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Britain Coming Back

THERE are three reasons why the people of Great Britain are justified in regarding the past year with greater satisfaction and looking to the future with increased confidence. There is enough coal in the British Isles for another couple of centuries. That is the estimate. Since 1946, the quantity mined has been much heavier, due to a number of factors the practice of which meant more active production and better morale. In 1947, Britain manufactured more steel than in the year preceding the outbreak of the war. And today her yards are turning out more ships than in most of all the others put together. Times are tough and austerity is still in effect but this summing up, coming from an authorities and impartial source and without political bias, does not look like a slowly dying nation as is sometimes suggested.

Whatever became of members of a government committee who were sent out to investigate high prices? Did they run out of oxygen?

YOUTH STILL ADVENTUROUS

THE boys of today, intimated an overseas school-teacher, have lost the spirit of adventure and prefer a safe job with a pension at sixty. How can he say that? The cemeteries on all the continents and on the islands of the seas, the proud memories in countless homes are all reminders of those who knew all about adventures of every conceivable kind. The love of hazard, risk, courage burns as brightly among youths of today as ever, and it will be a sorry day for this or any other country when that innate sense of adventure languishes and the guiding principle becomes "safety first."

It's hard to realize that it was only a few short years ago, comparatively, when a government could do something without spending a million dollars or more.

PLACE OF FISHERMEN?

SINCE fishermen are neither day workers nor capitalists, they often give little thought as to just where they fit into the picture being painted by the clashing schools of thought in the general economic world. Fishermen spend most of their lives at sea and, in doing so, may not be so directly squeezed in the changes of social existence as recorded in history. This does not mean that they fail to discern social changes at home and abroad but they do realize that, as master fishermen or share-croppers, so to speak, they differ in some respects to day workers ashore. They do not enjoy any benefits from legislation such as workmen's compensation or unemployment insurance and they wonder just how they will fit in with the advancements made in social legislation costs of which are often aided by sums attained out of general revenue in which fishermen contribute through taxation.—Western Fisheries.

It has never been clear to us whether the girl who rides on the back of the motorcycle is an acquaintance or an accessory.

NEED FOR COASTGUARD

THE VANCOUVER NEWS-HERALD reiterates editorially and almost in the same words as the Daily News has advocated for years the formation of a Canadian Coastguard Service instead of being continually dependent upon the United States Coastguard vessels which have to leave their own stations and enter British Columbia waters whenever ships get in trouble therein.

Says the News-Herald:

"The Naval Officers' Association of British Columbia is urging immediate formation of a Canadian Coast Guard Service.

"Need for such a service was emphasized when the U.S. Army transport 'Clarksdale Victory' went down with the loss of 45 lives off Hippa Island, on the Queen Charlottes, November 24. Not one Canadian vessel went to the aid of the stricken vessel. Instead, two U.S. Coast Guard vessels had to leave their own stations and enter B.C. coastal waters to attend.

"There is little credit to Canada in the fact that foreign ships, when they get into difficulties in Canadian waters, are virtually unattended. It is especially bad when most of these ships come from countries which provide good protection for all ships, including Canadian vessels, off their own coasts.

"The naval officers' organization also suggests, quite sensibly, that a properly organized, sea-going Coast Guard Service could be a useful auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Navy. In the event of war, its equipment and personnel could be of great value to the navy. As it would likely have less exacting standards than the navy itself, it would be more likely to attract young recruits.

"All the arguments seem to be in favor of the naval officers' recommendation. The surprise is that Canada has been so lax in setting up such an essential branch of maritime safety and protection."

Scholarships For Forestry Awarded

VANCOUVER—First awards have been made under two recently approved scholarships provided by the forest industry of Canada. Announcements have been made by the president of the University of British Columbia.

Winners of the scholarships valued at \$200 each, are James M. Kinghorn, Victoria and Eric D. A. Dyer, of Minnedosa, Man. Purpose is to encourage under graduates to work in the field of forestry entomology.

AIR PASSENGERS

From Sandspit (Saturday)—J. J. Davies, S. St. Pierre, R. Lund, W. Forell, E. Adahl, M. R. Gernym, C. Marres.

To Vancouver—A. Yoxall, Mr. Rustad, Kenneth Meek, Miss G. McGrath, M. R. Gernym.

To Sandspit—Mr. and Mrs. M. Crozier, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. G. McLaren, Mr. and Ms. Williams, G. McDonald.

Local Man's Cousin Traverses Africa

William Rothwell of Sherbrooke Avenue has heard from his cousin who left England recently to traverse Africa from north to south. He is one of a motoring party. The card says that at the time of writing, everything was going along well. They had passed the desert regions and were making steady progress at a rate of travel that would soon bring them to the Union of South Africa but whether or not it is the intention to locate there is not known.

