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A New Era For Alaska

WE REJOICE that our neighbor, Alaska, appears in line for a huge aluminum fortune.

For us who have always had faith in the northwest corner of this continent there could be an element of "I told you so" in our reaction to the great news. This would be so if we were not aware that its glimmering future is just starting to unfold.

As will be the case of the project at Kitimat, an undertaking of the size contemplated for Skagway will bring with it further activity in a thousand different forms. Alaskans cannot be accused of over-optimism if, on the basis of the Aluminum Company of America's announcement, they are already looking forward to an era of development and prosperity.

At any rate, we feel that way about ourselves and challenge anyone to prove us wrong.

At the same time, it might be asked if there is room in the same market for two aluminum giants such as ours and Alaska's. We do not know the answer and would not try to provide one. We are sure, however, that ALCOA has made an estimate of the situation which it feels is good enough to back up an expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars, with strings attached.

The big string, of course, is tied to the fact that its water power must come from a Canadian source. It could never be expected that any contract would be signed giving ALCOA unlimited use of that water in perpetuity. There will have to be provisions to protect Canadian industry and Canadian resources.

The fact that the American company has certainly considered this and is still prepared to go ahead compels us to believe that the aluminum market is an enormous one which even present big projects cannot fill.

We are glad that we can consider the outlook along these lines. Alaska and British Columbia are good friends and we should get a kick out of entering that promising era together.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Fishing Industry Forecast Prosperous Conditions For

By FORBES RUHDE

Canadian Press Business Editor

A continuation of generally prosperous conditions for the fishing industry is foreseen by "Canadian Fishery Markets," published by the Department of Fisheries.

The 46-page publication gives a review of 1951, including an examination of various markets, accompanied by statistical tables, as well as comment on the current outlook.

Various factors make 1952 less of a "seller's" year than was 1951 but this, says the publication, is countered by maintenance of high levels of economic activity. It adds:

"The market for the fresh, frozen and shellfish branch lies almost entirely in Canada and the United States.

"Here consumer spending at high, perhaps record, levels will provide a great opportunity for increased sales, but these will have to be made in the face of increased competition from other fishery imports by certain groups in the United States and a somewhat anomalous food-marketing situation in Canada due to the embargo on cattle imports into the United States.

"These difficulties must, however, be seen against the fact that very large groups of the population in both Canada and the United States are potential, but not yet actual, consumers of fish and that the market for Canadian fresh, frozen and shellfish therefore can yet be substantially expanded.

"It is the canned fish trade which will feel most keenly the newly imposed import restrictions in overseas markets; and a considerable readjustment of its market pattern will be necessary.

"Here again the domestic and some important foreign markets are by no means saturated, but canned fish is in close competition with other foods, and success will depend on the ability of the industry to meet competition in both price and promotion.

"For salted dried groundfish, which constitutes the bulk of the cured types, prospects are good. World supply is likely to be somewhat short and demand is strong.

"The dollar shortage is not expected to affect Canadian salt fish exports to the British West Indies. While the special arrangement under which Newfoundland fish has been sold for sterling in certain Mediterranean markets has come to an end this year, Portugal, Spain and Italy are believed to be in a position to make sufficient dollars available to allow the movement of normal quantities into the area.

NO CHANGE IN CURED FISH MARKET

"No significant change is foreseen in other cured fish markets, but the prospects for dried salt herring are still obscure because of the situation in the Far East."

In its review of 1951, the publication says that the products of Canada's commercial fisheries in 1951 had a marketed value of nearly \$200,000,000, and increase of about \$20,000,000 over 1950.

Total value of exports was \$124,600,000 or \$6,000,000 above 1950. The U.S. was the big buyer, at \$85,200,000, but in one form or another, Canadian fish went to many parts of the world, including Malaya and India.

Canadians ate about 255,000 pounds of fish or about 13.69 pounds per person in 1951, an increase of 5,000,000 pounds over 1950 and of 25,000,000 pounds over 1949.

"A feature of the last few years," says the publication, "has been the expansion of fresh and frozen fillet production on the Canadian Atlantic coast. This development has been due to a diversion from salted cod production and, particularly in the last two years, has been encouraged by heavier catches of rosefish, Canadian plaice and other flatfish which are marketed in filleted form."

TACKLE IMPORT

In 1950 Canada imported \$268,900 worth of fishing rods.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Elephant and Mouse

LOS ANGELES. — To understand what is happening here you have to remember that the American people are by nature and long practice the most uninhibited, unabashed, outspoken and candid of all the peoples on earth.

