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Extend CNR From Hazelton

FOR SOME unexplainable reason, all talk of opening up the Peace River country to rail traffic seems to be concentrated on an extension going north from the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. Even the able president of the Canadian National Railways, Donald Gordon, appears to have his thoughts directed in that line. Although admitting in recent conversation with George Murray, MP for Cariboo, that such an extension was out of the question unless there was a guarantee that it would pay for itself, Mr. Gordon was apparently impressed with its possibilities.

While the possibilities are there all right, the best way of reaching them is certainly not by branching out from the PGE. To bring out the wheat, oil and other abundant resources of the Peace River country by this route would mean that traffic would move along an indirect course into Prince George, then meander about 350 miles into Squamish and finally be lugged by barge into Vancouver, unless the southern extension of the PGE is finally built.

By all odds, the shortest and sanest approach lies in an eastward extension of the CNR line from Hazelton. That point is just as close to Finlay Forks, which would be a logical terminus for the Peace River line, as Prince George is, and it offers immediate access to the all-year port of Prince Rupert. The latter, in turn, is much nearer than Vancouver to Asiatic ports where much of the wheat would probably go.

Failure to plan in this way would be transforming a much-needed and profitable northern development into another sop for the south. It would bring alive the words of the late Prime Minister Mackenzie King which were spoken in Prince Rupert a full 32 years ago. Commenting on the future seen for this city by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he said:

"What was Sir Wilfrid's vision when the trans-continental railway was being planned, and his vision of this particular city, Prince Rupert? I know it was of ships plying from this very harbor, crossing the Pacific with the products of this country, bringing back other commodities here, making this community one of the greatest marts in the world."

"He had a vision of a railway running through a country as fertile as any in the world, with feeders running north and south, tapping the resources of the province, mineral and timber, and great national wealth; a great community with ocean wharves, docks, repair yards, dry docks, round-houses, hotels, railway stations and all of the sights and signs of a great world metropolis. And what have you got today? A side line."

If he were alive, Mr. King could make that same speech today without changing a word. Thanks to the foresight of a few industries, there has been expansion, but the continued national and provincial policy to placate the more populated areas to the south has led to impractical measures to promote Vancouver at the expense of Prince Rupert.

To argue that in this particular case Prince George has as much right to benefit from Peace River development as Prince Rupert does not carry weight, for the benefits to Prince George would not be nearly so great as they might appear. For most of the traffic, that city would be merely a through point. There might be a little increased activity around the railway yards to handle the extra trains, and passengers to and from the north would be stopping off from time to time, but that is all.

A line into Prince Rupert via Hazelton, however, would revitalize this city's entire shipping industry. The extra business which Vancouver would hardly notice would be to this port a breath of new life.

But the principal argument in favor of the plan is that it is far more feasible and practical than any other. It is not always convenient to be practical, but it should count for something.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Keep yourselves in the love of God."—John 21

Cholera made its first appearance in Canada in 1832 on board immigrant vessels from England and Ireland.

Western cedar in British Columbia reaches a height of 175 feet with girth of from four to eight feet or more.

Report From...

Parliament Hill

By Edward T. Applewhaite, M.P., Skeena

The annual federal-provincial agricultural conference has heard a plea for the Canadian dairy industry, as presented by the British Columbia Federation of Agriculture.

Nutritionists do not claim that the nutritive value of milk and butter substitutes has been completely established, but they do say that the fatty acids prominent in butter (and lacking in the fats of margarine) are to be had in other ways; that human diet should be considered as a whole. Much is made by the Federation of the fact that a large proportion of the oils being used are of foreign origin. Vegetable oil foods are becoming popular in this country because they are relatively cheap, and because consumers have confidence in their nutritive value.

There has been quite some fireworks here between Solon Low, leader of the Social Crediters, and M. J. Coldwell, leader of the CCF. Mr. Low made a very vigorous (but mildly) speech about Mr. Coldwell. A day or two ago Mr. Coldwell tried to raise, on a "question of privilege," the fact that during Low's speech, he (Coldwell) had endeavored to correct a statement which was being made by Mr. Low. The speaker called Coldwell to order. Mr. Coldwell claimed that the speaker had misunderstood his point of privilege. The speaker of course said that if there was a misunderstanding, it was unfortunate, and he regretted it. However, Mr. Coldwell understood that he could not make another speech at this time. We are all looking forward with really keen interest to the occasion when Mr. Coldwell does make his full reply; it should be quite an exciting occasion.

