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The Throne Speech

THE Speech from the Throne, read at the opening of the 1951 session of the British Columbia Legislature yesterday, encompasses a wide range of subjects which will give the provincial House plenty of weighty problems to wrestle with during the coming few weeks. Certainly the program will be conducive to a full measure of debate on the part of the provincial solons and it should be lively debate too since there is much contentious subject matter.

The plan for contributory old age pensions—\$40 a month without the means test instead of the present \$50 a month (including bonus of \$10 and with the means test) is wide open for much keen discussion. Of course, the whole thing is dependent upon amendment to the British North America Act.

The proposal to obtain for the province the right to impose indirect sales tax may not ride so easily and much talk about that—and a variance of views—is to be anticipated.

The Throne Speech does not contain too many surprises for most of the matters on which it forecasts legislation—without going too deeply at this time into details—have been much in public discussion for some time now and have been demanding attention.

Matters which the Speech says are due for consideration include the deal with the Aluminum Co. of Canada, something of keen interest to this particular section of the country; methods of voting, and the political implications attached thereto; civilian defence co-ordination, which is long overdue, and removal of gas and oil controls.

Matters which some had expected might be included in the Throne Speech included cocktail bars and rent controls. The Throne Speech may not have emphasized them but, doubtless, they will be heard about in some way or another.

The Speech at least indicates that the forthcoming session may be one of the most important in many a year and certainly one of the most interesting.

The Thirty-Eighth Parallel

THERE IS, just now, the burning question of the crossing of the 38th parallel in Korea. It is undeniably important that, in war, military decisions which may have political consequences shall not be taken on purely military grounds. That principle is now accepted and established. But this question of the Parallel has got in many people's minds out of all perspective. There is a mystique of the Parallel—almost a superstition about the Parallel. A belief has been created that the crossing of the Parallel, in October, was the source of all the trouble, since that, but for the crossing of the Parallel, there would have been no Chinese intervention; that, but for the crossing of the Parallel, there would be peace in Korea today; and that all other Far Eastern questions would be well on the way to settlement.

There is a similar belief in many quarters about the passing by the U.N. Assembly of a resolution condemning the Chinese aggression in Korea, and very many people have come to believe that, had the resolution not been passed, there would by now have been agreement on a cease-fire. That is, to say the least of it, doubtful, yet many people have come to take it for granted. It is another case of attaching overmuch importance to isolated details instead of looking at the underlying causes.

Is not the underlying cause of the Korean situation the continuing policy of the Soviets to keep conflict stirred up in Korea as well as other parts of the world?

Scripture Passage for Today

"But if any man love God, the same is known of him."
—1 Cor. 8:3.

Expansion Co-op Plans

Future expansion will be carefully considered by the board of directors of the Kaiten Consumers Co-operative Association. It is expected a definite move will be made this spring.

Rupert's Fishermen's Co-operative Association. It was established to accommodate those who were not fishermen but wanted to belong to a consumer co-operative, says George Hills, secretary-manager. Board of directors who were elected at last week's annual meeting are C. R. Bellis, president; F. W. Grimble, vice-president; Mike Kreuger, W. D. Griffiths, Mrs. M. M. Roper, Mrs. Grace McIntyre and W. H. Brett.



HE CRIES: "WOLF, WOLF!"—Caricatures Premier Duplessis crying "The Communists" as the Three Rivers bridge named for him collapses. The cartoon carries the caption: "One day it will come true and nobody will believe it."—Robert La Paine in Montreal Le Canada (CP PHOTO)

THE LETTER BOX

REPLY TO CANON PROCKTER

Editor, Daily News—As one who considers it an honor and a privilege to have known C. D. Clarke, I wish to take exception to the remarks of Basil S. Prockter in his letter in your paper of February 19. He (Canon Prockter) apparently does not like Mr. Clarke's sermon, as published in your paper last Saturday. Without stating exactly what part of the sermon he considers objectionable, he accuses Mr. Clarke of "plastering both mud and mush over everything his church has ever taught."

I am of the opinion that Mr. Prockter brings credit neither to himself or the cloth he wears by such an ill-considered attack on a fellow Christian and Mr. Clarke is one of the most sincere Christians I have ever known. I have read the sermon referred to and find in it no "mud" and, if by the vague term "mush" Mr. Prockter means maudlin sentimentality, I seem to read in the sermon a distinct criticism of that tendency in our thinking.