COAL UNDER MICROSCOPE
Under a high-power microscope coal does not appear black; the cellular structure of ancient ferns is often visible.

What City Council Did

Approved the sale, as reported by finance committee, of lot 75, block 20, Section 2 (Second Avenue, Westview) to Dybbaven and Hanson Ltd. on behalf of Matt Pedersen for \$500.

Approved a recommendation of the utilities committee that all firemen who have not received uniforms for 1947 be granted a uniform allowance of \$45.

Authorized the sale of one of the former American water tanks at Roosevelt Park to the village of Quesnel for a quoted price of \$200 "as is, where is."

Approved a board of works recommendation that a building permit be issued to Greer and Bridden to build a carpenter shop on lots 9 and 10, block 13, section 1 since they were purchased for that purpose some months ago with the understanding that this construction would be allowed by the bylaws then in force. The lots are situated on First Avenue between First and Second Streets.

Extended congratulations to City Clerk H. D. Thain for the "efficient way in which he handled the election proceedings" in his capacity as returning officer. Mr. Thain read the official results of the election to the council.

The city has no responsibility for locating the boundaries of lots which it sells, council was informed by City Clerk Thain. Purchasers of the lots must pay any necessary costs of locating the lot lines. The information was brought out in reply to a query by Alderman Robert McKay.

Gave final readings to two bylaws—the taxi fare bylaw which sets maximum taxi fares within the city, and the land sale bylaw, which provides that proceeds from the sale of all city-owned lots must be placed in a reserve fund which cannot be touched except with approval of the Municipal Department.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I begun the work last week."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "mesmerize?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Blamable, Inflamable, consumable.
4. What does the word "filicide" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with pa that means "to cover with excuses?"

Answers

1. Say, "I began the work," or, "I have begun the work." 2. Pronounce first syllable mez, not mess. 3. Inflamable. 4. Act of murdering a son or a daughter; also, the parent who does this. (Pronounce fil-i-sid, first and second i's as in it, section i unstressed, third i as in side, accent first syllable. 5. Palliate.

DISAPPEARING BRIDGES
HALIFAX.—Covered bridges, which once spanned every stream crossed by traffic in this seaside province, have virtually disappeared. Today only three are in use—the longest, 150 feet, near Wolfville, the oldest near Upper Kentecock and the third near the village of Aspen.

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4:00—To be announced
4:15—Stock Quotations
4:30—Especially For You
4:45—Life In the Open
5:00—Music in a Mellow Mood
5:30—Platter Parade
6:00—Supper Serenade
6:15—Dimah Shore
6:30—Inside Story
6:45—According to Record
6:50—Recorded Interlude
7:00—CBC News
7:15—CBC News Roundup
7:30—Leicester Square to Broadway
8:00—Alberta Ranch House
8:30—Record Album
9:00—Tuesday Evening Recital Wpg.
9:15—Points of View
9:30—Design for Listening NBC
10:00—CBC News
10:10—B. C. News
10:15—Neighbourly News
10:30—Pacific Pianoforte
11:00—Weather and Sign Off
WEDNESDAY—A.M.
7:30—Musical Clock
8:00—CBC News
8:15—Morning Song
8:30—Music for Moderns
8:45—Little Concert
9:00—BBC News
9:15—Morning Devotions
9:30—Morning Concert
9:59—Time Signal
10:00—Morning visit
10:15—Morning Melodies

10:30—Roundup Time
10:45—Scandinavian Melodies
11:00—Gospel Songs
11:15—Reminiscences
11:30—Weather Forecast
11:31—Message Period
11:33—Recorded Interlude
11:45—Ethel and Albert
P.M.
2:00—Mid-day Melodies
2:15—CBC News
2:25—Program Resume
12:30—B.C. Farm Broadcast
12:55—Recorded Int.

1:00—The Concert Hour
1:30—Recital, Quebec
1:45—Commentary—"And Mother"
2:00—Feature Concert
2:15—Family Favourites
2:30—Men and Music
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ONCE again it's Christmastide, the old familiar Season. All through the house on Christmas Eve the well-remembered chores are done anew.

Cheerfully bustling about, the family creates contented chaos, for Christmas Eve without confusion would lack in geniality and warmth. There's Mother struggling with the noble turkey; she vows that next time the roasting pan will be a bigger one . . . this bird will never fit. But Mother has been saying that for years.

Upon the beaming face of Dad there

sits a look of comical perplexity; again he has forgotten—the lights go on before the ornaments.

Whirlwinds and hurricanes spin noisily from room to room . . . the kids won't go to bed. Well, let them whoop it up a little longer. What's Christmas for if children can't enjoy it.

Out of it all . . . the mistletoe and holly, the gaily coloured wrappings, the warmly beating hearts . . . there comes again to reassure mankind a day of Faith, and Hope, and Charity—Christmas unchanged within a changing world.

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