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Friendly Admission

M. W. MAXWELL, chief of development, Canadian National Railways, who we know has long had the situation in Prince Rupert at his finger tips, has made another speech in the East stressing the importance of the Skeena area in the industrial and defence picture of the great northwest of British Columbia.

This time Mr. Maxwell expressed the opinion that the Kitimat fjord and the Skeena estuary constitute an important key to the northwestern defence of the continent.

It is satisfactory to have a man in an important key position like that of Mr. Maxwell recognizing this area in this way—and not only recognizing it but publicizing it in his speeches before important bodies.

Incidentally, while we have interviewed Mr. Maxwell in the railway head offices in Montreal, we do not remember that he has been out our way of late. It might be an appropriate gesture if he could be invited to come out here to Prince Rupert to let us see and hear him—for he seems to be a real good friend of ours with an appreciation of our position in the overall scheme of things. At least, he has been making some admissions about us which is more than some of the other railway people have done.

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URING World War II the printed word was recognized as essential to the offensive program of fgihting democracies. It was an indispensable builder of morale. It played an essential part in the implementing of the war effort.

If the worst should happen again, if a showdown should become necessary, the printed word will not be found wanting in value as a force for the preservation of freedom.

Indeed, it goes on today in anxious and critical times doing a vital job of defence - often taken too much for granted.



INDIAN OPERA-Tzinquaw, the first native Indian opera, written by Frank Morrison of Duncan, B.C., and produced and directed by Cecil West, is being played in Victoria. With an all-Indian cast, the show may be taken on a trans-Canada tour. Abel Joe takes the lead singing and dancing role of Skeecullus. (CP PHOTO)



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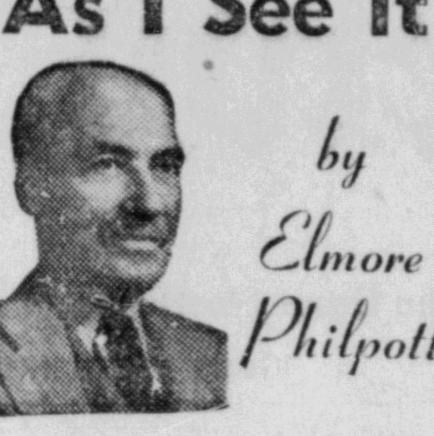
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BLACK SHIRTS AND NO SHIRTS

MADRAS, India—With my new-found friend, the young Brahmin Venatramani, I went hunting for "The Diwan." I won't try to add his full name, for it's to long. But I never met a more brilliant conversationalist than this old statesman who was once the Prime Minister of a princely state.

The Diwan was out of town. veteran. A former member But even on the sizzling hot day | the Newfoundland House of a lovely breeze blew through a suburban villa built to catch to the Commons in 1949. He is every breeze from every direc-

"Ramani" took me to see the fine headquarters of the Theosophical Society—he just knew without being told that I would be interested. It seems that the Theosophists here had a bit of a set-back after the late Annie Besent opposed Gandhibut time is healing that rift

Outside their beautiful library they have an honor rollwith Canada on the list as having started in 1919. I suddenly thought of all the fine Theosophists I knew and know; like the late Albert Smythe of the oninion. old Toronto World and Hamilton Herald

I ASKED "RAMANI" about the progress of the RSS-Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh-or National Service Union.

To me it looks just like another Fascist party-but "Ramani" says that's an over-simplification. But when he was sent to report an RSS meeting (the day before Gandhi was slain) the RSS boys tossed him out

There is no sure proof that they are making much progress. But they have enlisted large numbers of boys of high school age, and they go in for group aces health. drills, called physical training. Looks bad to me.

much more formidable mass cral Manchester Guardian said movement called the Black editorially it's about time the Shirts. The leader is 71 years opposition gave a little thought of age (Thank the Lord for that, to what it is going to do when says I). I won't clutter this up and if it takes over. with his long name. But the The independent Times said people call him "Mr. Big or "The that if parliament is kept in an

thing up to 50,000. He says he is said Conservative Leader Winnot in politics, but he stands ston Churchill had scoken so elofor separation of Madras from quently in a party political India. His main target is relig- broadcast. ion—apparently all religion. He ridicules in most violent and easiness even among Conservaoften vulgar terms all that the tives. Anthony Eden, deputy Hindus hold most holy.

PROHIBITION IS IN effect in Madras, as it is throughout much of Southern India., There is fierce opposition to it, from the more sophisticated folk, and the well-to-do. There are also scads of stories about bootlegging, secret stills etc., etc., etc.

But most responsible people to whom I talked said it had been a very good thing, especially for the poor. As the poor people are the overwhelming majority, the answer is obvious.

Here is how one man put it: "Before prohibition, a villager might make one rupee two annas a day and spend eight or nine annas of that on drink."

The women have been th chief beneficiaries of prohibition here in Madras—and they have the vote.

