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Globe Is Becoming Non-Partizan Paper.

The Toronto Globe has since its inception been a Liberal paper. It saw little good in anything that the Conservative party did and all its editorials had a Liberal bias. Now it is changing. Some of the editorial writers did not like the change and left positions they had held for a long time.

The change in policy of the Globe is simply another development along the line of modern journalism. The day of blind partizan papers has gone and the tendency everywhere is toward a fairer and more judicial viewpoint in dealing with politics or any other matters.

Taking an attitude such as that mentioned does not mean that a newspaper will be always on the fence, but it does mean that it will not support any party through thick and thin, right or wrong. There are times when any newspaper should do its utmost to elect a candidate. At the same time it should always be willing to give the other side equal prominence in its news columns and to allow every possible opportunity to discuss the issues on both sides.

United Empire And Canadian Flag.

The United Empire, a propaganda monthly review of Empire affairs, published in London by the Royal Colonial Institute, mentions the Canadian flag incident editorially. It says: "It is unfortunate that every movement made in Canada, which her status warrants, is treated as of sinister import. Canada, for instance, is seeking a distinctive flag such as other dominions possess. At once there are protests, as though it were a novel step. Mr. Mackenzie King met the objectors with a positive assurance that he would support no proposal which did not include the Union Jack as the most distinctive feature of Canada's national flag."

What the United Empire does not realize is that every trivial event is used for political purposes in this country and efforts are made to turn such matters as the choosing of a flag to party advantage.

Strong Objection To Railway Amalgamation.

The Manitoba Free Press comes out very strongly against amalgamation of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railway systems. It says:

The Free Press believes it is speaking the mind of the West when it says that the people of this part of the Dominion will not stand for any amalgamation of the two railway systems.

The West will not stand for a railway monopoly whether it be a Canadian Pacific Railway monopoly or a Dominion Government railway monopoly. It is a pretty safe guess that the people of Canada will not stand for it either.

Nothing could be much worse than the Senate plan for amalgamation of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National systems. Not only would it set up a railway monopoly but it would establish it in deception. One is had enough without the other.

The Senate plan, according to its sponsors, would leave the country with one railway system over which the government and the people of Canada would have control. It means nothing of the sort. It means handing the control of the system to the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Senate plan provides for a board of fifteen, five to be named by the government, five by the C.P.R., and these ten to name another five. The public knows what would happen: it would be a C.P.R. board. Does the country want this?

The plan provides for a guaranteed dividend for the C.P.R. stockholders while the amalgamation lasts. That means a dividend guaranteed in perpetuity, for who would venture to say that once an amalgamation had taken place the C.N.R. lines could ever be unscrambled from the C.P.R. and set up again as an independent system?

It is a fine thing for any corporation to have its dividends guaranteed for all time by the people of the country. It is not surprising that the C.P.R. and its satellites are strong for the Senate plan. They are being handed something on a silver plate. The voice of the C.P.R. speaks in the Senate of Canada.

Capitalists at Montreal and Toronto, if they find it amuses them, may go ahead and draw up half-a-dozen plans to merge the two railway systems, but the Free Press misses its guess if they succeed in putting one of them over on the people of Canada. Any government or any party or any group that attempts to foist a railway monopoly, no matter under what guise, on the backs of the people of Canada, or flirts with a scheme to create such a railway monopoly, is putting its neck on the block.

If it values its neck it had better keep it away from the block.

Medicine Man Prevents Girl Marrying Man of Her Choice at Kitkatla Indian Village

Former Missionary Tells Story Which is Published in Alberta Capital

(By Edna Baldwin in Edmonton Journal)
Superstition is deep rooted. It is born in the blood and bred in the bone of the North American Indian. It may be that with the passing of many moons there will also pass the tenacious influence which the witch doctor exerts among the red men. Mr. and Mrs. George Oliver, of 118 Street and 99 Avenue, were for four years missionaries in charge of the little Indian village of Kitkatla, 45 miles southwest of Prince Rupert, in the Ogden Channel. They found that at the very moment when to all outward appearance this evil had been effectively stamped out, up it comes again, as dominant a factor as ever.