I have had this happen to me—and dozens of others have had it happen to them:

You meet some friendly soul, say, on the bus. You have never seen him or her before and you never will again. But he or she will tell you a whole life story, including maybe why they had to get a divorce, or something else that more repressed people (like us) would not talk about to strangers.

But now this great American people is not able to be itself—to act itself—because the Red hunt hysteria has reached unbelievable lengths. There is no worse punishment for an American than to have to clam up.

THERE WAS a hard core of truth about the Red menace which let loose the wave.

There were spies and traitors in some high places in the U.S. as in other lands.

But in chasing them out, and hunting them down, the hard-boiled business interests and the political demagogues got the chance of a lifetime. They turned on the heat against everybody whom they consider "left of centre." By their definition practically the whole British Conservative party would be considered dangerously pink (for backing state medicine and the welfare state). The late Mackenzie King's Liberal party platform of 1919 would be held to be near-Bolshevism. If you told them that our Canadian socialist leaders, like Coldwell and Tommy Douglas, were respected by everybody in Canada, including bankers and stockbrokers, they would not believe you.

Because there really were SOME Communists, the wild men (and wilder women) took after everybody and everything they did not like. In the U.S. Senate, Joe McCarthy began by saying that there were scores of Communists in the State Department. He ended up by accusing the great Gen. George C. Marshall of being "a traitor."

In every nook or corner of this great land the hue and cry was taken up. Bloodhounds and bunsbodies ran wild. What started as a drive against Reds, Pinks, liberals, leftists ended in most amazing places.

Here in Los Angeles a bitter battle has been raging for months as to whether or not the Unesco program will again be permitted in public schools.

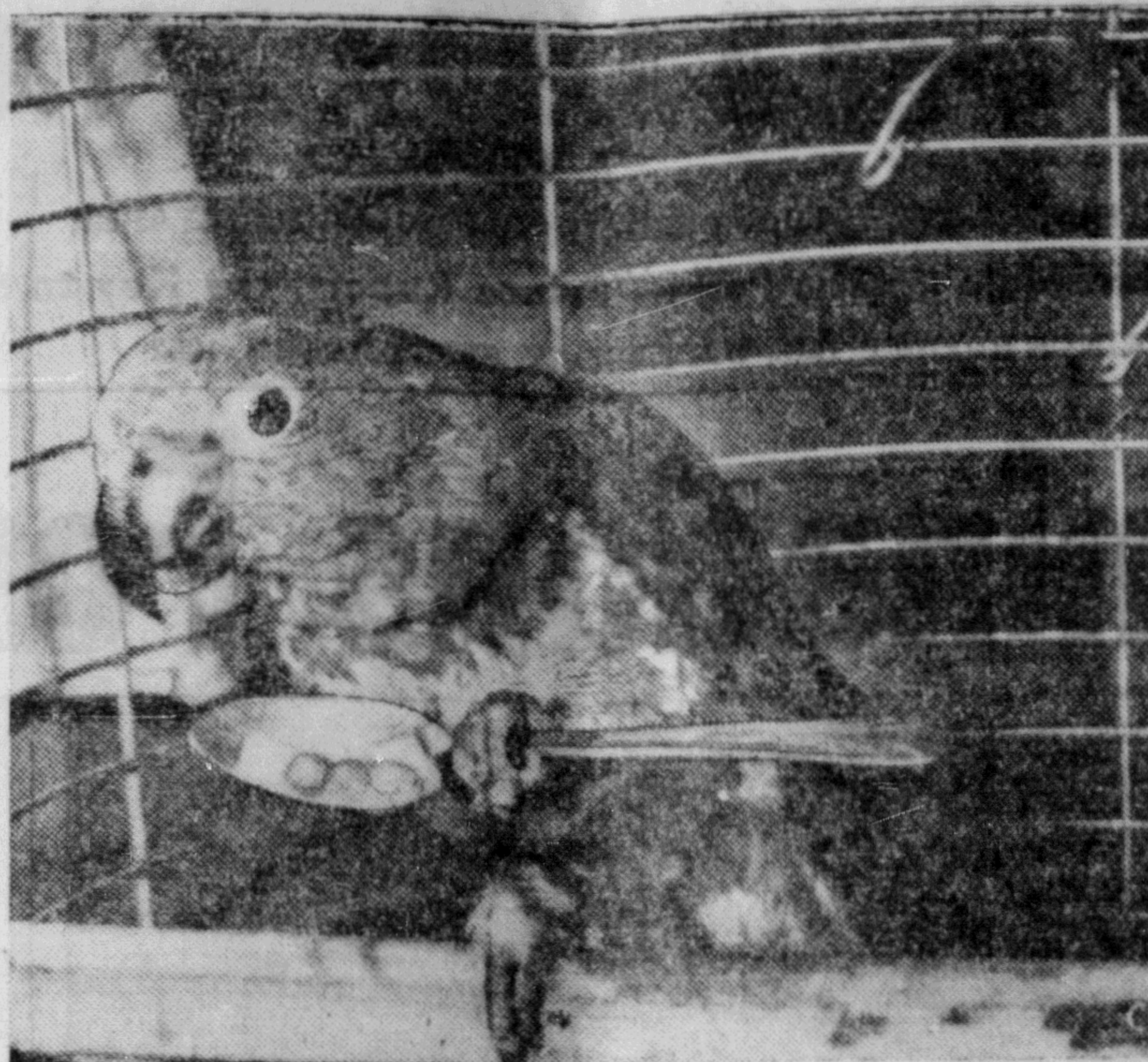
Canadians might rub their eyes with wonder to read that there was anything "subversive" about the educational, scientific or cultural program of the UN. But according to the super-patriots, jingoists, demagogues, and plain screwballs who successfully ganged up to have the Unesco course tossed out of the schools, it teaches "dangerous one worldism." It is "U.S. versus UN," they say. One organization told the school board that Unesco even encouraged young boys to masturbate. Where that nut got that particular idea, I'll never know. Maybe Freud could tell.

