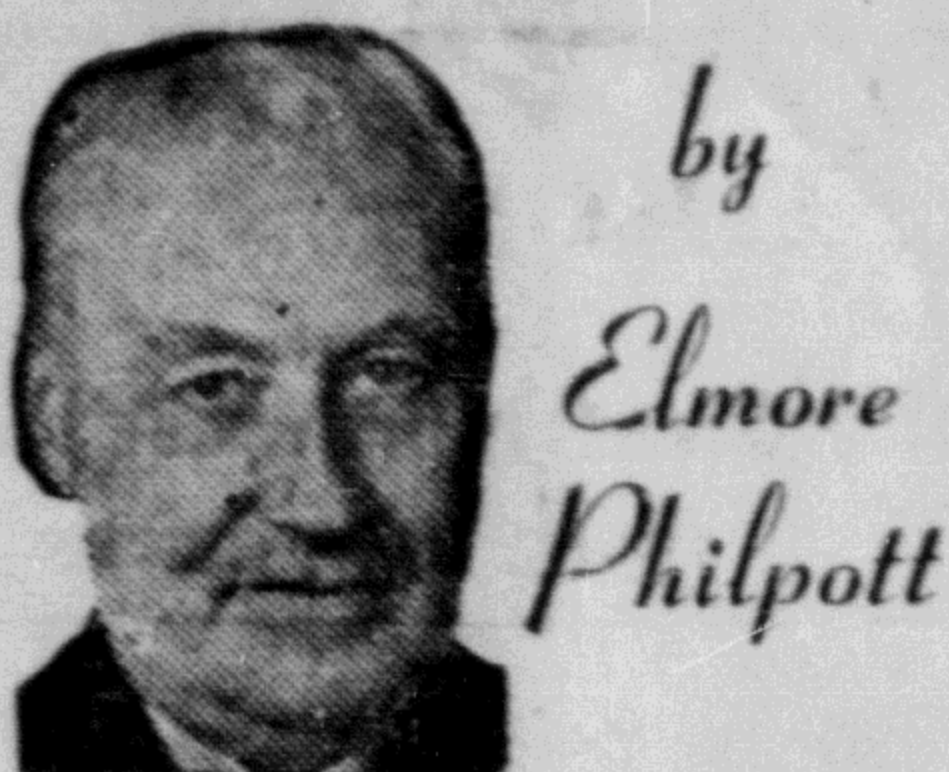
The Progressive Conservatives, running a dozen candidates in Edmonton and Calgary, favor elimination of certain conditional features of present municipal grants. They also favor revision of the present scale of school grants so that "a fair share of the cost" is contributed by the provincial government.

Gas export is another major issue of the campaign. The government recently authorized export of natural gas to the Pacific coast from the Peace River district in northern Alberta.

The Social Credit platform has come out for export "in the interests of Alberta, after Alberta's present and future needs are fully protected." The Progressive Conservatives also favor export of surplus gas, provided an adequate supply is assured for the province.

The CCF and Liberals are opposed. The Liberals say industry will have to come to Alberta if the gas is kept at home. The CCF contends Alberta consumers will have to pay more for their cooking and heating gas if export is allowed, and that export would mean location of industry at American seaports instead of in Alberta.

As I See It



GULL LAKE, Alberta.—

One of the joys of coming to summer camp, especially in Alberta, is that you get some penetrating prairie sunshine deep in your bones—and you get far away from the troubles of the world, as recorded by the daily newspapers.

But occasionally the news catches up with you, even at camp. And no matter how well prepared you were for the shock—no matter how many times you yourself had warned that it was coming—it is still a jolt to read about Britain's latest and deepest financial crisis.

Only those who know how grim and meagre the British food ration has been for years can get the full force of the British government's announcement that food imports are again to be cut—again cut most drastically. Lumber and newsprint imports will also be slashed—and all along the line there will be austerity, more austerity, and still more austerity.

READERS may recall that I myself was one of six newspapermen who quizzed the outgoing and the incoming British chancellors of the exchequer during the British election last fall. Those broadcasts were heard from coast to coast in Canada. Both Mr. Gaitskell and the present treasurer, Mr. Butler, assured us that we were wrong when we said that it looked to us as if Britain had bitten off more than she could chew—that she would either have to cut down her armament program or cut down further on her already low standard of living. But both the Labor man and the Conservative assured us that this was wrong. Mr. Butler even stood pat on the claim that Britain could even build 50 per cent more houses per year than she had been building—keep up her arms program—and maintain or even increase the food ration.

