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Two Important Railroaders

UNLESS he has personal reasons for wishing to take a rest from active railroading, we hope we have not seen the end of Jack Kennedy's association with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

Although Mr. Kennedy has submitted to the new board of directors his resignation as general manager, there is no call upon the board to convert this into an act of finality.

The former CPR superintendent is an exceptionally good railroader who has displayed vision and ability in guiding the PGE to the verge of what may be its great era. He is simply too useful a man to lose. If he seeks relief from the strain of keeping the line clear and the trains running, a place of authority should be found for him in the organization where his advice and experience are always on tap.

Should Mr. Kennedy have resolved that all he wants is complete and absolute retirement—and no one could be more justified in so deciding—any fears that the PGE will suffer from inexperienced supervision are allayed by the appointment of Bernard Allen as a director.

Moving in from the position of manager for Canadian National Railways in B.C., Mr. Allen will unquestionably prove a source of tremendous strength to the new board.

Although it seems unlikely at the moment that the PGE will become a part of the CNR system, the association between the two railways is destined to be extremely close, and tight coordination in their operations will have to be effected.

Mr. Allen will be invaluable to the PGE not only in this respect but also in bringing to the railway his extensive experience and his ability as a competent and popular executive.

Support of Volunteers

DEMOCRATIC countries do well to encourage the voluntary societies in the field of health because citizens associated in committees to work for the common good, with no thought but the good of the community, can do work cheaply and effectively.

This is the contention of an editorial in the current issue of Health Magazine, which points out that in countries like Canada the prime mover in calling public attention to the need for vigorously attacking some specific problem is traditionally the voluntary society.

This has been a significant factor in the development of major reforms in such countries—the abolition of slavery, the procuring of the vote for women, the trade union movement.

After a summer recess, Prince Rupert voluntary clubs will go into action again. We cannot assist our community more than giving encouragement and support to such organizations.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Rumors of Gold Price Boost Hastens Climb of Exchange

By HARRY KINGDON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Rumors of an increase in the price of gold spurred gold stocks to a moderate climb on the Toronto Stock Exchange last week. The exchange's gold index reached its highest point since June, 1950.

Base metals also came out ahead on the week's trading but industrials and western oils settled back after last week's climb.

Hopes for a higher price for gold centre around the forthcoming meeting of the International Monetary Fund—in spite of statements by Ottawa officials that the price-of-gold question is not expected to arise at the Mexico City meeting.

Base metals started to rise Thursday morning and some traders attributed the advance to United States buying. Many Americans, they said, wanted to have a share in Canadian mining, especially established companies.

An announcement early this week of financial difficulties in Brazil put selling pressure on Brazilian Traction, a utility in the industrial list. Shares sold for $11 Monday but by Wednesday, dropped to $10⅛. Friday, however, pressure eased and the price rose to $10.50.

The Toronto exchange's index for all industrials also slipped during the week but started to recover Friday.

A similar pattern was seen in western oils. Monday's prices continued last week's climb but the index slipped Tuesday and Wednesday until a recovery started late Thursday.

In Toronto Monday, prices were mixed while the Montreal exchange showed papers advancing. Prices started to slip Tuesday both at Toronto and Montreal and the decline continued Wednesday.

Thursday, base metals rose on the Toronto market and industrials improved at Montreal. Friday, both centres reported advances.

Prices started the week mixed in New York and on Tuesday prices dipped with rails under pressure. The decline continued Wednesday but Thursday, a reaction set in and rails led an upward movement. Trading slowed Friday and prices were mixed.

From Friday to Friday the Toronto Stock Exchange indices showed industrials down 1.30 at 331.74, golds up 1.52 at 95.32, base metals up .95 at 199.00 and western rails down 1.91 at 142.12.

In the Montreal averages, banks were up .28 at 30.84, utilities down .50 at 87.70, industrials down 2.5 at 221.20, combined down 1.8 at 176.70, papers down 3.50 at 727.45 and golds up 1.98 at 69.27.

In New York the Associated Press average of 60 stocks dropped 50 cents to $108.70.

As I See It

by Elmore Philpott

Eagle Spreads Wings

THE London Chronicle has run a special series of articles about ways and means of combatting anti-American feeling. This is said to be mounting rapidly, especially in northeast England, where 30,000 U.S. airmen are located.

