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### Election Over

NOW that interference following the recent death of the mayor and the consequent by-election interlude is over, there should be no delay in getting back to normal and down to business in civic affairs.

Three important months lie ahead in which to wind up the present year's operations and prepare plans for the coming year which, from standpoint of both financial operation and new project construction, may be of an epochal character.

Congratulations go to the winners. It is up to us all now to get behind efforts to conduct the city's business and promote the interests of the community.

There is much more than the glory of winning an election and the honor of being entrusted by the citizens. There is work ahead that requires good judgment, sound reason and hard work.

The newly-elected will do well to proceed with such an appreciation of their situation.

### Too Bad, Edmonton

POOR EDMONTON! She is worried because the opening of the Hart Highway, connecting the Peace River country with Prince George and more directly with the ports of the Pacific Coast at Prince Rupert and Vancouver, may endanger her position of supremacy as chief trading centre for the great north country.

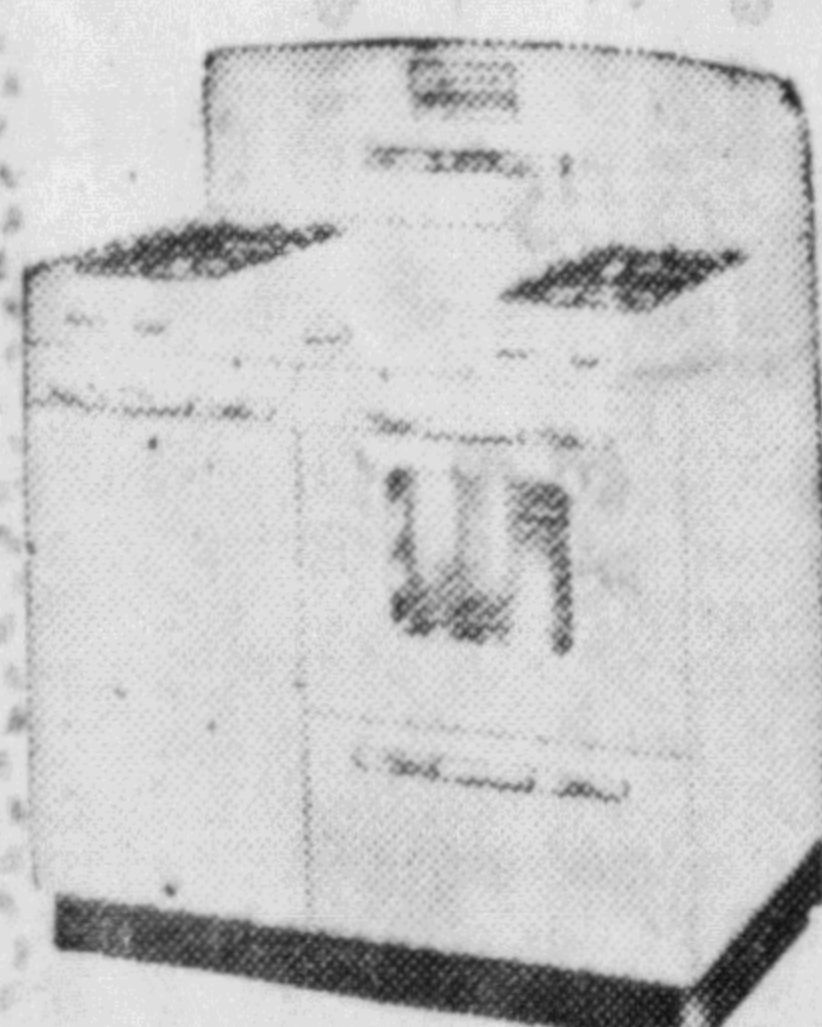
Of course, the Hart Highway will have the very definite tendency of making the Peace River Block and a goodly portion of the western Peace River country more tributary to the Pacific Coast than to Edmonton. In fact, that is quite natural. And, when the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is extended northward from Prince George it will be even more so. Too long already has that country been forced the unnatural way to Edmonton and eastward simply because there has been no westward access.

But we do not think Edmonton should be worried too much. Already bursting at the seams with the development of oil and other natural resources in her immediate vicinity and with a huge industrial expansion, Edmonton should be worrying more about taking care of the traffic and business that is now offering instead of worrying about some other places getting their just due.

In this greatly expanding and opening up north-west country, there will be lots of business to keep a big Edmonton happy and prosperous as well as Prince Rupert, Prince George, Vancouver and the other strategic points in British Columbia.

