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WE PASS UP THOUSANDS

AN AMERICAN tourist a few days ago told us Prince Rupert was the jumping off place to some of the best scenery in the North American continent. He also said that in his opinion this scenery could be the basis of a big tourist industry for Prince Rupert.

This particular American, who comes from Nashville, Tennessee, is not the only tourist to have expressed such a reaction, but he represents some of the more hardy type who, despite the fact that we have nothing here with which to accommodate the tourist, is making his fourth visit just to enjoy the scenery.

It is time we awoke to the waiting potential of tourist development in our back yard. Year after year Prince Rupert is passing up thousands of tourist dollars, not to mention much more in word of mouth advertising because we are unable to show the tourist what we have in our back yard. We are unable to keep a tourist in Prince Rupert, yet thousands head our way on to Alaska every year.

We have always blamed lack of tourist interest in Prince Rupert on two factors: no paved highway leading into Central B.C. and our weather. But we must also remember that unless we invite tourists they will only come by way of the path of least resistance. Our highway has not been such a path.

Meanwhile, there are many attractions hitherto undeveloped which would hold tourists here in spite of the fact that we are a little more blessed with precipitation than the Yosemite Valley of California, or Banff.

Organized bus tours along the Skeena River with several stops along that picturesque route; cruises up the many magnificently scenic inlets within a few miles of this port would present at least a well-rounded two-day program which would hold tourists here—provided they had a place to stay in the meantime.

So, more modern hotel accommodation is needed, especially suited to tourist requirements. Hotel rooms are not likely to go begging in this city in any event.

Granted, it will take a few men with vision to develop tourism for Prince Rupert which is not not only within the real of possibility, but appears to be a chance we have been passing up for years.

Organizations such as our junior and senior Chambers of Commerce must surely have such men of vision. Perhaps all they need is a little encouragement.

Business Spotlight

By The Canadian Press

Home builders were urged today to make sure that they install electrical wiring which will meet their needs.

The urging came from speakers at the annual convention at Banff, Alta., of the Canadian Adequate Wiring Bureau. They said it is not enough to meet "safety" requirements only.

David S. Catton, manager of the bureau, commented: "As a standard of safety, the Canadian Electrical Code is still satisfactory, but it is definitely not a standard of adequacy."

Speakers said there has been no established authority to which builders can go for advice. The wiring bureau, formed a year ago, and supported by electrical manufacturers, is endeavoring to fill this place, especially through the formation of regional Electric Service Leagues, supported by all electrical industry groups.

Mr. Catton said further: "Every day new evidence comes to light showing that insufficient wiring is going into places that are being built today, and if it is insufficient for comfortable electrical living today, it will certainly be insufficient for tomorrow's requirements."

He suggested that the Central Housing and Mortgage Corporation "insist on adequate wiring in each of its homes at the outset rather than minimum specifications required by the Canadian Electrical Code."

Howard N. Walters, president, Electric Service League of British Columbia, said:

"People do not, unfortunately, know much about electricity and cannot be expected to know what is adequate and what is not; though they can grasp the reason why water pressure can be restricted by pipes being too small."

In British Columbia we provide 100-ampere entrance service displays, but I sometimes think these frighten the customers into thinking they need engineering papers to operate a complicated wiring system."

Illustrating growth in electrical requirements, Mr. Walters added:

"In 1930 there were 19 standard appliances on the market, mainly irons, toasters, grills,

ranges, washers, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners and clocks. In 1940 there were 36, the additions being principally shavers, mixers, air conditioning, electric radios, and some automatic devices.

"In 1950 there were 43, including garbage disposers, dishwashers, clothes dryers, freezers, electric bed covers and television. In 1951 there were 53, including deep-fat fryers, coffee grinders, clock radios, etc. In 1960—who knows—perhaps 75?"

"In 1930 many homes had a four-fuse entrance block. By 1940, 30 ampere switches were a big step forward. In 1951, 100-ampere switches were reaching a far larger production, with some 200s. Will 200 be enough in 1960?"

for Montreal's council chamber. City Clerk Alphonse Mongeau reported such a system of verbatim reporting would be expensive and difficult to organize.

No Civic Hansard
MONTREAL (CP)—The city executive committee rejected council's suggestion to establish a Hansard reporting service.



