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Wanted—Farmers

IT IS a rather sad reflection on the Canadian economic situation that, for the first time in the Dominion's history, we are importing eggs and doing it by the thousands of cases at that.

We don't raise chickens in our backyards as so many of us used to do in the good old days. It might help some if we did but that, of course, is not the answer.

The trouble is that, with the development of the big industries, which is going on with such leaps and bounds these days, we are losing our agricultural background.

The young people are leaving the land. Agriculture is no longer accepted as a career by young Canadians, notwithstanding the changes that have been brought to living on the land with the automobile, good roads, electrifications, mechanization and other scientific improvements and conveniences.

We have simply changed from an agricultural people to an industrial. We do not want to work on the land anymore. One need not leave Prince Rupert's own back yard to see the tendency which has become appalling on the prairies and more extensive agricultural areas.

Yet we need the agricultural base and have abundant capacity of the finest of land to support it.

Now that we have not the agricultural people ourselves, the answer, of course, is immigration—immigration such as the Dutch people that are coming into the Terrace and elsewhere in the central interior—and, of course, our own good British people.

Europe is anxious to emigrate some of her compacted, poorly living and agriculturally-trained people. Canada needs such people. They can and do make good citizens, providing they are properly selected.

Unless we do something soon about supplying our own eggs, butter, etc., there will be other deplorable importations as well—and at a time when we are trying to sell arms and ammunition in the United States to bolster up our slipping trade balance.

The restoration of our agricultural economic base and the balancing of the topheavy industrial trend is one of Canada's most serious economic problems today. And the answer to it appears to be immigration on a substantial scale.

It Costs Nothing

WE ARE "touched" so often with cash appeals that are getting to a point in Prince Rupert where they really hurt that it is refreshing to have an opportunity to give something other than our dollars, something that does not hurt us at all and something that can satisfy as important a humanitarian function as all our dollars and cents. We refer to the forthcoming third annual Red Cross blood donor clinic which has been set for August 20, 21 and 22 in Prince Rupert and for the organization of which a preliminary meeting has been called for tomorrow night.

Here is something that should go over strong in Prince Rupert which is always known for the spontaneous and generous manner in which it responds to all humanitarian appeals.

Prince Rupert has 12,000 people and in the first two annual clinics here there were about 500 donors each. Kamloops, with certainly no more than 12,000 people, had 1000 donors in one year and 2026 the next. Organizer Norton Youngs is right in feeling a little unhappy about Prince Rupert's response in the first two years. He contends that we should at least equal Kamloops and we agree.

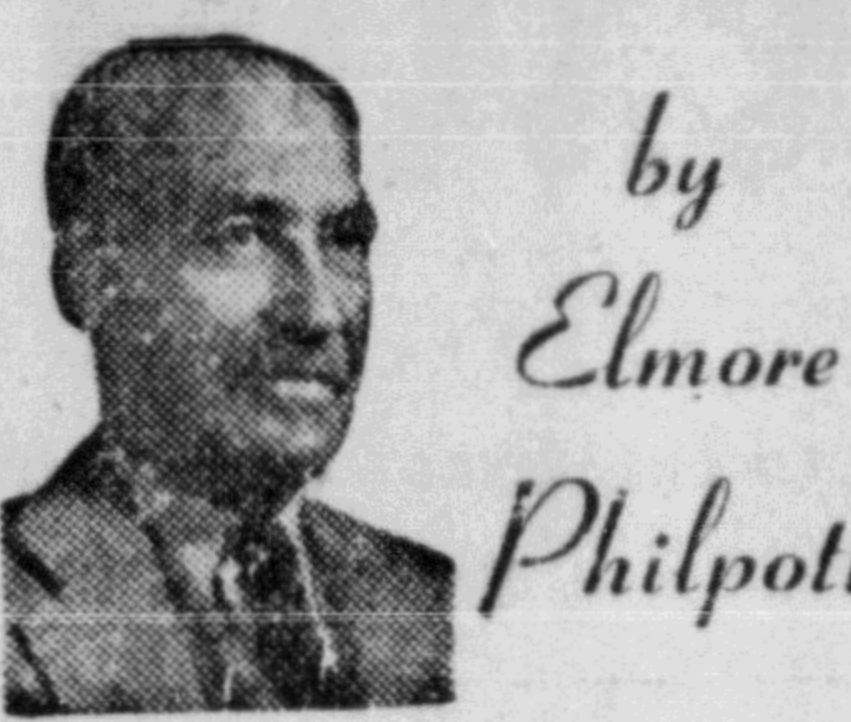
Prince Rupert people should go really over the top in this campaign if they will just catch the spirit of this very worthy effort and respond accordingly.

And it is also important to remember that the Red Cross organization is such that Prince Rupert, through its own refrigerated bank at the hospital, replenished weekly, can receive the full benefit of the service whenever the need or emergency may arise, right here at home.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Seek thou great things for thyself? Seek them not."
—Jer. 45:5.