On the same day as that cabled report appeared in our papers I received a letter from Happy Holmes, (of White Rock), who is now visiting his old boyhood home in Yorkshire. Happy was one of the founders of the Labour party in his town and writes me a most shrewd size-up of conditions there.

He puts his finger on one big sore spot.

"It s a serious mattre, the housing question here, there being hundreds of old houses condemned years ago but still occupied. Yet the Government is arranging with Local Councils here to set aside land for hundreds of modern cottages for the American Air Force, and the development of more air bases is going full steam ahead."

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I WAS informed during the British election last October that the American Air Force now stationed in Britain is considerably stronger than the Royal Air Force now stationed in the home island.

The more I think of that fact the more it seems to me to show up the most significant and dangerous thing about the British-American alliance.

It is about eleven years since Mr. Churchill coined his famous phrase about the two great English speaking powers getting "mixed up together for the common good." In spite of all the drawbacks, setbacks, and petty disadvantages I think that this mixing up process has been a good thing for the world and for Canada, Britain and U.S.A.

But one would be blind to all reality not to see the dangers in the present lop-sided arrangements. The United States has now secured the right to girdle the globe with her land, sea, and air bases.

She not only has more airmen in Britain than the British themselves have. But she has repeated that same process in dozens of other parts of the world, on a smaller scale.

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THERE IS, of course, not a single British Air Force squadron stationed in U.S.A. No other ally of the United States has secured any reciprocal right to station its armed forces on American soil in return for ceding rights to the Americans to locate on its territory.

Indeed one only needs to think a moment about the reaction in Congress if any British government asked the right to establish as many air bases in U.S.A. as the U.S.A. has in Britain.

The cry would surely go up again "The Red coats are coming." The reality is, of course, that in the great power struggle now in progress the U.S.A. needs bases in Britain, while Britain does not need bases in U.S.A. But if you take a map of the world, and draw in American bases, then draw in also British bases, you get the true picture.

Britain has become, willy nilly, the front line of defence for the U.S.A. But the U.S.A. has now the physical position and power literally to compel Britain to fight in that frontline, whether Britain wishes to fight or not.

Britain could not start a war which would automatically involve U.S.A. But the U.S.A. could start a war (maybe by blundering) in which Britain would be the first and main casualty.

We in the British Commonwealth must regain our true and real power of decision. The first great step toward this end is to feed, clothe and arm ourselves on a fully self sustaining and self respecting basis.

Newspaper to Print 'News' Now on Front Page—No Ads

LONDON (AP)—The Manchester Guardian, founded 131 years ago, disclosed today it has decided to start printing news on its front page.

In common with many other British newspapers, the influential Liberal Guardian now carries nothing on page one but advertising matter.

A spokesman said the change-over will be made some time during the autumn. He added that the Guardian hasn't yet decided where it will put the displaced ads.

UNDER OUR ROOF

Now that it really looks as though I am off on a trip to Prince Rupert and the North, and that Hamish and Little Augie and Col. S. Skeffington-Smutts (Ret.) are going with me (my wife refuses to keep them at home), the question of getting off The Island has come up.

Personally, I would like to fly. It is only twenty minutes by air to Vancouver, where we have to go in order to board the ship for Prince Rupert, but in this case that is just about twenty minutes too long. Twenty minutes in the air with Hamish and Little Augie and the Colonel is the peacetime equivalent of twenty operational tours over Germany (circa 1940). And in wartime there was always a hope of getting back.

John Sturdy

There is also the steamer that plies to The Island two or three times a week, but in a small community like ours, news gets around very quickly, and the last couple of times the skipper of the ship has posted an armed sentry at the gangway—or, as he told the local postmaster:

"We're ready for them if they try to rush us."

It's a bit disconcerting, because you can't very well walk off an island, and I'm not much of a swimmer without my waterwings.

However, the whole problem was solved yesterday. I was talking to Hamish in the backyard when Little Augie came along. The face of the ex-blind king registered intense worry.

WORRIED ABOUT BATCH

"What's the matter, Little Augie?" I asked.

"Pal," he said, "I'm worried about my stock. I've just whipped up a new batch of Little Augie's 100 Per Cent Extra-Special Giggle Juice and I don't know what to do about it while I'm away."

