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Transportation Report

) ECOMMENDATIONS made by the Royal Commission on Transportation, whose report was abled in the House of Commons yesterday, are such s might have been reasonably expected. For a long time it has been obvious that loosely-knit transportation services in Canada have been due for streamlining and co-ordinating towards the end of efficiency and adequacy.

Transportation, if the report is adopted, would be considered from the long-range and over-all standpoint. Control of the various forms of transport would be unified and highway transport would also be brought into the federal picture. It is easy to see where the implementation of the recommendations would result in more satisfactory service on a sounder financial basis.

For a long time it has been recognized that the Canadian National Railways should get some kind of a new deal and be relieved of the load of debt that the system inherited and which these many years has hung as a millstone around its neck.

All in all, it appears that much good could ensue from actions which should not be too long in ensuing from the recommendations of the commission.

Still No. 1 Need

DRINCE RUPERT seems to be back about where I it started in regard to the long-campaigned-for air field development. Department of National Defence is reported reliably to have ruled out the project as a defence necessity.

We may have our ideas but it is difficult for us to argue from the defence standpoint. It is a technical matter and there are experts upon whose decisions we must stand or fall.

But we do know that from the commercial and business standpoint, a landing field as near as possible to Prince Rupert is becoming more and more a vital necessity. There is no other community of this size or importance in Canada that has not facilities for land-planes. The present service is slow and circuitous, inconvenient and inadequate because, as long as we have to depend upon sea craft, we cannot have adequate size and speed.

We may have to start all over again on the campaign but we cannot give up now for, until we are provided with a landing field by some means or another, Prince Rupert is going to be completely behind the times and inadequately serviced from the standpoint of transportation. And that is not good.



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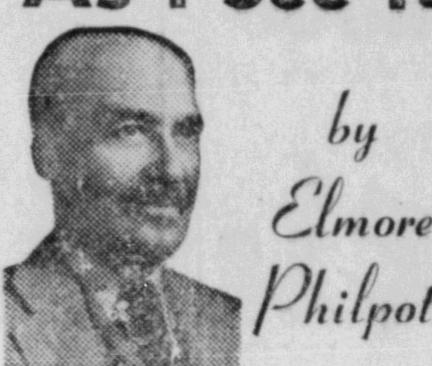
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PEOPLE'S DIPLOMACY

fluential editors in India told me that the Western' democracies in general and the U.S.A. in particuwith the Asian masses, I decided ing within their own family

A Moslem friend told me that the Ambassador of Afghanistan was to speak that very afternoon to a students' meeting.

I drove to the Dasgupta College at 5:30 on a Saturday afternoon. The college building itself was crude by our standards, and I maryelled to hear that it had no less than 1,000 enrolled students who attended on the twoshift system. There must have teen over 400 of the 500 total of the afternoon shift present, and again I asked myself:

"What percentage of our Canadian students would stay till 5:30 on a Saturday afternoon to hear a speech on their next-door neighbor country?"

THE MFETING ITSELF TOOK place outdoors. The air was soft and warm. There was good loud speaker equipment, with two miarcohones. I was a bit distracted from the speeches because l'terally hundreds, maybe thousands of birds, swooved overhead. They are called kites, and have an annoying caw, like crows.

As the meeting proceeded littl street urching barefoot, passed back and forth in front of the

THE AFGHAN AMBASSADOR to India is a friendly down-toearth sort of chap in his 40's. He spoke in English and apologized in advance for his lack of flu ency, though in fact his language was excellent

He spoke for 65 minutes and over and over stressed the theme that India and Afghanistan had always been linked in past history-by literature, religions, as well as by geography. He gave us

all a first-class history lesson. When he came down to the present situation it became very clear that Afghanistan's relations with India are closer and more cordial than are those between Afghanistan and Pakistan. The ambassador was most exrlicit in urging "self-determination" for the Pathans and kindred tribesmen who make up what is now the Northwest Frontier Province of Pakistan. Although these were of precisely the same race and religion as their next-door neighbors in Afghanistan, he said his government made no claim to include them in Afghanistan's borders But it did halieve they should hove precisely the same right as Pakistan had claimed for itself--



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Members Visit New Brunswick

OTTAWA-About eighty Members of Parliament and their wives spent three days ficently in St. John, N.B., at the invitation of Daniel A. Riley, Liberal member for St. John-Albert. Mr. Riley's guests were entertained by the St. John Board of Trade,

NEW DELHI, India .-- namely, the right to a separate When one of the most in- government of its own if they so chose.

