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Serious Bottleneck

A CONDITION of serious delay in delivery of freight shipments from Vancouver to Prince Rupert is developing. Complaints are heard here that it is taking as long as three weeks after ordering to get such deliveries made and, in some cases, longer than that. Docks in Vancouver, it is said, are getting piled high with the accumulation of undelivered cargo and already shortages are developing at this end.

With the new industries such as aluminum and cellulose making more and more demands on coastal cargo space, steamship companies explain that they simply have not the space to handle the business.

This is only spring and seasonal industries are just beginning to open up. The Prince Rupert cellulose mill will be operating in full soon. The freight traffic for Alcan into the Kitimat area is only beginning in a small way compared with what it will be.

It is obvious, without any explanation, that the shipping companies are not providing the facilities which are necessary to handle the traffic offering today, to say nothing of the further increase in volume that will be developing not within months but within the next few weeks. So something must be done by the companies already supposed to be serving the coast or by some other interests who may be available to enter the field. And it will have to be done and it will have to be done quickly or there will be even more delay and inconveniences to shippers and consignees—and, of course, more discontent and complaints.

The business is offering and crying for service. It simply just cannot be allowed to go unattended to.

Let's Clean It Up

IT IS gratifying to note the interest that is being taken in the move to clean up the city with the city council itself taking the lead in the matter. Tomorrow the mayor will publish an announcement officially designating May 21-26 (next week) as "Clean Up Week." He will appeal to citizens one and all to exercise civic pride with every one making an effort to clean up in every way possible. Special disposal services are being arranged by the city. By the end of next week, it is hoped there will be a vast improvement in the general appearance of the community.

Now it is up to the citizens themselves. The way the idea is catching on, the clean-up campaign should develop into a friendly competition which will result in benefit to all and a sense of satisfaction over a good job. The whole thing, of course, depends on every citizen rising to the occasion and doing his share. For many people it will only mean an hour or so of work in rounding up the odds and ends of debris material lying around and gathering it together at the front lot line to be picked up and taken away by the augmented disposal service being put on in connection with the campaign.

Teachers-Pupils Have Annual Sale

On Wednesday Annunciation Home and School Association, assisted the teachers and pupils with their annual white elephant and home cooking sale.

The ladies took charge of the home cooking table at which a

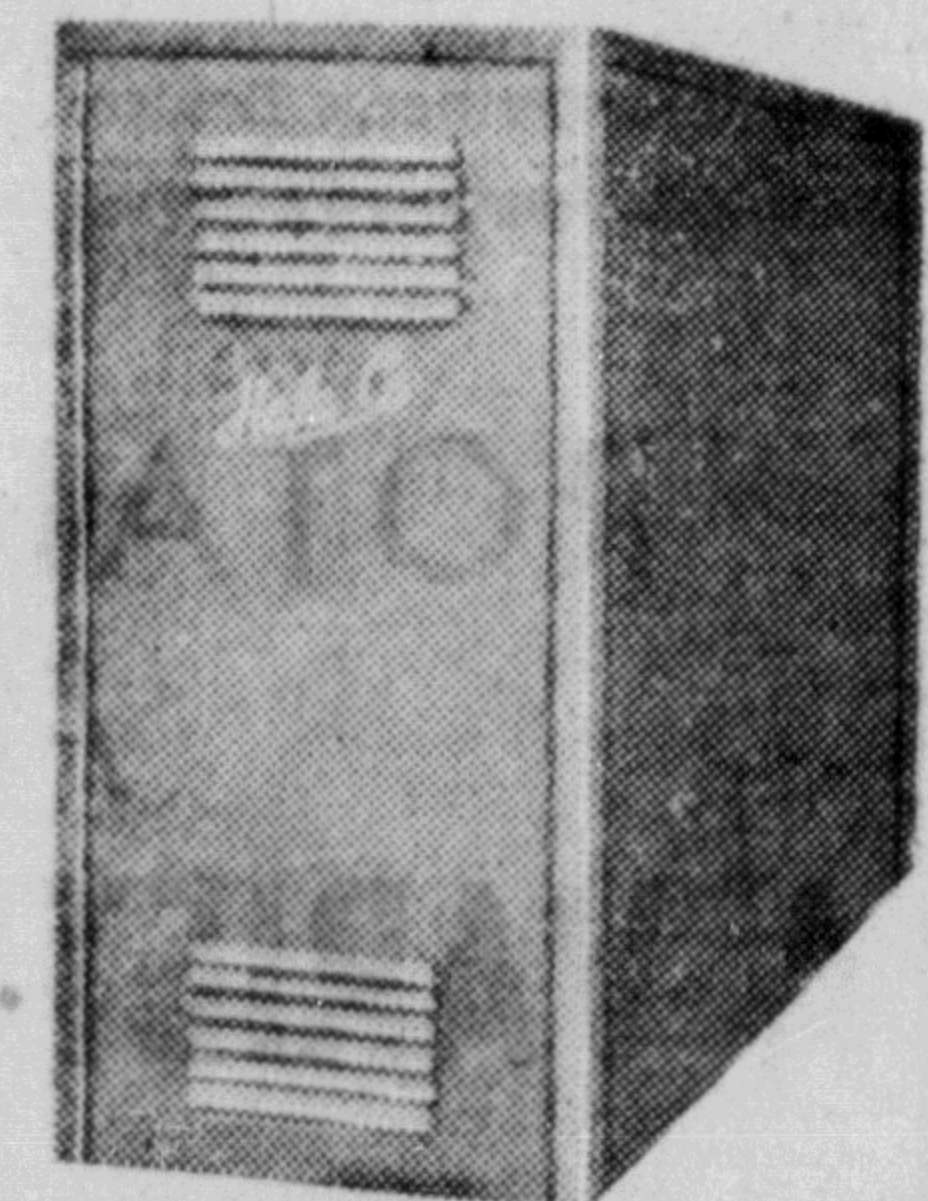
ham was raffled, Joanne Murray of Grade Three being the winner.

