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Clean-Up, Paint-Up

CPRING is here and it is time to think of cleaning I and painting up. Certainly Prince Rupert is in need of a freshening up which goes for most everybody not excepting the Daily News office. We once called Prince Rupert the Garden City of the North and, indeed, there was a time when it was quite beautiful. Whether or not it still rates honors along that line is something that is to be questioned. Of course, the picture may be a little prettier a few weeks hence when nature begins to work her wonders of helping to cover up the ugly spots.

We can proclaim Prince Rupert's beauties and opportunities to great length but our most enthusiastic boosting loses most of its punch if dingy premises, unkempt yards, debris-cluttered vacant lots, broken-down streets and dilapidated sidewalks are prominently in the view of visitors.

This is the time for city, public service bodies and citizens generally to get busy with a "clean-up paint-up" campaign. It's good economy and pays dividends not only in the impression that will be conveyed on our visitors of the season but the results also have a wonderful psychological effect upon local citizens that comes from pleasant surroundings and justifiable civic pride therein.

Democratic Freedom

A GREAT FEATURE of our democratic way of / life—a feature that distinguishes it from the communist way of life—is our freedom of speech and of search, our freedom to say and write what we will and read and listen to what we will about anything and everything in this country and in every other country.

We do not always appreciate the significance of the fact that fifty million newspapers are distributed every day on this North American continent, that fifty million people every day listen to radio broadcasts, that countless millions of people attend the movies and that at least as many read books and magazine articles of every shade of opinion on every imaginable subject, and that countless millions of discussions on every subject under the sun are held in countless millions of livingrooms, clubs and restaurants every day of the year.

In short, under our democratic way of life, the mind of every man and woman in the nation is given the freest possible access to all knowledge and to all opinion. Under our democratic way of life there is in the minds of every man and woman of the nation a capacity to weigh facts and arguments and come to individual decisions on them. Indeed, that is democracy: a system of government under which an informed people govern themselves.

Our democratic way of life lays supreme emphasis on the individual man. His development determines the national growth. And so every individual in a democracy is invited to think for himself and to try things out for himself. He is encouraged to experiment and adventure.

It is thus the duty of democratic governments to encourage the critical capacity, the questioning mind, the individual effort of every thoughtful and ambitious citizen. No tyrant can rule us as long as we have free access to all knowledge and to all opinion, as long as we can speak and act freely in accordance with our individual decisions. For thus is our freedom secured.

Scripture Passage for Joday

"He shall feed His Flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom." -Isa. 40:11.

Kenney's New Hospital Plan

Urges Modification Of Premiums

VICTORIA - A new idea for to the Legislature by a member premiums and introducing coof the Cabinet.

Lands and Forests Minister E. year, might investigate the at- our action," he said. titude of the people towards an alternative system of premium coverage.

the full premium for full cover- pounds.

age, the lower income groups might be given the opportunity to pay a lower premium which

hospitals. "We might then have more people taking part in hospital to win the Victoria Cross in the insurance." he said.

to make for the action the govhospital insurance was presented ernment has taken in raising to Edmonton. (CP PHOTO) insurance.

"We've brought it right out in T. Kenney suggested that a select the open and have not tried to House committee to be named hide anything and I think you 36 volunteers signed up for the to study H.I.S. in the coming will find that time will justify fire brigade which is being re-

SWEET CROP

Instead of all people paying Canada in 1950 was 30,717,000 the St. Luke's Anglican Church

Out Its Slums

By BERNARD DUFRESNE

Canadian Press Staff Writer

QUEBEC - An unsightly slum settlement is being cleared away from the historic plains of Abraham. With it will go a pronounced limp in the best-foot-forward tradition of tourist-conscious

The ramshackle settlement of former army barracks for six years has been a problem for city authorities puzzled about what to do with its more than 1,000

Located practically in the backyard of Upper Town, Quebec's posh residential district, "Flea Town" attracted as much tourist attention as the provincial legislature buildings, the citadel, the armories and other choice points of interest.