NATURALLY enough sane Americans (who are the vast majority) are slowly but surely reacting against all this. There are clear signs that McCarthyism is going to take a real licking in this election. Sooner or later this great American nation will return to its own great heritage of free speech.

But for the moment the people of this great country are not their true selves. It is a horrible sight, in this "land of free and home of the brave" to see people in public places take a quick look around, before answering their question on politics, and then lowering their voices.

Some say that the mighty elephant is terrified of the tiny mouse, and puts on quite a show when one appears. There are some such amusing aspects to the American Red-hunt of today.

But it's far from being all funny. One lesson I see in history is that the U.S. pendulum always swings too far, both



CLEVER POLLY—Folly, a 24-year-old parrot, makes life more interesting around the Preston, Ont., home of her owner, Mrs. Frances Steel. Polly has excellent table manners and eats from a spoon held in either foot. She talks clearly, has a wide vocabulary, sings and identifies each member of the Steel family by name. She is a native of Chile. (CP PHOTO)

VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA.—If Premier Bennett and his Social Crediters pull a general election before the regular spring session of the Legislature they'll be doing so purely and simply for political purposes. They'll be hoping they'll get back with a whopping big majority. They want a nice bunch of yes-men on the back benches, so they can use the old steam roller tactics of the Coalition in its heyday.

Mr. Bennett was anxious enough to form a government. Indeed, he could hardly wait to get going. He moved in with a flourish of supreme confidence. He altered hospital insurance, made important appointments, reduced the amusement tax here and there, as was his right. Now it begins to appear he feels he hasn't sufficient mandate to carry on with his full program.

In this regard he seems to be following in Byron Johnson's footsteps. Mr. Johnson, last session, said he hadn't a mandate to deal with hospital insurance and labor matters, yet he had a mandate to do other important things.

It didn't make much sense to the people, and they caught up with the Liberals on election day.

The people of B.C. had hoped that the Bennett Government would forget political advantage, and get down to governing. The people have had quite enough political confusion, and they most certainly don't want another general election.

The Bennett Government should carry on, go before a session in the spring, and if defeat comes on the floor of the House then there can be another election. Any other way will be nothing short of a brazen manoeuvre for political party gain.

There was a brief flare-up in the Premier's office the other day. An order-in-council, allowing cabinet ministers to draw \$15 a day living allowance when traveling on government business, came to light. There was a slight mix-up, and it was reported the new government had boosted the traveling allowance from \$10 to \$15 a day. Mr. Bennett called the press to explain. This was not so, he said: the boost had come in 1946, but it had not been done by order-in-council, and the new government thought it should be.

Thus, Mr. Bennett and his cabinet took the rap for something that had been going on for years.

However that may be, it occurs to many that \$15 a day living allowance is a neat little sum, that can add up to a nice little profit. In addition, of course, the government pays hotel and transportation bills. The \$15 a day is merely for meals. That's a lot of fat eating in swank hotels. In other words, it's far too much.

On the other hand, cabinet ministers are about the only people in B.C. who haven't had a pay boost for years and years. They receive \$7,500 a year—in addition to their \$3,000 a year seasonal indemnity. It's really not big pay, for cabinet ministers must give up their businesses, they're subject to much unfair criticism and abuse, they work hard.

