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A Noise of New Interest

A CURIOUS fact of the present political scene in British Columbia is that, even without a meeting of the Legislature, there is an unusual amount of verbiage being tossed about.

In a kind of open forum there has been a generous airing of opinions about the new hospital insurance plan. While words on this subject are still flying about, there is a crossfire of conversation in progress about the recourt dilemma.

These are the more audible strains. Rising and falling in volume as the mood demands there is talk about government by order-in-council, government by inexperience and government by a one-seat plurality.

At first listening, the general effect sounds something like a Gilbert and Sullivan opera in which everyone has missed their cue. It sounds very confusing and just as hopeless. But once the ear becomes attuned to the noise, this impression changes.

It is the theme of a people becoming interested in what is happening to them. It is the theme of fresh attention and new circumstance.

To draw a far bigger and more violent parallel, the British went through the same experience when the true threat of Hitler took shape and, in what seemed a time of complete confusion, they found a unifying vigor.

For a considerable time now, British Columbia—and it is probably not alone among the provinces in this—has suffered from political boredom.

For one reason or another all that is changing. We have had an extraordinary, and perhaps alarming, summer which has left us in a degree of shock.

This effusion of comment on our provincial affairs is a healthy sign. In a sense it brings us all into the parliament which previously we were content to occupy by proxy—and pretty remote proxy at that as many defeated MLA's will testify.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Record Sum Paid by Life Insurance Firms This Year

By FORBES RHUDE

Canadian Press Business Editor

More than \$129,000,000, a record, was paid to Canadian families in the first half of this year by the 60-odd life insurance companies operating in Canada.

This was \$6,500,000 higher than in the first half of last year.

Of the payments, \$78,000,000 went to living policyholders, and \$51,000,000 in death benefits.

The figures are from the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association.

STEEL EXPANSION

Dominion Foundries and Steel Ltd., Hamilton, illustrates the growth of Canadian industry, in giving some data on its own career.

The company, when organized in 1912 by C. W. Sherman, now chairman of the board, had one 20-ton open-hearth furnace and 150 employees. Today it has four 60-ton open hearths, two 60-ton electric, several smaller electric steel-making furnaces and 3,000 employees.

Steel-making at the main Dofasco plant this year will reach a record of more than 400,000 ingots. During the last year, almost 1,000,000 tons of raw materials—iron ore, coal and limestone—entered Hamilton harbor for the company.

The company issued the information in recording "complete satisfaction" with the results of the first year of operation of its blast furnace and

coke oven plant, which so far has produced more than 250,000 tons of iron.

URGES SKILLS

Frank Rowland, New York office management consultant, says education today is giving "pitifully little attention to the development of skills." He adds:

"It is interesting to reflect that the great masterpieces of antiquity in the fields of painting, sculpture and engineering were the products of an era which emphasized skill at the expense of science, or knowledge, as we interpret the term."

"One of the major problems of business and the ambitious individual is to develop the capacity, or skill, to translate knowledge into superior performance."

Mr. Rowland made his comment in connection with the opening at the Canadian National Exhibition, of an exhibit of business equipment under the sponsorship of the Toronto chapter of the National Office Management Association, and the Canadian Business Equipment Manufacturers Association.

HISTORIC COUNTY

Colchester County in Nova Scotia was so named after the ancient town of Colchester in Essex County, England.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Give the Girls Chance

HOLLYWOOD, California.—The girls have gone bargain hunting and I am writing this outdoors in a leafy bower which lets through just enough sun.

It seemed like a good morning to catch up on my reading. By rare good luck the first thing I put my hand on was The Saturday Review for March 1 which carried a most provocative article entitled "The Natural Superiority of Women" by Professor Ashley Montagu.

The noted anthropologist of Rutgers University does not try to answer all the usual arguments, such as that there have been relatively few excellent women artists, writers, scientists and so forth. He skips all talk of brains, and concentrates instead on chromosomes. There are 24 of these little bags which decide what each particular individual is to be.

Well, the sad fact is that the Y chromosome is but an iota, the merest bit of an X chromosome. It is a crippled X."

THE PROFESSOR reasons that all the humanizing and civilizing qualities are in the female. "It is the function of women to teach men how to be human."

Far be it from me to argue the point with Professor Montagu. I am all for his main proposition. With the world literally galloping to hell I sure agree that it is a wonderful time for the girls to jump in and take over before the atom-and-biological-war boys wipe out the whole shebang.