WANTS SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Howard Green brought up an interesting question for the Minister of Trade and Commerce a few days ago asking if we were to have a special committee on atomic energy. Mr. Howe, who is Acting Prime Minister while Mr. St. Laurent is away, said that no consideration has been given to the subject matter of the question as yet. Mr. Coldwell said that he, too, thought it would be a good idea to have such a committee set up.

Arthur Laing of Vancouver had a question for the Minister of

Defence Production based on a newspaper story that apple juice would be purchased for the Canadian Forces. Mr. Howe said he hadn't seen the article. But John Dickey, his Parliamentary Assistant, informed us that Canadian apple juice, fortified or vitaminized is on the ration scale of all three of our armed services, and is purchased in volume for consumption. As apple juice is not produced on a year-round basis it is therefore good business for us to purchase seemingly large amounts from the processors, in season, rather than from wholesalers as required throughout the year. (Terrace fruit growers, please note.)

HEALTH INSURANCE

Among the better-than-average speeches made in the Debate on the Address, I would put that of Dr. McCusker (Liberal, Regina) on National Health, during our consideration of a sub-amendment dealing with health insurance, in which he pointed out that it is important that every member of the house should have a clear appreciation of just what is meant by the term "health insurance." He was afraid that when many people think of health insurance too many of them think of it in the much more limited sense of sickness insurance, as he feared Mr. Coldwell did. Which Mr. Coldwell promptly denied. As a physician Dr. McCusker recognizes the importance of the wider aspect of health insurance. Government responsibility for health and welfare action in Canada provides an interesting study. Over the years the need for social action has increased and, gradually, public opinion has changed to favor a measure of national responsibility for welfare services. In the last twenty-five year period municipal expenditures on health and welfare increased from \$21 million to \$72 million. Provincial from \$17 million to \$258 million, and federal expenditures increased from \$50 million to \$723 million.

LETTERBOX

THANKS MRS. BECKER

Editor, The Daily News:

In Mrs. Dorothy Becker's retirement from the local board of school trustees, the community sustains more of a loss than probably is realized.

It is true that neither she, nor any other member of the quietly hard-working school board has hit the headlines often, but we are indebted to all of them for their honest and distinguished service to the public, for much time willingly given, and for their conscientious study of local educational problems.

Incidentally, Mrs. Becker's school board interests were not confined to the Borden Street School as suggested in a recent Daily News column. Under the present set-up, the local board supervises a school district embracing many other schools besides the local ones.

School board members are not so much to be congratulated on "getting in" as they are to be thanked for their spirit of public service. Such thanks are due those who have been elected by acclamation for the new term.

KATHLEEN M. HILL

CHARGE NOT TRUE

Editor, Daily News:

Wednesday's paper contained a news item on union charges against the Kitimat firm.

One who has seen almost all camps on the Alean project can truthfully say this charge is untrue.

Kitimat Constructors are particular that bull cooks keep rooming houses, bunk houses and tents exceptionally clean and warm.

Floors are swept, beds made, sheets and pillow slips changed weekly, papers collected, and bottles removed daily. Wash-houses are disinfected daily. Hot and cold water is provided for all shifts, for showers and clothes washing.

