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A Good Sign

PROMISE of action on timber clearance of the Tweedsmuir Park area about to be flooded is reassuring news to those who believe that the public and big industry are interdependent and can, for that reason, find a way to live together in harmony.

Although it is not time yet to burst into a rhapsody of optimism, the willingness of the Aluminum Company of Canada to finance harvesting of the merchantable timber reflects much credit on that concern and opens the avenue to an agreeable solution.

It must be remembered that Alcan has no contractual obligation to do anything of the sort. The matter was discussed and discarded, and the aluminum industry brought its vast operations to the west coast on that basis.

If Alcan showed no interest in post-contract appeals, that should be accepted with good grace, if not necessarily with pleasure. The province was glad to welcome the company in the first place, and there is no justice or purpose in heaping recrimination on it if it later appears that the terms of the agreement are not entirely satisfactory.

At the same time, British Columbians and Alcan are now members of one family. Under the circumstances there must be some compromise which is not provided for by any contract but which inevitably becomes necessary from time to time if the atmosphere is to remain congenial.

The flooding in Tweedsmuir Park provides an important case in point. Although there were some who foresaw the danger, British Columbians as a whole awoke tardily to the fact that a great natural beauty spot was threatened with disfigurement and that broad stretches of good timber lay in the water's path.

It was too late to change the agreement but a cry arose that something somehow must be done. If the cry was ignored, it was certain for a while to gain strength. Even so, Alcan could have gone about its business of producing aluminum and eventually the commotion would have subsided, leaving cool but tolerable relations with the public.

Instead, it has made a creditable move towards compromise. Since there is no recorded estimate of the work and cost involved in the whole operation of saving the good timber and preserving the park's beauty, it is impossible to say at present how much Alcan's part in it will mean.

But the point is that the company has taken a first step and it is up to us, through the provincial government, to take the next. There may be others to close the gap finally, but it is our turn now.

With this in mind, Lands and Forests Minister Robert E. Sommers is working on the estimate which should have been available from the start. His report will then go to the legislature.

A few days ago an Alcan spokesman expressed the desire of the company to become a "good citizen." A happy outcome to the case of Tweedsmuir Park should convince the province that it has gained one.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Lay hold on eternal life."—1 Tim. 6:12.

LETTERBOX

BOUQUET TO SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Editor, Daily News:

I read with regret the announcement that Mrs. Earl Becker has declined to run as a candidate for re-election to the School Board for the district.

The school board is one of those unpaid positions that require a great deal of time, considerable ability and much sacrifice from its members, and is subject to, I am afraid, much criticism, not always well-informed but forceful. Public-minded citizens who offer themselves as candidate for such a position are indeed worthy of commendation from the parents and other residents. In this connection I should like to pay tribute to Mrs. Becker.

For many years she has been an active and progressive member of the board, and during the recent years of new school construction those years have been demanding on the time and energies of that body. Mrs. Becker had been a member of the local

Parent-Teacher Associations and Parent-Teacher Council for many years and frequently in responsible executive positions, as the other members readily acknowledged her suitability for leadership. As president of the Prince Rupert Music and Drama Festival Association, Mrs. Becker occupies an important position in the community still.

As one who has known of Mrs. Becker's services to the schools and the community I should like to pay this tribute to her for her many years' work for the children and the district.

JOHN S. WILSON.

BIG FAMILY

EDMONTON (CP)—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Guenette recently celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary and received many congratulatory messages. There were 17 children born to the union and they now have 56 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

As I See It



by
Philpott
Elmore

Ike's Half Good Start

PRESIDENT-ELECT EISENHOWER threw the allies of U.S.A. into gloom and foreboding when he announced the name of his Secretary of State.

John Foster Dulles came into fame as the top U.S. lawyer for the big German cartels. On the eve of Hitler's war he said it was fantasy and folly to think the fascists would ever attack. But when they did attack he used his wide influence in the U.S.A. for isolation.

When France had fallen, and Britain stood alone in Europe against the whole might of the Nazi-fascists, Mr. Dulles was a key champion of the "hands off Europe" policy in U.S.A. Last year it was Dulles who held the diplomatic gun to the head of the Attlee government—who forced Britain to accept terms in the Japanese treaty which Britain believed would make for more war and less peace in Asia.