Knowing the effect that Little Augie's Giggle Juice has on the local populace, I felt like suggesting that he toss the whole batch into the sea. But, of course, that would have hurt Little Augie's feelings.

"I wish," he said, "that I could find some trustworthy character who would carry on my business while I'm away. This stock should be sold within the next week."

He was telling the truth there. If you keep Little Augie's mixture longer than a week, the bottles explode.

Well, I couldn't help him. I knew a lot of people who would take a chance and drink the output, but I certainly didn't know anyone who would sell the stuff. After all, they can put you in jail for that, no matter how many times you marked "Yes" on the Plebiscite. (Remember the Plebiscite?)

I went away to pack and it was late afternoon when I met Little Augie again. He was still looking worried, and then, just at that moment, Hamish drove up in a taxi. He had been to the village, he said.

"Little Augie," he added happily, "your troubles are over. I've found a man to handle your business while you're away."

"Who?" demanded Little Augie suspiciously.

A NICE MAN

"A very nice man," said Hamish. "He was standing in front of the general store, and looked as though he were unemployed, and I asked him if he would be interested in handling a stock of very fine Giggle Juice. He said he would be very interested."

"What commission does he want?" asked Little Augie.

"We didn't discuss that," said Hamish. "He's coming out to the house to talk to you, and you can make any financial arrangements you like."

"Well," I interrupted, "that solves the whole thing. Are you sure the man is reliable, Hamish?"

"Oh, yes," said Hamish. "He's an ex-soldier. I think he must have just got out of the army because he's still wearing his uniform."

"What kind of a uniform?"

"Oh, just the ordinary kind." Hamish thought for a moment. "He had shoulder barges on his uniform."

"What did they say?"

"The badges?" Hamish thought again. "I'm trying to remember the letters. Now, let me think—oh, yes! There were four letters—R.C.M.P."

"Get out the rowboat!" I screamed. "Call the Colonel! Never mind packing! Just get the rowboat!"

And that, dear readers, is how we left The Island.

Think It, But Don't Write It In Washington

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Marine corporal who painted lemons on hs car has been adjudged guilty of violating a district of Columbia law that says you can't put up displays ridiculing a vehicle. He is 25-year-old Frank Farkas.

H. Clifford Allder, who represented Farkas at a hearing, said the marine painted a number of lemons on his car and also wrote the word, "lemon," across the vehicle because he was dissatisfied with it.

Allder said he probably would appeal the ruling of Municipal Court Judge Andrew J. Howard, Jr., who set Aug. 19 for sentencing. The district law, Allder said, is unconstitutional. He contended it violates freedom of speech.

"If a man owns property," Allder said, "he can write anything he wants on it."

St. Laurent To Address Late Meeting

Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a meeting Sunday, Sept. 7, at 8:45 p.m. to hear Canada's Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent as guest speaker.

T. Norton Youngs, Chamber president, announced today that the meeting will be held at that hour "so that people can attend it after church."

The Prime Minister will arrive earlier in the day by private plane from Vancouver and will take a train the same night for Prince George.

Union Members In Canada Total Million

OTTAWA (CP) — Labor union membership in Canada stands at a record high, the Labor Department said today. It reported that the 41st annual survey of union membership showed that 1,146,121 Canadians belong to unions.

The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada claims the allegiance of 522,965 workers, or nearly half the over-all total. Then comes the Canadian Congress of Labor with 330,778.

The increase over the over-al 1951 figure was 117,600 but the department said some of this was made up of 24,350 workers not included in last year's total because they were in independent units not surveyed then.

More than 30 per cent of Canada's labor force belongs to unions, the department said. The jump of 117,600 was one of the largest in years.

There are 108 international and 62 national and regional organizations in the field. The membership breaks down this way:

Trades and Labor Congress 522,965, including 430,966 affiliated with TLC and the American Federation of Labor and 91,999 affiliated with TLC alone; CCL 330,778, including 226,460 affiliated with both the CCL and the American CIO and 104,318 affiliated only with CCL.

International unions not affiliated with a Canadian central body 115,532; Canadian and Catholic Federation of Labor 89,013; National and regional units not affiliated with a central Canadian body 79,376; unaffiliated local unions 8,457.

MORE SELLERS

There were 83 advertising agencies in Canada in 1951 compared with only 49 in 1941.