FOR CENTURIES the Brahmins dominated life in Hindu India. Now, curiously enough, discrimination is working in reverse. The political power has passed to others than Brahmins. Hence in many jobs-even if a Brahmin has secured 40 to 50 percent higher marks than his nearest non-Brahmin competitor, the latter will get the night by city council. appointment.

cent of the total expenditure. from oncoming traffic.

Madras stark naked. (Too bad school children" and, if it were for the psychiatrists and the on the east side, it would mean psycho-analysts. The little beg- more street-crossing for them. gars will develop few complex- Ald. George Casey said it

Women laborers work with the "best use of the greatest men. They wear sarees, but leave number of people. off the little blouse businesshence have bare shoulder backs. pre-conception do NOT look out

ALL THE WAITERS go bare- Cheeky little birds fly right foot, even in the swank hotels. into the hotel dining rooms and In Madras they dress to suit snatch crumbs from your table, the climate. The cows walk every if you look as if you had learned



M.P. EXECUTIVE - Thoma Gordon William Ashbourne, St John's business executive, Liberal member of Parliame for the Newfoundland constitu ency of Grand Falls-White Bay. Born Dec. 4, 1894, at Twillingate, Nfld., he was educated at Methodist College, St. John' and the University of Toront A director of Ashbourne's Fish eries Ltd., and Ashbourne Ltd., he is a First World War Assembly, he was first elected married and has four children

By ALAN HARVEY Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP)_A Conservative plan to hound the Labor government until its members are "absolutely hysterical" appears to have antagonized moderate

The effect of the new Tory tactics has been to win a certain sympathy for the Socialists. At the same time, Liberals and Independents show an increasing tendency to criticize the Conservatives on these grounds:

1. The campaign has resulted in a series of all-night sittings which embitter party feelings and tend to bring parliament into disrepute. One Liberal spokesman said it is "almost criminal" that such conduct should take place against the threatening background of international

2. Parliamentary overtime men-

3. If the Conservatives succeed in toppling the government, are they so sure they are ready to HERE IN MADRAS there is a take over themselves? The Lib-

uproar it would be a mockery of Mr. Big draws crowds of any- the national duty about which it

There is said to be some unparty leader, is thought to have opposed the plan for wearing down by filibusters and delays. Christopher Hollis, an influential Conservative member, has expressed doubt in a speech whether "harassing for harassing's sake" will bring the government down.

Perhaps the mainspring behind the Tory technique is a group of youthful and highlyregarded back-benchers, who believe that Labor is making mistakes in business and other fields which a Conservative administration would forestall. To r strategy is simple: keep the House sitting as long as bussir by tabling a series of "prayers" on any convenient subject. Prayers are exempt from the standing order which normally marks

Council Rejects Sidewalk Protest

the end of parliamentary busi-

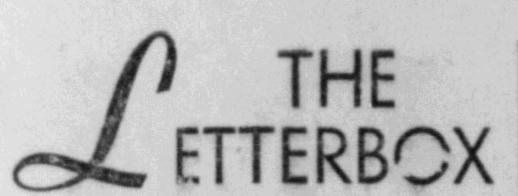
ness at 10 n.m.

A 12-man petition from residents on Hays Cove Circle protesting location of the proposed sidewalk was rejected Tuesday

The petition asked that the sidewalk be built on the east side IN MADRAS STATE about 30 of the street, rather than on the percent of children now attend west, as is proposed. Residents primary school. Education is the claimed that as they all lived on largest single item in the pro- the east side, crossing the street vincial budget, introduced to- to and from their homes would day. It amounts to about 15 per- present hazards and dangers

Ald. H. S. Whalen said the LITTLE BOYS RUN about in sidewalk was "primarily for "should stand where it is," for

where, unafraid and contrary to ahimsa-or nonhurtfulness.



HOUSING AND HEALTH

Editor, Daily News: .

Health of a community should e one of the most important lactors facing a governing body of any town or city of any size, Here are some of the more prominent and condemning condiions in the city at present:

Families crowded in much too mall a place without the proper mount of cubic air space for proper breathing white sure one-third of the control of Prince Rupert by a last he same air over three times in the course of their sleeping hours.)

Even among the average salaried households the very high rents takes away that extra quart of milk or those dozen oranges, apples of other health-giving loods which tend to make for healthy teeth, bones and blood. takes away even that family allowance, that little extra mother has to buy the vitamins

When the rent is so very high and also the cost of living, pro- and general stemen? If this is per clothes for children and allowed it's strange one of the adults as well becomes almost a main street dairies doesn't bring

smelly old chicken houses stand bowling alley. up in the light of polio, rats, flies

HERE TONIGHT - Virginia Davis, noted American soprano, will be here tonight to delight local lovers of good music in the final of the season's series of the Alaska Music Trail. In her "Portraits of Song" program, Miss Davis will be assisted by Miss Gwendolyn Williams, her pianist . After playing eleven concerts in Alaska, Miss Davis and Miss Williams are arriving tonight on the Prince Rupert from Ketchikan and will proceed south on the same vessel.

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