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## MORE PEOPLE NEEDED

N a special survey devoted to Canadian development, the London Financial Times predicts that Canadian expansion will continue but recommends a more liberal immigration policy and a greater effort to promote trade with the sterling area.

It takes this position on the grounds that, although American investment has done much to spur development in this country, Canada has at the same time become too dependent upon the United States.

"Among the causes of this dependence is the inadequate size of the Canadian population," the paper observes. "In the past, emigration to the United States has nearly cancelled the gains of immigration from Europe. At the moment immigration is severely restricted, except from the white Commonwealth countries, in order to support full employment. This is unfortunate, if politically inevitable."

Politically inevitable thought it may be, it is equally inevitable that one day Canada will have to face the fact that, while it is starving off immigrants, it is also losing ground.

Although there may be no immediate vacancies for hundreds of new Canadians, people have a way of creating work for each other. It is the basic law of business and it is the law upon which a country prospers. If we do not have people inside our own boundaries with whom we can trade, we must look for them elsewhere and this brings us right up against the problem of export.

In this connection, the Financial Times remarks:

"One way in which the independence and stability of the Canadian economy can be promoted is by greater trade with the sterling area. It would be a trade of the greatest benefit to both sides. The growth of British exports to Canada is encouraging, but much more will have to be done."

As our lumber and fishing industries have discovered, to mention only two, there is no pet answer to that brain-teaser but there is also no cause for despair. Possibly a solution will be found at the coming conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers. At any rate, if they all agree that a solution is imperative, as they apparently do, then the agreement on detail should not be hard to arrange.

## The Air Force of Tomorrow

N official air force opinion the Air Cadet League in Prince Rupert is off to a good start. When Air Commodore R. C. Gordon, senior RCAF officer on the west coast, gave this verdict on his recent visit, he did so with obvious pleasure.

No doubt one reason for this was the fact that Air Commodore Gordon was stationed here during the war and ever since has taken a special interest in the city. But in a more general way his enthusiasm must have stemmed from the realization that the Air Cadet League of today is to a great extent the RCAF of tomorrow.

As the League continues to grow under the stimulus of air force support, more and more of its graduating members are joining the senior body to make a career of flying or some associated trade.

Although they are still junior in years, many by this time have become proficient pilots, navigators or ground crew technicians, and all know a great deal about the air force.

Along with all those familiar with the organization Air Commodore Gordon believes that the League offers an enviable life to any youth who becomes a member. As the father of an air cadet who received a flying scholarship, he is an excellent authority on the subject and we are impressed by his promising prediction for the Prince Rupert squadron.

## Stubbornness Pays Off; Saves Life

TOKYO (AP)—Masae Motohashi made such a fuss that her father let her go to bed without taking her medicine. After all, you can argue just so much with a three-year-old.  
A few hours later a neighbor pounded on the door. He had heard a special radio broadcast. The druggist who mixed Masae's prescription for ringworm had made a horrible mistake. The dose he delivered was so strong it would kill a child.  
Masae—stubborn, undosed and unharmed—slept through it all.

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## Reflects and Reminisces

One out of every three trees felled in Canada to make paper pulp is said to wind up in a comic strip. That, indeed, is no joke.

Everything in Central British Columbia appears to have been about forty years too early. Prince Rupert old timers cheerfully acknowledge it. Prince George also has its example. That city's first freight car over the PGE rolled into town September 12. It was only forty years behind schedule.

### AND SO WE REFLECT:

Some had to be the goats. We might as well cultivate a little useful philosophy. There are those who assert age is a happier time than youth. Oh yes! We bought lots in 1911-12-13 and swore to make a financial killing after the GTP came in with a rush and a roar. You bet we did. But why repine? Scenery is beautiful! We were almost on the point of saying "so's a pension."

When Japan captured the powerful fortress of Port Arthur from Russia, around half a century ago, few had much use for the Czar, but all kinds of praise for Tokyo. Today, Russia is back. For how long?

We may as well acknowledge it. How many, a few years back, would have declined to accept United States silver, in change??

The Prime Minister wore a snappy-looking sweater at an Edmonton football game. Perhaps Mr. St. Laurent has introduced something. Old Sir John A. never put that sort of garb on. And you can gamble Laurier never did.

