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City Streets

IT IS rather disturbing to have the city council abandon the much needed program of street paving this year because crushed gravel is in short supply and it does not choose to quarrel with the provincial government over the limited amount available.

We look at these sunny days we have been having for so long now and think of how auspicious the weather has been for just such work as this on our badly-beaten-up streets.

It may be a valid enough excuse the city may have for the failure to carry on more street improvement work this summer. Nevertheless, it is not going to rest very lightly with the long-suffering street travellers whose patience is being sorely tried at continued failure, from one reason or another, to get things done.

Frustrated as the citizens may feel, there is little use in recriminating about the fact that the provincial government has decided to do this year the hard surfacing to Port Edward that it promised and should have done two years ago or about the city also not carrying out more work during the past couple of years.

It is maddening that both the government and the city should be needing the gravel at the same time now and that there is not enough to go around for both—that it is now a case of choosing between the paving of the highway to industrial Port Edward and doing badly needed work of such nature in the city.

About the only thing we can suggest now is that something be done without delay to ensure that such a situation does not arise again in another year. We are going to need lots of material for street and road work. Why not get organized and equipped to produce it?

When Do Wars End?

CANADA has officially ended her war with Germany which commenced in September 1939. Many might have had the notion that the war finished back in 1945. But it didn't wind up until last Monday.

Canada has a fight on in Korea. Some refuse to call it a war but they do this because they have not yet taken part in it. Let us all pray it won't be 11 years before Canada and the Communists agree the war is really over.

The Lowly Spud

TO BE diverted for a moment from less serious affairs, the Cincinnati Inquirer calls attention to a problem of mounting importance. It understands that the mashed potato is fast losing popularity. Not only that, but potatoes in general seem to be losing ground. They're frowned upon by men and women of pudgy proportions and by others who, striving against time and appetite, are trying to retain their svelte contours.

"What will the nation do," asks the Inquirer with alarm, "when, suddenly some fine morning, we awaken to find roast beef and mashed potatoes stricken from every menu?" The paper is out to organize a society to be known as Re-establishment and Preservation of the Mashed Potato with Steak and Gravy Benevolent Association. The goal will be mashed potatoes every day, fried potatoes for breakfast and bigger spuds on dining cars.

Let the chips—potato chips—fall where they may. Who cares?

Scripture Passage for Today

"Be ye sure that the Lord he is God."—Ps. 100:2

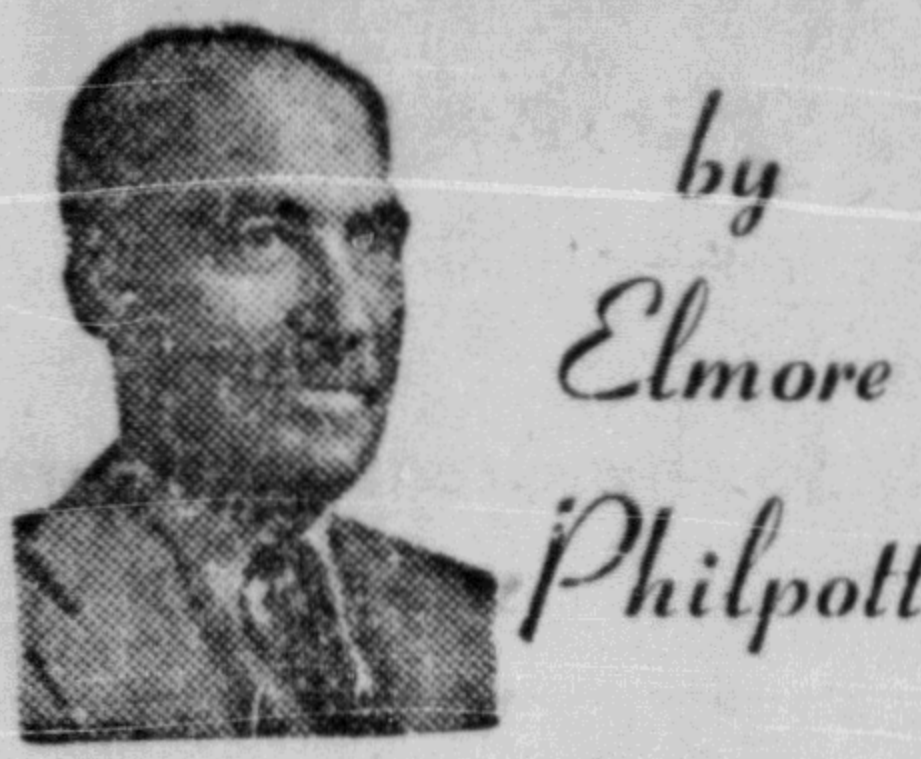


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As I See It



Home-made Coffee?