As I See It



Hot Spot Movie

IF YOU WANT to know one of the reasons why Arab kings are being assassinated these days, and why Persian prime ministers hide permanently in parliament buildings, you could do worse than see *SIROCCO*. It's better than most, anyway.

For the scene of the movie, *SIROCCO*, is in Syria, next door to Jordan, where Abdullah was murdered a few days ago. The picture shows how, a few years ago, the French tried to hang on to one of their imperial outposts. But the French are gone now from Syria and Lebanon, the British are gone from Palestine, and all over the rest of that hottest of world hot boxes the overwhelming sentiment is FOREIGNER BOSS GO HOME.

WHEN WE were there, the British papers were full of the pictures of the new star, Marta Toren. If I remember correctly, she is the North African Arab girl who was going through for a doctor, but gave up the idea to go on the stage.

But maybe I am getting her mixed up with some other sultry damsel. I never can remember the movie actresses' names, though I never forget the looks of those I like.

I guess I'm just like the folks in a northern Canadian airport town. During World War Two a famous movie actress was forced to alight there, on the way home from entertaining U.S. troops overseas. She got herself all set to make a personal appearance for the benefit of the gawping crowd. She emerged from the plane with her best professional Hollywood smile and gestures, with concealed pencil all set to sign scads of autographs. But nobody was even interested.

The outraged lady had the word passed around: Miss — is here.

But the airport folks gave the appalling answer: "Miss —? Who is she?"

ON OUR trip overseas this year my wife and I went to the theatre wherever we happened to be. We came home convinced that Canada is miles behind most other countries in one respect:

We have no live theatre worthy of the name. Yet Canadians are doing really well on the British stage.

And yet when we went to the new Totem theatre in Vancouver the other night we saw a performance quite as good as you would see in most any country. It was, by the way, PERSONAL APPEARANCE with Doris Buckingham playing the part of the vamping movie actress. Obviously, Canadians have what it takes.

YEAR AFTER year Vancouver's Theatre Under The Stars goes on chalking up success after success. Some people attribute that to the natural setting—the stars, the open air, the majestic trees in the background.

To which I answer—nuts. Of course some people would sooner go to a show outside—and naturally more people will want to do so in midsummer. But the people who will go to an outside show once a month, or once a week in summertime, would surely also go once in awhile to a live show in a proper theatre in wintertime.

Hence I ask, if we can make such a marked success of outdoor theatre in summertime, why in tarnation can't we support at least one all year round indoor live, theatre?

I HAVEN'T got around to reading the famous Massey Report, about culture in Canada. Nor am I going to get in any arguments about endless ring subjects like—What Is Culture Anyway?

But I say this: No nation is a cultured nation unless it gives

Alcan-Powell River Survey For Possible Kitimat Mill

Possibility of still further large industrial development in Northern British Columbia is seen by the Financial Post in current plans of Aluminum Co. of Canada and Powell River Co. to examine the Kitimat area as a possible site for a pulp and paper mill.

ray.. Reflects and Reminisces

A couple of shocks were felt in San Francisco Monday evening. Each was slight. Certainly it was. That's a delicate subject anywhere in the neighborhood of the Golden Gate.

MORE ROOM

A handsomely bound and illustrated booklet entitled "Port Edward, Prince Rupert's Industrial Annex," came our way the other day. This was about forty years ago—before wars and disasters. Small wonder it was thought the new railway terminus might need an annex. Fancy real estate selling at \$1,160 a front foot. Behind the Port Edward townsite were the following: R. H. Thompson, Seattle city engineer; field supervision, Ritchie and Agnew; directors, E. J. Matthews, Seattle; Wm. A. Agnew, Montreal; L. W. Patmore, Prince Rupert; Dr. W. T. Kergin, Prince Rupert; A. W. Agnew, Samuel Harrison, financial agent.

INDUSTRIOUS, ALL RIGHT!

Afairs did look promising. The opening of the Grand Trunk Pacific was just around the corner. This was also true of the Panama Canal. Prince Rupert, as a terminus, was commanding nation-wide interest. Yes, this was the launching of a golden era. Thus, the public talked and doubtless thought, Port Edward, that name on the railway a few miles from town was being called the industrial annex. And today, looking back across the years, can it be said there has been a misnomer? For there is industry out there, surpassing fondest hopes.

It's sixty years this summer since the three white Empresses gave the North Pacific and British Columbia coast, a notable renown. Pat Keatley, Sun marine editor, tells about them. One does not have to belong to Vancouver to feel the call of the Empresses of India, China and Japan, yacht-like and creatures of grace. Though their physical shells have long since vanished under the breakers' hammer, and the green waves of the sea, Pat so truly says they live on in the hearts of mariners and landlubbers everywhere.

It has been announced that a scientist will attempt to ascertain what is the most horrible noise known to man. Well, the jangle of an alarm clock the first Monday after vacation must rank fairly high.

MORE LIKE IT!

It's an old saying that "money isn't everything" but the modern version is that at current prices it almost isn't anything.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

its people a chance to express themselves through the theatre. People who have it in them should have an outlet through which they can write plays, through which they can act in plays. And above all, they have a right to be able to see plays.

