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### Cash Short For Empire Games

A coming event of much interest to B.C. seems to be posing a problem for our illustrious big cousin, Vancouver. It is the British Empire Games of 1954 which Vancouver has agreed to host.

Although decision to hold the games in that city was made two years ago, there is still not enough cash in the kitty to stage a good eribbage tournament. Of the \$2,500,000 required, approximately \$75,500 has been raised or promised locally and another \$100,000 earmarked at Ottawa.

With another two years to go, the balance of \$2,375,000 might be scratched together in contributions through persuasive salesmanship—although in our opinion any salesman capable of it would have retired to Victoria long ago.

The painful fact is, however, that contractors are inclined to need assurance ahead of time that they will get paid for their work. This no doubt will be the case with the contractor who undertakes construction of a swimming-pool with spectator accommodation for 10,000, or with the contractor who is asked to increase the permanent seating capacity of the U.B.C. stadium from 1,000 to 20,000, with another 25,000 seats in the bleachers. This is saying nothing of the construction of a special cycling track and perhaps facilities for such sports as boxing, wrestling and fencing.

Thus the two-year period of grace is not quite all it seems unless some very excellent men are found who can do all this building in the last couple of days or so.

Therefore a squeeze seems to be in the making and, with provincial aid as a possible solution, the taxpayer may be the potted meat in the middle. He is a good fellow, of course, because he can cough up at a moment's notice.

While we are all good fellows here in Prince Rupert and are bleeding slightly at the heart for Vancouver, we wonder in a kindly way if there is not some other way of taking the strain. As the pressure has already caused the rowing events to be parcelled out to Kelowna, maybe we could relieve Vancouver of, say, the boxing and wrestling.

We suggest this with the most generous intentions as we recall the unkind remarks made in 1950 about Auckland, New Zealand, when the city seemed not quite in readiness for the British Empire Games of that year.

It is simply a time when the cities of this province must stand together in defence of their common pride and their separate taxpayers.

### 'The Lights Go On Again'

ACCEPTANCE of the Sloan Formula in the IWA dispute prompts us to coin a wartime song "when the lights go on again all over B.C." They are on now.

They are not on because there has been victory or surrender as neither of these has occurred. They are on because the province's major industries can again go into motion and because heads of thousands of families can start drawing pay once more.

But not everything that lights shine upon is cause for joy. For one thing management-employee relations in the lumber industry have undergone damage that may take some time to repair.

The strike did not start cleanly and had to be ended, let's face it, in a makeshift manner. Established and authorized procedure could not be applied because, for one reason or another, it was not respected.

It was the result of good luck, not good planning that the services of such an able mediator as Chief Justice Sloan were finally obtained. Another result that effects us all is that a little more impetus has been given to the spiral of inflation.

IWA members can not be blamed for this because they demanded higher wages. The cause lies deeper in the complexities of our economy where one action sets off a chain of others. So starts the spiralling movement.

We go around in circles but never quite get back where we started. We hope that the experience gained from this costly dispute will carry with it a useful lesson for both sides which to some extent will make up for the loss of time and money that both have suffered.

### Scripture Passage for Today

"Sinners shall be converted unto thee."  
—Psalm 51:13.

### As I See It



by  
Elmore  
Philpott

#### To Pop the Question

THERE has long been a move, down in the Maritime provinces, to include the British West Indies in the Canadian federation.

In the past I have always thought of that in terms of cheaper sugar, bananas and better, sweeter grapefruit than we get from California.

But after watching those long legged boys from Jamaica chalk up their imposing list of victories in the Olympic games maybe here is another reason why we should consider making a proposition of marriage to all the British islands in the Caribbean.

ALL KIDDING aside—you can make out a long list of reasons why it might benefit both Canada and the British West Indies to have all those islands join Canada as separate provinces. Their money exchange problem would be over. We should get more and cheaper fruit. Those southern islands would get more industry, jobs and a great increase in tourist traffic—for the very fact that they were part of the Canadian nation would turn the minds of a great many Canadians to a winter visit to more balmy winter climes.

All the reasons which led to the inclusion of Newfoundland in Canada apply in the case of the British West Indies—in fact, they apply with greater force. The products of Newfoundland are highly competitive with those of our original Maritime provinces. Newfoundland's natural market, for much of her produce, is the U.S.A. and Jamaica.

The U.S.A. already has a super-abundant supply of most of the products of the B.W.I. islands. But Canada has not. Hence our existing economies

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Reflects and  
Reminisces

Mount King, in Yukon, has been scaled. News of the seven-thousand-foot climb has been received in Seattle. It's said a prize performance. But what's it all amount to? Travel most of the way by plane, and save a lot of wasted effort in other ways?

#### HIS GENTLEMANLY WAY

"The scowling slugger with mouth agape." That's how Rocky Marciano looked Monday night when he knocked out Harry Matthews, according to the sports writers. But James J. Corbett never worked up an expression like that—and Gentleman Jim scored any number of knockouts, too.

Keep on your toes if you would avoid being down at the heels.

