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Immigrants Make Jobs

IT IS DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW the reasoning of those who argue that, because we regularly lose many of our young Canadian men and women as emigrants to the United States, we should therefore do nothing about encouraging immigration.

No one will deny that Canadians, particularly those with advanced technical training, can contribute much to the development of their native land if they remain here and put to use the skills they have acquired. But the encouragement to remain must be more tangible than pious hopes and sermons. The first requirement of the young graduate is a job, and in normal times he is likely to find a greater choice of jobs in the United States than in Canada.

The relative scarcity of openings for trained men in Canada as compared with the United States is no fault of Canadian business. It is a matter of the greater size and greater number of United States industries, and they have grown large and numerous precisely because of the open-door policy of immigration that prevailed there during the country's growing days.

If Canada's population were equal to or even half as great as that of the United States, the loss of our trained young people would be negligible. Until the discrepancy is repaired, we must face the fact that many of our young people will continue to drift away.

The movement can be reversed in time by bringing in immigrants who will not only make jobs for themselves but will create more opportunities for those who are already here. Discouraging immigration will only make the loss of our young people more probable.

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NO MORE PRIVACY

THESE ARE THIN TIMES for the old-fashioned person who hankers to go his own gait, paddle his own canoe, tend her own knitting and hoe his own row. This isolationist point of view gets ready sympathy for its nostalgic charm, but events are against it. Isolationism turned out to be unworkable for the United States of America; it becomes more and more an impossibility for even the most never-hurt-anybody and leave-me-alone individual.

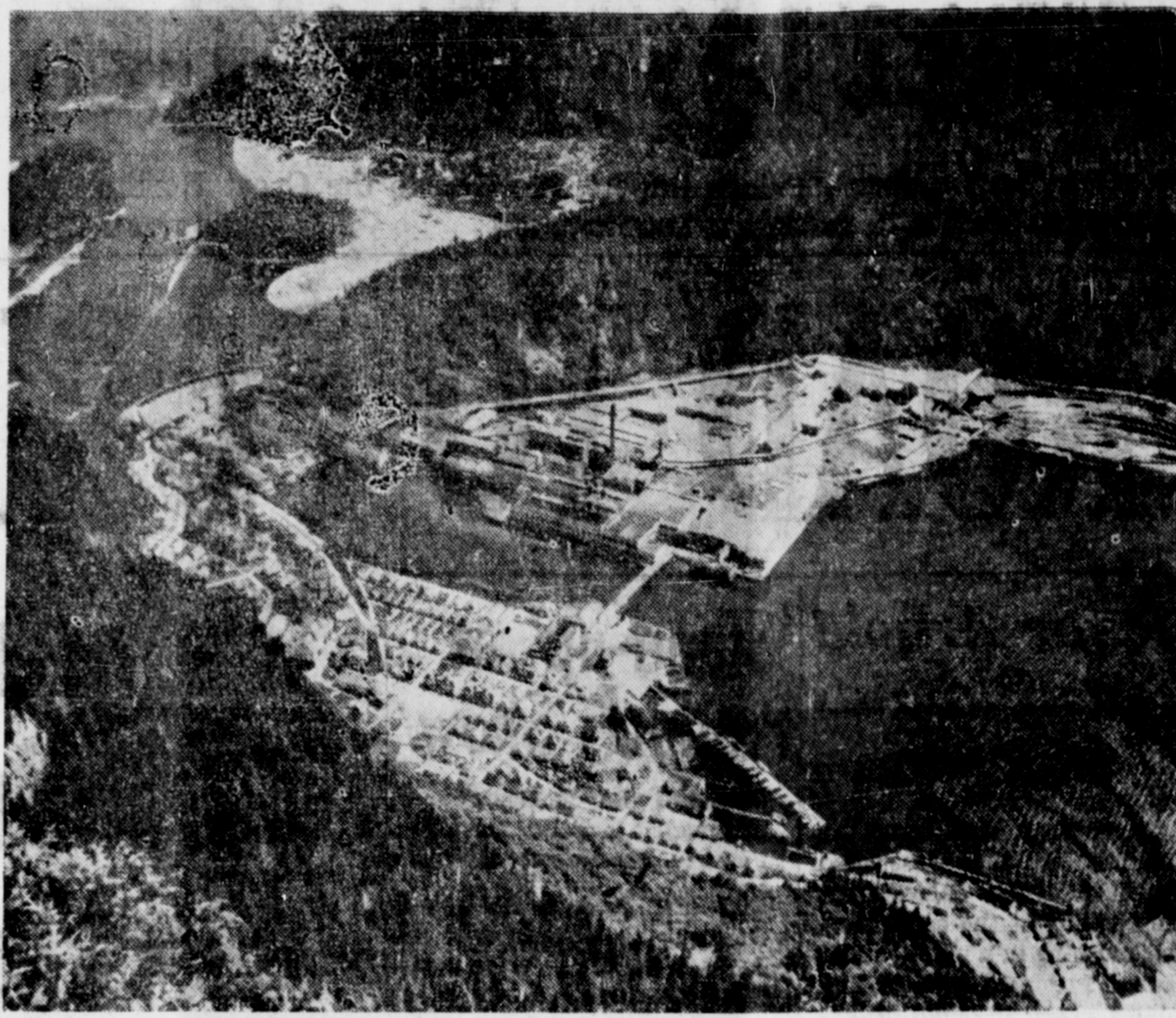
It would now be a rare spot around the globe where a man could dodge being involved in some sort of human organization. Well back in a jungle he might avoid having to join a service club, but some country will doubtless claim him eventually, and get after him to fill out forms and pay taxes. In 1942 the islands of the South Pacific suddenly became inferior locations for getting away from it all. And now the Arctic refugee from civilization, minding his own business of sneaking up on a seal, finds himself right in the middle between Russia and the U.S. Here and there are various abandoned mine workings to hide in until union rules require one to come up, but in general even though a man may not choose to be his brother's keeper, his brother insists on keeping after him, and keeping him on the run. The fellowship of man is being forced on everybody.