It was Dulles who this year devised the plan to "liberate" eastern Europe by air-drops to armed resistance bands behind the Iron Curtain; and to assist Chiang Kai-shek to re-invade the mainland of China. The whole press of Europe, free Asia, and alert Democrats in U.S.A. instantly recognized this plan for what it was—just another way to start a third world war, in which we would find ourselves, at best, with "little Koreas" all over the place.

BAD as was the Dulles selection from the British Commonwealth standpoint, it has been greatly offset by later excellent Eisenhower appointments.

The choice of Senator Lodge to head the permanent U.S. delegation at the UN should kill, at one blow, the fear that the U.S. is getting ready to "fold up" the UN as the old League of Nations was folded just before the Hitler war. Lodge was the key man in the entire move to draft Eisenhower as the Republican nominee. Many thought he might be made Secretary of States. I expressed, in this column, hope that he would be. He did not get the top job in international affairs. But he did get what could easily be made the next most important post in the world of international affairs. There is no better Republican for it.

If the U.S.A. would throw its whole weight behind the UN—and use the UN in full spirit as well as letter—the whole world picture could change for the better. The outside criticism of U.S.A. today is that the U.S. uses UN only if, as, and when it suits the whim and short-range aim of the U.S. to do so.

BUT the appointment that gives the outside world most hope is that of Martin P. Durkin as Secretary of Labor. Durkin is a Truman Democratic, and head of the AFL plumbers union. His choice has roused the open wrath of the anti-labor Republicans, especially Senator Taft. It proves that President Ike is capable of going his own way, Taft or no.

One other appointment could be good or bad—that of Harold Stassen to head the Marshall plan and its successors. Stassen is a "liberal" gone "not-so-liberal." In 1942 he fathered a fine plan for outright world government, short and simple enough to be printed on a postcard. He seems to have forgotten this, long since.

But he is also the man who campaigned for the Republican nomination in 1948 by raising the principle that the U.S. should cut off all help to Britain unless Britain abandoned her democratic socialism, and welfare state.

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(CP Photo)

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

The main distinction to the credit of the current parliamentary session up to the present has been the atmosphere of high anticipation which it succeeded in creating for its opening.

That atmosphere still survives, although so far nothing has occurred to justify it. But it's a pre-election session. And MPs, along with newspaper correspondents, party workers, and all the others sideliners of the great game of politics, remain convinced that sooner or later something big is going to happen. The only uncertainty in their minds is just when it will happen.

FOREIGN POLICY

Traditionally, the accepted course for an opposition party at any pre-election session is to make things as hot for the party in power as possible. But that isn't the way Hon. George Drew and his Progressive Conservative hopefuls are playing this one.

The PCs have a theory that the government has long overstayed its welcome in office and that each passing day serves to increase its unpopularity. In this situation they believe that a negative approach to power may very well be the surest. As they read the portents on the political horizon, the strategy for which the situation calls is simply one of non-interference with the wave of anti-government feeling alleged to be rolling up on all fronts.

As a result of this analysis of the situation on the part of the PCs, a good many issues which had been counted upon to breed stormy debating controversy are going by default. Needless to say, the Liberal government isn't at all displeased at the turn events have taken. It had expected to be thrown heavily upon the defensive from the session's opening bell. It still is convinced that the respite is only temporary. But it is none the less appreciative of it.

The main issue upon which the cabinet had expected to be hard-pressed was foreign policy. The indications of unpopularity of the Korean war raised by the vote in the United States presidential election had left it fearful of echoes here.

Washington's sponsorship of the new Australian, New Zealand, United States alliance in the Pacific—with the United Kingdom refused even status as an observer and with Canada uninvited to join—was looked upon as another delicate issue.

In addition, the ministry had expected that it would be called upon to defend the huge expenditures currently being made upon UNO and upon NATO, without any guarantee that either of these agencies is on the road to practical effectiveness for peace.

STORM CURTAIN

The Liberal government would like to think that the current period of suspense could be prolonged for the entire session. But its optimism doesn't rise that high. Already there's dissatisfaction in the ranks of the PCs over the party's policy of a negative strategy. The storm is due to break some day. The question is simply whether it will be before or after the Christmas recess.

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Reflects and Reminisces

Young mothers lament:
"When Day is Done, so am I."

