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## Glad Tidings For Rupert

**ANNOUNCEMENT** by Ted Applewhaite, M.P., that Prince Rupert is finally to have house-to-house mail delivery is one of good cheer.

Calling at the Post Office is tiresome and slow and it was threatening to lead to expensive results. Box facilities are already taxed beyond the limit and, without some change in the system, an extension to the building would soon become necessary.

Although submission to the Governor-in-Council for the service is a formality and should go through without delay, we cannot expect that postmen will appear on our doorsteps within the next few days. They must first be recruited and trained, and householders and building proprietors must then provide receptacles in which the mail can be placed.

The main obstacles, however, have been cleared, and for helping us over them we owe thanks to the Junior Chamber of Commerce whose members spared themselves no effort in going after the service.

## Flying Saucers Not American

**W**HILE we were greatly absorbed in Elmore Philpott's recently completed series on flying saucers, we can hardly go along with his theory that the objects are American secret weapons. To do so would be to concede that the country is in the hands of fugitives from a snake pit.

There is terror in the thought that the military command of our big neighbor would allow missiles to whistle at random through the skies, narrowly missing other aircraft and wandering at will across international borders.

We cannot accept the notion. For one thing, we do not think American leadership has gone raving mad. For another, we recall reading that flying saucers have been sighted for centuries and we cannot conceive how American scientists could be so far ahead of the rest of the world.

It would mean that while George Washington was exhorting his men to use their muskets and pitchforks, he had a far more sinister weapon in the air which for some reason had to remain on the secret list.

Accepting the conclusion that flying saucers are real, we can only agree with those who argue they come from another planet which is content to watch us. This may be wishful thinking but it makes for better health. If there were signs that someone on earth was shooting the things around, it might make sleep more difficult at night.

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### Nova Scotia Apples Surpass B.C. Fruit For Overseas Trade

By KINGSLEY BROWN  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Nova Scotia's apple industry is staging a comeback after losing a costly battle of specialization.

During the "good years" when Britain wanted hard cooking apples and overseas requirements were geared to the province's production, growers produced an average yearly crop of 1,800,000 barrels.

Then Britain's currency problems in post-war years cost Nova Scotia its traditional market. In many cases whole orchards were ripped up and the uphill battle started against the British Columbia and Ontario products, popular on the Canadian market.

Specialization had been carried to such an extent that it was often easier to buy a B.C. apple in Nova Scotia than one from the Annapolis Valley, where virtually all the province's fruit is produced.

Growers were paid \$4 a tree to clear their orchards of the old varieties. Gravensteins, Ben Davis, Baldwin and Golden Russet apples were waived for the McIntosh and Delicious.

#### LOWEST CROP

Last year's crop—500,000 barrels—was lowest in recent history. With the trees beginning to bear this year, a 10-per cent increase was forecast by agriculture officials.

The \$3,000,000 worth of Canadian apples that Britain received in 1949—about half were an outright gift—slowed to a trickle last winter. No ship-

### Forestry Men Urge Markets, Fire Control

OTTAWA — Sixth British Commonwealth forestry conference has urged the Commonwealth governments to do everything possible to obtain increased markets for forest products. Other resolutions called for more forest research and greater efforts to beat forest fire hazards.

## As I See It

by Elmore Philpott

Last Word from L.A.

LOS ANGELES: We have started our homeward trip from the Mexican border. Here are some last word bits from L.A.

The Flying Saucers staged a bang up show for my special benefit, perhaps, last week—but I was sound asleep and missed my chance to add an eye-witness story.

Thousands of people from Long Beach to Santa Monica saw several fiery craft soar through the skies and hundreds of telephone calls flooded radio and newspaper offices.

But only one newspaper (The Los Angeles Times) reported the event.

CONTRARY to what we might imagine in Canada, the general public here does not take at face value all the anti-Red hysteria. There is a fierce fracas here about the public housing program. Some un-American Activities Committee or publisher is probing to find Reds in the housing bureau. The Mayor took a sock at a fellow who called him an "agent of Stalin" because he, the Mayor, wanted to complete the federal housing scheme, instead of abandon it, halfway. A radio discussion on the housing program ended in a literal free-for-all fight and had to be cut off the air.

What is behind all this? The highly organized property owners do not want the competition from more low rental houses. It is as simple as that. Hence the wild cries about Reds under beds.

IN some ways all this Red talk is funny. For instance, out at some waterside resort the residents got sick of the ungodly roar made by Henry Kaiser's outboard motors. They tampered with one, so he could not use it. His first comment was "The Communists are trying to get me."

But Henry himself is called a Red by some of the more individualistic doctors who hate and fear the spread of the Kaiser pre-laid health and hospital plan. Already over 200,000 wage earners are covered on a wage deduction plan. Single persons pay \$3.25 per month and married persons up to \$6.95, according to number in their families.

The plan provided up to 111 days per year free hospitalization—and Kaiser actually builds owns and operates the hospitals. Medicines are free but there are surcharges for certain operations. You pay \$15 to have tonsils out, or \$60 flat for delivery of baby, even if that requires Caesarian section.

Families covered by the plan pay \$1 for each visit they make to the doctors' offices and \$2 for home visits—but call-backs are free.

CONSIDERING the success of the Kaiser plan, which is spreading fast, far and wide it seems to me we would make a tragic backward step to abandon, or whittle down our own province-wide hospital plan in B.C.

The Kaiser plan is not so good as is the pilot test scheme which the Saskatchewan government runs in Swift Current. In the latter you choose your own doctor and also dentist.