July is the season for family fights, remarks a psychologist. They have just concluded one in Chicago. There were times cross words could be heard all over America.

#### FLORAL NOTE

Some Germans do not hesitate to call this Allied rearmament in Europe grotesquely ironic, and shrug their shoulders. They fear some new form of Adolph. A newspaper cartoon recently showed a field full of flowers. Each flower bore Hitler's face. And the caption was "Spring is Coming."

Vancouver press carry stories of people complaining about loneliness. Most any city of any size can say the same. It may be said to be true of Prince Rupert. Often enough, one can enjoy friendship, if that's the way it's wished.

Advertising executives in convention at Banff enjoyed a luncheon of salmon, the gift of the Chamber of Commerce in Prince Rupert. Acceptance was given a hearty reception. Such would be true of anywhere on the continent.

By next December, Canada will have had six provincial elections. The United States can now be said to be in the throes of a general election. Politics! Politics! Personally, we don't mind a little handshaking now and then. We like it better than leg-pulling.



THIS STATELY STRUCTURE—the Parliament Buildings at Victoria—shortly will resound to the tread of many strange feet. Some of the new Social Credit members have never been in Victoria, let alone take up office in the Buildings.

### BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

#### Egg Business Booming For Canadian Ranchers

By H. L. JONES

Canadian Press Staff Writer

The egg business is big business in Canada.

More than 20,000,000 Canadian hens are laying to the tune of some 400,000,000 dozen—or close to 5,000,000,000 eggs a year.

That adds up to around \$100,000,000 annual take for the egg side of the poultry industry.

The Bureau of Statistics has just come out with figures to show the hens weren't laying as well in June as they were in the previous month, but still better than they did in June, 1951. Average production per hen in June this year was 15.5 eggs compared with 17.4 eggs in May and 15.1 eggs in June last year.

#### NO REASON

The bureau didn't give the reason but it probably was due to increasing summer heat. Hens don't lay so well when it's hot. That probably explains too, why hens in the more moderate climates of British Columbia and the Maritime provinces have better production averages on the whole than in more extreme central Canada and the prairies.

When temperatures go up and egg production goes down it hits the egg consumer in the pocket book. For instance, egg prices took a sharp drop around May, mainly because of a market glut, and sold at around 50 cents a dozen or less for Grade A Large in Eastern Canada.

#### LESS EGGS

Now with the onset of summer heat and consequent declining production, prices have climbed. Grade A Large in most Eastern centres now are retailing at an average of about 75 cents a dozen.

But to get back to those statistics: Canadian hens on farms

and in the little back-yard hen runs produced an estimated 29,300,000 dozen in June this year, almost 7,000,000 less than the estimated May output of 33,200,000 dozen. The June, 1951, production figure was 26,400,000 dozen.

This brought total estimated egg production in Canada to 214,300,000 dozen for the first six months of this year, more than 36,000,000 dozen above the output of 178,000,000 dozen, in the first half of last year.

#### VALUE DOWN

During June producers sold for market 23,200,000 dozen, valued at \$8,700,000, compared with 28,500,000 dozen valued at \$9,400,000 in May.

Ontario is Canada's largest egg producer. In June, Ontario boasted 7,610,000 hens which laid an estimated 10,564,000 dozen eggs during the month, compared with 6,722,000 hens and 8,765,000 dozen eggs in June 1951. Next biggest egg producer is Quebec which had 3,591,000 hens in June, laying a total of 5,231,000 dozen eggs.

But Nova Scotia got the best June production out of its 893,000 hens which laid 1,523,000 dozen eggs, an average of 1,719 eggs per 100 hens. British Columbia was next with 1,466,000 hens laying 2,491,000 dozen eggs and averaging 1,712 eggs per 100 hens.

Egg men will tell you it's the climate.

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### A New Liberal Leader

(Victoria Daily Times)

It is to be hoped that the Liberal party of British Columbia will not long delay the choice of a new leader. Premier Johnson it may be safely assumed, will facilitate this choice by retiring from politics as soon as possible.

Until a new leader is chosen the party must operate under a serious handicap in the critical period between now and another election. That period and the proceedings of a fragmented legislature may well determine the future of the Liberal party, among other things, for years to come; could decide, indeed, whether the party is to survive as an effective force in our provincial politics or is to disappear.

Thus the choice of a leader is more important to the party today than it ever was before.

The first fact which a Liberal convention must clearly face is that the task of re-building the party will be hard and probably will be long. No quick recovery need be expected. No easy remedy is available for the present malady.

Since the reconstruction of the

party will take time it is tant that the new leader be a relatively young man of him. It will be an advantage also if the leader is not a man associated with the great of the government. And one should not be a man with the Liberal party in Vancouver which, perhaps than any other stage destroyed the Johnson government by disgusting the public. Facing a new and situation, the Liberal should make a clean sweep of its past leadership and start.

Until this is done members of the new small in number but in their influence divided assembly, serious disadvantages leader, no doubt will be ed but unless he is able leader he cannot face the feelings of the party which secured a little a quarter of the votes in the election.

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