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Careless With That Match? THE worst year for forest fires in British Columbia in 10 years should weigh heavily on every thinking person.

This means just plain carelessness with instruments of ignition: matches, cigars, pipes; campfires, friction machines. It seems a grim reflection on Canadian shrewdness that we should tolerate the human depletion of one of our greatest natural assets through human negligence.

No dramatic expansion of oil wells or mining—which are expendable—can compensate for the depletion of our forests.

Some means must be found whereby our forests are rescued from fire waste and turned to full account for the upkeep of industry and employment.

One of the first steps in this direction is for a more intensified program of education of the public in all rural districts, keeping before them well ahead of the "fire season" the tragic and devastating results left in the wake of a red tide.

A Contribution To Fishermen

A VALUABLE service which receives too little public attention is being carried out on the west coast by a veteran sailor who, before his retirement from active duty at sea rose to the top of his profession as skipper of CPR Empress ships on the Atlantic.

He is Capt. James F. Patrick who has become a one-man educational system in giving a course in navigation for fishermen under the sponsorship of the Fisheries Co-operative Service.

With reports that the Department of Transport may eventually require masters of at least the larger fishing craft to have a seaman's ticket Capt. Patrick's work takes on added importance.

Called an "Introduction to Navigation," his course is made up of 10 two-hour lectures and practical demonstrations covering the fields of the mariner's compass, rules of the road at sea, meteorology, seamanship, chart work and astronomy.

Although stiffer requirements for fishermen by the Department of Transport are still in the rumor stage, Capt. Patrick's experience has been that fishboat captains are eager to take the course for the simple sake of improving their own knowledge and so reducing the chances of getting into difficulty.

More than 300 have taken the course in the past three years and nearly 100 are signed up for the lecture this fall.

While the accident ratio among west coast fishermen is remarkably low, there is work in which an element of danger is always present. In making available the kind of protection which greater knowledge gives, Capt. Patrick is making a great contribution to the province's fishing industry.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Boom Predicted in Sale Of TV Sets in Canada

By FORBES RHUDE Canadian Press Business Editor

ITEMS FROM HERE AND THERE . . .

The television industry, according to spokesmen, expects to sell 91,000 TV sets in the Ontario and Quebec areas between now and the end of the year.

Canadian Westinghouse Co., Ltd., reports that TV orders provide the main impetus for sales totalling \$1,160,000 at its recent three-day display in Toronto for Ontario dealers.

Naugatuck Chemical Division of Dominion Rubber Company announces that it will exhibit a plastic automobile body at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto Aug. 22-Sept. 13.

The material used is a combination of vinyon polyester resins and glass fibre and now is being produced at Naugatuck's plant at Elmira, Ont. Naugatuck says of the new car body:

"It is molded in one piece, is approximately one-fifth of an inch thick and weighs 185 pounds. It will not dent under accidents which in conven-

tional bodies now result in crumpled fenders and doors.

"To test its strength, it was driven into a tree at 25 miles an hour. The test resulted in a crack approximately 14 inches in length at the point of impact. The crack was repaired with a patch of glass fibre and vinyon plastic within an hour."

The body to be shown is on a sports car which recently made a 10,000-mile trip through 40 United States cities. It sells for \$695 in the United States, where it is in commercial production. It has not yet been made in other designs.

The Aug. 2 issue of Foreign Trade, published by the Department of Trade and Commerce, contains a study of Canadian

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Revenge on FDR

A TERSE little cable from Japan says that a statesman high in the Foreign Ministry till just before the war has made a violent newspaper attack on the late President Roosevelt.

The President "lured" Japan into the war, he reasons. By a weird and wonderful system of roundabout reasoning he pretty well concludes that it was FDR, not Japan, who was guilty of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor! In fact, he comes right out and calls Franklin Roosevelt a "war criminal."

WE LIVE in strange times. The fact is that instead of getting boiling mad at this cheeky Japanese slanders of their late, great President, many Americans will agree with their substance.

I have never seen anything in my lifetime quite as obscene as the hatred of FDR by some of his fellow citizens. Even while travelling in Canada some of them do not hesitate to give forth in public places with tirades against the great statesman which make you wonder how so many lunatics keep out of mental hospital.

To hear them tell it, FDR sold out the country to the trade unions, to the Negroes, the Jews, the Communists—not to mention Joe Stalin.