I hope the Doc is right, even if I do have some secret doubts—remembering those shrill female voices at the wrestling matches urging on the mere male performers to mangle the enemy.

AS FOR the superiority of the female over the male, I never had the slightest doubt of it, from my earliest years. In our family there were eight boys and five girls. The boys had to outnumber the girls by that margin to hold them down in any kind of competition.

But if that Professor thinks that females "are too humane and gentle and civilized to fight he should have been around when my sister Leah and I came to blows. She had a tongue like a razor and could get me boiling mad. But she never waited for me to hit her first. With Leah it was a case of "ladies first." She had a technique of battle all her own. She would swing like a prizefighter launching an uppercut. But instead of landing her fist on my jaw she would swing her arm up—then bring down the point of her elbow square on the top of my skull. Wow! I can feel it yet.

By then I would be mad enough to kill her. But before I could even hit her she would shrill:

"Don't you dare hit a girl, you coward."

Then away she would run, leaving me—poor dumb male—too confused to see through her trick, in time to catch up with her.

WOMEN could hardly make as

bad a mess of running the world as the men have made. Maybe they would bring an ingenuity and fresh approach that might unsmear the jam the world is now in. I've seen a cop come up to give my wife a parking ticket—but end by running a message for her.

A man can think of a million reasons why we have to have a big army, navy or airforce—especially if he is a general or an admiral, or an airplane manufacturer.

Any woman with a son she loves, or a husband she wants to keep, can think of the other side of the picture.

I would like to see the Americans try out the give-women-a-chance idea by appointing a new truce team in Korea, headed by Eleanor Roosevelt. The generals have shown that no matter how good they may be at waging war, they are darn poor hands at making peace.

VALUABLE EXPORT

About 95 per cent of Canada's asbestos production is exported, with the biggest amount going to the United States.



YUGOSLAVIA GETS READY to open its first center for rehabilitation of disabled persons who number about 500,000 in that country. Some of these are partisans, injured during the war. Others are farm hands, some are industrial workers.

HERE And NOW

By LARRY STANWOOD We had a visitor from down under yesterday—an undercover sort of newspaper woman from Sidney, Australia, who is working her way across Canada because she can't get enough "of those darn pounds to keep me in rags and victuals."

Because she heard a lot. She is writing a series of stories about her impressions of Canada for the Sidney Daily Telegraph and hopes to cover this country in about a year.

We called her "undercover" and that's just what her circumstances are at present. We promised to hold her secret for the time being so as not to jeopardize her job.

If they ever found out my real purpose in getting the job I don't think I'd have it for long and, boy, do I need it.

Reason Miss X took her X-job was to come to Prince Rupert, "a fabulous, last frontier town about which I have heard a lot of yarns and have been dying to see for myself."

Miss X landed at Vancouver earlier this month. She is about 30, a fast talker, cracks a lot of more-than-slightly British jokes and talks with a very British accent. She is originally from Britain and several years of association of Australian folk has not yet given her that nasal twang, that distinguishable difference between British and Australian accents.