A few old time Prince Rupert voices heard over the air in other cities can bring reaction. Letters are following. It is plain that not always is it the truth that "out of sight out of mind." Some who leave the north after having remained there long enough to be classed as a pioneer, like to be thought of as just that.

Now, there's Bill Turnbull who left Prince Rupert in the middle thirties. He was a natural newspaperman and still is. In his home in Victoria the other night he listened in to radio remarks coming from away up Prince Rupert.

And he remembered the orators as well as what they were talking of.

We can see him sitting there, giving the ghost of a grin now and then, as well as a nod. Turnbull, as we recall him, was a jovial soul. He, and other staff members of 36 years ago wouldn't recognize the News office today, but we'll wager none have forgotten the three o'clock scramble.

Hunter, Pullen, Macintosh, Miller, Peck, Fraser, Norman Macintosh, Turnbull—these are but a few of the scores still remembered who efficiently and faithfully performed on News-paper Row.

Turnbull, by the way, saw something of the world after leaving Skeena. He travelled as far as Buenos Aires. Back in Canada, he ran across Macintosh in Montreal.

Scotty had resigned from newspapers but was still active in publicity, this time being in the service of the CPR. Macintosh, during his years on the News, invested a daily feature entitled "Through My Spectacles" signing it "Wee Maek." It was also during this time he married the bride coming all the way from Scotland.

Roy Miller and Bill Peck have retired, both in California, the former in Orland and the latter living near Los Angeles.

Rail Men Die In Car Plunge

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP)—Two men were killed and a third injured Friday when their handcar plunged 100 feet from a railway trestle into a gorge. Killed were: Heinz Schulze, 22, and Beverly Campbell, 20. Thomas Bowling, 25, was injured. The men were replacing timbers on a Canadian National Railway trestle when the accident occurred.

UNDER OUR ROOF

By JOHN STURDY

Telephones defeat me. A telephone is the only modern contraption that I have never been able to master, and whenever possible I let somebody else answer the dreaded thing.

But I happened to walk into the house the other day—Hamish and Little Augie and Col. S. Skeffington-Smutts (Ret.) were out hunting oysters—and at that moment the telephone started ringing. For a time I turned a deaf ear, but in the country a telephone operator never gives up, and in the end I had to answer.

"Is that X-24?"
"Yes," I said.
"One moment, please. Vancouver is calling. Go ahead, please, your party is on the line."

"Hello? Hello?" a new voice said. "Is that you, Johnny boy?"
"Who's that?" I asked, terrified by now.

"This is Al, boy. How are you?"
"I'm fine."
"Well, that's good, that's real good! I bet you're surprised to hear I'm on the Coast."

"Well..."
"It was Mary's idea. We didn't know what to do for a holiday, and Mary said, Al, why don't we take a trip out to the Coast and spend Christmas there? Just like that. Say, it nearly floored me, Mary wanting to leave the Big City—hey, hey! So we packed the old suitcase and here we are—and the fog they call weather in this town. Still, the kids love it. You heard what I said, Johnny boy?"

I heard.
"Well, aren't you going to ask me? We got twins! Yes, sir, brother, and ain't they the cutest little little tykes you ever laid eyes on! Mary says they look like me, but I don't know, I think they look more like Mary's old man. So with the twins that makes four of us now. That's not doing too bad, eh, Johnny boy? By the way, you got any kids?"

"One."