He not only got them (the Americans) into the war. But he was personally responsible for the fact that Uncle Joe now controls half of Europe.

THIS KIND of talk rubs most of us Canadians the wrong way, apart altogether from the fact that over 90 per cent of us regarded FDR as the best friend that Canada ever had in the White House. I figure, too, that the old British public school tradition still applies here, "Of the dead speak nothing but good."

But what interests me is that Roosevelt is still hated the most by the very classes and interests which his bold, experimental policies saved.

When FDR came into power the U.S. banks were closed—and wise Americans had nest eggs hidden away in our banks. Had he simply "let nature take its course," the whole American economy would simply have "gone through the wringer," to use an expression which was very familiar in the early thirties.

Indeed the believers in violent revolution in the U.S.A. never did forgive FDR's so-called New Deal, for they figured that it forestalled a terrible crisis—which might have made THEIR desired revolution possible.

WHAT the rich and privileged of the U.S. really hate FDR for is because he deliberately put himself at the head of the underprivileged third of the nation. To paraphrase Churchill's great saying, he gave them the tools with which they can finish the job.

He threw open the gates to real future political and economic power in the U.S.A. The poor, the ignorant, the half-fed-in-a-land-of-plenty have not yet realized their own full strength. But in the end they will and the Roosevelt-haters know it—fear it.

THE SILLIEST lie about FDR is that he let Uncle Joe Stalin get the better of him, and of Churchill.

Had there been no FDR and no Big Three agreements, either Hitler would have been running the world or the Red flag would already fly over all Europe, Asia and Africa. For Uncle Joe was not helped forward but actually held back by those FDR bargains.

Likewise in China. The Russians could and would have come into the war against Japan, in their own interest, and not just because FDR and Churchill wanted them to do so.

certified seed potatoes—the industry, the markets, and assistance to exporters.

Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick are the big producers, but British Columbia and Nova Scotia also are active in some markets. Last year, exports totalled 4,237,397 bushels, of which nearly three-quarters went to the United States, but with many other countries taking substantial quantities. Exports to April 30, this year, totalled 1,818,633 bushels.

Nationalist Newspaper Predicts Chinese-Russian 'Peace' Offensive

TAIPEH (CP)—The Central Daily News, Chinese Nationalist government newspaper, today predicted the "Peiping-Moscow axis will launch an unprecedented large-scale peace offensive for Korea" after the Chinese-Russian conference in Moscow.

Arvida Needs More Industry To Hold Growing Population

ARVIDA, Que. (CP)—This Saguenay River region, where most people work for the Aluminum Company of Canada and related industries, has a problem.

Because children make up more than 55 per cent of the population, civic leaders and industrialists are concerned with a probable shortage of employment for young men and women.

The Aluminum Company, despite many openings and excellent prospects, cannot absorb everybody. The population of Arvida, now about 11,000, is growing rapidly. Most families have five to seven children, but unless some solution is found for the future employment problem, young men and women will move to Quebec City and to Montreal. Many are ready now to embark on careers. Their initial concern is work in their own area.

MORE INDUSTRIES E. H. Everts, superintendent of properties for the Aluminum Company, said that only through small industries can the Saguenay region retain a strong, growing and healthy population. Woodwork, building and similar industries would make "a vast difference."

Canon Joseph Levesque said there are opportunities for engineers and doctors but not beyond what is required for the community's "happy future."

Other civic leaders said they hope outsiders, especially Canadian industrialists, will bring more business to the district. One man said that, given a few more industries, Arvida could reach a population of 30,000 in 10 years.

PLANNED CITY The party of 60 Canadian and American newspaper men who visited the Saguenay district this week were amazed at the excellent planning that went into Arvida's construction. The Aluminum Company made provision for every house and street in the town. Most homes are of frame construction, with six

rooms. They are built on lots larger than those in most cities. Home-grown vegetables and flowers are plentiful in Arvida. About one-third of the inhabitants own their homes. There are 16 modern schools and a well-planned recreation centre.

Arvida houses the largest aluminum smelter in the world, with a capacity of 2,000,000 pounds of ingot a day. Canada is second only to the United States in tonnage of aluminum production. More than a quarter of the world's supply of aluminum ingot is produced at Arvida.