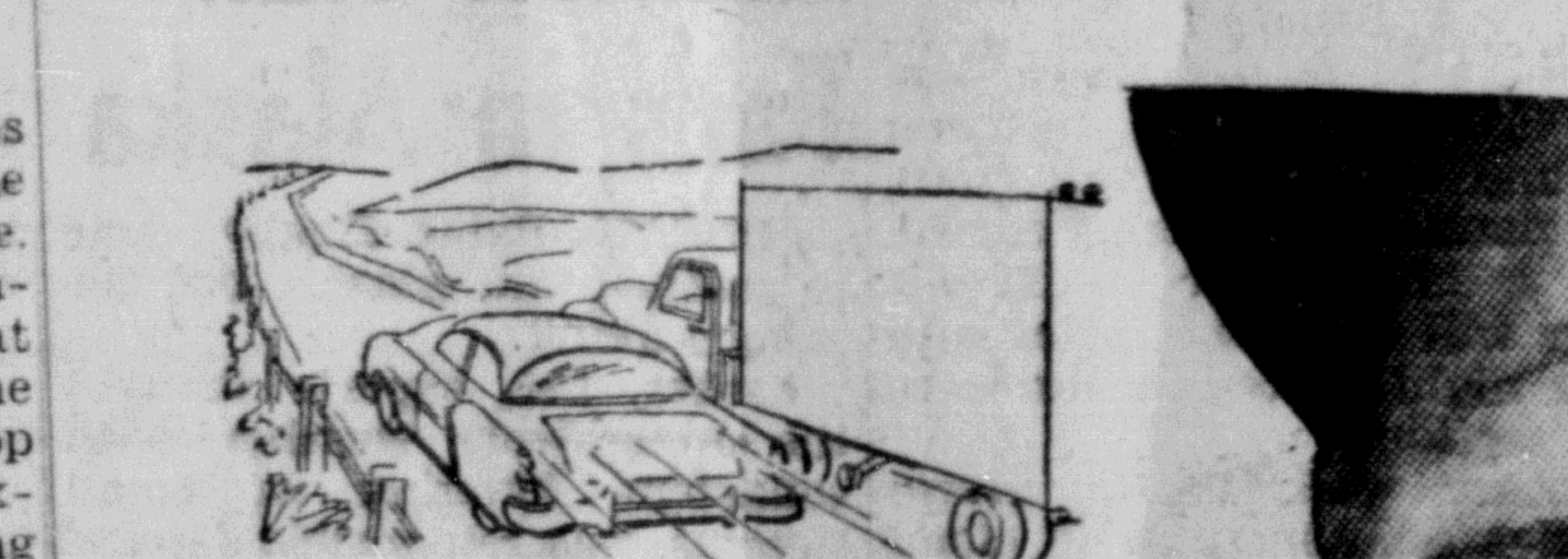
"What I want most to see here in Prince Rupert is that Saturday night. I hear it is very colorful. Can you tell me how I might best get a picture of it for an article?" We hastened to tell the down-under reporter that there were several types of Saturday nights in Prince Rupert.

1. There is the stay-at-home Saturday night, who brings the party to his house. These are evident around the city by the lighted windows, sounds of merry-making, etc., around 3 a.m. Sunday.

2. There is the going-out-for-a-few-beers' Saturday night. He has plenty of companions with whom he'll likely end up in some local beanery at closing time, then drive or walk home contentedly for a late sleep Sunday morning.

3. The meanderings of another class of Prince Rupert Saturday nighter are rather difficult to follow as they cover an immense territory with little or no apparent planning. These, we told Miss X, might produce the "real color" and might be witnessed from the confines of a roving taxicab.

Of course, there are the ordinary Saturday nighters who welcome the end of the week's work by going to the movies, taking the kids for a drive and



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Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Cheerful! Black-topping increases as jay-walking decreases.

According to the Christian Science Monitor, about half the 2,500,000,000 people in the world are on the edge of starvation. Nothing we'd like to do better than distribute can-openers, and point to northern British Columbia.

ONE OR OTHER!

In 1898 Col. Theodore Roosevelt recruited a thousand men for service in the Spanish-American war. They became known as the Rough Riders of the west. The first reunion was held in Las Vegas (New Mexico) when 28 were present. Remarkable John Shaw, aged 78, of Omaha (Nebraska): "There ain't a thing wrong with me that whisky or women won't cure."

It was on the peninsula of Gaspé that Jacques Cartier first set foot on the extreme eastern shores of Canada. This was four centuries ago. It has taken that long to start exploiting and developing her natural wealth, wasted at last, and virtually still a mighty wilderness.

Concerning the future, Canada's Minister of Finance says Canadians have reason for "cautious optimism." Mr. Abbott, in some ways, is a near genius. While he never says outright that lower taxes are on the way, he can step so softly he seems to be saying exactly that. Anyway, we want to believe him.

NO BUSINESS THERE

There come occasions when publicity can possibly do more harm than good, but not often. For example consider it as a crime deterrent. Commenting on this, the Guelph Mercury says people have no business to come to a newspaper office, or have anyone else come on their behalf to have their names kept out of the press.

QUEER, AIN'T IT?

A multitude of Democrats continue to argue that General Dwight Eisenhower is a downright greenhorn in political affairs. They could not have heard much about the outcome of the recent election in British Co-

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Carpenters Strike in Nelson Area

NELSON, B.C.—The Nelson and district carpenters went on strike Wednesday the same \$2.10 a hour paid carpenters on British Columbia's coast.

A strike for the wages of 20 cents an hour months of negotiating Nelson contractors. Contractors termed the illegal because the cost of building a house? Never heard of it. That is, not yet!

At last a Skeena trout fisherman has been discovered who is suspected of having told the plain truth. He said the fish he caught was larger than the one that got away.

The strike halted work at H.B. Mar... Salmoo where more than carpenters have been

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