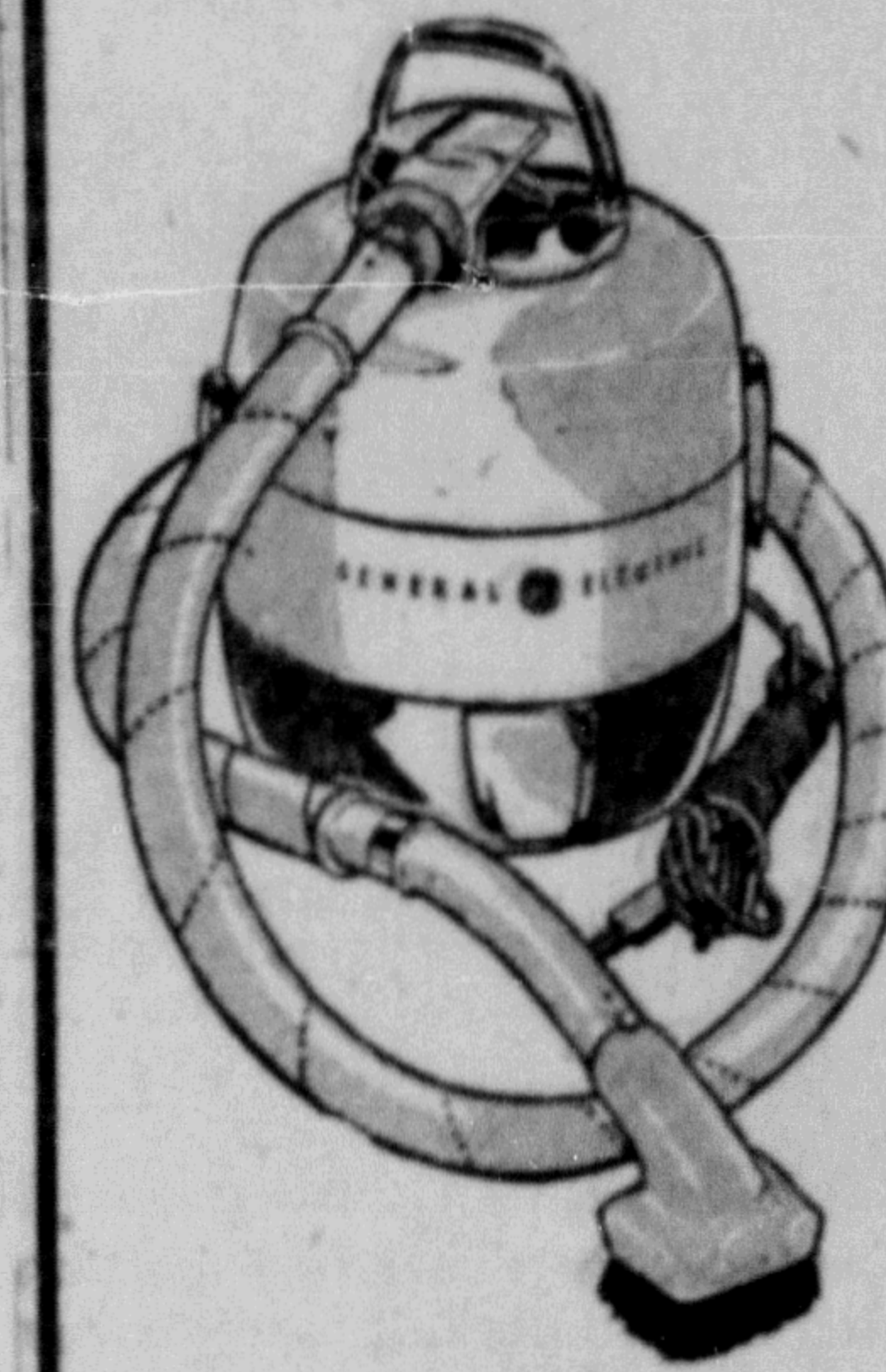
"How old?"

"Eight."

"Well, that's great, that's just great! Someone for the twins to play with. Say, I got a real kick out hearing you were living on an island. I mean, when I think of the old days Back East, and the way you used to paint up the Big City—you know what I mean, eh, kid! Well, like I was saying to Mary, none of us is getting any younger, and I guess you've slowed up quite a bit since I saw you last, and, brother, that's a wise thing to do. You remember Joe Bottomless? He was just about your age and he just wouldn't take it easy, and now he's pushing the old daisies. But you're feeling fine, eh, Johnny boy?"

"I was."
"Well, that's just great. Now, how about Friday?"

"Friday?"
"Now listen, Johnny boy, if you and the missus have anything else on, you just tell me. We can make it Saturday just as well. But I thought, well if



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I support the school by-law... I ask for fair treatment of the power question... I ask for modernization of our outmoded sewer system... I ask for a cleanup of our water supply.

For the sake of our children, I will strongly urge that Flourine be added to our water so the strength will be added to their teeth.

(Signed)

Percy A. L. Downing

VOTE KAY SMITH

I have been a resident of Prince Rupert since birth and my occupation is that of housewife.

I am interested in promoting the interests of Prince Rupert in all phases of civic administration.

If elected I pledge to give fair consideration to all problems affecting the lives of the citizens of Prince Rupert.

I am an independent candidate.

X SMITH, Katherine Janet

(Signed)

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