This has been made possible because the area has hydro-electric power, a stable and industrious working population and a deep-water port to handle large quantities of raw material brought in from overseas.

ray... Reflects and Reminisces

Top flight diplomats and military men are included among the delegates from China to Moscow. Korea will be discussed privately. It won't be set to music.

No more foot and mouth disease in Canada, it was officially declared yesterday. Sometimes the foot can be non-essential when feeling the effects of trouble.

OUT JUNCTION WAY Blacktop is working around to what is known as "the junction" where Bill Lynch built the first sizeable store in that part of Prince Rupert. It helped develop whatever westerly trend there was, just then. And in time, Second Avenue had bridged Morse Creek, and one fine evening a car crashed through the railing, hitting the tracks below. Believe it or not, no one was seriously hurt.

The wasted body of Eva Peron will remain on view in Buenos Aires, perhaps permanently, should science permit. Visitors in Moscow behold what they think is all that's mortal of Vladimir Lenin. But others declare he's someone with a strong resemblance to the Soviet dictator. Such things can happen.

The British Columbia herring is no longer humble. It's exclusive. Not so long ago a net cost \$5,000 or \$6,000. Today, the bill is \$25,000 or \$30,000. There are, however, a few signs of decline, but nothing to be alarmed over just yet.

EAST BOUND Prophets, who tried to foresee which way Prince Rupert would grow, were not so far off if there was to be such a thing as expansion. For a while, the dividing line was at or near Sixth Street. Then, in slow but steady fashion, more easterly lots were built on.

And right here is the place to say the townsie has plenty of room. And it will be equally true, fifty years hence.

Indian Legend Upholds Historian's The

The article published in the Daily News of August 15 "Polynesian Descendants of North American Indians," by Thor Heyerdahl, claims that some nine centuries ago members of Indian tribes from British Columbia took to the ocean in canoes and eventually wound up in Hawaii. Here is another interesting historic note:

In the year 1901, I landed in Port Simpson, B.C., and there met an old Indian lady. I chatted for over two hours with this old native mother. She asked me my name and I told her that it was Pierre LeClair. To my surprise she exclaimed: "Mais vous parlez francais."

"Oui, Madame," I said. In her conversation she told of a legend which claimed that a group of men with long beards and very white skin came to this part of British Columbia, two thousand three hundred and fifty years ago, and that those men had carved Hieroglyphs on the cliffs along rivers and one the sea shore.

But of course, no one could make out what the carvings meant.

But she told me that her great grandfather had told her that those men were sailors and had come out of the Persian Gulf, sailed past the Indies, and across the Pacific to the Americas, and that those sailors brought to the American Indians their most advanced art which led to the amazing Aztec, Inca and Maya civilizations.

One fleet navigated the north Pacific and reached British Columbia; others steered across the central Pacific and made land in the Gulf of Panama and on the coast of Peru.

Here is another legend, hard to believe perhaps, but very interesting, nevertheless, and coincident with the first one told to me fifty years ago. This was told to me not far from Port Simpson, long ago, on the shores of Wark Canal.

The Hieroglyphs carved on the cliffs in Metlakatla were carved by a mermaid, the legend goes. On a bright summer's evening a young princess of the tribe on the shores of Metlakatla Straits went out into Chatham Sound with her boy friend in a frail canoe built after the fashion of the canoes that those white-skinned sailors had come to the coast in. But the pair never returned. It was surmised that they must have perished in the waters of Chatham Sound and that the princess had swallowed

so much salt water that she had turned into a mermaid. Her boy friend had done the same and had turned into a Basking Shark and had turned tall for the Polynesian and Pacific Islands.

Years after this drowning, one evening two boys of the village set out to dig clams along the cliffs in Metlakatla Passage, and in digging close to the cliffs at very low tide one of the boys brushed against the walls of the cliff and in doing so rubbed off some moss. He noticed strange figures carved on the rock. Not knowing what those strange

markings were, he reported to the chief. A council was held and at the end of his wisdom thought it was the carvings were made and that no other had done them.

Years went by, and the things were forgotten and the legend was understood as a goat hunt on the Forty canoes built in the fashion of the white (Continued on page 3)

Edward VII Wanted Churchill's Father To Duel Over A W

LONDON (AP)—Winston Churchill's father, Lord Randolph Churchill, was once challenged to a duel by the Prince of Wales who later became King Edward VII.