### NO SCARCITY!

Why look toward Lake Atlin power for a smelter in Skagway? Most folks have the notion that there's a lot of water and plenty of mountains in Alaska.

## Cronin Babine Steps up Production

Croning Babine Mines Ltd., near Smithers, is now milling on a 24-hour basis from 37 to 40 tons daily. This is an increase from the initial rate of 33 tons.

This announcement was made by L. C. Creery, president, who said preparations are being made to step up the daily milling rate which will involve minor changes to the crusher but that no large expense is entailed. As a result of these improvements it is expected that the mill will shortly be in a position to handle 45 tons daily.

Operating officials report that an excellent grade zinc concentrate and a very good lead concentrate are being produced and that further improvement may be expected. As mill efficiency is now improved, a better grade of mill feed is being supplied more in line with the mine average which is considerably higher than the grade milled during the past month.

Mr. Creery says that underground work has progressed most satisfactorily with the opening of new sources of good grade ore. Two stopes on No. 5 level and two stopes on No. 3 level have been prepared for mining. Of particular interest has been the completion of No. 501 raise from the fifth to the third level. The first 130 feet of this raise was in good ore, followed by 90 to 100 feet in which the vein was out of the raise.

Latest word is that the last 75 feet was in high grade ore which widened from three to five feet and then increased to a true width of 11 feet at the breakthrough to No. 3 level. This proves the downward extension of the high grade ore body previously developed on No. 3 level and which extends up another 75 feet to No. 2 level and on up to the surface.

The entire operation is being planned on the basis of an indicated ore deposit which points to a lengthy period of profitable results, Mr. Creery adds.

## Jet Pilots Killed in Air Crash

WASHINGTON (CP)—The marine corps reported six fighter pilots flew into a cloud-shrouded hillside in Korea last Thursday and were killed.

The announcement said the pilots, flying Panther Jets, were returning from a combat mission in bad weather and were trying to approach a strange landing field.

# VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—One had hoped that the new Social Credit Government would bring some stability to the sadly addled public affairs of British Columbia.

This column, when the Bennett Government took over Aug. 1 said the new government should be allowed, in peace, and without undue criticism, to perform its duties in the interest of the province and its people.

But — what has happened? The new government has been monkeying-around with hospital insurance, double-talking about hospital insurance until none of us know where we are. And worse — Premier Bennett himself has been deliberately putting the province in an uproar about a general election.

It's a sad state of affairs and one regrets to see it. In recent days the government did some more double-talking about hospital insurance. Health and Welfare Minister Martin issued a statement:

"The government has decided to suspend the arrears of those persons who have been delinquent in their payment of BCHIS premiums during 1949, 1950 and 1951. . . . Persons in this category can re-establish themselves by paying the premium for the present year."

Well, now, let's look at that part of the statement. It means, doesn't it, that if we haven't paid 1949, 1950 and 1952 we can pay for 1952 and all is O.K. That's what the statement says, thought it does add "It should be noted that this is a suspension, not a cancellation of arrears."

Then the statement goes on: "The government feels that some persons may be staying out of the plan due to the fact that they are unable to pay the large arrears which they have accumulated over the past three years. Persons who cannot pay their arrears, due to their low incomes, will not be asked to do so. However, it should be noted that the hospital insurance service will, through the procedure provided under the Act, continue to collect premium arrears for 1949, 1950 and 1951 from those persons who can well afford to pay, by making arrangements for installment payments, if necessary, in accordance with their means."

But what on earth does all this mean? One part of the statement says those in arrears may re-establish themselves by paying the 1952 premium. Another part of the same statement says the government will continue to collect arrears, but "only from those persons who can well afford to pay." But who are they? How does the government propose to find out? Is there going to be a general means test? One man on, say, \$5,000 a year may decide he can afford to pay; another, on the same salary may decide he can't afford to pay. Where on earth is all this going to lead?

There's one bright light on an otherwise rather dark stage where hospital insurance is concerned. It's now evident the government wants hospital insurance to be a success. It has no intention of going all-out on its election pledge of voluntary insurance. As this column has said before, Premier Bennett is smart enough to know that voluntary hospital insurance is no hospital insurance at all.

But, in the meantime there's cause for worry. If the government doesn't stop playing around with this most necessary social service, the people of B.C. will find that, one of these days, they haven't any hospital insurance.