AFTER THE MEETING proper they invited me, as an obvi foreigner from faraway, to have lar were losing cut in Asia be- a jolly fellow. He agreed that the service. Hence, brother, in the cause they lacked direct contact border between Canada and the U.S.A. was the freest and friendto see how the Asians were act- liest in the world. I did not want to be even one small corner of a wet blanket and tell him that, although that is the touth, even our free border is not quite as free or friendly as it was in the good old days.

THE AMBASSADOR TOLD ME

a good joke. Everybody knows that Russia is Afghanistan's big neighbor to the north. Now she has Communist China as a nextdoor neighbor, too. That means that she has to

tread very warily in the international field. In most bloc-clash votes at the UN, Afghanistan abstains. Around the UN, the boys took to kidding the Afghans. calling the country Abstainistan

THE ONLY MINOR MISHAP that I suffered at the meeting was when they passed me a plate of what looked like little white balls. I wasn't sure what they were or what I was supposed to do ith them, but my neighbor whispered they were a sort of candy. I ate one and it tasted fine. The only eatch was that it spurted juice all over my nice tie and shirt.

I CAME AWAY FROM THE meeting with a hetter idea of what they mean when they sav there is a "renascence in As'a" and that there has to be a more direct kind of peoples' diplomacy if the Western democracies are to bopn in stan with it.



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Reflects and Reminisces

With Whitehorse to be the new the Province of New Brunswick capital of Yukon, Dan McGrew ists, steamship cancellations and and the city of St. John. The should feel strangely disturbed. visitors found St. John in the He's never known anything else midst of mid-winter activities, save Dawson. The lady known as including the handling of wheat. Lou may also conclude there something pending.

SOUNDS LOGICAL

It's going to be more difficult to buy a car. More walking will probably be essential. Less driving means more exercise. That ought to lead to an improvement tea and cakes with the executive in general health which in turn and the ambassador. I found him will bring about reduced hospital midst of all our blankety blank woes and troubles, observe how things have a way of getting around the corner after all.

A snow storm, seven boys and eleven marbles were all seen together at the same time yesterday, Thursday, March 15. Usually, one can depend on the evidence of his senses.

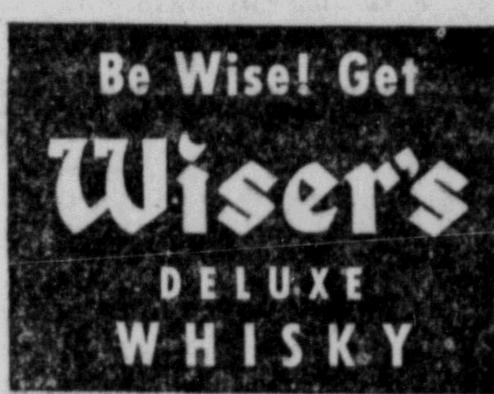
"EYES RIGHT" Bearskins from Northern Brit

ish Columbia would have been

welcome in London this year but the picture, pretty soon; giving wider gradation it seems the creatures of the wild place to Whitehorse as the capiwere not numerous. However, no tal of Yukon Territory for several one will be disappointed as the one will be disappointed as the business of enjoying the various sound reasons. In a way, the to scold someone to scold someone stages of the festival proceeds change means a new deal. or a critic of w forthwith. The King will salute Whitehorse, for years terminus singing—he usual the Guards as they swing past. of the WP & Y railway, and a composition in the The spectacle will be a smart point of expanding aerial travel, could find a sweet

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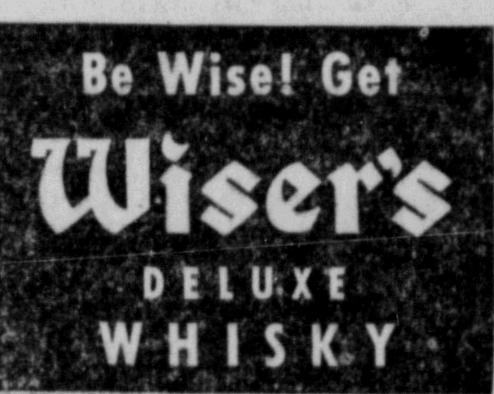
solid type, or Con-Rad tubular elements.

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will be recognized on an even state, anyway,

It seems a shade early to take for granted, tales of fewer toura renewal of anxiety over the situation in Korea. They were not so timid in previous international arguments. As a rule, mid-summer boats were packed. They wanted change—anything to get away from dusty, stuffy routine to the sunlit seas of the north. And should a dash of adventure be thrown in, so much

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