ARGENTINE QUINTS—Argentina's famous Diligent quintuplets—Franco, Jr., Carlos Alberto, Maria Christina, Maria Esther and Maria Fernanda—for the first time in their lives won't pose together when they become nine years of age July 15. Their father, Franco Diligent, a well-to-do Italian-born factory owner, has sent them to five different schools. Their Canadian counterparts the Dionne quintuplets, will start college together next fall. Their father, Oliva, would not divulge its location. Two of the Diligent quintuplets, Maria Fernanda and Franco Jr., get together during a brief visit to the Diligent home at Belgrano, a suburb of Buenos Aires. Bottom: Carlos Alberto gets a school insignia from a matron at the St. George school he attends in Quilmes, a Buenos Aires suburb. (CP from AP)

ray Reflects

The word "papa" is said to have virtually disappeared from our language, comments the Windsor Star. Instead, it's "Hey, you." And sometimes, even on Father's Day.

There's a fundamental difference between Senator Taft and General Eisenhower that is causing respective delegates at Chicago today to wonder and worry if Republican and Democratic parties will suffer from lasting wounds. Taft would carry on, in keeping with system, law and order and other recognized principles as they prevail. Eisenhower's supporters while not denying their man feels much the same, has other attributes Taft appears to have missed or ignored.

Comes information that Robinson Crusoe was responsible for the five-day work week. Seems he had all his work done by Friday.

WHERE TO BE

Mr. Pattullo is said to be noticed quite frequently in the press gallery at Victoria. It should not be surprising. If there is anywhere on earth that Thomas Dufferin Pattullo should find interest, just now it is the gallery. He has long been one of the most discerning public men in B.C. affairs. Early in life he was identified with a newspaper in Ontario and it is natural enough as age comes on,

printer's ink should again make itself felt—particularly when there's a legislative explosion.

Comes word from an aged Missourian that by omitting to shave in 52 years, the amount of money saved is \$800. He adds that though he figured right, he's been unable, so far, to actually put his hands on that much cash.

COURT UP NORTH

Elizabeth held court in Holyrood Palace the last week in June, and Edinburgh again came into its own as the traditional capital of Scotland. Great was the social whirl. Holyrood has age and some gloom, as well as a phantom. So undoubtedly, it is what it pretends to be.

Wells in Juneau are reported running dry—an arid position for the capital city of a country like Alaska to be in. But one would take for granted there is an up to date water works system by this time.

THERE ARE THOUSANDS

Visitor from Tennessee is almost lull in his praise of scenery approaching Prince Rupert and along the Skeena River. He wonders why there are so few picture postcards. Strange he has not observed any of the thousands on display here in newsstands and stores every day for the last 40 years.

THE LETTERBOX
COMBINES ROOT OF WORLD TROUBLES
Editor, The Daily News—

Congratulations on your editorial of July 2 "Investigate All Combines." This matter is at the root of most of our, and the world's troubles today. Canada is in the same horrible mess as is the USA, and we appear to be just one step from Communism.

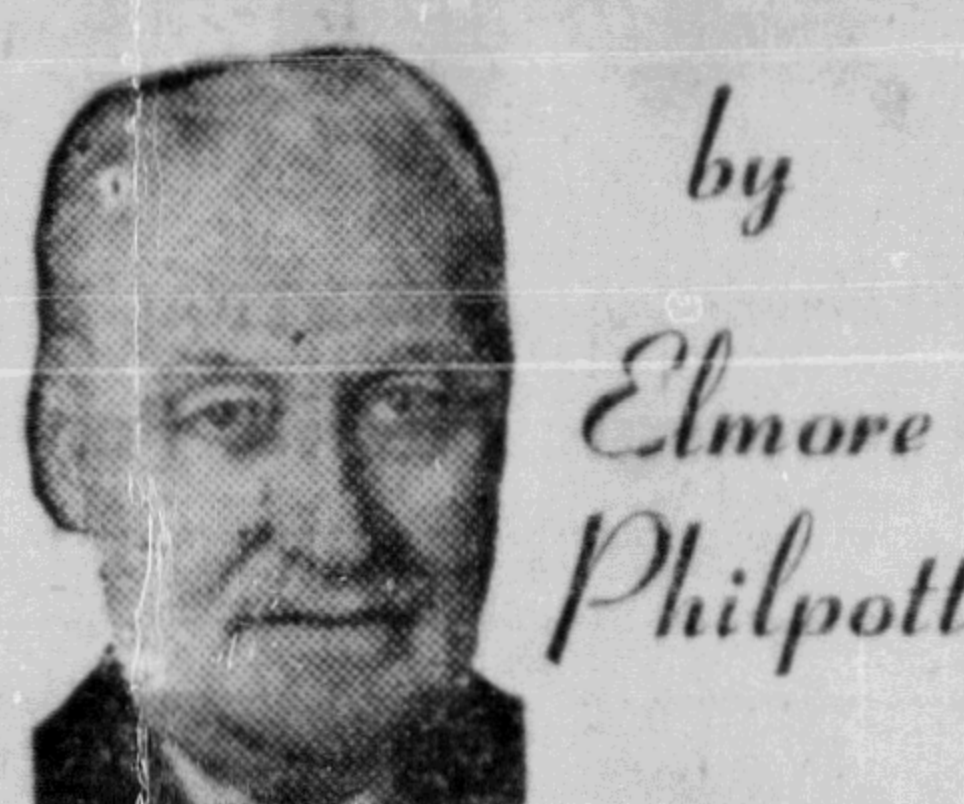
Recently our so-called statesmen called a special session of Parliament, at considerable unnecessary expense, for the purpose of investigating combines in the restraint of trade and for fixing prices on their products—the result being that these companies were found to be criminals, and were fined.

