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Beef Business

LIKE ANY BUSINESS, there are points about cattle raising and marketing that, unless you follow it, are missed, in giving any consideration to the subject.

Right now, beef is a timely topic. We talk about the cost of living, alleged profits, charges, and all that. Beef is an important item. It's the good old backlog of solid, dependable nourishment but a lot of us, in discussing the situation, do so with rather limited knowledge.

Waldo Kane, who seems to be qualified to say a few words, states that today, a steer raised in B.C. is sold by the rancher at a figure around 13 to 14 cents. A steak, from that carcass, sold in the butcher shop is bought at say 50c a pound.

Undoubtedly, there is a spread, but get this! The cattleman is paid live weight and there is only 60 per cent edible meat in the animal sold. There is freight to be paid from shipping point to destination—along with holding charges at the stock yards, abattoir fees, wholesalers and middleman's overhead, as well as plenty more incidentals, all of which mount up. It may not be all velvet even if the consumer has to pay all the shot.

UNITY

INTERMINGLING, one with the other can be thought of as a first step toward attainment of the unity that today is being so earnestly urged. It can be cultivated, even in a small way, to begin with. For only through actual association does it become possible to form an opinion of someone else. Not infrequently revision is needed. People are so often misjudged. There may be faulty relationship among kinsfolk. In a wider sense the same may be true of communities, and in a still broader meaning it becomes international. Yet unity, building on a large or small scale or helping to be the means of getting people to really know and understand each other, bristles with difficulty. It is easier to talk of unity than to achieve it.

ALDERMEN PUT "WINDFALL" INTO GENERAL FUND

A "windfall" of $2,000 which resulted from a patriotic gesture by three local men was turntd over to the city's general revenue fund last night when city council decided that a grant from the federal government in lieu of taxation for the armories should be merged with other taxation funds.

The city received notice of transfer last July, after the trustees of the formerly privately-owned armories. Col. S. D. Johnston, Col. C. V. Evitt and J. T. Harvey, turned the building over to the Department of National Defence with stipulation that any payment be made to the city.

Reason that the money was given to the city, Col. Johnston said at the time of the transfer, was "as compensation for what the city lost in taxation in giving up adjoining lots to the military in 1940."

The aldermen joined in discussing what should be done with the money, finally adopting a motion by Alderman Black that, since it was given to the city in lieu of taxes, it should properly go toward general revenue, just as other taxation receipts.

Council, he said, had several contingencies to meet which had not been budgeted—such as repairing the fire hall and rewiring the city hall—and the money might be used in that way.

Alderman Brooksbank moved that the money be used to beautify tht park area at the corner of McBride and Sixth Avenue but his motion was defeated in favor of Alderman Black's.

SOUTHEASTERN DOCKS HERE ON WAY TO SEATTLE

The Briggs Steamship Co. vessel Southeastern, on the final southbound trip of its short-lived Prince Rupert-Alaska service, will be chartered or sold. Phillip Briggs, president of the company, sailed on the vessel from Juneau to Ketchikan, flying from the latter town to Seattle.

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What City Council Did

. . . Voted to have directional signs posted at the corner of Eleventh Avenue and Frederick Street and Eleventh Avenue and Conrad Street for the guidance of motorists entering the city. The motion was made by Alderman T. B. Black.

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. . . Dealt with the matter of flood water running under the Civic Centre building from Second Avenue and McBride Street and decided to defer it until the matter of construction of a concrete sidewalk on Second Avenue from First Street to McBride is brought up by the property owners there. Construction of a concrete curb was thought to be necessary to keep the water from seeping under the Civic Centre.

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. . . Approved the school Board's request for $14,000 to meet ordinary school expenses and passed a motion which would eliminate such monthly requests by the board, providing it stayed within its annual budget.

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. . . Adopted a report of the finance committee authorizing the sale of lot 8, block 8, section 2 (Atlin Avenue), to H. Briers for $150.

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. . . Approved a recommendation of the utilities committee that the city engineer be authorized to instal water meters in places where he considers it necessary.

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. . . Reports of the city engineer and telephone superintendent from the period October 10 to October 24 were considered by the utilities committee and passed on to council.

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. . . Council adopted a Union of B.C. Municipalities scheme for the joint payment of civic employees pension by contributions by the city and city employees and voted to pass the plan along to the various civic employees' unions for their consideration.

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. . . Granted the Canadian Legion the right to hold its annual Poppy Day tag day on city streets on November 8 and authorized the purchase of a wreath to place at the Cenotaph.

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. . . Adopted a licencing committee reportg ranting trade licences to L. H. Olsen and V. Nordburg as building contractors and to Mrs. R. Richardson as a corsetiere.

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. . . Approved a recommendation by the police committee that in future, police court costs be imposed in addition to fines. The recommendation has been passed on to the police magistrate and Chief of Police.

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. . . Approved a recommendation by the board of works that every effort be made by the departments concerned to arrange for the immediate clearance of the Central Hotel.

● See the Spies and Meckling ad this week. (256)

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? 'I want to see you."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "intricacy"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Requiem, momentem, stratagem.
4. What does the word "terrestrial" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with im that means "to form a mental image of"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I wish to see you." Wishes implies desire, while want implies not only desire but also lack, as, "I want ten dollars." 2. Pronounce in-tri-ka-si, all i's as in it (second i unstressed). a as in ask unstressed, accent first syllable. 3. Momentum. 4. Of the earth; worldly; as, "terrestrial delights," or, "terrestrial magnetism." 5. Imagine.

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LETTERBOX

"COW BAY" EXPLAINED

Editor, Daily News:

"W. J." posed a query in last night's article of his interesting column "Reminiscences and Reflections" which, I believe, could be answered by a very good friend of his, Alderman Robert MacKay. The query was "How did Cow Bay get its name?"

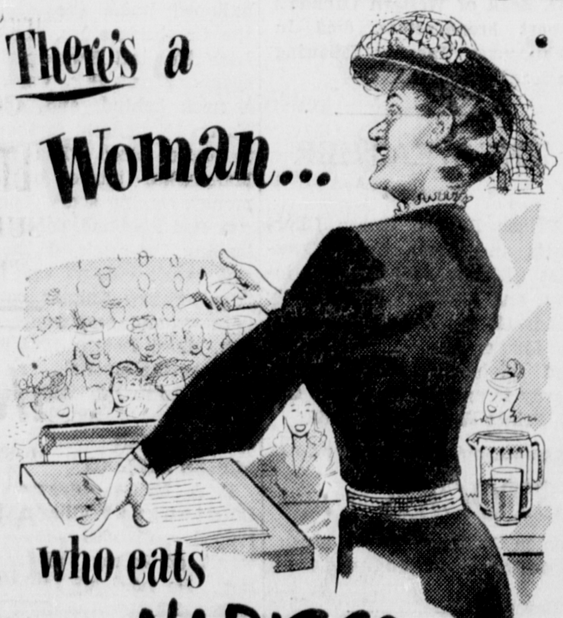
According to Mr. MacKay a chap named Tommy—last name, forgotten—brought two cows to the city back in 1908 and the only place the bovine cargo could be unloaded from the scow was at the litte cove east of the government wharf.

Subsequently the cows were housed close by in a barn which, according to my own records, was torn down only a few years ago. The animals remained there for several years before being taken out Park Avenue way by a Mr. Schaeffer wh. had purchased them from Mr. Braun of Terrace, successor to to the original "Tommy."

The landing of the two cows and their residence of several years was believed to be responsible for the naming of that area, Cow Bay, the location of our first dairy.

BRUCE STEVENS.

There's a Woman...



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