The lives of these Indians, belonging as they do to Tsimshian tribes, are bound up with mythology. Should you ever wander over from Prince Rupert to this little island you will be assured of a real feast in story-book lore. They will tell you about Katie White, and Katie's story, which is a recent one, is a splendid example of the Witch Doctor's craft.

Blacy-Eyed Maiden

Katie was a slim little black-eyed Indian maiden. What matter that her skin was nut-brown? Hadn't she the smallest feet in Prince Rupert? The man at the shoe shop said so, and her mouth was as soft and as red as the blossoms of the scarlet sumach climbing the picket fence about her home.

Young Heber Robinson thought so too, and to Katie's way of thinking he was the one man, the Prince Charming of her dreams. At night they met when dusk was lazily closing in upon the island, when the curve of a golden moon and the wind in the singing firs heard them whisper as lovers ever will, of the future, of the day when the missionary would come across from Prince Rupert to marry them. There they always fell silent. Katie said herself that such happiness could not last.

In another part of the village lived Henry Lewis, the one time witch doctor. Henry was plotting and planning to regain his power. Occasionally he did extract a few blankets, canoes and \$400.00 or so from his victims in case of sickness or trouble. One day he conceived of a plan better than all these. He would marry his son to Katie White. Katie's uncle possessed fishing streams, the rights to which are handed down among the Indians as legacies. There was also money in the family. In due time he approached the girl's uncle, whom it is strange to say, always has the responsibility of the children, never the father.

Sorrowful Time

There was a sorrowful time on the island for the two young people. The witch doctor had pronounced a curse upon Heber Robinson. Should he marry Katie White, he would die within the year. For week's Katie and Heber fought the age old superstitions handed down to them from every ancestor. At last one night, worn out with fighting against a spirit stronger than their own, the girl agreed to marry Jack Lewis.

There is a humorous incident connected with Katie's wedding day which relieves the tragedy somewhat. She went up to Prince Rupert to purchase her wedding finery. The day set for the wedding dawned. Tables set in the town hall were loaded down with fruit. Everyone in the whole settlement from the last black-eyed baby to the cats and dogs came. The band went ahead. Behind it came Katie proud in her white satin wedding gown and veil, but there was something sadly wrong. The Indians were blissfully oblivious to the fact that Mrs. Oliver surveyed the bride with dismay. At the last moment Katie had decided that the dress did not "cover enough" and had added an old unironed, high neck calico blouse. On her feet were high brown kid boots. That was her idea of a proper bridal costume. As is always the case on the island, a wedding is an incentive for much merry making and feasting. It is considered a disgrace to leave a particle of food on the tables and quantities of fruit, flour, nuts, etc., are carried away by the guests. One old squaw was seen to scoop out a loaf of bread and fill it with syrup. Every one feasted sumptuously. After the repast was over Katie's uncle arose and informed the guests as to just how

much everything had cost, from the food to the bride's gown. This is a custom and is rigidly observed.

Note of Tragedy

Katie's story with its note of tragedy and its example of the strong influence of witchcraft exercise, does not end here. In the winter of 1918 sickness fell upon the village. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, acting in the capacities of doctor, nurse, minister and teacher, toiled tirelessly among the sick. One night there came word that Jack Lewis was down with influenza. Perhaps the evil spirits revenged themselves upon the old witch doctor in an effort to give back to Katie the man she loved. At any rate his wires must have crossed somewhere, for within a year of his wedding day, Jack Lewis was dead. Shall we say of his own father's curse? That is what the Indians say. It would be interesting to know whether Katie ever married Heber Robinson. Perhaps she found final happiness within the "red pavilion" of her red man's heart.

The Indian is no longer the fierce blood-curdling, blood-spilling character some books of fiction would have us believe. The Tsimshian Indians along the British Columbia coast are fast annexing the mode of living of the white man. They live in one or two-story houses and dress in much the same manner as their pale face brothers and sisters.

The village of Kitkatla has its school, town hall, mission house, church and fire hall. In fact the fire hall contains the very first fire engine complete with rigging and manual, ever owned by the city of Vancouver. The Indians are inordinately proud of it too.

