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SULPHUR EXTRACTION
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Noranda or Flin Flon and at Trail where Consolidated was now recovering roughly from 300 to 350 tons of sulphur daily from the smoke, this being used for sulphuric acid and fertilizer products. Another quick source for sulphur could be Alberta's natural gas.

"Of particular interest to Prince Rupert is the Estaii River pyrite deposit, estimated at some four million tons, giving at least 1,500,000 tons of sulphur and a like amount of iron residue," commented Mr. Moore, suggesting the possibility of a reduction plant at Prince Rupert to produce sulphur from these pyrites.

Mr. Moore discussed the natural gas and oil situation in Canada with particular reference to the great oil pool resources of Alberta, also mentioning the eventual possibilities of extracting oil from the tar sands 250 miles north of Edmonton.

Speaking of metal price situation in Canada, Mr. Moore said that, while metal prices had increased, operating costs had at least gone up correspondingly in some cases.

The speaker discussed the search for uranium which would be encouraged by the twenty percent rise recently announced in the price of uranium ores. He pointed out, however, that uranium, having no past as a commercial mineral, was associated exclusively at present with instruments of war and its future was obscure. Under the circumstances there might be reluctance by private individuals or companies to invest money in the uranium industry.

Mr. Moore saw the present steel shortage as only temporary. With an increase in capacity of fifty percent in prospect as compared with 1940, he said that, in the event of actual war, this increase would be fully justified but, in the event of no war, there would probably be a considerable excess capacity. Meantime, however, any extra capacity would never be felt at domestic level in Canada.

Mr. Moore's address was heard with interest by a good attendance of Gyro members and a guest was James Georgeson, President E. D. Forward was in the chair.

Next week's speaker will be Col. C. E. Reynolds, chairman of the Ontario and Northland Railway, who will be spending several days in the city in the course of a western tour.



LADY FLETCHER — Fluent linguist and world traveller, is coming to Prince Rupert to speak next Wednesday to the Women's Canadian Club at an afternoon gathering. Lady Fletcher in 1949 engaged in several months of intensive study in East Africa and the subject of her discourse here will be "Strains and Stresses in East Africa." Before returning to Canada Lady Fletcher carried out a lecture tour of Britain. During the war, she served as chairman of the case committee of the Polish Relief Fund, and from 1941 was engaged by the British Ministry of Information as one of twelve national speakers. During this period she chalked up a score of over a thousand lectures. For two years following the war she went to Germany as an UNRRA Welfare Officer, and worked in Belsen and other concentration camps.

Visitor to "Ghost Town"

Mrs. Fred Thornton of Prince Rupert recently visited Knott's Berry Farm and Ghost Town in Buena Park, California.

There, like the forty-niners, Mrs. Thornton tried her luck panning real gold in the ancient sluice box at the old Gold Mine. Later she visited the Wagon Camp where in a huge circle, real covered wagons were lighted by the flickering flames of a large camp fire. From here, they wandered through the Music Hall, General Merchandise Store, the Covered Wagon Show, and many other buildings erected by Walter Knott as a monument to the pioneers of the early West.

Blackwood on Bridge
By Easley Blackwood

Mr. Dale knows it's not good Humanics to insist on playing all the hands. But holding the South cards on this particular deal he felt that a heart contract was superior to no trump. As you see he was right. At no trump the enemy could have cashed five diamond tricks at the start.

South dealer
Neither side vulnerable
(Mr. Able)
S-A Q 9 3
H-9 4
D-10 6 3
C-K 6 5 3
(Mrs. Keen)
S-J 10 8 6
H-10 7 3
D-K Q 8
C-Q 10 4
(Mr. Dale)
S-5 4 2
H-A K Q J 5 2
D-J 4
C-A 2
(Mr. Masters)
S-K 7
H-8 6
D-A 9 7 5 2
C-J 9 8 7

The bidding:
South West North East
1 H Pass 1 S Pass
3 H Pass 3 NT Pass
4 H All pass

Against the actual four heart contract Mrs. Keen opened the king of diamonds. Noting Mr. Masters' play of the nine, she continued with the queen and another diamond. Mr. Dale trumped the third lead and paused to look the situation over.

Clearly the success of the hand depended on the lay of the cards in the spade suit. So Mr. Dale took three rounds of trumps discarding a small club from dummy on the third lead.

Then he led a small spade on which Mrs. Keen played the six. At this point he did not make the mistake of playing a queen from the board. There was no hurry about that. If Mrs. Keen had the king, the queen could be finessed later. After all, one

trick had to be lost in the spade suit in any case.

Giving himself every chance, Mr. Dale finessed dummy's nine spot. And it took Mr. Masters' king to do it. Now the ace and queen of spades in dummy were both good and the contract was home.

Note that Mrs. Keen could not

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save the day by going up with her ten of spades. In that case a dummy's queen would have been played and Mr. Masters' king would have won. But then dummy would have had ace-nine over Mrs. Keen's jack-eight and Mr. Dale would simply have taken a second (and successful) finesse. A finesse against three out-

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