GREEK AMBASSADOR—Raoul Bibica Rosetti, 59, a native of Athens, is Greece's new ambassador to Canada, succeeding Nicholas Anissas, who recently returned to Greece. He formerly was Greece's ambassador to the Union of South Africa. (CP Photo)

Full Credit For Canadian Money in U.S.

Special to The Daily News

PORTLAND, Oregon—Canadian tourists are coming to the United States for their vacations in greater numbers than ever before, and they now outnumber the American tourists going to Canada, James Mount of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, said today.

But, Mr. Mount declared, "this situation has given rise to a problem in good relations with our northern neighbor."

He cited instances where Oregon merchants, unaware of the true value of the Canadian dollar, are either refusing to accept Canadian currency or are offering to trade only at par, or even in one instance demanding that the Canadian customer take as much as a 10% discount.

"Thus in the last instance the Canadian would receive only 90 cents for his dollar which in truth is worth $1.04¼."

The Portland tourist leader urged merchants in every line of business—motels, hotels, restaurants, theatres, service stations, department and drug stores, as well as every other kind of business with which the Canadian tourist might possibly have dealings—to instruct their clerks, cashiers and other personnel to accept Canadian currency and give the visitor full measure for his money.

Pointing out that until recently, when the shoe was on the other foot and American dollars were worth more than Canadian dollars, Mount said American tourists travelling in Canada almost without exception were given the benefit of their American currency's greater purchasing power.

"A little common courtesy, or the application of the "golden rule" will go a long way toward improving our own relations, here in Oregan, with the people of Canada who are fast becoming one of Oregon's major sources of tourist trade. Mr. Mount said:

"We cannot afford to drive this business away by unfair reatment of these Canadian visitors."

Foreign exchange rates are quoted daily on the business page of both Portland metropolitan papers. Mr. Mount suggested that merchants check with their local banks to learn what exchange they are paying, as the rate is subject to fluctuations.

He urged that all businesses accommodate the Canadian tourist, himself, rather than making the visitor go to the bank for this service.

POULTRY CHANGE

CHARLOTTETOWN (CP) — A trend to produce poultry lighter than the customary five-pound bird has become evident in the Maritimes, it was reported at the Poultry Breeders' Association here. There is ample evidence the houswife of the future will prefer the smaller chicken, spokesmen said.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCE

KOBE—PRINCE RUPERT

More than forty years ago, it gave the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway particular pleasure to tell about the nearness of Japan to Prince Rupert, newest of Pacific terminals. No one ever disputed this. No one denied it, or tried to demonstrate such an advantage. In fact, for half a lifetime, nothing was ever done. Sunday, aboard a freighter from Kobe were three passengers, the first ever to come here direct from the Orient. Of these, two continued on to New York, after a few hours in Rupert. They can not be far from New York by now. But had the ship sailed to Vancouver instead of Prince Rupert they would, if not still on the coast, been doubtless somewhere convenient.

For some reason not readily clear, we gave a cigar smoking tourist on Third Avenue Monday a second look. Now, it's explained. For size and length, that cigar was extraordinary. It's obvious Mr. Churchill must have had a second one.

NOTHING IN PARTICULAR

There may come a day, observes the Liberal News Chronicle of London, when the future of the Commonwealth will be more the responsibility of Canada than Britain. Canada needs manpower and capital but Britain makes no special effort to send either.

Today is August 19th and Prince Rupert is being notified of how summer has gone and from now on weather will chiefly of clouds, rain, storms, dull skies and coats. Prince Rupert has enjoyed the society of the cannot escape the mob plex. But then, they desire to, even when how wrong they can be.

If members of parliament Ottawa are to receive the new system should another reason for the of the senate.—Ex.

Worry does a perfect getting you nothing but of the same.—Sarnia Observer.

NOT WHOLLY FALSE

The art of conversation greatly languished that the average man needs than about 250 words to carry on a talk with his man. So long as he forget OK, oh yeah, and sure thing, he will manage to take care of So says Jack Scott! An ation, of course. But say there isn't a grain somewhere in it?

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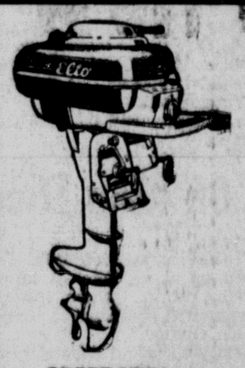

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