Other winners of raffle prizes were: Thos. J. Gowan, table lamp; Mrs. R. Toth, cosmetic case; Mrs. A. Astoria, box of chocolates.

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THE EGERIA

Way back in the summer of 1909, HMS Egeria was the only Navy Prince Rupert had ever managed to get a good square, look at. Even in 1909, she was an old ship having been built in the seventies. The Egeria had helped survey this harbor and was a frequent visitor, coming to port from time to time. She had three masts and had never been a stranger to either steam or sail. One morning, Prince Rupert learned that the Egeria had an admiral on board. No one knew how long the ship would be here so a newspaperman took the liberty of rowing out to ask a few questions. The dignitary hailed from Ottawa, had an engaging manner, was spare and grey-bearded and regretted his inability to give certain data. But how he loved to say "this beautiful harbor." HMS Egeria was built at Pembroke (England) in 1873, her tonnage being 940. She was constructed as a survey ship, composite barque rigged. In February, 1898, she arrived in Esquimalt from China, remaining on the coast ever since, being taken over eventually by the Navy League.

Health — What you lose by drinking to other people—Daffynition.

Mrs. Rose Allen Hill of Renfrew (V.I.) has gone to the penitentiary for two years for having beaten, so badly her three-year-old daughter, June Elizabeth, that she died. Fifteen bones were broken including seven ribs. Collar bone was fractured. There were a hundred abrasions and bruises. These disclosures were made known somewhere near the same annual observance date of Mother's Day.

The Jones Act is still in existence, but Northern British Columbia should soon be important enough to suggest a change. It's been a nuisance to this coast for generations from the British Columbia standpoint.

Sometimes, mystery and blood make a sort of compelling attraction. A Vancouver daily and a few airmen played up both a few years ago and so skillfully was it done that most of the province began to wonder "what next?" A couple of men were found dead in a valley in north-eastern B.C. From this sprouted all sorts of terror. The victims had been beheaded, or so it was thought. The whole region was dangerous. But, as is usually the case, it's all piffle. Today, thorough surveys and investigations tell a lot—but far from what was originally plastered on front pages.

Wonder what that deep cut between Second and First Avenues cost, about forty years ago? There must have been a few re-sounding blasts but since then,



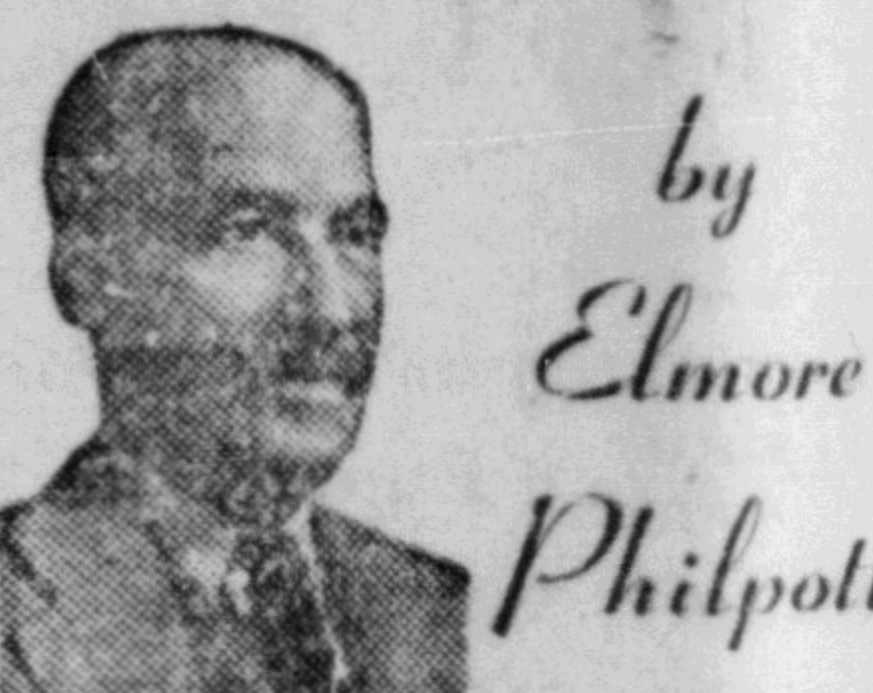
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ELEPHANT AT WORK