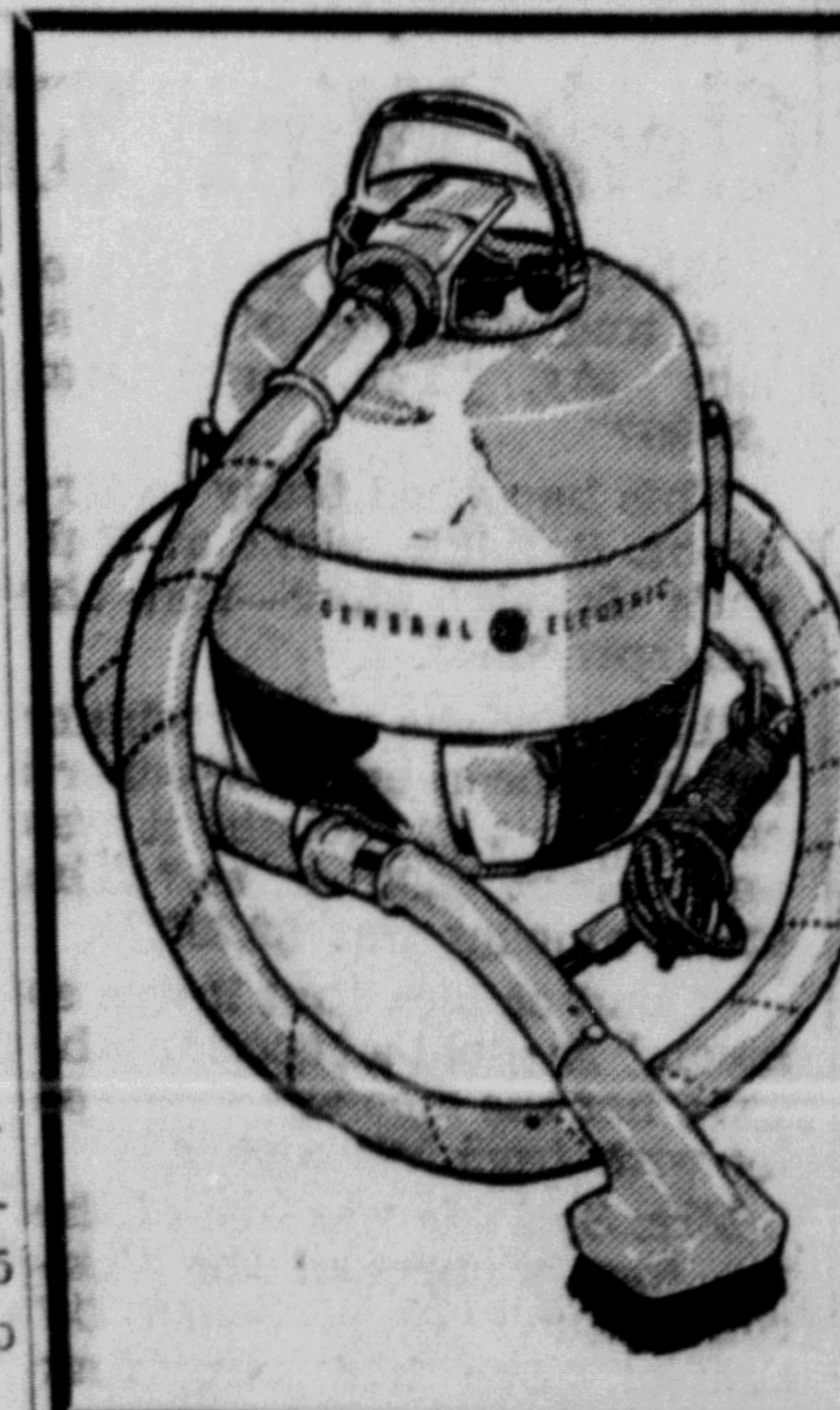
Men are comfortably housed and well fed on the Kitimat project. Kitimat Constructors have even done better than most camps.

As an itinerant missionary I am glad to uphold Kitimat Constructors against a wrong accusation.

VICTOR J. CARLSEN

New York Rangers traded defenceman Wababe Pratt to Toronto Maple Leafs for Hank Gaudy and Dudley Red Garrett 10 years ago today. Sparkplug of Toronto teams for several years, Pratt won the Hart trophy as the NHL's most valuable player in 1944.

SARNIA, Ont. (C)—Collections of whitefish eggs in Lake Huron are proceeding on schedule and 23,000,000 came from Collingwood to the fish hatchery at Point Edward. The eggs are taken from fish caught by commercial fishermen, and the young fry will be planted in southern Lake Huron next spring.



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As I See It



by Philpott Elmore

No Beards for Prophets
LAST YEAR END in this column I ran a little quiz to test the ability of readers to predict the future.

I promised to send "the beard of the prophet" to each and every guesser who correctly answered the questions for 1952.

Well the year is not quite over yet. But there will be no beards sent out, for not a single reader, of the many who took part, scored a perfect answer.

Some came pretty close to being right. But not a single person who sent me written answers guessed that Adlai Stevenson would be nominated to run for the Democrats.

HERE ARE the percentages on the answers to the questions asked:

Will Princess Margaret be engaged to be married in 1952? Yes 62%, No 38%.

