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## A Way to Say 'Thanks'

ANNOUNCEMENT by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of its plans for sponsoring the Alex Hunter Good Citizenship Award should be of interest to everyone who is concerned with betterment of the city.

Through the years individuals have come and gone who, of their own volition, have done much for Prince Rupert without receiving in return the least recognition or credit. Although they expected nothing, it is disturbing to think there was apparently so little civic pride that their activities were regarded with indifference. If there was any response, it was too often one of criticism.

There is, however, too much evidence of community enterprise to suppose that this accurately represents the real spirit of Prince Rupert. For every sceptic there are probably a dozen citizens who recognize and appreciate a good civic effort when they see one, but have lacked the impetus and means to say so. Consequently their silence could be wrongly interpreted as disinterest.

This is the unfortunate circumstance which the Jaycees intend to correct. In doing so, they themselves are performing an act of good citizenship which merits warm applause. While those who are voluntarily promoting civic improvement will continue to do so, with or without any public gesture, it is encouraging to know that every year one will be singled out for special thanks.

It is hoped—and there is already reason to believe—that donations will be sufficient to express these thanks in a tangible and fitting manner.

## Railroad, Not An Elevator

A LONG-TIME champion of northern development, Page Rideout of Nelson, is a staunch advocate of extensive rail service for the Peace River country. He sees tied in with this a greater and more useful development of Prince Rupert as a grain port. In view of their significance to this region, we publish below his recent observations on the subject which he has sent to the Daily News:

It might be recalled that some little time ago we started an imaginary train of wheat out of Dawson Creek for Vancouver, and we found that when the train arrived at its destination it had travelled, 1,220 miles as against some 486 miles if the train could have headed from Dawson Creek to Prince Rupert.

Then the radio news this morning tells of a boat loading with barley at an elevator at Prince Rupert and clearing for Japan on record time. If that boat came from Japan, she saved a thousand miles on the round trip by coming to Prince Rupert instead of going to Vancouver.

Now, with this line-up of facts before them, should the people of the Peace River country become excited and press the powers that be into expending the necessary capital to raise one of those giant elevators (say at McLennan) that might be used occasionally in a decade of years to help our railways meander our grain around a small kingdom to dump it into that hoghead at Vancouver?

Or should they press for putting the elevator cost into a fund for extending the two branches of the Northern Alberta Railway to Hudson Hope where Sir Donald Mann would have a No. 2 Pittsburgh?

From there it would go on up the Grand Canyon of the Peace where the late Sir John R. McNicholl would have six large dams and power plants. Then it would go on to give rail service to the large Manson mining fields, and still on to open up Mt. Souil which is a vast mineral storehouse. It would continue next to Finlay Forks where Samuel O'Feroul, of New York, said there would be a large railway junction if that B.C. block was in any one of the 48 States.

Finally it would go on to join the old Grand Trunk Pacific at Hazelton, and continue to Prince Rupert where it would open up the city as an overseas port with trans-Pacific sailings on regular schedule by overseas liners.

Now may we ask our friends who are half blind, dreaming of the thrills under the lights on Hastings St., to sit down and figure it out on the map whether the elevator or the extended railway would be more in line with common sense and reason.

—PAGE RIDEOUT



## As I See It

BY

Elmore Philpott

• SAYS SC DEFILES BIBLE

I HAVE not campaigned for any political party in Canada since 1935 when I flew over a vast part of northern Ontario to help elect a then-brand-new-comer to politics—the now famous strongman, Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe.

But I am jumping into the crucial by-election in Columbia for I regard it as the opening gun in the federal election of 1953. If Social Credit is defeated, as there is a good chance it will be by the combined commonsense of Liberal, Conservative, and CCF voters, the Social Credit scheme to "take" Canada as they "took" B.C. will be stopped in its tracks.

THE electors of Columbia therefore have a chance to do something far bigger than merely to pick a new M.L.A. They can show that they do not want in the federal election of 1953 the same kind of many-party mix-up that gave us this mess in B.C. So long as Alberta Social Credit stayed in Alberta it concerned nobody outside Alberta. But when it attempted, in its own words, to "take B.C. as a jumping-off place to take all Canada" it became the business of every intelligent Canadian.

I have studied Social Credit ever since it came to Canada. It had some good points. But I believe it has become the biggest hoax that was ever attempted on gullible people. I doubt that half the elected M.L.A.s and even some B.C. cabinet ministers have ever read a Social Credit book in their whole lives. They don't know what they stand for.

BUT my main objection to Social Credit is in its abuse of religion, and defilement of the Bible for purely partisan purposes. To me it is just as sickening as the misuse by the Kaiser and Hitler of the "Gott Mit Uns" (God With Us) letters on the belt buckles of the German armies which ravaged Europe.

Along comes Premier Manning with fervent sermons on Sunday—all sincere and good if not hitched to politics. But close behind Mr. Manning come as hard an aggregation of political thugs and most ungodly hatchet men as have ever operated in Canada.