### Scripture Passage for Today

Let thy loving Spirit lead me . . . into the land of righteousness. —Ps. 143:10.



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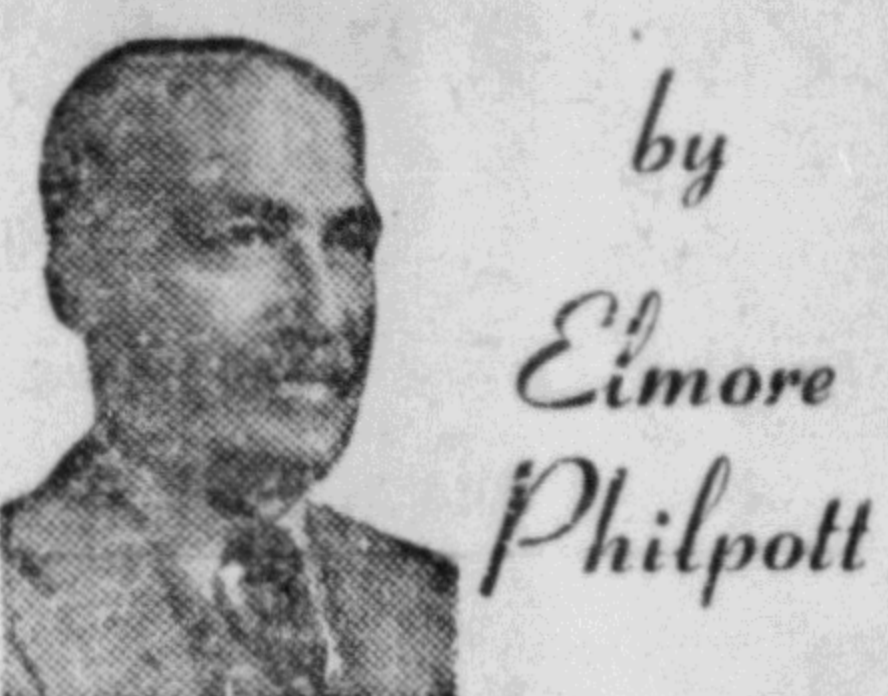
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### As I See It



by  
**Eimore Philpott**

#### Threat To B.C. Fish

THE MOST serious weakness of the peace treaty with Japan is that it gives no assurance of safeguarding B.C. fisheries.

Uncle Sam got what he most wanted from Japan at the time of the actual signing. First Uncle Sam got annexation of islands just off the coast of Japan, and the right to keep U.S. troops in Japan itself. Secondly, he got a military alliance with Japan actually signed in less than 24 hours after the main peace document.

But the other nations that signed were given the "right" to TRY to collect reparations. And Canada was given the right to TRY to get a fisheries agreement with Japan.

MAYBE I am unduly suspicious of the ruling elements in Japan. I sincerely hope so. But unless those ruling elements have changed their nature completely, Canada is not going to have an easy job getting Japan's name on the dotted line.

All down through the years of allied occupation of Japan we were told that never again would the fisheries question be left "wide open." We were told that the new arrangement would be similar to that between Canada and the U.S.A. on the Great Lakes—that is, that each nation's fishermen have the right to fish in their half of the entire lake, and the other nation must keep to its own side of the fence.

That is exactly the arrangement that is needed between Asia and North America. We need a treaty which says that only Asians may fish in the Asian half of the Pacific ocean, and only North Americans may fish in the American half of the Pacific.

I am using the term "half" rather loosely. To be specific—Asian fishermen should be confined to waters on the Asian side of the line running north and south through the Midway Islands. North American fishermen should be confined to the American side.

ANYONE FAMILIAR with the background of antagonism to Japan on this west coast of Canada knows that its pre-war causes were mostly economic. It was because of such things as the refusal of Japan to enter into any kind of sane fisheries regulations. We even saw Japanese "floating canneries" just off the west coast of B.C. More often, we saw the Japanese "mother ship" technique of fishing.

Canada was spending vast sums on fish conservation measures—such things as the fish ladders on the rivers. But there was no co-operation from pre-war Japan. It was literally "catch as catch can."

CANADA SHOULD stand firm for a CONTINENTAL treaty. We must never forget that we are dealing with an entirely new and more militant China, as well as a mighty and stirring Asia everywhere.

Whatever fishery rights Japan exercises off our coasts will sooner or later also be claimed and exercised by Red China.

If we can't get a treaty with Japan which keeps the Japanese fishermen in their half of the vast ocean we will soon again have the "floating canneries" off our coasts.

But those floating canneries will be manned by Chinese Reds—flying the Red flag of the new regime.