MY WIFE IS NOT SO sure that she likes me bounding out of bed these mornings to get the breakfast for the early-rising half of our family. For I've been putting in the old-time four heaping measures of coffee—and with coffee well over a dollar a pound, that's no joke!

So maybe I'll borrow one little leaf out of Gandhi's big book. I read that Gandhi did many of the chores around his farm colony in South Africa. Amongst other things, he quit using coffee and made a substitute by roasting or baking the grains of wheat.

I have a vague recollection that my dad sometimes did too, away back around 1900. Can any ex-prairie person tell us about the trick? Exactly how do you go about it? What kind of wheat do you use? How do you bake or roast it in the oven? What does the resultant brew taste like?

HERE'S A FREE TIP FOR the Department of Finance or the Bank of Canada: If you have to sell any more War Bonds, how about making them redeemable in dozens of eggs, or bags of sugar, or flour, and not in phony money?

Here along the same line is a question for our MP's and cabinet ministers: You are going to have a special session of Parliament in October to put through a better Old Age Pension Plan. This is to be on an All Put In And All Take Out basis. That principle is sound.

BUT have you considered the question of stable money? Suppose a person pays in to the fund for a whole working lifetime—say from 16 years till 70 years. Suppose during most of that time coffee is worth about 50 cents a pound, and wheat around a dollar and a half per bushel. Then suppose when the time comes to draw out the pension, government policies cause the real value of the dollar to slump to one-half or one-third its former value.

Is that not cheating of the most mean sort? DON'T THINK THIS CAN'T happen in the future. It is happening right at this moment. There are tens of thousands of Canadians—railroaders, civil servants, and people who purchased annuities—who are receiving dollars worth less than half the actual dollars they paid into their contributory superannuation funds.

PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY IT is due to deliberate Bank of Canada policy—for more often than not it is the Bank of Canada which makes government policy rather than the government which makes policy for the bank. The whole process is the negation of democracy. The theory of Responsible Government, which Canadians fought for and won from 1837 till 1867, was that the decisions which vitally affect the people are made by representatives elected by, and responsible to, the people.

The average MP, even most cabinet ministers, do not even know what the Bank of Canada is doing. Here is the best proof: If any political party were to come out for a direct capital levy, or confiscation of money of the millionaires, it would be branded as Communist or worse. But the Bank of Canada policies are, in fact, cheating the housewife by paying off the husband in debased money.

We already have a capital levy—but it falls not on the rich but on the Old Age pensioners, retired school teachers, clergymen and civil servants who gave their whole lives, at poor pay, to the service of this land.

Cancolim To Arctic

A strange ship with as strange a crew is on its way northward from Vancouver and may call at Prince Rupert. It is headed for the Arctic to Tuktoyaktuk, a small Eskimo village port near the mouth of the McKenzie River.

First mate on the northern rigged Vancouver motor vessel Cancolim II is Fred Barber, son of Mrs. F. Barber, of Prince Rupert. The expedition is a project of the Defence Research Board of Canada and the crew is a combination of scientists. The Cancolim, belonging to the Canadian Can Co. and well known in coast waters, is a company service vessel, and has been refitted to weather Arctic ice and storms in the Beaufort Sea.

Skipper is Tom Manning, a zoologist and the chief engineer. Is a geographer Curt Merrell. The other seafaring scientists who are taking on the work of deckhands include a biologist, two oceanographers and a glaciologist.

Barber, who attended Borden Street and Booth Memorial High School here, joined the Royal Canadian Naval Fishermen's Reserve in 1938 and during the war for a time commanded Navy supervised fishing vessels on the coast.

Mrs. Barber expects her son may call in at Prince Rupert in a few days on the Arctic-bound Cancolim.

Clergy Should Remain Single

WOLVERHAMPTON, England.—Clergymen should marry for money unless they have a private income, says Rev. Wilfred Ellis, 60-year-old bachelor vicar of St. George's Anglican Church here. After visiting his old theological training college and finding the library lined with baby carriages belonging to student priests, Ellis wrote in his parish magazine:

"I think the clergy marry unwisely and too soon. The funds of the church are for pastoral work and will never suffice to maintain a social position or an expensive education for children."

Mr. Ellis says that most priests would be better persons if they remained single. Married, their loyalties are divided between family and church, unless they have private means. Ellis, who has a private income, is not interested in matrimony for himself.

"I'm happy as I am, sharing a home with a bachelor curate," he said. "Yet, there are women in my parish who still consider me marriageable."