Being dumb or stupid, I could not see any difference between those alleged criminals and the numerous other combines, price fixers, and unions, from boot-blacks up to the CIO and IWA. I asked our M.P.—HOW COME?

His reply was, "these other combines were legalized and lawful combines." The conclusion must be that in order to rob the public you must be a legalized crook.

I was congratulating the people on the results of the past (or is it?) election, as it showed that the public was beginning

As I See it



In Hospital

IT IS 25 years since I was in hospital before—as a patient, that is, not just a visiting Poppa. But here I am again, this time in the big modern Shaughnessy Veterans Hospital in Vancouver.

The first thing that strikes me, in this return visit, is about needles!

Whether they are patting things into you or taking things out of you, the medical profession has learned a lot about needles in the quarter century since I had my previous connection with them.

The pert young miss who came around to get a sample of my blood is better and quicker and more painless at the job than was my beloved wife, in the days when she, too, was a young technician engaged on similar work.

And the noted specialist who punctured my knee to get a sample of the lubricating fluid that has been going on the rampage these past few months—he was in again out again before you could say Finnegian.

MY MIND flashes back to the early twenties. It is in a certain hospital in eastern Canada and a young student nurse is about to inject an enormous needle into my behind. She pauses with the point touching the twitching flesh.

"Mr. Philpott—I have to warn you to stay very still while I do this. The needle broke in the last man who had this and the doctors had an awful time getting the pieces out."

Believe it or not, instead of going into convulsions I did lie still as a mouse—I guess I was too scared to move.

YES THEY do things better now in these new and modern Veterans Hospitals. Of course back in those naive years just after the first world war we did not know that wars, and more wars, and still bigger wars were going to be the main business of this great century of enlightenment.

We had a few old shacks and converted factories which we called veterans' hospitals and the idea was that in about a year or so all the wounded from world war one would be cured and live "happily ever after" as the nursery stories always used to end.

Now in this hospital we see the three crops of man's Twentieth Century Folly. There are the Old Sweats, like myself, now all in the grandpa class. There are the Hitler era men—and there are a (to me) surprising number from the Korean campaign.

WELL I guess I'm just a congenital optimist—or maybe I'm just plain ornery, and I just see the opposite side in everything. There is a silver lining to the cloud of all these fool wars, and that is that they learn better how to look after the old crooks and wrecks of war.

All kidding aside, one only has to compare the equipment, the staff, and the whole layout in these hospitals now with what there was in the first decade after world war one to see how far we have come in the right direction.

I DON'T know how long I shall be here—or how much writing I can do while here. But I want to warn readers right now that I won't be writing much about the hospital staff.

The dietician looks like a lovely young lady—but who knows. Suppose I said her meals were not so hot—how would I make out next day?

Actually they are very good.

to do some thinking, for a change, when I received your July 3 issue in which it is to be noted that the citizens of Terrace have organized a Civil Rights League. This shows that there is still some need for a further change in our government, or do we have any government like Stalin's set-up.

It is not time, but not yet too late, to STOP—LOOK—LISTEN.

OBSERVER.

Quebec Figure Dead at 85
QUEBEC (CP)—Louis Alexandre Taschereau, 85, premier of Quebec from 1920 to 1936 and key figure in Quebec's modern political history, died Sunday.

TO CONTROL LABOR

Red Trade Unions Tool of State

Byline HUBERT HARRISON
VIENNA (Reuters)—The People's (Communist) Democracies of Eastern Europe have a new kind of trade union. It works just the opposite from the way labor unions "the world over" worked in the days before Communism.

In the West the function of a trade union is to watch the interests of the workers and seek better wages and better working conditions from the employers.

In the people's democracies, however, trade unions guard the interests of the state, which is the employer, and force the workers to work harder.