Art in Woodcraft

These Indians have developed a wonderful art in woodcraft. Their carved figures of birds, animals and flowers are truly beautiful. Their wooden spoons and other utensils have as handles beautifully modelled birds. This art is being recognized at last for its real value and people are beginning to adopt a new attitude toward the Indian.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver both cherish the hope that the men and women who write about the red man will tell the true story of his evolution from the tents of his ancestors instead of coloring their stories with the terrifying war-whoops of a distant past.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

August 26, 1915.

A general provincial election is now expected about October 6. Various parties are making preparations for the campaign.

Frank St. Amour has received word that Art Noble, Prince Rupert's first soldier to return from the front, will leave Peterborough on August 28, and arrive here on September 10.

The resignation of Miss Kate McTavish as lady superintendent of the Prince Rupert General

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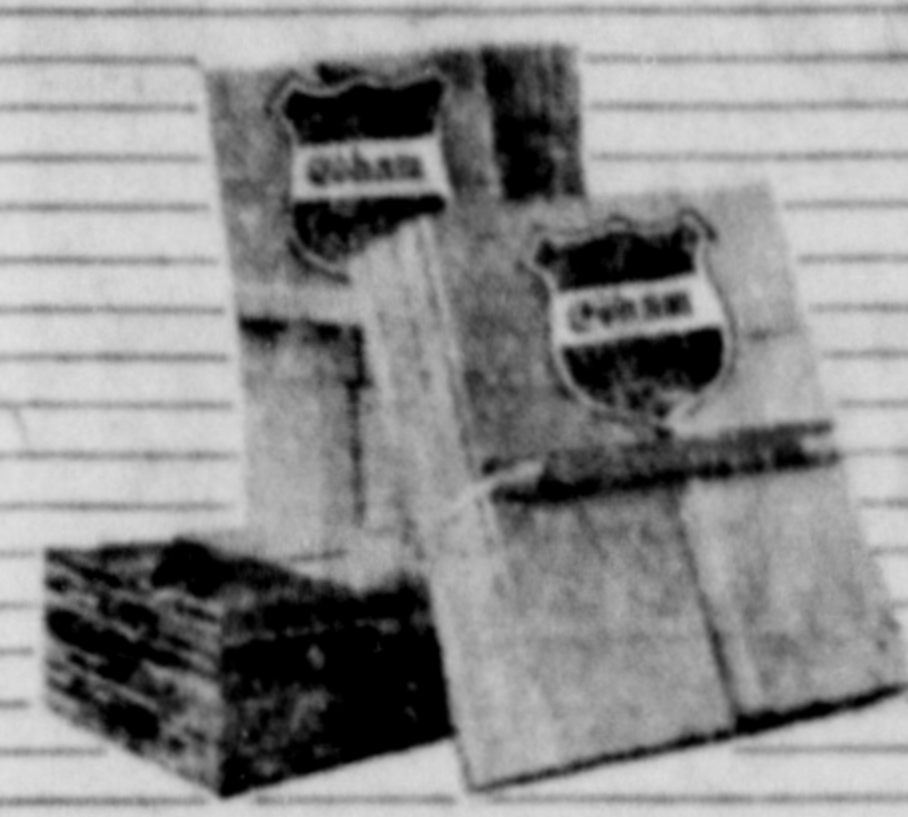
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The Man in the Moon SAYS

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What would the restaurants have done for a living if there had been no service clubs and little social dinners?

ACCORDING to a friend of mine (there are just two classes) of people in the world, those who believe in evolution and heathen.

I HAVE been wanting to join the proletariat and have been wondering how to do it. Jake says quit work.

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Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of Lot Seven, Graham Island, British Columbia, about one and a half miles east of Massett Lighthouse at the mouth of Massett Inlet, Graham Island, British Columbia; thence northerly five chains, more or less to low water mark; thence westerly, along low water mark one hundred and sixty chains; thence southerly five chains; thence easterly one hundred and sixty chains, more or less, to point of commencement, and containing eighty acres, more or less.

LANGARA FISHING & PACKING CO. LTD., Applicant. Per E. H. Simpson, Agent. Dated June 40th, 1925.

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