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Opening Up Peace River

OF COURSE, if British Columbia is to get the trade and traffic of the Peace River which Premier Johnson told the Vancouver Board of Trade is its due, there will have to be more than the highway to Prince George. There will also have to be a railway to handle the coal and the wheat and a gas and oil line such as George Murray, M.P. for Cariboo, advocates in an interview in Edmonton which is today the real outlet city for the Peace River and will be until the highway and railway are built westward through central British Columbia.

With Premier Johnson saying the opening up of the Peace River country in this direction is long overdue, we should be getting some real action soon. This is something in which Prince Rupert people should be vitally interested although outsiders seem to see the picture more clearly than some of us do.

Important Session

THE fourth session of Canada's 21st Parliament, called for Tuesday, promises to be one of the most significant in our parliamentary history. It is being convened against a backdrop of warnings that we are committed now to a course which will mean hardship to some and sacrifice to all.

We can expect to be told what is happening in regard to our armed forces and our whole program of preparedness. With statements of ministers challenged and their opinions tested against the opinions of others, some interesting facts are bound to emerge.

It will be a session which will bring home to us as never before the value of Parliament—inasmuch as it is a democratic institution forming the very foundations of liberties. There will be a challenge for us to demonstrate our interest in what is going on or take the risk of losing the power we now possess.

Defence and a tense international situation will be the main preoccupation of legislators while many of the other issues will be tied indirectly to these questions.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but long-suffering to us-ward."

—2 Peter 3:8-9

Cariboo Member Anxious About Defences of North

Calls for Edmonton-Prince George Road and Prince Rupert Oil Line

EDMONTON.—More intensive defence effort north of Edmonton was urged by George M. Murray, M.P. for Cariboo, who was in the city en route to the session of the House of Commons.

"The Alaska Highway offers an ideal training base for infantry, and I would suggest that troops of cavalry could profitably be organized at Grande Prairie, Fort St. John, Dawson Creek and other points between Edmonton and Whitehorse," Mr. Murray said.

"Adequate defence of the Edmonton area also calls for a highway directly west via Jasper and McBride to Prince George," the B.C. member said. "Such a highway would connect with the great highway system north and south in British Columbia. It would connect with the present excellent highway from Prince George to Prince Rupert."

"Looking well to the future a further defence project would be the proposed natural gas and oil pipeline from northern Alberta via the Pine Pass Highway via Prince George and Omineca to Vancouver and via Prince George to Prince Rupert," the member said. "If such a pipeline passes to the south paralleling existing railway trunk lines, trans-Alaska highway and main telephone and telegraph communications, it would be a sitting duck for the first enemy bomber to attack the Pacific slope."

"I propose to bring this point prominently to the attention of the Board of Transport Committee."

slaters when the hearing takes place this month at Ottawa. I propose to assist Hon. Gordon S. Wismer, attorney-general of B.C. in his presentation on behalf of the government of B.C. in support of the Peace River-Cariboo route for the first pipeline to be constructed to the Pacific Coast.

"While the government of B.C. Hon. Louis St. Laurent is valiantly leading in steering the world away from the threat of a third world war, we cannot afford to relax defence measures," the Cariboo member said. "The people of the north feel that they may be in a no-man's land in the event of such a war."

"There is grave doubt as to the security of the Alaska perimeter of defence if there is not universal civil defence in the north preparatory to universal service of manpower and resources in the event of hostilities. It is desirable that all strategic points on Alaska Highway should be brought up to full strength. At present there is little being done in civilian defence in the Peace River area of British Columbia."

Slavery was a general practice in many lands in ancient days, and was practised in Greece in

Services in the Church

DIRECTORY

Services in all churches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday School at 12:15 except as shown.

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(Blue 397)

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639 6th Ave. E. Blue 803
Pastor: Rev. Leonard A. Thorpe

First Baptist Church

Sunday, January 28

11 a.m.: Morning Service. "But God Commendeth His Love Toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

12:15: Sunday School.

7:30 p.m.: Evening service. "Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world."

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First Presbyterian Church

231 Fourth Ave. East

Minister: Rev. E. A. Wright, D.D.
Organists: Mrs. E. J. Smith, John Cutrie.

Sunday, January 28, 1951

Morning Worship—11 o'clock.

Subject: "Life's Most Important Question."

Anthem: "Stand Up for Jesus."

Sunday School—12:15

Evening Service—7:30

Speaker: P. H. Linsey

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11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship with sermon and children's story.

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7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship with sermon.

Anthem: "Incline Thine Ear"

Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS at First United all at 12:15, at Central United Hall all at 1 p.m.

Daily Health Hint

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Saturday Sermon

Let's Be Consistent About Christ

(By Rev. Leonard A. Thorpe, Pastor of the Regular Baptist Church)

There is such a large number and wide variety of opinions and teachings regarding the Lord Jesus Christ that it must be difficult for the uninitiated to form accurate conclusions. On one side we hear of a human Christ, on the other a Christ who is God the Son, and in between we are likely to be blasted

with the announcement that Christ is superhuman but sub-divine. Only one can be right. Which is and why?

Let us remember that, in answering this top-priority question, as in our search for all spiritual truth, we have only one text-book. Only Scripture has the seal of being "inspired of God and profitable for instruction in righteousness." The sad plight of the "Children of Light" warns us of the instability of "unfettered" mediums of enlightenment. The Bible is not only our reliable text-book but it is also our sufficient store of knowledge. This wonderful Book contains the answer to life's every problem, and can, if allowed, direct us unerringly through the Door that leads into eternal glory.