It might be a good idea to give cabinet ministers \$10,000 a year—but cut down on the number in the cabinet. Surely, this province doesn't need 11 cabinet ministers, any more than it needs 48 members of the Legislature. Eight in the cabinet would be quite sufficient, about 30 in the House. Fewer, with higher pay, would be more efficient.

And, speaking of traveling ex-

ways. Right now it is swinging far too far to the reactionary side. But not many years hence I figure it will swing again—and too far the other way, precisely because of the present extremists.

penses, they should be cut down right and left throughout every branch of government service. They're small items in themselves, but they add up to more than \$1,000,000 a year.

Critic Deplores Phony Accents Of Hollywood

LONDON (CP)—You've all seen it happen. The American hero (or heroine) of the film set in Britain unbends at some point in the story and explains away his (or her) accent by saying it's all due to a Canadian upbringing.

It's a script-writer's trick to foist an un-English voice on English ears.

Well, it happened once too often for movie critic Leonard Mosley of the Daily Express. Advised that Hollywood's Alan Ladd was to play a Canadian paratrooper in "Red Beret," a story of the famous British paratroop regiment, Mosley exploded.

"For the last time, I repeat—I'm sick and tired," wrote Mosley, "of having a Hollywood type lurking around every turret, cockpit, and machine-gun post where the Union Jack waved during the war."

Sure, says Mosley, there were lots of Canadians in the parachute troops.

"But why pick a Hollywood actor... to play the lead? British directors seem to believe that Canadians and Americans have the same accent."

"They should hear the comments of Canadians on that."

Weary Folk Find Retreat in Past Alta. Guest Ranch

COCHRANE, Alta. (CP)—Tucked away in the southern Alberta foothills, 30 miles from Calgary, is an unusual hideaway where care-worn folk come to forget their worries and take stock of themselves.

The Mount St. Francis Retreat House, operated by the Franciscan Fathers of Cochrane, was a guest ranch until the Franciscans took it over.

Now, two retreats weekly are held at the attractive home. They alternate for men and women and are open to anyone over 18 years of age. Protestant or Roman Catholic. The house accommodates 32 in summer and 24 in winter.

Occupants must observe 50 hours of silence, a quiet sometimes described as mental therapy. The restful atmosphere soothes frayed nerves and offers an opportunity to think quietly over problems.

The guest book lists occupations from pastry cooks to doctors. Some retreats are for business girls, others solely for teachers. Some of the big names in sport attend frequently.

There is no set charge. Guests are given blank envelopes and they may leave whatever they wish.

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Reflects and Reminisces

Down in Hollywood, the waiting room for expectant fathers in the Methodist Hospital is called the heirport.

They are telling that story over again about the sad old man who, entering the physicians waiting room, found every chair occupied. Lacking patience, he finally arose and rambled out remarking to himself and everyone else that "he might as well go home and die a natural death."

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Looking back over the years, Prince Rupert has had its share of robberies, yet none of this could be regarded as major spoilage. One case meant five thousand cash—and soon recovered. No one ever heard of a bank holdup, everyone agreeing that difficulty in anyone getting away was the city's best protection. However, it's gradually becoming a little less that way.

Latest definition of a hypochondriac is a person who, should you ask him how he is, insists on telling you.

There is at least one land on earth where wages are increased without the slightest request. It's England and the job is held by the hangman. How much is a matter of secrecy. Few, however, feel curious.

It seems impossible to have Canada learn that St. John, New Brunswick, has but one S. And that's the St. part of it. It's quite OK to write St. Johns, Newfoundland. To omit that second S would be serious neglect. You will find St. Johns, N.B. printed frequently when, as a matter of fact there is no such city.

R.B. HIMSELF

There is said to be a prospect of a memorial to Lord Bennett being erected in Calgary where there's no doubt any number who may take their time about singing his praises. Comments the Vancouver Sun: "He was a partisan and had obvious failings. He did not command universal admiration." He sure did not. But if every public man has to wait until everyone loves him, it will be a century and longer before some contractor builds a monument. But then, like or dislike, Calgary has had few more outstanding figures.

BIGGEST ISLAND

Greenland, owned by Denmark is the largest island in the world with 827,300 square miles.

New Pension Scheme Allows Movement From Job to Job

TORONTO (CP)—A pension scheme, which allows an employee to move from one job to another within the industry without losing any of his pension rights, is being put into effect by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and employers in the men's clothing industry in Toronto and Hamilton.

The plan will apply to workers in the two cities, now numbering about 4,000. Under it, all workers with 20 years service in the industry and 10 years membership in the union are eligible for pensions of \$40 a month at age 65.