Few, prople strolling on the plains near the citadel-old British fortress-escaped gangs of ragged children from the cove fields begging for pennies to spend at one of the settlement's two stores.

talked about the Cove Field huts but nobody did anything about them until a special housing committee recently hit on a plan to find new homes for the slum's 130 families.

The housing committee includes representatives of the tholic Federated Charities, City Hall, and service clubs.

tear down the huts and put up elsewhere in the city about 30 four-or five-room cottages with the material that can be used.

ON INSTALMENT PLAN

evicted families on a low month- fresh fish. ly instalment plan. Meanwhile, Mr. Fletcher expects there 000 drivers in the province "and

The rehabilitation plan follows its peak. federal government eviction Property was purchased from the Plains to the National Parks similar plant some time ago. and Historic Sites Commission.

The eviction order, postponed the company waterfrontage also from year to year since 1945 at will be started on this week. the city's request, now goes into effect May 1.

The Cove Fields settlement, outcome of postwar housing shortage and rising rents, saw as many as 16 persons jammed into five small rooms into which the barrack buildings were divided.

The apartments, described by authorities as "incredibly filthy, unheatable in the winter and like furnaces in the summer," were rented by the city for \$5 weekly. Mayor Lucien Borne once said

the slum cost the city about \$40,000 a year for services like a school, public health nursing, electricity and fuel. Police who assigned three con-

stables to a patrol of the area 24 hours a day, reported frequent family quarrels but a low crime

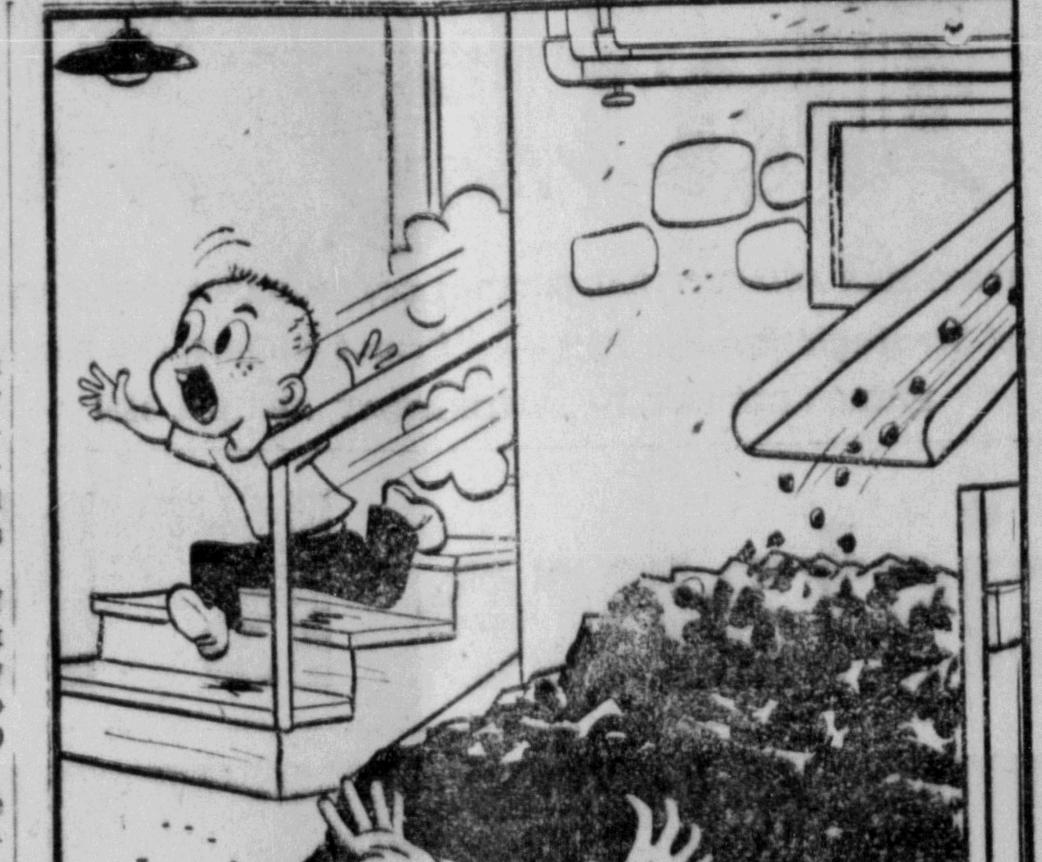
The Cove Fielders had their own "council." It met mostly to ask Quebec city council for free rents and other special benefits.