The incident is related by Sir Shane Leslie, author and godson of Lord Randolph. In an article in the Roman Catholic periodical, The Month, Leslie says Lord Randolph's reply to the challenge was "superb—that of a Christian and chivalrous gentleman."

"He sent Lord Falmouth to say he was prepared to meet anyone deputed by the Prince and fight him anywhere on the continent, but that nothing would induce him to lift a hand against his future sovereign."

Leslie said little to elaborate this latest revelation about the fighting Churchills, but apparently the trouble was way back in the 1880s.

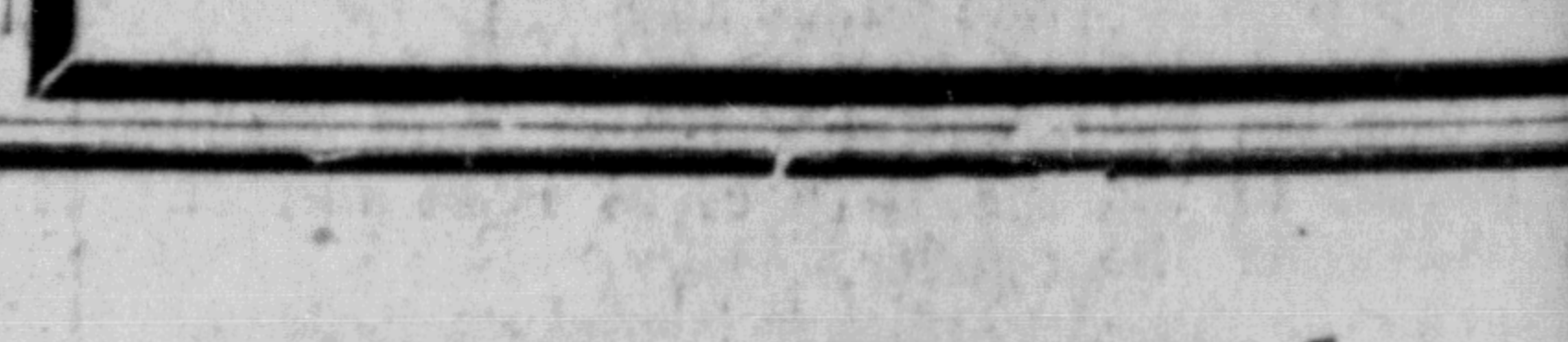
PRINCE REBUKED Leslie, attributing his account to some unidentified documents,

described the lady in the Countess "equally as the Prince and Lord Randolph's elder brother."

"Lord Randolph's purely fraternal and noble," Leslie said, "never known or approached by himself, but he was Prince in a manner that he considered insulting."

Leslie omitted to say he rebuke to royalty was led to it, or whether it placed. The incident is mentioned in the biography of Lord Churchill fighting against a duel was more than described in Leslie's article.

This time Lord Randolph self was the challenger. Lord Hartington, the son of Lord Randolph had some remarks allegedly Lord Hartington, but the challenge on being they were not intended to him.



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NOTICE TO

All Flat Rate Water Heater Consumers

The following amendment to Schedule "B" and Schedule "D" of our Tariff for Electric Service has been approved and authorized by the Public Utilities Commission of the Province of British Columbia, to become effective on October 1st, 1952:

AMENDMENT:

"All water heaters shall be thermostatically controlled with approved thermostatic devices.

Suitable insulating coverings shall be installed on all water tanks serviced by said heaters.

Thermostats and insulated tank coverings shall be provided, in place, by the consumer.

The Company reserves the right to withhold or suspend supply where the consumer does not comply with the above mentioned provisions."

All consumers having flat rate water heaters which are not thermostatically controlled and tanks covered with an approved insulating jacket, should apply to this Company prior to October 1st, 1952, if they wish this service to be continued after that date.

The installation of these devices at the consumer's option may be done by any electrical contractor. This Company will, however, make the required change-over on a straight cost basis, for any consumer who applies for same before the above mentioned date. Blank application forms for this purpose will be mailed to all water heater consumers within a short period.

The monthly rate of \$3.60 per 1,000 Watts for water heater service remains unchanged.

The kind co-operation of water heater consumers in this matter will be very much appreciated.

Northern B.C. Power Company, Ltd. Per: T. B. BLACK, General Manager.