Mr. Solon Low told a Victoria audience that the Liberals and Conservatives had kept themselves in power by bribing the women of B.C. with nylon stockings and the men with rye whisky. Were you so bribed? Mr. John Blackmore falsely told a Trail audience on April 16, 1952 that Hon. Lester Pearson was a protégé and catspaw of the richest, Jewish capitalist in Canada—and went right on to smear Israel. Mr. Hansell, who organized the slick-trick "taking" of B.C. by the switched-vote system is the same man who on April 12, 1948, abused his parliamentary privilege quite as meanly as Senator Joe McCarthy ever did by branding as "Communist dupes and traitors" over 200 great, honoured Canadians, including President, Norman Mackenzie of UBC, Lawren Harris, Sir Ernest MacMillan, B. K. Sandwell, and so on.

I THINK it could be shown that no political party in Canada ever broke the Ten Commandments more flagrantly than has the Low wing of the Social Credit party. They have borne false witness against their neighbor, they have "taken the name of the Lord in vain."

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## ray ... Reflects and Reminisces

Prince Rupert over the past forty years has had many a "character," but to keep all in memory today would be hardly possible, if desirable. Many a one, however, could give to every day existence the return of long vanished faces, with all that such would imply.

We recall, for example, a glossy male face, blacker than tar. This was James Manners. He hailed from the British West Indies where he had been born and raised. Nothing gave him more honest pride than to be able to say this. He did odd jobs. Nearly everyone knew him. He was a splendid figure of a man. Every Sabbath forenoon, usually alone, straight as a grenadier, he would stroll for blocks.

THE SEVENTH DAY  
His Sunday suit of dark blue was kept pressed and brushed to within an inch of its life. A black stiff graced his erectly held head and shoes shone. Cane—or was it swagger-stick—he handled with fitting restraint. Blessed with an amiable nature, Mr. Manners accepted compliments as he passed occasional idlers.

"Jim, you look swell," some one would call.  
"Ah feel that way."  
"Say, Jim, goin' to church?"  
"Ah might."

Good humored at all times, this was also his day of dignity. He lived in a substantially-built shack behind the Hotel Central (burned years ago.) It was situated back of the hotel looking across to the building on Second Avenue erected by the late Tommy Trotter.

PERMANENT ABSENCE!

The day came when Manners was missed. At first this was not noticed. There was no particular concern. Perhaps he was enjoying a change. Finally it became suspected the time of his return would become more and more indefinite. The last seen of him was walking along the waterfront late one night. Finally, the shack that had sheltered him was inspected. His little home was neat. In tidy shape, personal effects had been gathered together on a table. On these had been placed what some fancy was a farewell message—the words: "Remember now the Creator in the days of thy youth, and remember Lot's wife."

It was assumed he had drowned.

Who was it said, so wisely: Health is the thing that makes you feel that now is the best time of the year?

Before marriage he talks and she listens. During the honeymoon she talks and he listens. Later they both talk and he listens.—Samia Observer.

It takes 18 to 29 years to develop all the bones and muscles of our feet—and then some car owners hardly ever use them.



CONSUL-GENERAL — Ray Lawson, 66, of Oakville, Ont., former lieutenant-governor of Ontario, has been appointed consul-general for Canada in New York.

## LETTERBOX

APPRECIATES TRIBUTES  
Editor, Daily News:

So many hundreds of letters, telegrams and wreaths have been sent in memory of my husband, Ernest Carson, it will be impossible for me to answer and thank each one personally for some time.

My family and I would like to express to our many friends throughout British Columbia, our heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation for the overwhelming tributes which have been given in flowers, letters and press reviews in memory of my dear husband.

Such kind expressions of respect and sincere admiration have made us all realize so well our common loss.

The warm wealth of sympathy and understanding which has been shown us has greatly helped to strengthen and cheer us in our sudden bereavement.

HALCYON CARSON.

## President-Elect Reported to Plan Conference Before Going to Korea

WASHINGTON — President-elect Dwight Eisenhower is reported planning a conference, before going to Korea, with Republican Legislative leaders in an effort to line up a Republican program for early action in Congress.

Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio said he expects to meet with Eisenhower "on the Legislative program" before the general takes off on a Korea inspection trip.

The statement indicated not only that the president-elect wants his party to be ready to move with the Legislative ball as soon as he is inaugurated Jan. 20, but also that Taft has no intention of giving up his leadership role in the Senate.

Taft has headed the Senate Republican policy committee, and it has been the general assumption that representative Joseph Martin of Massachusetts would become speaker of the House, as he was in the Republican 80th Congress of 1947-48.

But friends have been talking about booming representative Charles A. Halleck of Indiana, majority leader of the 80th Congress, for the speakership. Halleck was an Eisenhower supporter before the Chicago nominating convention while Martin preferred Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

In any forthcoming conference of the General with the leaders Taft and Martin may be found on the side of those urging Eisenhower to use strong measures in Korea—including the employment of Chinese Nationalist troops from Formosa.

President Truman was reported to be offering Eisenhower a

major voice in long-range foreign policy decisions which the administration feels must be made between now and the time the new president takes over.

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