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## They Can See

NOW that important housing officials of both governments are here to see for themselves, Prince Rupert should get some long-delayed action in meeting the grim housing crisis here.

We are sure those officials will agree upon the urgent necessity of everything possible being done to help out the community, the development of which is today being to large extent strangled by the lack of living accommodation.

They will also hear and be able to get concrete examples of the exploitation by some people at least of the scarcity situation.

Time, of course, is the essence now. We need not discuss the whys or the wherefores of the serious delay that has already occurred to bring about the present state of affairs.

It takes governments a long time to move at best, it seems, but this is an exceptional situation and Prince Rupert undoubtedly has a strong case for demanding the cutting of all red tape which might ordinarily be involved in getting action by the quickest and most effective means that may be devised.

Of timely interest in connection with the local housing discussions might be considered a news story in this paper today from Terrace telling of the British Columbia Contractors' Association of Vancouver having written to the Terrace Board of Trade offering to build, under certain conditions, "any number of houses" within the town limits.

## Immigration Vital

THE Canadian Chamber of Commerce believes that Canada should plan to double its population in 25 years, and believes further that this is imperative to meet our growing defence and production manpower requirements. Thomas Oakley, Toronto, chairman of the executive committee on immigration in the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, says:

"With its vast and exposed land area of approximately three and one half million square miles, Canada is quite incapable of defending itself from attacks which it may have to meet from the north, namely from Russia. Notwithstanding the fact that Canada will have the assistance of the United States in meeting any such aggression, the fact remains that Alaska and Northern Canada are very exposed and very vulnerable."

Facilities should be provided for encouraging immigration from the United States, Mr. Oakley urges and, toward this end, asks the government to re-open information and immigration offices which Canada had in the United States prior to 1930. One of the advantages of getting immigrants from the United States is the fact that no transportation problem is involved.

The Canadian Chamber representative expresses approval of the government's present plan providing for assisted transportation for selected immigrants from Great Britain and Northern Europe, but urges acceleration of the number being selected and brought into the country.

Mr. Oakley states that "Canada's leaders should recognize the moral aspect of immigration in today's world. Canadians in all endeavour, including those in government, have a moral responsibility to share the natural wealth and opportunities with all freedom-loving people at this crucial stage in history."

## Scripture Passage for Today

"Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law: yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart."—Psa. 119:34.

Before you say SCOTCH  
 Say DEWAR'S

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ON THE ROAD—Canada's census-takers will take no chances of missing anyone from their records when they gather statistics on every Canadian in June. Nearly every road and river will be checked; travelling salesmen and people on business and pleasure trips will be stopped and questioned by the field workers. An idea of the way it will be done is shown in this photo. (CP PHOTO)

## THE LETTERBOX

### NOT SO BAD

Editor,  
 Daily News:  
 Yes, Open Minded, I can back you on every word you said in your letter on Monday. It is the most sensible and most logical letter I have read in all of those tenant and landlord letters that have been appearing in the Daily News of late. I certainly do agree with you when you say that it works both ways. But if the landlord happens to get a lemon he is really up against it, because a tenant can do more damage to a dwelling in a month than the landlord in a year. I happen to know because I have worked on a house just before it got rented to a "lemon." I also had to work on the same house after it was evacuated by the same. It was a shame the condition they left the house in. When a person has to repair Gyprock because someone forgot where the door was and tried to make one especially for himself and the children try out their jackknives on the furniture and window sills, it is a good thing there is such a thing as plastic wood and putty. They sure cover a lot of sins. Especially in the rented home where the mother says: "Oh, my children do make themselves at home, no matter where they are." I'll agree with the mother that the children sure do when mother doesn't care. And why should she care? The house doesn't belong to her and furthermore she is paying the rent. I can't say that all the people who rent houses, suites, or rooms are the same, or could be classed in the same category. No, heaven forbid, as I have also worked in rented houses, suites and rooms for the tenants. I mean good tenants. It was a pleasure to work for them, and also to see their nice, neat spotless dwelling. Yes, when you work among the people as a jack-of-all-trades for the last 28 years, you see a lot.

As to cost of rent, I don't think that the rent did go up so sky high just because the celanese workers came into Prince Rupert. I paid \$24 a month for a small room, and all it had in it was a cot, a chair, and a small table

## Cronin Mine Shipping Ore

Forty tons of high grade silver-lead-zinc ore from the Cronin mine left Smithers for Trail smelter on Monday of this week, the first of a series of carloads planned at regular intervals.