Of course, every expert knew, even then, that this was impossible. But politics is politics, even in Britain.

Now—for the second time since the election—imports have been cut back, and the armament program has been slowed down—not by choice of the government but from sheer necessity.

Publisher Relents Anti-Union Views

LONDON (Reuters)—David Coupar Thomson, 91-year-old Scottish newspaper owner who insisted for 26 years that none of his staff join a trade union, has relented after a government tribunal last month advised him to think again.

Labor Minister Sir Walter Monckton told the House of Commons today that the D. C. Thomson Printing and Publishing Company now is prepared to end its insistence that employees pledge not to join a trade union—subject to certain safeguards, already agreed by the unions.

The executive of the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation will meet next Wednesday to receive the report of its representatives and Monckton said he would await its comments.

Recently, after Thomas dismissed an "underground" trade unionist, other secret members went on strike and gained support from workers of firms supplying the publishing house.

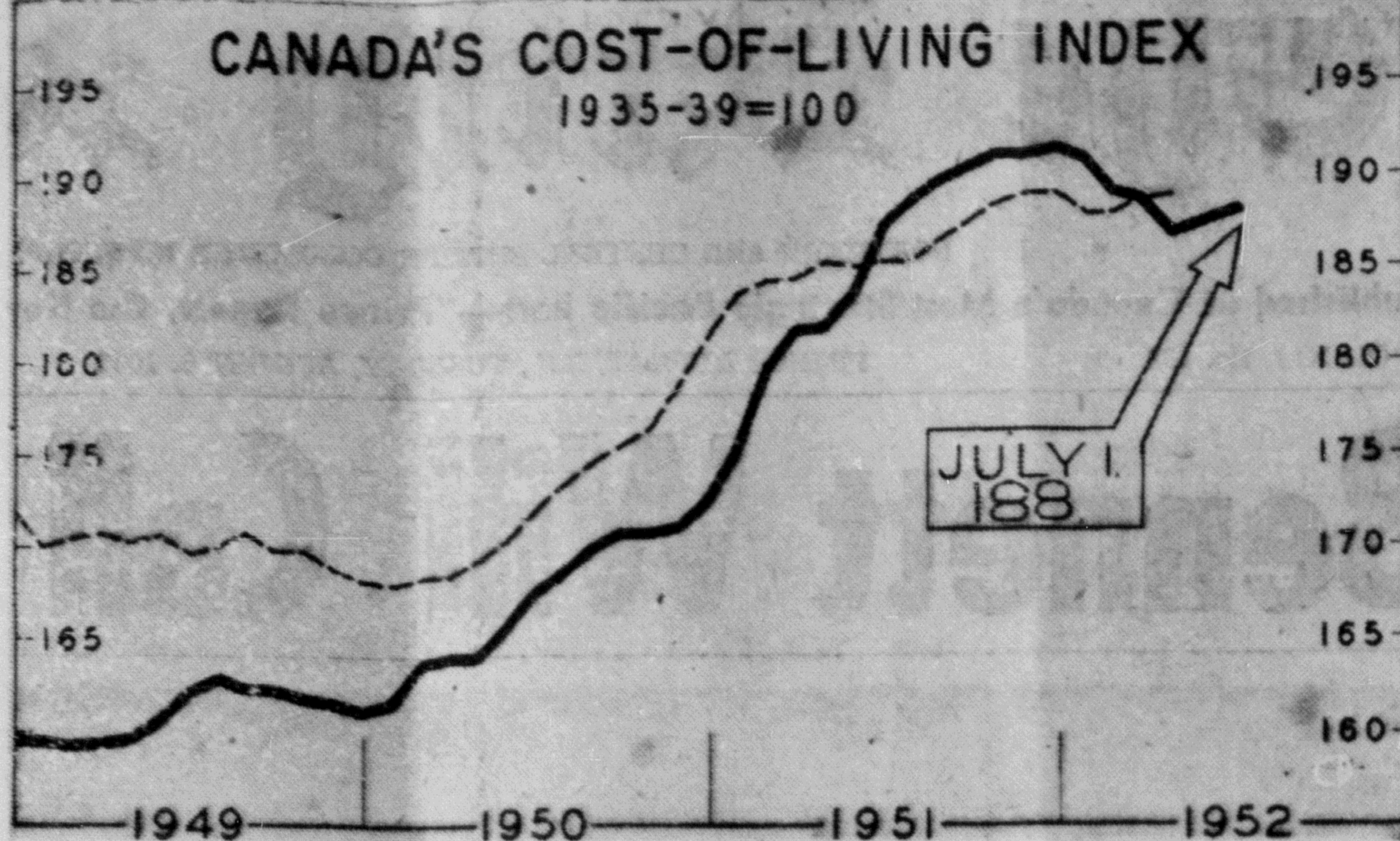
A government tribunal found that both sides were "within the law" but added that it was open to consideration whether the attitude of either was "prudent or expedient."