The plan is industry-financed, out of contributions by employers of three per cent of their payroll, and is government-approved. Payments into the fund began April 4, 1950.

It applies from March 1, and, in addition to current future retirement payments, those who left their jobs last five years because of illness and to those who retired Jan. 1, 1951.

It was inaugurated at a dinner at which 300 members of the union and employers in the trade, and them in their 80's, received first pension cheques.

A statement from the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' union said the plan is a new high in the industry, strike-free, amicable, and a model of cooperation between the union and associated Clothing Manufacturers.

It rounds out a complete plan of welfare and social security benefits for members of the Amalgamated Clothing

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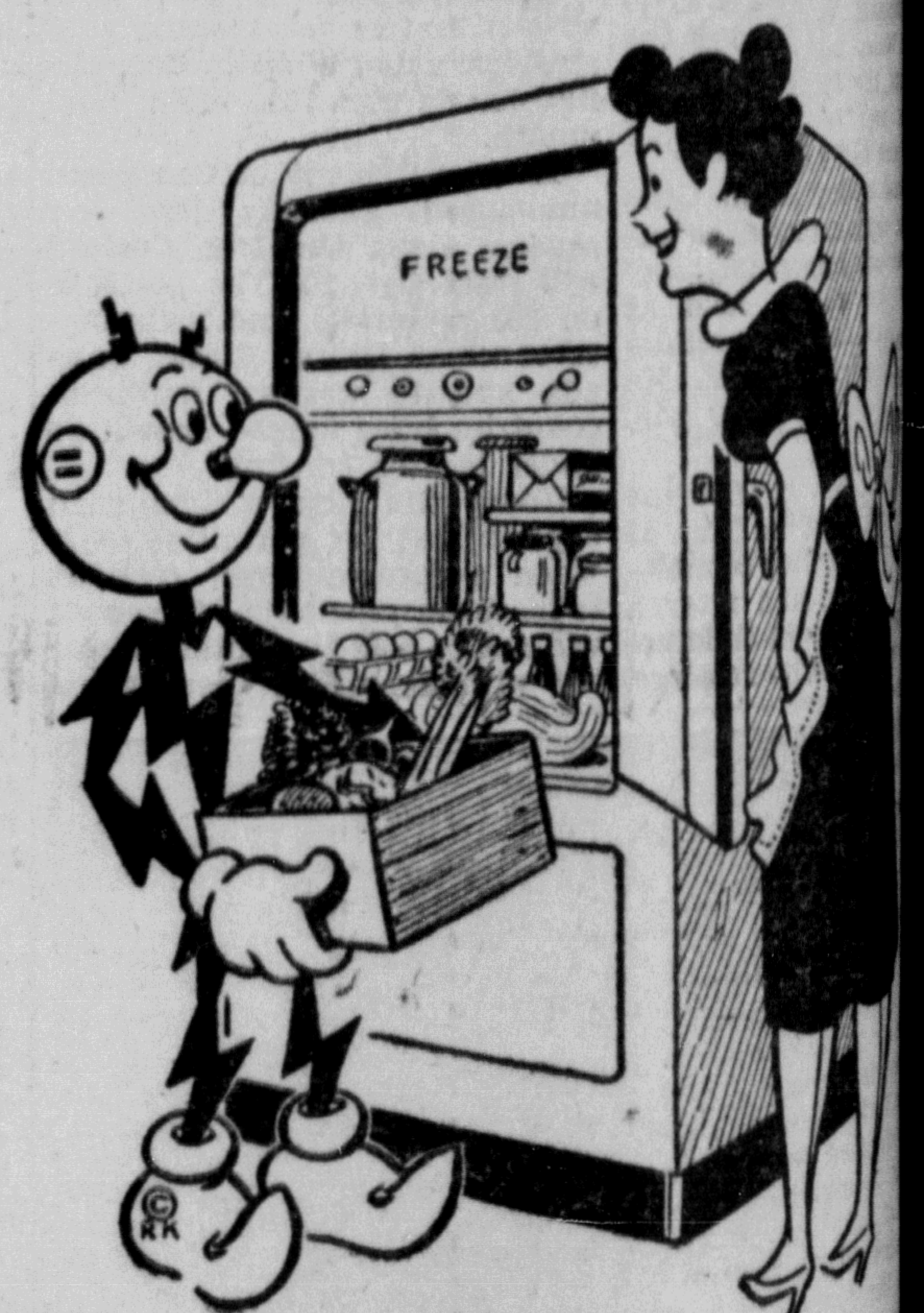
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