Will Margaret Truman be engaged to be married in 1952? Yes 16%, No 84%.

Who will be Prime Minister of Canada on Jan. 1, 1953? St. Laurent 79%, Pearson 16%, Howe 5%.

Who will be Prime Minister of Britain on Jan. 1, 1953? Churchill 79%, Eden 19%, Bevan 2%.

Who will be nominated to run for Democrats in the Presidential election in U.S.A.? Truman 68%, Eisenhower 21%, Acheson, etc., 11%.

Who will be nominated to run for Republicans in the Presidential election? Eisenhower 41%, Taft 38%, Others 21%.

Who will be elected President of U.S.A. in November, 1952? Eisenhower 48%, Truman 32%, Taft 9%, Warren 5%, Others 4%.

Will there be a world war in 1952 involving Russia and USA? No 100%.

Will there be an outright end to the war in Korea in 1952? Yes 68%, No 32%.

THOUGH nobody can win the beard of the prophet for 1952, honorable mention for the highest score goes to the Ladies' Study Group of Ocean Falls, B.C. Congratulations to Mrs. L. F. Sullivan, leader for the quiz committee. Their only bad mistake was to pick Dean Acheson as Democratic nominee.

Of course the standings could be changed slightly if either Princess Margaret or Margaret Truman were to announce betrothal in the next three weeks, or if peace were suddenly to break out in Korea.

MY OWN answers came much further from the bullseye than those of the Ocean Falls ladies. I guessed Princess Margaret would become engaged, but off-let that over-optimism by guessing that Taft would win the Republican nomination and become President. Thank the Lord, and American people, for small mercies.

Some participants sent me long prophecies for years to come. R. W. James, a mystic, of North Vancouver, predicted the Liberals would have a very close call in the forthcoming federal election—bombing of China by U.S. would take place in 1953, with the Russian invasion of West Germany to follow—outright world war, he thinks, in 1954. Undisguised American empire will emerge, says he, in 1957.

Ray Reflects and Reminiscences

Jury: Twelve men chosen to decide which side had the better lawyer.

Mr. Claxton says it costs \$369 to dress a recruit. The civilian who has two of everything can well believe that.

Of course, worry kills more people than work. More people worry.—Barndon Sun.

"The Plains of Abraham," a historical novel has been acquired for production in 1953, according to recent announcement.

In Southern California. It will be a technical. This movie will be all about a French-English boy and girl and how their love affair turned out. A couple of men named as Wolfe and Montcalm will be seen as observers, each being fatally wounded.

Richard Nixon, United States vice-president elect, says he is going to put more pressure on Britain to compel Ulster to stick to one's neck. This is usually done in seeking trouble, there is the slightest necessity to Ireland.

NOTICE

If re-elected in the forthcoming election on December 11, I will support the best deal in the supplying of Power, and will demand that the terms and conditions of the power companies be released to the Press. The citizens will then have a right to decide by vote which power company they want. The Northern B.C. Power Company have the water rights at Woodworth Dam—the main source of our water supply—which is wrong. I will do my utmost to have the water rights returned to the city.

There should be an equal distribution of street paving in all residential areas. We need better sewerage conditions in some parts of the city for reasons of health. We should also have an office on the ground floor for collection of bills. My knowledge of the above has been gained through having served on the Finance Committee and the Board of Works of last year's council.

(Signed)

Ald. J. W. Prusky

NOTICE

Once again I am offering my services as Alderman.

Having resided in your city over the last 17 years, my record as a business man and worker for your community no doubt is well known to you all.

You know my capabilities. I am willing to use those capabilities, as well as my energy to work to assist you, the citizens of Prince Rupert, to regain sound and sane city government, to assist in rehabilitation, without undue delay, of our city utilities, such as sewers, water supply, etc.; and adequate and well-planned road improvement program, and added improvements to our present Traffic bylaw for your safety and the safety of your children, especially in the residential areas of our city.

I will support any sound proposition for the engagement of a City Manager.

I will support a decision on the Power Question only if it is in the interest of all consumers, with a long range contract and planning for future needs.

VOTE

X H. KRAUPNER

For Alderman

If elected, I will use my best efforts to further your interests.

If defeated, I shall not be sorry, as I realize only too well the great responsibility I am willing to accept on your behalf.

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