Within the four Gospel narratives, we have the accurately recorded words of the Person under discussion so let us allow Him to speak for Himself.

In John 4:25-6 we read His clear claim to being the Old Testament Messiah, who had been promised for centuries to take away the sin of the world. "I know that Messiah cometh which is called Christ" said the Samaritan woman. "I that speak unto you am He" was His reply.

During His conversation with the man that was born blind (John 9) He distinctly claims to be the Son of God.

We can read in John 8 the fact expressed in His own words that He was sent by God and that He came from God to fulfill His earthly mission of redemption. (verse 42).

In John 14 the Lord Jesus Christ tells us that He is the preparer of and the future Host in the eternal abode of God's children. "I go to prepare a place for you . . . I will come again and receive you unto myself."

Many times and in different ways He claimed to be in unity with and equal to the Father. "Ye believe in God, believe also in me." "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30) and also, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." All these and many similar assertions are found in the Book of John and many others can be read in the other three Gospels.

Now to be consistent, we must either accept everything He says about Himself or else reject Him entirely. For He is either an unique Person, outshining mankind as the sun outshines the moon, or else He is the greatest liar and deceiver that ever walked upon the face of the globe. To be consistent, because of His own claims, we must wholly accept or completely reject Jesus Christ. There is no consistent middle path!

If for reasons of indifference or selfishness, the rejection of Christ's claims of Saviour serves you best, remember also that He warns: "If ye believe not that I decide now to learn about Him am He, ye shall die in your sins," and to know Him personally as your Saviour. "He that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out."

Presbyterians Honor Burns

Over Two Hundred Persons At Banquet for Scotia's Bard

Two hundred and twenty persons gathered last evening in the social parlor of First Presbyterian Church to honor the memory of Robert Burns, Scotland's national bard, with fine dining and appropriate speaking and musical entertainment.

The affair was arranged by the Ladies' Aid, under the presidency of Mrs. William Bremner, and was a great success—keeping with such events of the past. J. D. McKee, M.L.A. was in the chair.

Before the gathering proceeded to do full justice to the "rich gold meal," Rev. E. A. Wright pronounced the Burns grace—"Some had meat."

The traditional ceremony of piping in the bagpipes "we a' the bonnies" was performed. Capt. Harry Calderwood bore the flaming torch and the bagpipes, and the way Jack Frew retired the address and was in splendid form.

Dr. Wright gave the address (Continued on page 9)



As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT
LONDON SHOWS OF 1951

LONDON.—There is a significant change in the complexion of the London theatre since I was here before in 1949.

Now, as then, there are about 35 downtown theatres putting on live plays. But whereas in 1949 nearly one-third of all the performances were showing a strong American influence, it is virtually non-existent today.

I DO NOT MEAN that one-third of the London theatres were in 1949 putting on plays written by Americans. But one-third were either made-in-U.S.A. or were starring American performers.

It may be that our 1949 visit happened to hit a specially strong American wave. For instance, some Britishers were standing in line all night to get the privilege of paying to see Danny Kaye.

Now there are many more U.S. Air Corps uniforms in sight. But I see little trace of American influence on the London stage of 1951.

IT COST ME \$1.70 to see a hardy perennial play called "Worm's Eye View." This has been running now for several years, and while it no longer draws sell-out crowds, it is still packing them in.

The play itself is a simple sort of comedy. It deals with the goings-on in a small town where RAF trainees are billeted in the home of an acid-tongued landlady, with a pompous stuffed-shirt (civilian) son and a lovely daughter.

The rather thin love interest centres around the corporal, a peace-time school master, and the daughter. There is not a lover's clench or real kiss in the

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CHELMSFORD, England.—The children's committee of the Essex County Council believe that judicious use of the cane is still the most effective means of imposing discipline.

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"We have therefore decided, that subject to suitable safeguards, corporal punishment should be allowed," the report added. "It is our decision that a cane shall only be used in exceptional cases and that otherwise punishment shall be given by the hand. In no circumstances is any child ever to be struck on the head."

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whole business. Most of the action centres around the antics of a city slicker (a "spiv in uniform," they call him). He is strong on "private enterprise," in such things as opening locks with half-pins. He has really witty arguments with his pal, Taffy, Socialist son of a Welsh coal miner's family.

It intrigues me that, at a time of the greatest and swiftly accumulating crisis in history, the London stage smash hit should be this simple play.

THE BRITISH MOVIES obviously think they have discovered something as precious as uranium ore in Kerima, a dusky and really lovely female star who hails from North Africa.

You can hardly pick up a popular London newspaper these days without seeing or reading something about Kerima.

For my money, I'll take seeing, not reading. For Kerima is quite an eye-ful, and I don't blame editors for giving her three-column pictures on the upper right-hand corners of Page One. It takes your mind off dreary things like the flu, or the next cut in the meat rations.

But the press agent blurbs are something out of this world. Kerima was a quite serious young lady going through for a doctor before the movie scouts

found her. Now this is a thing ghost writers are ing her say:

"I am looking for a man will conquer me. Some must be gentle as a lamb, times savage as a lion. I won't go to Hollywood, the women would conquer." They are not conquer.

A few weeks more of this sort of thing, and the promoters will be able enough out of Hollywood Kerima to close the door for years to come.

MOST OF THE London theatres still start the evening at 7:30. Most of the 1951 class or technician 1951

When, in 1949, I first London theatre, as a First World War, no setting civilian would appear good seats in the balcony except in formal dress.

Now they are at a roast beef which used the British Sunday table. There is less wealth British nation of 1951

was in 1915. But things there are like—atre—are more and by the workers and suits gents.

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