New Manager Appointed to Pipe Line Co.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Appointment of H. H. Anderson, a native of Portland, Ore., as vice-president and general manager of Trans Mountain Oil Pipe Line Company was announced tonight by Robert L. Bridges, president.

Mr. Anderson's first duty will be to assemble and train Canadian staff to operate the crude oil line from Edmonton to Vancouver. The line is expected to be completed late next year.

For the last 11 years, Mr. Anderson has been vice-president and general manager of Shell Pipeline Corp.



C-O-L UP AGAIN—The cost-of-living index climbed by seven-tenths of a point during June to 188.0 from 187.3, the second consecutive monthly rise in the prices barometer. Previously there had been a four-month drop from the peak of 191.5 last December. Higher food prices provided the spark for the advance. The dotted line shows the United States Consumers' price index. These indexes measure percentage change in prices in each country but should NOT be used to compare actual levels of prices between the two countries. (CP PHOTO)

Army to Buy Huge Tract for Camp

OTTAWA (CP)—Purchase of the St. John River road. It includes parts of the parishes of Petersville, Blissville, Hampstead, Burton and Gagetown. However, the settlements of Oromocto, Burton, Upper Gagetown, Gagetown, Lower Gagetown, Elm Hill, Queenstown, Central Hampstead and Evandale along the St. John River and Geary and Weisford will not be affected.

Mr. Claxton said factors taken into consideration in picking the area were: 1. The ground is tactically suitable, resembling that in parts of northwest Europe and permitting the use of tracked and wheeled vehicles over a considerable portion. 2. The climate is such that field training can be carried on in all seasons. 3. The area is served by good communications and is well located for concentration of troops prior to movement abroad. 4. The area is relatively sparsely populated.

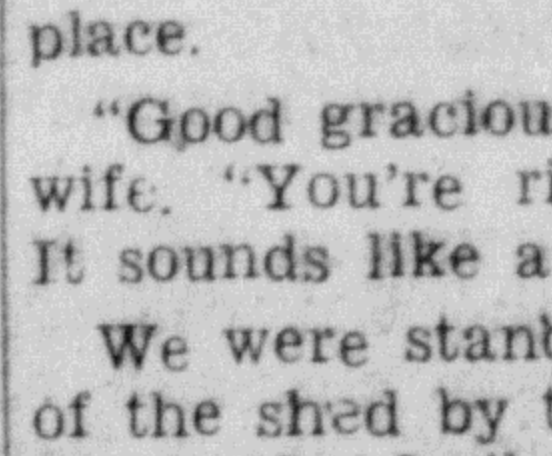
It is estimated that the total cost of the development, including acquisition of land and construction of buildings and services, will exceed \$25,000,000, the announcement said.

"Construction will involve employment of a large scale. It is expected that the permanent camp population, including civilian employees, will exceed 3000 with many thousands more using it during periods of training. The development will be a major source of continuing employment on a large scale. It is province."

UNDER OUR ROOF

My wife and I were playing a game of Canasta in the shed the other afternoon when suddenly we heard the shooting.

At least it sounded like shooting, and to calm my wife I said: "Probably some of the boys doing a little hunting out of season."



John Sturdy

"In our house?" she asked, and sure enough, when I listened more attentively, it did seem that the shooting was coming from inside the house. This was somewhat disturbing, because although I don't live in the house these days, on account of there isn't enough room for us and the guests both, still we do retain an interest in the place.

"Good gracious!" I said to my wife. "You're right, you know. It sounds like a machine-gun."

We were standing at the door of the shed by this time, listening to the fusillade of shots, and just at that moment the front door burst open and out came Col. S. Skeffington-Smith (Ret.) and his wife Anastasia, followed closely by Hamish. The Colonel and Anastasia disappeared down the road in a cloud of dust, but Hamish, seeing me, rushed for the shed.

GONE BERSERK
"Get under cover!" he shouted. "Barricade the door! Little Augie's gone berserk!"

