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### Horse and Buggy Age Today

IT IS about time the point was driven home at Ottawa that the automobile age has arrived.

For too long now there has been a tendency to regard a car as a luxury which should be taxed as such. This view is held in spite of the fact that nearly two million of Canada's total labor force, comprising about half of all employed persons, use a car in earning a living.

The automobile has grown up with the telephone, the telegraph, the radio and all the other methods of communication which are cutting the meaning out of miles, yet it is still singled out as an oddity or a plaything which must bear the penalty of a frivolous indulgence.

In this respect Canada is in the horse-and-buggy age compared to the U.S.A., and the contrast has become particularly sharp since 1939. In that year the Canadian federal tax on the average new car was \$65.00 compared with \$22.00 in the States.

In 1952 the tax in Canada on the average new car is \$368.00, and it was \$515.00 prior to the last federal budget. This year in the U.S. the tax is \$131.00.

The effect of such taxes has been to decrease automobile sales at the very time that the country is endeavoring to improve its highway system. Last year Canadians purchased 45,000 less motor vehicles than in 1950, although new buyers paid \$53 million more for them in federal taxes.

What is shaping up, therefore, is that the highways are becoming the domain of a privileged few. This will cut down traffic which, of course, is the dream of any driver, but the price is that the same driver must pay for an excessively heavy part of the highways' maintenance and development—if that is where the taxes go.

As Canada is in sore need of better roads, the criticism is not against taxes but against the manner in which they are levied. By charging less against each new car, the federal government would encourage sales and make up the difference over a broader field.

It is encouraging to know that the B.C. Automobile Association has taken up the cause and that similar moves in other provinces are underway. To borrow a phrase from carnival operators, it is time we put the show on the road.

### Accurate Coverage

IN OFFERING its current series of broadcasts featuring life in northern and central B.C., the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has taken a step of wide interest and value.

Events are taking place up here which bit by bit are reshaping the economy of the whole province and which eventually will have an effect of a much wider range.

Some writers who have covered the subject have gone off with enthusiastic cries of "boom towns" and "roaring business." To those who live here the description is very acceptable from a publicity point of view, but the feeling persists that it is somewhat exaggerated.

By going right to the source and getting the story in the people's own words, the CBC is presenting the most accurate version possible. Even so, the note of optimism is apparent, and it is well that it should be.

Outside there are many who are curious to know what it is like in this part of the country and who, with a reasonable amount of encouragement, would come here to live. If there is nothing to offer them, then no more need be said. But if, as is the case, there are opportunities going begging, every effort should be made that they hear about it.

In focussing attention on the north and giving it a chance to speak, the CBC is performing a notable service which we hope will be continued.

### Scripture Passage for Today

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be." —St. Matt. 6:21.

LONDON (CP)—Police sergeant Thomas Kirk, who made more than 2,000 arrests involving betting, has retired after 27 years' service. He knows most of the East End bookmakers from away back.

LONDON (CP)—British accident insurance companies offered a reduction in premiums to motorists who do not drink. To get the discount they must join the "Abstaining Motorists Association."

### As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

#### Says Pray Not Dulles

THE GREATEST election result threat to Canada, and the whole western union, is that President-elect Eisenhower should appoint John Foster Dulles Secretary of State.

Dulles' past record and recent proposals plainly show that, at best, he would be a serious danger to good relationships and at worst could foment outright disaster.

Dulles is the author of the plan to "liberate" Communist-held eastern Europe by arming guerrilla bands, which would be supplied by "air-drops" operating from air bases in western Europe. As Elmer Davis said, "this would be a clear act of war."

It was partial adoption by General Eisenhower of this hare-brained plan during the election campaign that threw all western Europe into consternation. The entire press of Britain and France denounced the Dulles plan—so strenuously and unitedly that General Eisenhower backtracked a bit.

Governor Stevenson and Mr. Truman stated flatly that it would greatly increase danger of world war three.

MR. DULLES is a tough and ruthless operator. It was he who jammed through the Japanese treaty. Ned Russell of the New York Herald Tribune told the story of how Dulles crushed British opposition. In the 7 September 1951 magazine section of the Herald Tribune he says:

Dulles' toughest problem was to swing the British government and the Commonwealth nations—who disagree profoundly with American policy toward Communist China—into a compromise acceptable to Congress. During his trip to London in June it looked for a time as if the British were going to be stubborn and force the U.S. to "go it alone."

The British wanted Formosa, now the last stronghold of Nationalist China, pledged to "China"—not mentioning Communist or Nationalist China—and they wanted Communist China invited to sign the treaty. In addition they wanted \$200,000,000 of Japanese gold set aside for reparations.

Dulles refused flatly to accept any of these demands. He insisted that the U.S. had the right—earned with American blood and American money—to demand that it's principles be accepted. But British Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison refused to budge and got the cabinet to support him. So Dulles went to Prime Minister Attlee and told him firmly that if he didn't accept the American position, with its efforts to reach a compromise, the United States would have to go ahead without Britain. A few days later the cabinet met and reversed itself. Dulles had won.