GENEVA, Switzerland — Maybe when the history of these strange times comes to be written, the constructive work which the UN is doing from Geneva will far outweigh the grunt-and-groan deadlocks which come out of the big bloc wrestling match at the official UN headquarters in New York. It was one of the accidents of history that the UN headquarters did get located at New York and not Geneva. Here the UN inherited from the old, defunct League of Nations a complete and fully-paid-for world headquarters. But the nations were taking no chances on Uncle Sam doing after World War II what he did after World War I—that is, walking out on his own baby.

So the U.S.A. was given the world headquarters and Geneva was left with what was then thought to be just a white elephant.

In 1951, the white elephant is carrying a real load. It is becoming more and more apparent that the U.S.A. was not the best place for a world headquarters. The 1951 Assembly will again be held in Paris. That is, the UN will make its third move "back to Europe" since the San Francisco Conference of 1945. But it won't be to Geneva—but to Paris. For Geneva is all full up as is.

THE WHITE ELEPHANT OF 1945 is anything but a dead elephant in 1951. The UN is not only using the old League of Nations buildings to capacity, but considerable extensions are being added.

The most important UN activity directed from Geneva is, of course, the World Health Organization, of which our own noted Canadian, Dr. Brock Chisholm, is the head.

We had the great privilege of visiting the Chisholms yesterday in their lovely home which looks west over Lake Lemano (or Lake Geneva, as most outsiders seem to call it). The doctor talked

you could hardly call it a street, let alone avenue. It's been just the same—all these years. An occasional car, and now and then someone going down to the yards. It was a costly enough job in 1910 and no one has yet explained why the work was ever performed—but fancy the expense today!

Hollywood salaries are not quite what they used to be. Some stars are said to be suffering. Several who are believed to have been drawing around \$100,000 have been forced to accept a ten per cent cut. It seems there was no other way out.

ed with modesty, but quiet pride, of the work that his organization (WHO) is doing.

AMONG THE POINTS THAT stuck in my mind were these: Malaria, that age-old scourge, has been completely wiped out in Crete and Sardinia, and enormously reduced even in Greece. But here's one by-product worth thinking over: Because there are no longer mosquitoes and other insects around Athens, the swallows have deserted the place.

Right now WHO is trying to get the nations to agree on a standard international health regulation plan: That is, to get a single set of regulations for all international travellers and such like. We have personal knowledge of how great is the need for such standardization. In Canada, nobody seemed absolutely sure of what inoculations we needed for entry into the various Middle East countries. And out in India, I met Americans almost frothing at the mouth because they were being held up to take "stool tests" which they had been told at the preceding stopover point not to be necessary. Even the same airlines had conflicting information.

BOTH DR. AND MRS. CHISHOLM hail from Oakville, Ontario, and we had fun talking of old days when Oakville and its next-door neighbor, Bronte, were bitter baseball rivals. If I had not had the wife with me, I would have told them of the day when playing for Bronte, I hit the ball clean out of the field and over the barn across the road. But the wife objects to that ancient brag.

The Brock Chisholms have just returned from a short vacation in Canada. The doctor is all enthusiastic about the 35-acre farm he has just bought at Williams Head, just west of Victoria on Vancouver Island.

ANOTHER CANADIAN WHO is doing a key UN job is John Humphrey. He is executive secretary of the UN Commission which is working out a treaty to apply the principles of the famous 1948 Charter of Human Rights.

The Humphreys, whom we also met, are a fascinating couple. John knows the UN inside story

Scotch Isle Turns To Mink Breeding

KNOCK, Lewis, Scotland (CP)—Mink breeding has spread to Scotland's western isles. In a small village five miles from Stornoway, Colin Morrison is starting in a small way with four males and two females. He thinks local conditions will prove favorable and hopes to build up a large farm.

"I became interested in mink breeding through a well-known Scottish breeder," said Colin. "He started in a small way in 1940 and now has a stock of more than 1000."

VALUABLE CROP — The first apple trees in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley were planted in 1633 by the Acadian settlers of the Fertile Region.

as few other people alive do know it—for he has for years been in the thick of it. His wife is a vivacious French-Canadian. She told us fascinating stories of their trip to South America.

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT is in Geneva for most of the week—but happened to skip up to Paris for this weekend, so I can't report much on that dynamic lady's activities. She, of course, is a key member of the Commission on Human Rights. Right now one of the most ticklish questions with which they are beginning to grapple is this: Will Germany be asked to pay compensation to the survivors of the Jewish and other families who were victims of the mass murder campaigns which took the lives of millions?

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