LETTERBOX

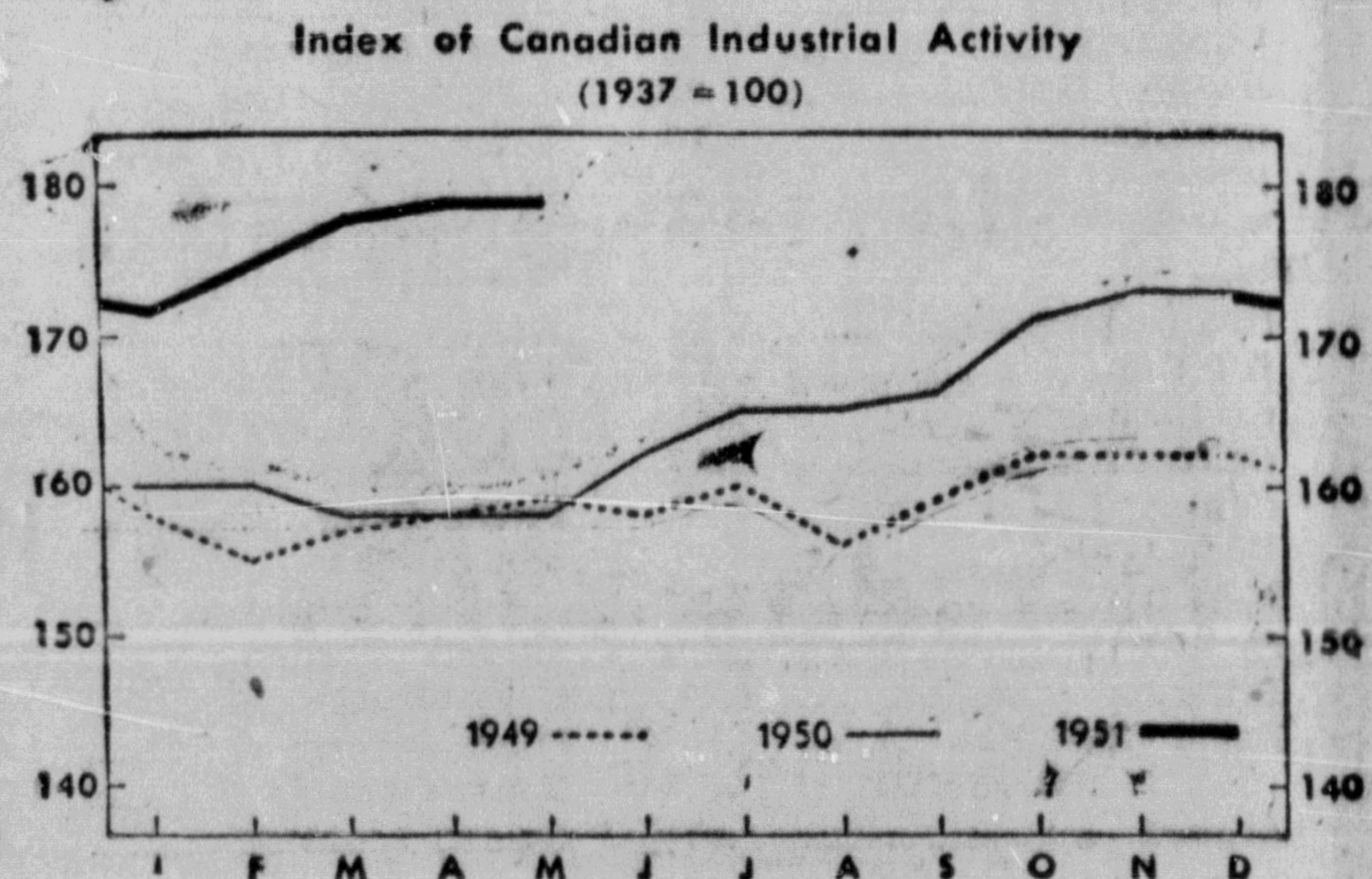
INTERIOR FISHING LAKES Editor, Daily News: A point I would like to draw to your attention is that Burns Lake like Prince Rupert, although on a smaller scale, is forging ahead. The following mid-page 15, June 11 issue of the Daily News, was drawn to my attention. Caption: "Hunting and Fishing."

"Rainbow trout are found more in the Interior, especially in the small lakes surrounding Babine Lake, east of Smithers." Babine Lake, 100 miles long, is connected to Burns Lake by an excellent highway 22 miles in length. A passable fair road goes in from Topley to Babine, 30 miles west of Burns Lake. These are the only two means of road access to Babine. Your "small lakes" are, I suppose: Fulton, 10 miles long; Augier, 11; Pinkut, 8; Taltapin, 12.

Burns Lake has always insisted that Prince Rupert is the natural outlet for Central British Columbia. It could have been in order to mention Burns Lake 14 miles long; Decker Lake, 9; Tchesinkut, 12; Francois, 80; Ootsa, 40; Eutsuk, 75; Uncha, 9; Whitesail, 30. These and many small lakes are excellent fishing lakes, all in our vicinity.