I say also—hats off to the people who gives us TUTS or Totem outdoor theatre. It's a grand place to take the girl for the evening, even if, like mine, she's the same one you've been taking for these last years.

But personally I'm an indoor man when it comes to the theatre. I think the actors have enough to do without having to shout their lines to get above the noise of the roaring fans at the baseball game next door.



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MODEST BEGINNING
Chaplain established his first settlement at Quebec with 27 men.

Bill Bailey Enters Home

William Bailey, old soldier and resident of Prince Rupert since early days, entered the Pioneers' Home at Westview yesterday. For a long time he lived in his own home beyond Hays Creek but advancing years and general disabilities of age made the change advisable.

Mr. Bailey, born in England, joined the army early in life. He served in India, Africa and other parts of the globe and has a great fund of recollections and stories of unusual interest.

GETS HER WISH
VANCOUVER (CP)—A 23-year-old woman drug addict, who pleaded for a penitentiary term so she could leave the coast, got her wish. Her 18-month reformatory term was increased to two years in Kingston Penitentiary.

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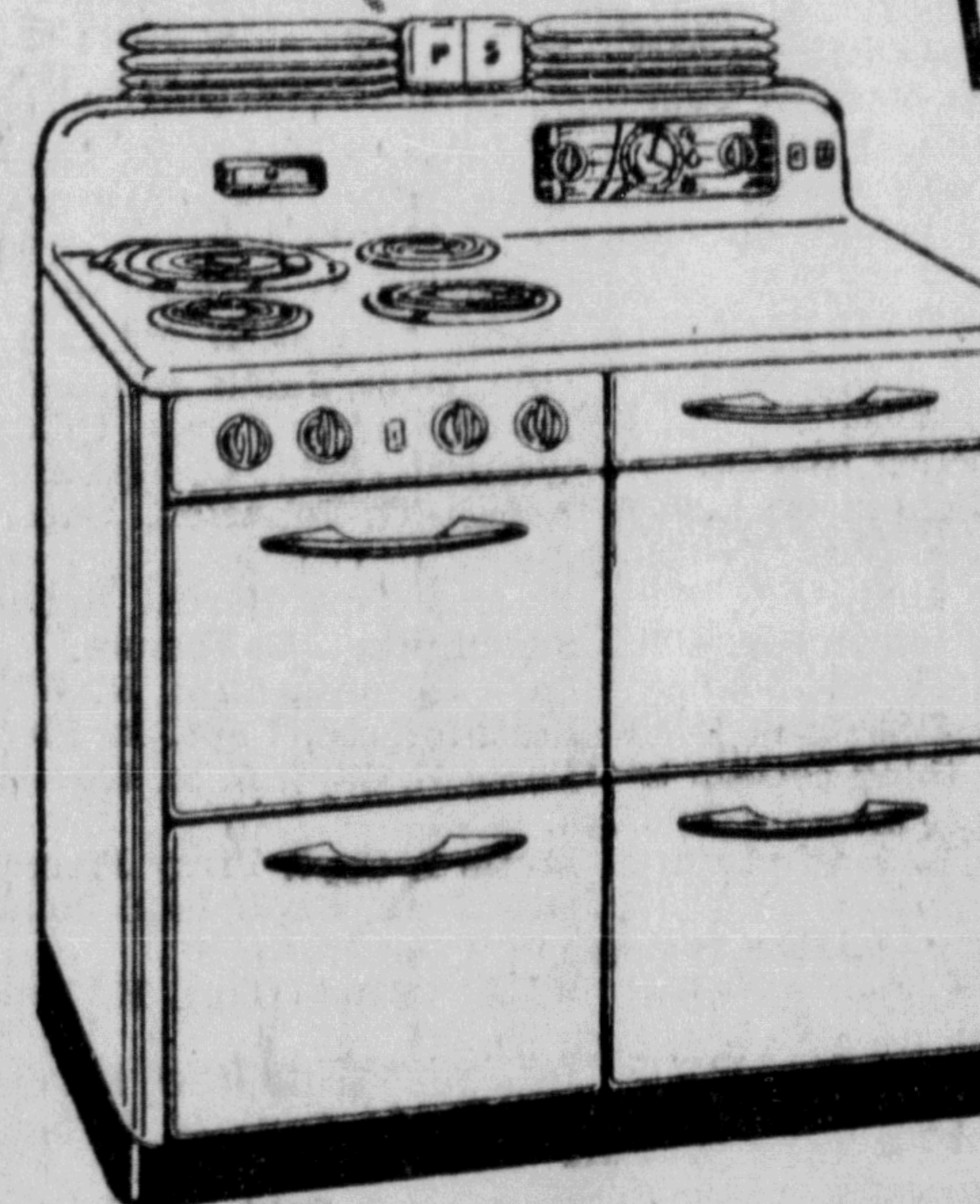
PENTICTON — A small boy, Jimmy Muirhead, was bitten three times by a rattlesnake. Enough poison serum was rushed to his aid in time to save his life.



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