If we don't want that, we must work with every ounce of energy and with all speed possible to get Japan's name on the dotted line.

For without that signature we haven't a chance to forestall what will surely become a "rat race" for our B.C. fish.

### Log Scale Keeping Up

August About Same as Last Year but 1951 to Date Is 'Away Ahead'

Although August was held down to about the same level as 1950, log scaling in Prince Rupert district for the year is showing an increase of about 40 per cent over the volume for 1950. The forest closure situation tended to curtail August production.

The aggregate scale to date is 215,866,531 board feet compared with 155,844,555 board feet for the first eight months of 1950.

The logging operations of Columbia Cellulose are keeping this year's scale well ahead—in addition to generally expanded demands of district sawmills.

Poles and piling operations in the interior are also showing a large gain—almost 50 per cent over 1950.

Following are the scaling figures, per variety, for this August compared with last year:

|          | 1951       | 1950       |
|----------|------------|------------|
| Bd. Ft.  |            | Bd. Ft.    |
| Fir      | 2,727,943  | 2,444,530  |
| Cedar    | 5,320,494  | 3,942,016  |
| Spruce   | 14,164,215 | 16,705,064 |
| Hemlock  | 10,261,836 | 10,296,634 |
| Balsam   | 2,185,250  | 2,092,502  |
| Jackpine | 3,318,472  | 1,881,118  |
| Misc.    | 832,588    | 9,433      |

Totals 38,720,812 37,371,297

#### FOREST PRODUCTS

The scale of poles and piling in the interior in August was 165,655 lineal feet—the preponderance being cedar—compared with 74,270 lineal feet in August 1950.

The log count this August was 14,922 pieces—all jackpine—compared with 11,224 in August 1950.

Fifty-three cords of wood were scaled this August compared with 109 last August.

### Assistant Fire Chief to Ottawa

Assistant Fire Chief William (Buster) Hill has been selected to attend a three-week civil defence training course at Ottawa, Prince Rupert Civil Defence Committee announced today.

Mr. Hill leaves Wednesday for Vancouver and will fly to Ottawa from there. He will be one of 30 candidates chosen from all of Canada to attend the course, provided by the federal and provincial governments.

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Reflects and Reminisces

There are two kinds of men who never amount to much, says Cyrus H. K. Curtis—those who cannot do what they are told, and those who can do nothing else.

#### ALWAYS WELCOME

Although there was a time when there was no such thing, the newspaper comic is a valuable feature of publishing. It has long since been discovered it pays to devote space to the business of providing bizarre entertainment as well as the distribution of news. The comic in its multiplicity of effort, is big business. In countless homes, the pictures do not receive the attention of juveniles exclusively.

#### STILL WONDERING

The federal member for Cariboo, George Murray, here for the Associated Boards of Trade convention, says Prince Rupert should not be backward in urging on the CNR establishment of a hotel here. The city has been going exactly that ever since 1910. First time, there was a definite, specific promise from railway to city. But since then, not even that much.

Comes the fall and season of quiet contemplation. How true, we come into this world with nothing on. And how painfully true, we're not long in it before somebody has something on each and every one of us.

It is estimated the cost of redecorating Government House at Victoria for the royal visit will cost between ten and fifteen thousand dollars. Like everywhere else, Victoria is full of pensioners who will not be overjoyed to reflect that the bill will be taken care of out of taxation. Also, they will not forget that pensions say unchanged—even if government houses do not.