Mr. Prockter also states in his letter that the day is long past when it is considered courageous to preach as Mr. Clarke has preached. I, for one, hope that the day will never come in this country when our ministers are refused the right to preach according to their convictions. I can quite understand that some of the views expressed by Mr. Clarke might be at variance with those held by one of another denomination or even with an individual of the same denomination. However, in Canada we have freedom of worship and if we Christians cannot be entirely united in our religious creed, let us at least respect the views of those who, though differing from us in interpretation, are none the less sincerely endeavoring to walk in the Master's footsteps.

In the present world situation when all righteous men are seeking a path to peace, it is more than ever our duty to see that the forces for good are firmly united. If we Christians waste our time quarrelling about our conceptions of heaven and hell, we are likely to realize that hell right here on earth. I gather from Canon Prockter's letter that he did not know Mr. Clarke when he worked in this community. Had he been so privileged, he would surely have realized that Mr. Clarke's record is well known here and that he will long be remembered by many friends, not only as a sincere preacher of sound Christian principles, but as one who practised what he preached. I hereby vigorously repudiate Canon Prockter's charges.
D. R. BARCLAY.

OBJECT TO SERMON

Editor, Daily News: We, the undersigned, register our objections to the teachings, contrary to Scripture contained in the Saturday Sermon of the Daily News of February 17, as written by C. D. Clarke, formerly of the First United Church, Prince Rupert.

Mr. Clarke states in his article, "Whoever created the ideas of heaven and hell, and all the trappings or rewards and punishments did a colossal disservice to humanity and profaned the very nature of God." The writer concludes his discourse by referring to the Sermon on the Mount as further authority for his teaching.

When we turn to the Sermon on the Mount, we find that the One accused by Mr. Clarke of rendering this colossal disservice to humanity and profaning the very nature of God is none other than the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. We offer the following quotations from the Sermon on the Mount as they were delivered from the lips of the Saviour: "Whosoever shall say to

his brother—Thou Fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." (Matthew 5:22.) Again in verse 29, He speaks:—"It is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell." This statement is repeated in verse 30. The teaching is continued in Chapter Seven, Verse 13, where we read:—"Broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat." We further find that false professors of religion shall also be turned forever away from the Presence of a Holy God. "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Vs. 23.) This chapter also contains a solemn warning to the people to beware of those who bring teachings contrary to the message of Holy Writ.

A further survey of the Holy Scriptures reveals that it was none other than the Son of God Who repeatedly gave solemn warnings of torment after death for the unrepentant. For example: "These shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal." (Matthew 25:46.) "The rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torment—For I am tormented in this flame."

Mr. Clarke also states: "One is good because God is good." The Bible declares: "There is none that doeth good, no, not one." (Romans 3:12.) He also appears to place religious rites on a par with heathenism and asks the question: "Are they not also the children of God?" The Bible states: "But as many as received Him (Christ) to them gave He power to become the sons of God." (John 1:12.) Thus we see, God recognizes as His children, only those who have received Christ; and also declares: "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

Mr. Clarke's article abounds in contradictions of the Holy Scripture. It is not our purpose to give a full analysis in this letter but rather to present Scriptural evidence that our objections to the entire article are based upon the authority of God's Word.

Thanking you for the privilege of making known our protest in the columns of your esteemed paper.

CECIL J. CARTER, Shantymen's Christian Assoc.
C. FAWCETT
LEONARD A. THORPE, Regular Baptist Church
A. E. RUARK, Evangelical Free Church.

RIGHT OF EXPRESSION

Editor, Daily News: I should like to draw your attention to two or three things. It is the privilege of every man to express his sincere opinions and convictions. It is his privilege to disagree with others' expressed ideas. I know, sir, that I do not always agree with what I read in your paper. I am not too much concerned if everyone does not heartily agree with my writings when I write a Saturday Sermon. So whether I agree with Saturday Sermons, or with letters written to you, sir, I maintain the right of those who write them to express themselves.

I may mention here that Saturday Sermons are made available to the Daily News through the Ministerial Association of Prince Rupert, and that the Saturday Sermon of Saturday, February 17 issue of your paper did not come in this way. So for the Ministerial Association to disclaim responsibility for this particular sermon is sufficient without "repudiating" it.

With reference to Canon Basil Prockter's letter I would like to say that he should be sure of his facts before making strong

Diesel Electrics Are Delivered

MONTREAL — The first two 1,600 horsepower diesel-electric road locomotives to be received by the Canadian National Railways, part of an order of 20, were delivered to the railway here Tuesday by the Montreal Locomotive Works.