BACK FOR MORE—Ernest Alwould provide only bed care in vin (Smoky) Smith, V.C., is back in the Canadian Army again. Canada's first private Second World War, the New Mr. Kenney had no apologies | Westminster hero signed up in Vancouver and will be posted

PUBLIC SUPPORT SOURIS, Man. (CP)-More than organized here. Charlie Cherrey was elected Fire Chief. Plans for a new brigade were boosted by The total honey production in success of of volunteers in saving

in a recent fire.



"Daddy! Daddy! The coal man's here!"

Like the weather, everybody Carson Oil Plant Changes Hands-\$150,000 is Being Spent on Reconstruction

Construction of an estimated \$150,000 fresh fish Chamber of Commerce, the Ca- and liver processing plant has been started on the waterfront by Royal Fish Company, Manager A. I., The committee now mans to Fletcher said today. Western Chemical Industries Ltd. are part owners of the plant.

Although plans for the installation have not yet been completed, it is expected the plant will be reducing all types of fish The new cottages, costing less livers to vitamin oils and will Nova Scotia vehicles registrar. than \$1.800 each, will be sold to also have facilities for holding

the committee is trying to find will be year-round employment we are well on the way to hitlow-rent houses for other Cove for six or seven men and for ting the 100,000 mark in the

order designed to return the slum Shellfish Packing Co. (J. H. Cararea that blocks off one end of son Co. Ltd.), who operated a An extension of wharfage on

LUIHERANS GROWING

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP)-Since February 1 the Canadian Lutheran World Federation office here has settled more than 65 European families in Canada and the number is steadily increasing, said Reuben Baetz, secretary. The federation's only other Canadian office is in WinCARS INCREASING

HALIFAX (CP)-E. S. Campbell. said here there are nearly 139,-

Atlin Gold Mine Active

to production the Atlin-Ruffner mine in British Columbia's extreme northwest corner.

Robert Jackson (Bob) Jowsey, noted mine developer of Toronto, and associates have completed an underwriting and option Transferred to agreement with Crang Securities Ltd. of that city placing \$125,000 campbell River in the treasury at once with a further \$287,500 to accrue as options are taken up over the next

The Atlin-Ruffner property is reached by a good road 14 miles in length from the town of

10% has been prospected.

The geologist stated that there was a possibility of finding a substantial tonnage of high grade ore by shallow prospecting along the two main structures. Because the overburden was about 25 when operation is at number of vehicles." This year light and there were no trees or is expected to see a big increase roots, prospecting could be done over last year when 17,000 new cheaply by use of a bulldozer. cars and 16,560 new drivers were Dr. Dolmage recommended that all available high grade ore be

Bob Jowsey is president and Oscar F. Lundell, Vancouver, vice-president of Atlin-Ruffner Mines (B.C.) Ltd. Mr. Jowsey is Others on the board are H. R. Drummond-Hay, Winnipeg barrister who is a director of Sherrit-Gordon and other companies; Maurice Crabtree, Toronto barrister, and H. T. Hurley, secretary-treasurer of Bobjo Mines.