A man usually falls in love with the woman who asks the

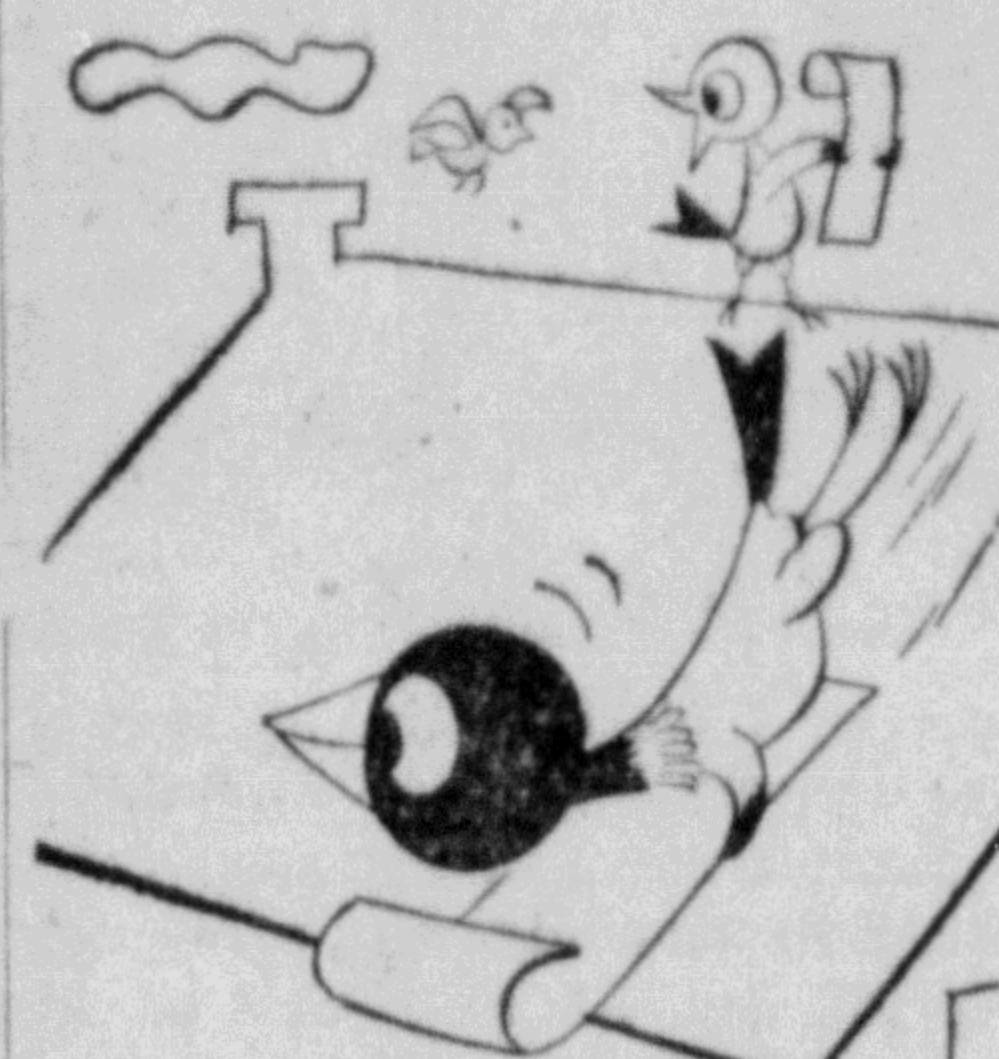
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kind of question he is able to answer.—Ronald Colman.

#### WHERE'S THAT ROOF?

Call it housing shortage or what ever strikes your fancy, but the fact remains that today more than ever before, anyone coming to Prince Rupert must figure on finding a roof over his head if he plans on staying a while—that is unless he is a property owner. It all comes down to that overshadowing and disturbing challenge. And unless there's labor and material, the situation will be worse as time lengthens.

If one must fight in Korea, there is at least some satisfaction in learning that allied troops stand twice as good a chance of survival as those who were wounded in the second great war. Credit goes to the development of life-saving drugs, blood and blood plasma, and swiftness of transport to hospital.



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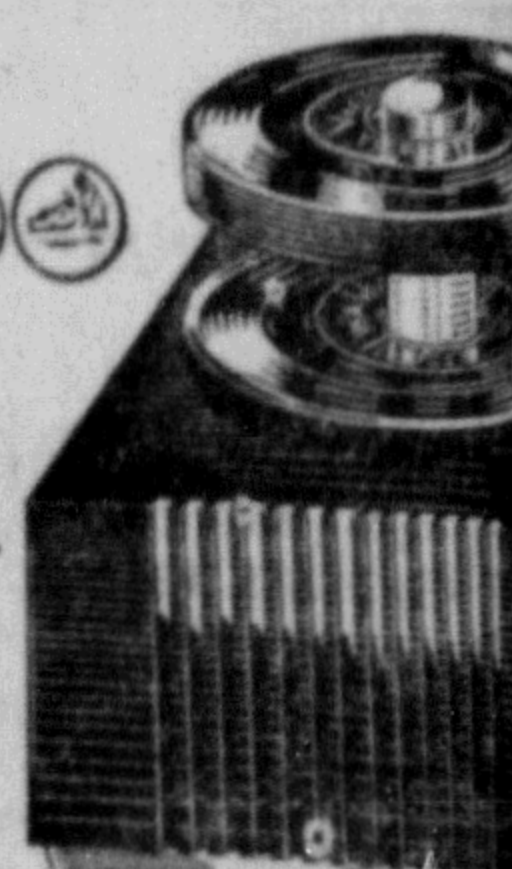
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