NATO partners in Europe oppose the Dulles plan to organize violent uprisings on the far side of the Iron Curtain for exactly the same reason that the British in Hong Kong oppose another Dulles plan—to have Chiang Kai-Shek's army, now on Formosa, invade the Chinese mainland.

Quite frankly, they figure that in the resultant rough-and-tumble underground war on both sides of the Curtain, we would be no match for the Reds at their own favorite game. Who could blow up most bridges and spread, say, most hoof-and-mouth disease?

That is why many people, including me are hoping and praying that Eisenhower picks Dewey or Lodge and not Dulles as his Secretary of State.

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HONOR WRITER — Nearly 1,000 figures in the sports world, friends of Elmer Ferguson, gathered at a testimonial dinner prior to his retirement as sports editor of the Montreal Herald. He was presented with this painting of himself. He will retire at the end of the year but will continue his column, The Gist and Jest of It. (CP PHOTO)

### ray... Reflects and Reminisces

The human nose, according to a Canadian physician, is becoming sharper. This could be explained by suggesting less time on the grindstone.

SIX, ALL TOLD!  
General and Mrs. Eisenhower are in Augusta, Georgia, for a "complete rest." They are accompanied by their daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Eisenhower and their three grandchildren.

So far this year 119 persons have been killed and 4,202 injured on British Columbia highways, all being accidental. The war in Korea started about a couple of years back. Canada's casualties, to date total something like that.

PLENTY OF EACH  
The potential immensity of oil in Western Canada staggers the imagination. And so does the job of finding enough consumers to make some use of it. We have oil—and also wilderness.

In a tiny Hollywood side-street shoemaker's sign, instead of the usual "Shoes repaired while you wait," is "shoes repaired while you REST."

PAINLESS PASSES  
In his 80th year, Dr. Painless Parker died in San Francisco last week. Born in New Brunswick he had his name changed from Edgar Randolph to "Painless," practiced in the U.S. and Canada (including B.C.) made and lost millions and was regarded as one of the most unique dentists in the history of the profession.

Lightning hit a Milwaukee brewery not long ago and two vats full of beer were found somewhat improved as a result. This must be the first case on record of a storm actually brewing.

HOW HE STARTED  
The approaching visit of the Minister of Trade, Hon. C. D. Howe, to South America, won't be his first sojourn there. Seventeen years ago, long before he became a politician he planned and built some of Argentina's largest grain elevators. He also planned and built the one at Prince Rupert.

MARITIME TRIBE  
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### HERE And NOW

By LARRY STANWOOD  
CIVIC ELECTION time in B.C. draws nigh—it happens every year this month throughout the province—but when Prince Rupert electors go to the polls Dec. 11, they may or may not have a chance to vote four aldermen into office.

There will be four seats vacant, but if civic interest takes the form it has in the last few years, several aldermen may take office by acclamation. Last year, for instance, three of them took their seats without a contest.

A reduction in the number of aldermen on the council might well be one answer to this problem. OUTSIDE of Vancouver and New Westminster, this city is the only other in B.C. to have more than six aldermen in office: New Westminster has seven; Vancouver eight. Victoria has six now; North Vancouver with a population of 20,000 has six; most other cities of less population have six, and down to three.

It is time this city council moved in line with a policy which has proven successful (and probably much more so than our eight-man slate) in more than 95 per cent of other cities.

WITH LESS SEATS to run for, there might be a quickening of pace in the election race. Where now four or five candidates may vie(?) for four seats, a similar number would find some contest for three vacancies.

Such a set-up would give Prince Rupert citizens the opportunity to choose the men who sit on the council. There is nothing very democratic about the law of acclamation. While some may argue that candidature for office is open to any, it still robs the tax payers of their right to vote when only one candidate poses for each vacancy.

TWO MORE salient points can be seen in favor of reducing the number of our city fathers to six.

How eight men and a presiding mayor can get so involved with minor details that should never come up before a council meeting is a never-ceasing source of amazement—the endless minutes of harangue that are wasted in dealing with simple matters; the extra hours that are dragged out because some alderman or another wants to learn in council meeting the fundamental rules of operating someone else's business.

Six men on a council in a city such as Prince Rupert would likely be forced, due to pressure of serious business, to pay less attention to minute details about Mrs. Jones' leaking septic tank, or Mr. Smith's six-inch encroachment on Mrs. Green's lawn, and more attention to such important matters as selecting

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SMALLER BERRIES  
ST. JOHN'S Nfld. (CP)—Although the number of boxes of blueberries harvested this fall was about the same as last year, the berries were much smaller owing to a dry growing season. Had the berries been of good size the 1952 harvest would have reached a record total.

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FINN IT HARD to relax in the chair? Then you'll be glad to know that the dentist's drill has a rival—a new device "drills" teeth by means of a spray of aluminum oxide powder. They say the new technique is the "ouch!" out of your tooth fixed.  
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