As Prince George began to expand, it became somewhat insular for a while but has changed. We expect better things of Prince Rupert.

WALTER WILSON Burns Lake.



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Reflects and Reminisces

STALLING AROUND

Correspondents were in the neighborhood of where peace prospects are under discussion in Korea but this did not mean any permission was given to attend. They were there through their own efforts and 'gumption' or they would not be correspondents. They stall around and later on are handed communiques which aren't news. If they were any handier to Moscow, all would be charged with espionage and given ten years in clink. And yet, some cheerful souls fancy the newspaper business.

Staging a July snowstorm on the opening day, Monday the ninth, Calgary's stampede distinctly outclasses everything in the way of legitimate competition.

CAN THIS BE SO?

Prince Rupert visitors to Victoria say tourists and others complain about cafe cooking and serving in the provincial capital but are less certain where hotels are concerned. This is something new. Commencing with climate, Victoria is supposed to be above criticism—so long as it's praise.

SEE IT AT LAST

Until years had passed, alleged news concerning the new river road up north appeared badly mixed. It seemed next to impossible to get a story straight. Yarns kept circulating in the south that there was no Skeena Highway when, as a matter of fact there was. Even when true, beyond the faintest doubt or uncertainty it was admitted in a grudging way. Chronic dissatis-

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tion has been known to hasten improvements but this is becoming a thing of the past. All British Columbia realizes there is a Skeena Highway and the day is coming when All Canada will see in it one of the nation's finest drives.

It has been suggested overseas that if red coats were restored to all regiments of the British Army, it might have a stimulating effect, alike on soldiers and civilians. Were Buonaparte asked about it, he would be practically certain to share in the opinion.

People lose wallets and turn to the classified columns, which offer as good a chance of recovery as anything else, if not better. It's easy to lose a wallet when you're always in a hurry and trying to do half a dozen different things at the same time. There are such folks.

Air Passengers

From Vancouver (Tuesday)—G. Kelly, H. Harrison, J. Sinclair, L. C. Boltzelle, H. Gonik, H. Barnett, J. Barber, Mrs. B. Mall, Miss Hall, W. G. Thompson, G. Daniels, J. H. Shriberg.

From Sandspit (Tuesday)—A. Krywicki, Misses B. and B. Gatsko, B. McKay, A. T. Lashmar, H. Grey. To Vancouver (Tuesday)—A. W. McGuire, F. A. Stevenson, Ong Lee, R. D. Kitchen. To Sandspit—H. McLellan.

To Vancouver (today)—S. Bronke, T. A. V. Tremblay, R. Edwards, R. J. Cooper, R. S. Smith, J. Ewart, M. Anderson, J. Matthews, R. T. Harmon, L. Christopherson, Mr. Morris, T. C. Rutherford, R. G. Napier. To Sandspit (today)—A. M. McLean.

Advertisement for THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, featuring a suitcase and the text 'Taking a trip? Leave worry behind ... carry Travellers Cheques'.

Advertisement for TRUCK PARTS and NOTICE regarding highway regulations. Includes text: 'PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that by regulation 8 dated July 10, 1951, pursuant to Section 36 of the "Highway Act" and as amended by Bill 84, Section 3, 1951, the Northern Trans-Provincial Highway No. 16 from Prince Rupert city limits to Galloway Rapids bridge, and the Port Edward Road from Galloway Rapids bridge to Port Edward township, is hereby restricted to a maximum speed limit of 30 M.P.H. until such time as all construction operations are completed.'

Advertisement for Make cooking a picnic with... featuring an illustration of a picnic scene with a grill and a child.

Advertisement for ELECTRICITY! featuring an illustration of an electric stove and text: 'It's cool... It's fast... It's clean... It's economical... to cook with electrical appliances. Switch on—there's your heat. Switch off—the heat's gone!'.

Advertisement for RELIEF FROM HAY FEVER AND ASTHMA, featuring an illustration of a person and text: 'Inhale the soothing herb vapors of Kellogg's Asthma Relief—Breathing becomes more free and natural. Brings effective relief even to chronic Asthma and Hay Fever sufferers. Over 60 years in use. Available in cigarette form, if desired.—Ask your nearest dealer.'

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Advertisement for PLUMBING and HEATING, featuring text: 'The Reliable and Prompt Service You Know PHONE 174 For Repairs and Alterations Smith & Elkins Ltd. P.O. Box 274'

Advertisement for Vacation Cars, featuring text: 'TWO 1950 FORDS Low mileage TWO 1950 FORD PREFECTS 3,500 miles A-1 Shape Ready to Go Bob Parker Ltd. FORD - MONARCH DEALER Prince Rupert, B.C.'

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