Dr. Victor Dolmage, consulting geologist, has advised the company that the claims contain deposits carrying silver, lead, gold, zinc, and copper, in order of importance. Confined to two well defined and clearly marked structures, the ore is comparatively easily found. He reported that all known commercial ore is confined to a shallow depth of not more than 100 feet, bot that the ore in this zone is high grade. The two principal ore bearing structures are wide and have a combined known length of 8800 feet, of which not more than

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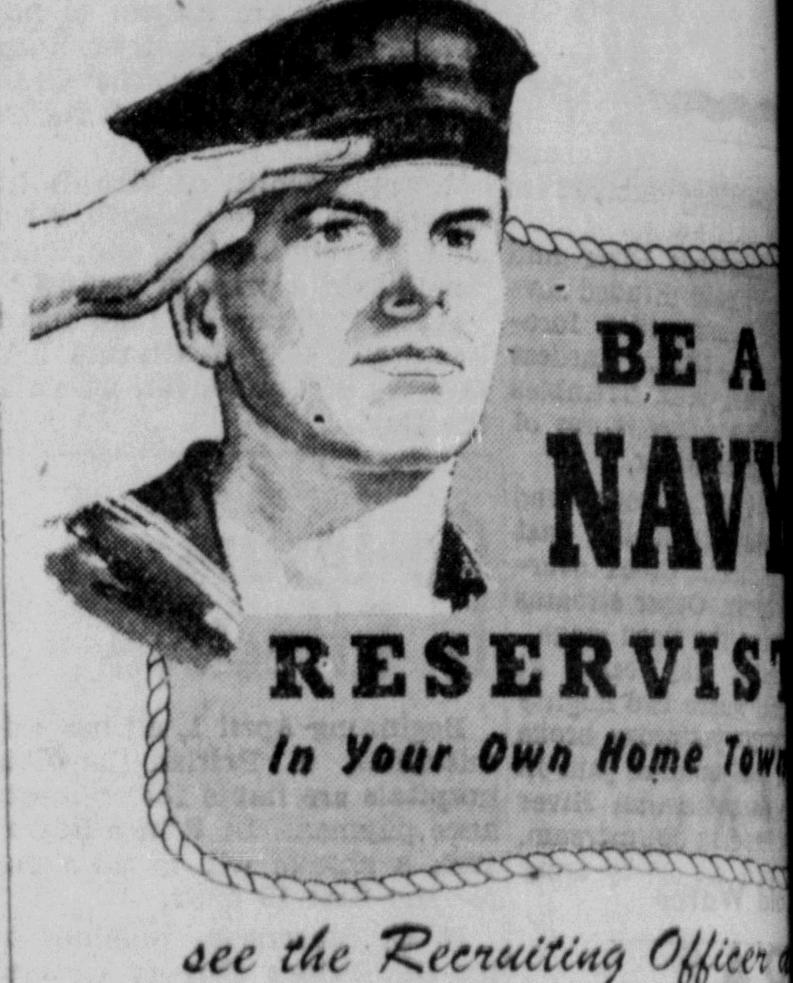
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mined and shipped, that surface prospecting be extended over the Uses Bee V full length of the two main structures and that any ore lenses so For Arthriti found be mined and the ore Names outstanding in Cana- shipped. While mining this shal- LONDON ID. dian mining history are associa- low rich ore, he said a limited Julia Owen, believed ked in a project desgneid to carry amount of testing should be done only bee-vence to make certain that no bodies of Britain, keens 20 deep, low grade ore were over- which she uses to tree

Clair Morrice, assistant ac- When I go on long countant in the local branch of sleep with the bees the Canadian Bank of Com- nightdress to keep the merce, is about to be transferred Mrs. Owen tests to from here to Campbell River to strength of each new assume accountantship of the bees by stinging her branch there. He and Mrs. Morrice will be leaving April 19.

of which was left w by her grandfather.

Some of my pap-Ill to come to me" said, "so I take my be



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