In this complex, fast-moving relationship of states, peoples and ideologies, the individual men and women at their dinner tables cannot mind their own business to the exclusion of events beyond the line fence or the apartment doorway. The world comes right over the fence line and through the apartment doorway. There is no privacy. There are no longer any private lives. There is no place to duck. We all come to disaster or we ride through these times to peace, which would be mankind's greatest triumph since he descended from the trees and walked on his hind feet. Belatedly—some 2000 years late—we come to the appreciation that, wherever we ride the world, we humans must ride it together.



Spring plowing scene in fertile Salmon Valley, north of Prince George. Alfalfa and clover seed are main cash crops in this area.

OCEAN FALLS—GREAT DISTRICT INDUSTRY



Above is an air view of Ocean Falls, paper town of the Pacific Mills down the coast from Prince Rupert.

Many Bears Are Seen On Highway

Good-sized black bears are frequently seen on the Skeena Highway. Indeed, the bears and the motorists are becoming mutually indifferent. One driver saw no less than two in one day when about 25 or 30 miles out. The bears were feeding on berries and not particularly interested in mere human beings.

ANTICIPATES HEAVY TRAVEL

Visitors See Early Improvement on Skeena Road

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Welsh of Seattle, accompanied by L. Roberts of Auburn, Washington, arrived in Prince Rupert yesterday by car after a leisurely trip through the Cariboo and central British Columbia.

For several years the Welshes and Mr. Roberts have made regular hunting trips into central British Columbia and have always wanted to see Prince Rupert.

Speaking about the much discussed highway, both Mr. Roberts and Mr. Welsh thought it was in pretty good shape. They found the stretch from Ashcroft to Prince George is improved this year to what it was last and stated the part from Telkwa to Prince Rupert is in better shape than the rest of the highway. Mr. Roberts expressed the opinion that because of its good bed, width and the policy of straightening that is employed it will not be long before there is an excellent highway right through from the international border to Prince Rupert.

Behind their car the Washington party have a folding trailer in tow which was designed and constructed by Mr. Walsh and Mr. Roberts.

Before leaving Prince Rupert Mr. and Mrs. Welsh hope to see their son, who is a resident of Ketchikan. On their way home the party will spend some time fishing the streams around Hazelton and other parts of the interior.

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SCHOOL SITE IS DISCUSSED

Talk of Acropolis Hill and Hays Cove Circle at Meeting

At the School Board meeting, the subject of a new High School building site was informally discussed.

Bruce Brown spoke of negotiations between the railway company and the city, dealing with land, back in the early days. There had been suggestions that Acropolis could provide a desirable location for a new school. In a general way, the board did not dispute this although there were varying opinions. It all came down to what extent, a site would best serve the population. The best location would, of course, serve the largest proportion of families of school age.

Dr. Large, presiding, said he believed the Acropolis site, so far as one could judge at present, could be surpassed and, in saying this, he had the Booth School location in view.

COAL UNLIMITED

It is estimated there still is enough coal unmined in the United States to last several thousand years.

The site of the Vatican once was occupied by the Gardens of Nero.

Excess Profits Tax Act Standard Profits Claims

NOTICE

Recent amendments to the above Act provide that all standard profits claims must be filed with the Department of National Revenue before 1st September, 1947.

All applications are required to be in such form and contain such information as may be prescribed by the Minister and the Minister may reject an application that is not made in such form or that does not contain such information.

The prescribed forms (S.P.1) are available at all District Income Tax offices of the Dominion Government.

All pertinent information required on the form must be included or attached thereto in schedule form. Tentative or incomplete forms or those filed after 31st August, 1947, will not be accepted.

Department of National Revenue
 Ottawa

James J. McCann, M.D.
 Minister of National Revenue.

RESIGNATIONS, APPOINTMENTS

The following resignations from the school teaching staffs here have been accepted. It was announced at the School Board meeting last night.

Lillian Barton of Borden Street School.

W. Roseborough (Port Essington).

Elsie Mercer, King Edward School.

Clover Malden, John Vogt.

The following new appointments to school staffs are confirmed:

Public Schools—Betty McBeth, Laurie Hart, Jean Urkuhart, Kathleen Stone, Elma Spence.

High School—John Kenny, Al Wilylams, Jack Evans, Peter Schroeckl.

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