He dashed into the shed and we closed the door, and all this time the firing was going on, louder than ever.

"How do you know it's Little Augie?" I asked Hamish. "There's no one else in the house," said Hamish. "But who is he shooting at?" "Whom," said Hamish. "All right, whom?"

"I think it may be himself," Hamish declared. "You know how depressed he has been lately, what with the passing of the Plebiscite."

Well, there was something in that, I admitted, because Little Augie used to be king of the blind-pig operators Back East before they opened all those cocktail bars, and he had to come to B.C. to make a living—only to find that they were threatening to change the laws here, too. As Hamish said, the outlook was very depressing for Little Augie.

Cautionously I opened the shed door and looked out. The shooting was still going on, but not so pronounced.

POOR SHOT
"Little Augie must be a very poor shot," I said to Hamish. "If he's trying to do away with himself, he's taking a long time."

As though by signal the firing stopped. I glanced at Hamish, and the little man nodded. "Guess he's made it," Hamish said.

"Well," I suggested, "let's go over and gather up the remains," and we crossed to the house, leaving my wife in the shed (she can't stand the sight of blood), and entered by the kitchen door.

Little Augie was lying in the

centre of the room, surrounded by hundreds of foaming bottles. The air was thick with the odor of hops and malt and yeast, and the floor was covered with a sticky ooze.

Even as we stood there, staring at the scene of destruction, one of the few remaining bottles suddenly blew its top and the metal cap struck me between the eyes. I staggered and fell into the ooze on the floor, getting some of it in my mouth.

It tasted pretty good, I thought. But when I looked at Little Augie, he wasn't dead—he was crying.

"I bottled the stuff too soon," he moaned. "Please don't tell any of my customers about this. It would ruin my reputation."

A couple of more bottles blew their caps. Well, Little Augie hadn't done away with himself so there wasn't anything to worry about in that direction.

"Get a couple of soup spoons from the cupboard," I told Hamish. "After all, we might as well salvage what we can."

So we sat on the floor and used the spoons to good advantage, so that was where my wife found us some time later. cocktail bars, and he had to the whole thing.

FAST RUN
CHURCHILL, Man. (CP)—An ambulance in a test run to the airport here set a record of 4½ minutes for the two-mile trip, including time for a telephone call and a trip to the hospital for a medical order.

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NOTICE
Extensive and essential repairs by guniting are being made to the City water reservoir. It is estimated that these repairs will take approximately six (6) weeks, and during this time it will not always be possible to supply water at pressures at the higher levels in the City. Every effort is being made to eliminate or minimize these inconveniences.

Your co-operation is essential and respectfully requested during this period.

H. S. Whalen
MAYOR.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

One notes, from time to time, the publication of what are informally called, "health hints." It says proper exercises keep abdomens from bulging—such as shoving back from the table before the second or the third servings.

The parked car problem has more than one little vexation! Leaving your pet doggie locked in, with a worried look and uneasy feeling.

BUSINESS BETTER
All the papers down east are not consolidating because of steady increase in the cost of newsprint. In a Toronto office, a million dollars press has been ordered. In St. Thomas (Ont.) August 1, publication of a 140-page special issue commenced.

The worst thing about a holiday is when you've looked forward to it too much, observes EBC. Somehow, the reality never quite lives up to the expectation of it. The truth is that there's no place in the world quite as lovely, quite as glamorous, quite as Arcadian as the infinite loneliness that exists in our day dreams.

On or about August 1, 1852, the P. & O. steamer Acadie, 6,000-tonnage sailed from the Clyde for Sydney, finishing the voyage in eighty days. Next year, the P. & O. steamer Acadie, 28,000 tonnage sailed from the Clyde Clyde. But to ask where to might be a shade premature.

A PENNY SAVED
Britain's royal economy drive is called the most drastic ever known. It is planned to close the estate at Sandringham. In future, staffs must be streamlined, and centuries old duties based more on tradition than usefulness, abolished. The time honored procedure of allowing any Royal household member to drop in at the palace any time for a free meal, will be scrapped. Next to go, it is reported, will be the custom of placing a bottle of whisky in the Royal bedroom every night and removing it every morning, for it is never touched. Yet, somebody has been receiving 365 bottles of scotch annually, at royal expense.

Most of the fellows who that it's important to save while you're venerable enough to get the old age pension—News.

Domestic help is coming to Britain to a market is said. The reason for there is such a contrast system prevailing during "master" and "servant" fore the war. Maybe understandable.

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