But the Kaiser coverage is much further reaching than we have tried in B.C. If we are stupid enough to abandon what little we have started it may be years before we can pick up the pieces again.

NO newspaper here carried any report of our Prime Minister's Victoria speech saying Canada favored early peace with honor on the present battle lines in Korea.

But there was quite sharp anti-Nehru comment when India's P.M. announced that her small ambulance force was to be called home from Korea by November 1.

### Communities To Get CBC Radio Relay

OTTAWA — CBC board of governors have announced approval of establishment of 208 more relay transmitters designed to bring radio service to outlying communities in various parts of Canada. They include Natal, Hutton, McBride, Foster, Golden, Grand Forks, Greenwood and Lytton, B.C.

## The Canada Family Attends The Premiere



"THE CANADIAN FAMILY ATTENDS THE PREMIERE"—By Robert Chambers in the Halifax Chronicle-Herald. (CP Photo)

## Mixed Reception Greets Plan To Name Parties on Ballots

By DARCY O'DONNELL  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA—A C.C.F. proposal that the party affiliation of each candidate be listed on election ballots was given a mixed reception in Federal political circles.

Solon Low, Social Credit leader, said he favors the proposal. Spokesmen for the Liberals and Progressive Conservatives said the matter is one for study by the Commons committee on elections.

Nelson Castonguay, chief electoral officer, had no comment. He said the change would make little difference in the mechanics of handling an election. He recalled that similar proposals had been studied in the past and rejected by the Commons committee.

Liberal and Progressive Conservative members of the committee said no one has authority to dictate the party affiliation of a candidate.

#### OPTIONAL MATTER

Candidates are not required officially to declare their affiliation to any party, but most of them do. The "official" candidates are considered those chosen by party conventions in each constituency. However, there is nothing to prevent another candidate from claiming that he is the official representative of such and such a party.

At present, the ballots used in Federal elections simply list the names, addresses and occupations of the candidates. There is nothing to indicate the party they support. Officials at the polls are not allowed to give voters the party affiliations of candidates.

In Britain, the ballots list only the names of candidates. An official of the United Kingdom Information Office said the theory is that voters should elect a man and not a party to represent their constituencies.

In the United States the party affiliation of candidates is plainly shown on ballot papers.

#### TO AVOID CONFUSION

The C.C.F. said adoption of its proposal would eliminate confusion at the polls, particularly in constituencies where there are two candidates with the same surname.

Mr. Low said he agreed. So often, voters, because of other duties, pay little attention to the names of candidates within their own constituencies. They align themselves with a party and leave it at that. When they reach the polling booth on election day they are confused when they cannot remember the name of the candidate sup-

#### NEVER TOO LATE

VANCOUVER (CP)—An elderly couple whose combined ages total 149 years were wed here. The groom is W. J. Pooley, former rancher at Merritt, B.C., and the bride is Mrs. Rose Morris, formerly of England. The couple will reside at Merritt.

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### Reflects and Reminisces

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#### WHERE TIME IS CASH!

More daily newspapers are said to be read in Great Britain than by any other nation on earth. And if each is not out on time, someone is going to know why.

Ontario is commencing to discover that motoring fatalities are frequently caused by drivers who cannot read or understand English. It seems that so long as anyone is in possession of a license, that's all that matters. Can he actually read a road sign printed in any language except his own? Can he read English, at all? Is he trying to? How long ago did he leave overseas? In what way did he get a car? Thousands of aliens from Europe plan on settling in Canada. Many can read half a dozen languages, some probably English. But that isn't enough.

The menace of insects is frequently mentioned, when the usual daily alarmist story about wars and disease is broadcast. Indeed, mankind may have reason to feel concerned. On a sultry night, no more than a solitary mosquito in a bedroom can have it's exhausted foe prepared to resume negotiations.

Demand for horse meat in western Canada is becoming less. Incidentally, steers require greater pasturage and feeding areas, and that's where the beef comes from. Anyway, it's supposed to.

#### HE GAMBLER

A mine, drifting across the Pacific, is not uncommon. Years ago, a Queen Charlotte Island rancher, seeing something he couldn't recognize on the shore, thought he might make use of the object, on his farm. He was stopped in time to behold something quite unsuitable to agriculture in any form.

#### VITAL FLUID

Canada's consumption of fluid milk in 1951 was 4,500,000,000 pints, nearly 10,000,000 pints more than in 1950.

## B. C. Electric Granted Power Rate Increases by PUC

VICTORIA — Increase in the rate of return allowed the B.C. Electric Co. and its affiliates on their net investment was approved Friday by the Public Utilities Commission.

The allowable rate increased from 5.8 to 6.5 per cent. Companies had asked the rate be set at 7.5 per cent. Public Utilities Commission chairman Percy G. stressed the increased rate does not mean automatic increases to the companies' customers.

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The current year's premium for persons with one or more dependents is \$40.50, made up of \$21.00 for the period from January 1, 1952 to June 30, 1952, and \$19.50 for the period from July 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952 (this includes the recently-announced premium reduction), which totals \$40.50 for the full year's premium. A single person's premium would amount to \$28.50 for the year 1952.

Persons taking advantage of this arrears suspension to re-establish themselves should attach to their cheque their last billing notice, or quote their registration number. If they have never registered before, the Service should be so advised.

Special instructions will be issued immediately to all employers regarding the suspension of arrears for registrants making premium payment through payroll deduction.

**THE B.C. HOSPITAL INSURANCE SERVICE**

HON. ERIC MARTIN, Minister

L. F. DETWILLER, Commissioner