The "new" functions of trade union leaders and officials was highlighted in a recent article on "the important task of the trade union in the fight for the consolidation of work discipline," published in the Hungarian trade union organ "Nepszava."

"The trade unions which are the schools of communism must also become the schools of socialist work discipline," the newspaper wrote. "It is a fundamental task of trade union organizations to propagate the spirit that inefficient work and unwarranted absenteeism bring shame."

"Trade union officials must set an example," it said. "They must explain and convince those who are slack as regards work discipline, who hinder work by unauthorized absenteeism, by late arrival by not working their hardest during work hours, by leaving work arbitrarily, or by doing bad quality work that they are thereby damaging the country and their own families."

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Today, in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Romania, following the pattern set by Russia, trade union officials are no longer the watch dog of the workers against the employers, but the watch dogs of the state employer against the workers.

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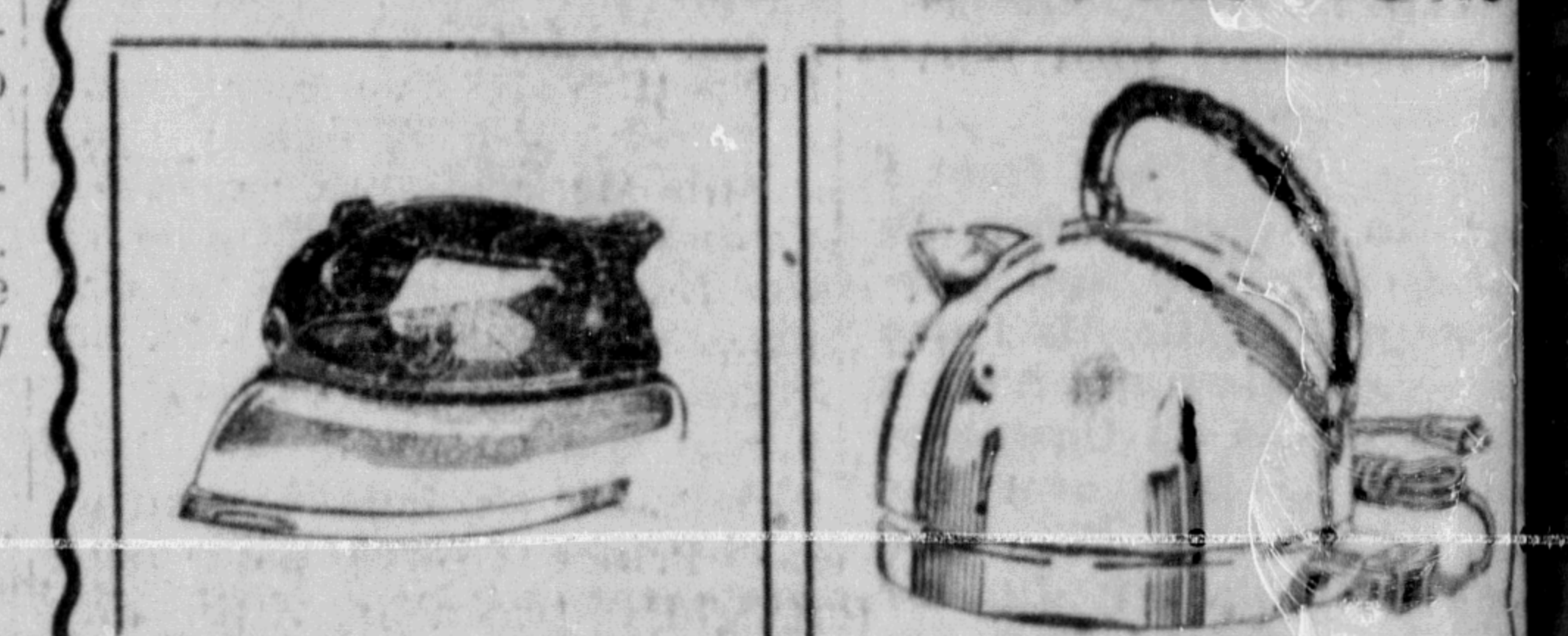
FORESTRY CHAIRMAN
Roy Lister Robinson will be the delegation from Britain to the sixth British Commonwealth Forestry conference to be held in Ottawa from Sept. 11 to Sept. 13. Lord Robinson is chairman of Britain's Forestry Commission. This is an official photo. (CP Photo)

Independent Effort
WADENA, Sask. (CP)—Farmers turned out with tractors and trailers to build a road leading to Saskin Lake opened last year at Lake east of here.

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