They are an "A" unit, which is a lead unit with engineer's cab, and a "B" or booster unit. The two locomotives will be paired together to produce 3,200 horsepower and went into the fast freight service between Montreal and Toronto on Tuesday night on the first run. These will be the most powerful diesel locomotives in Canadian National service and it is expected that six more units will be received from the builder later this week and enter the same service. The new delivery raises the C.N.R. diesel fleet to 180 locomotives, of which 122 are switchers, 38 are road locomotives and 20 are road switchers.

HISTORIC GARDENS

The gardens at Hampton Court palace, England, were developed by Cardinal Wolsey from monastery gardens.

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Reflects and Reminisces

HE'S EARNED IT

The new pension plan at Victoria would give \$40 a month without a means test. It's only too true that the latter requires a man to answer many a little question he'd rather not. But there is nothing to be ashamed of. He ought to be rewarded for having led a thrifty life and preferring to look to himself instead of the government.

PERHAPS WE'RE RIGHT

About the time zero weather started stinging in Ontario, this year, hard coal advanced to \$25 per ton. That much money, once upon a time, could almost pay rent and warm the house.

THAT MORNING BREEZE

Bushby's reduction plant, situated away up Tack's Inlet years ago, meant industry, yet this carried an unhappy penalty. Any breezy morning, the odor from it, not being cured, had to be endured. But this was not such a grievous responsibility. Not having been modernized, its fragrance became a subject of sorry jests. But this was back in raw pioneer times and today there need be no such risks. The situation can be easily adjusted.

Skating scenes, picturing the summit of Mount Hays, appeared in the Daily News Monday. Comparatively few have ever been there. Some day, this scenic look-out will be Prince Rupert's chief playground. But a motor highway must come first.

Dollar haircuts are not general by any means, out west. But the tendency is upward. Pompadour, sir?

OLD STUFF

Churchill, at 76, is certain of the premiership. Everything about him suggests an early victory. Age, apparently, does not worry Mr. Churchill. Gladstone had the same style. At 76, he was just commencing his third term, which was anything but uneventful. Once again he became three in his fourth term. Today,

we are too old at 45 to hold any Prime Minister. He was eighty-kind of a job. At 65, a man is through. At 70, he's on pension and wondering what its all about.

IT ANNOYED HIM

A lion called Prince, appearing in a children's circus in Detroit, picked a fight with a tiger, ripping her to death while three thousand terrified young people almost became panic-stricken. Prince, new to the show business, was mad. What lion wouldn't be!

"WEE MAC"

A spectacled Scot, Norman MacIntosh, lived in Prince Rupert back in the teens, if not earlier. The city was in the midst of municipal issues one or which was how to dispose of garbage and other refuse matter. Reaching decision was not so simple. Daily dumping of offensive debris into a beautiful harbor got under the skin of a sensitive public. Verdant shores were in danger of becoming littered with rubbish. In a moment of inspiration, MacIntosh called the odorous barge, the "Sniff Yacht" in his waterfront notes. But its literary charm was without avail.

Author Cleo On Libel

SEATTLE (CP)—Court jury last week found Betty MacDonnell liable in a \$500,000 suit for best-selling book "The Lion and I." Also charged with libel were Albert Bishop, James B. Lippincott, and I. The multiple libel brought by film producer Albert Bishop, James B. Lippincott, and I. The multiple libel brought by film producer Albert Bishop, James B. Lippincott, and I. The multiple libel brought by film producer Albert Bishop, James B. Lippincott, and I.

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SIXTH STREET AND THIRD AVENUE

it's time we got working mad
As we read about the latest tricks of Moscow and her Communist puppets, we're likely to get fighting mad.
Instead, we'd better use our heads and get working mad. For there's still a pretty good chance that we can lick the Communists with more work instead of more blood. Here's why:
It is clear by now that Stalin and his gang respect just one thing—strength. Behind the Iron Curtain they've been building a huge fighting machine while we were reducing ours.
Now we are in grave danger. We must rebuild our defences—fast.
As things stand today, there seems to be only one way to prevent World War III. That is to re-arm—to become strong—and to stay that way!
This calls for better productivity all along the line. Not just in making guns, tanks and planes, but in turning out more civilian goods, too.
Arms must come first. But we must also produce all the essential civilian goods we can at the same time. That is the challenge—because a needless shortage of civilian goods will boost prices and make our dollars worth less.
We can do this double job if we all work together to turn out more for every hour we work—if we use our ingenuity to step up productivity—to find the short cuts. Canada can do it!
All of us must now make sacrifices for the common good. But we're working for the biggest reward of all—peace with freedom!
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