It's good sometimes to get away from current politics and look a little into our romantic past. It's 90 years ago today, Sept. 17, 1862, that the vessel Tyamouth dropped anchor in Esquimalt harbor, the Tyem-mouth—a bride ship. She carried 62 young women who came to these shores looking for husbands. They all found husbands and most of them were happy, became well-off, mothers of fine families, mistresses of fine homes. What adventurous women they must have been!

The Victoria Colonist sent a reporter to meet the Tyemmouth and he wrote:

"They are mostly cleanly, well-built, pretty-looking young women. Most appear to have been well raised and generally they seem a superior lot to the women usually met with on emigrant vessels. Taken altogether, we are highly pleased with the appearance of the 'invoice' and believe they will give a good account of themselves in whatever station in life they may be called to fill . . . even if they marry lucky bachelor miners from Cariboo."

### FAMOUS CATARACT

Among the world's highest and most beautiful waterfalls, the Sutherland Falls in New Zealand drop 1,900 feet.

# NATO Army Half of Russian Might

WASHINGTON (AP)—The state department reports that United States European allies now have more than 2,000,000 men under arms compared with Russia's 4,000,000.

The figures were cited in a 50-page report about progress made in building Europe's defenses under the three-year-old North Atlantic Treaty.

The figure do not include other forces which fit into the over-all East-West picture. Not mentioned is the total U.S. strength of 3,500,000 men under arms, the armed manpower of friendly countries such as Australia, Yugoslavia and Spain, or the Armies of Russia's satellites and Communist China.

The report also referred to Russian possession of the atomic bomb as a major element in Soviet power—a reference reflecting conviction among officials here that Russia has a bomb.

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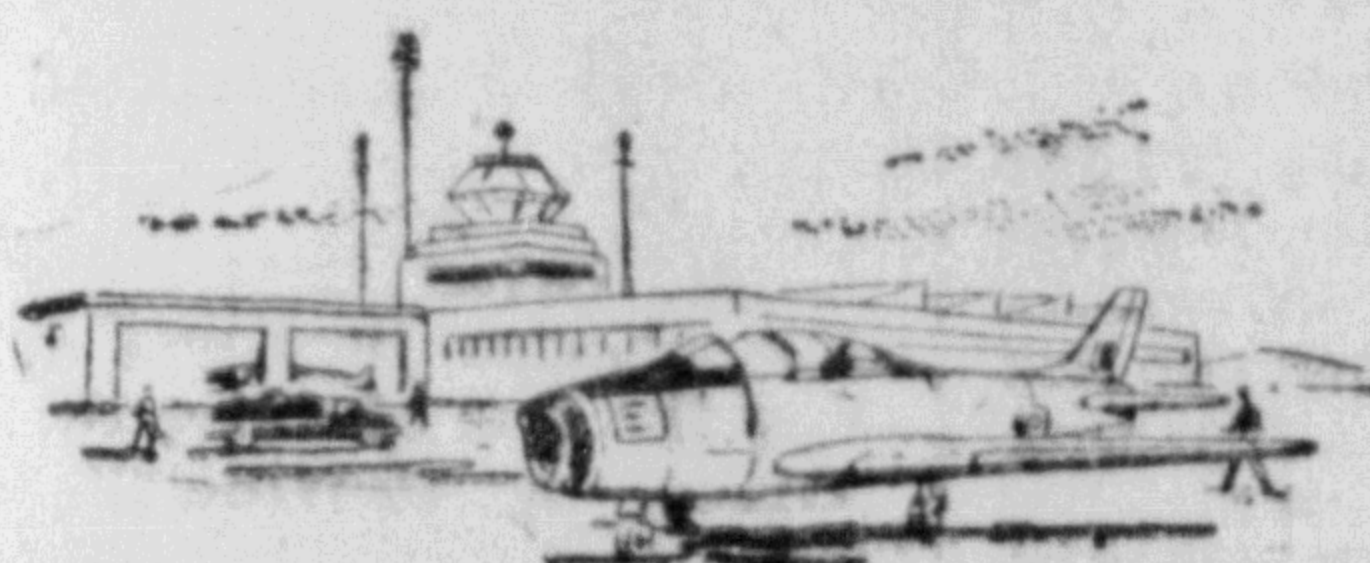
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