Milling machinery purchased at Zeballos has arrived at Prince Rupert en route to the Cronin mine. This equipment should reach Smithers by the end of this week. Trucks bringing out ore from the stockpile at the Cronin will return from Smithers to the mill site with mill machinery and accessories.

Good progress is being made on camp buildings. Foundations for the mill will be poured as soon as weather permits. Milling by midsummer is the objective of the program.

Roy Clothier is managing director.

LONDON (CP)—A special paint has been perfected here which will crack in places where great strain is shown. Gun manufacturers are using it to test guns which when fired will produce a crack in the paint at the point of greatest strain.

## As I See It

by  
 Elmore  
 Philpott

### MO AND TAJ MAHAL

AGRA, India.—Here in the home city of the most beautiful building in all the world, I have come near the end of my travels in this re-born, ancient land.

As car companions from Delhi, I had the Slacks from the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

Mr. Slack heads what is probably the biggest mushroom producing plant in the British Empire (pardon me, I mean Commonwealth). His friendly wife still retains a trace of her native Scottish burr. Diana, the daughter, is young, frank, clear-eyed and direct—typically and recognizably Canadian. Our driver was Harry, of the Canadian High Commissioner's staff, and I hasten to allay the fears of any over-suspicious taxpayer by noting that we paid for our own gasoline and oil.

I BEGAN TO WONDER IF I ever would get to see the famous Taj Mahal after all.

For no sooner had I got into my ground floor room at Laurie's Hotel, Agra, than along came Mohammed.

Mohammed is a barber, and the son and grandson of a barber and, I am willing to bet, will be the father of a barber, too. He carries his tools right with him, also a ream of credentials, which say that he's quite a lad.

Anything in the credentials is mild compared with the reality. For what a barber! I told Mohammed to come around at four

o'clock. But after lunch there was Mo camped on my doorstep. I said: "Come on in."

Mo gave me an expert haircut, head wash, shampoo, oil rub, head massage, neck massage. Unlike the city slicker barber of Canada, who used to give the country visitors the works, Mo never asked when he moved from one operation to another. Besides, there was no argument about the fact that I needed all Mo's services on my head—and probably more. But when Mo worked down from the neck massage to a back treatment, combining chiropractic adjustments, a novel brand of osteopathy and some techniques quite unique, I began to think, "Time to call a halt." But before I "knew it," Mo had me flat on my back, cutting my toenails. "That's enough," I cried, but Mo answered calmly: "Just a few minutes more."

He cut two big calluses off the soles of my bare feet, then ended with some parting thumps on the legs.

Price—seven rupees (about \$1.50 our money—and worth double that to a travel-worn old bloke like me.

WHAT CAN ONE SAY ABOUT the Taj Mahal that hasn't been said a thousand times, or more, before?

Undoubtedly it is the most beautiful structure that I have ever seen—superb in the broad daylight and with an extra feminine soft loveliness in the light of the moon. It would be a masterpiece even if it stood in a crowded city, a job of landscaping as there is anywhere.

To thoughtful, modern westerners the Taj is both inspiring and humbling. Here in this classic creation is proof of the heights to which man can rise when he works with nature and all her talents. But here, too, is proof that other religions, colors, races and times have produced works which we have never surpassed and, most of us think, have rarely, if ever, equalled. Here is proof, too, that everything built in our times is not necessarily better than what was built many centuries ago.

A WHOLE BATTALION OF Indian soldiers was sight-seeing

the Taj with us. I walked up to two much-be-ribboned corporals and asked: "Where are you boys from?"

"No English—no English," they answered.

"Don't give me that line with all those ribbons," I said, and they beamed all over when I said, pointing: "So you were in Africa." They agreed proudly and asked: "You there, too?"

"No, I was in THE war," I answered, but I figure my attempted feeble wisecrack must have gone clear over their heads. Maybe they never heard of 1914 to 1918, or Ypres or Vimy.

"Where you from?" they asked. "Canada—Canada—Canada." They smiled from ear to ear. "Canada—Canada—okay." It makes a Canadian very

proud to realize that she is recognized as the welcome to more than it would be otherwise.

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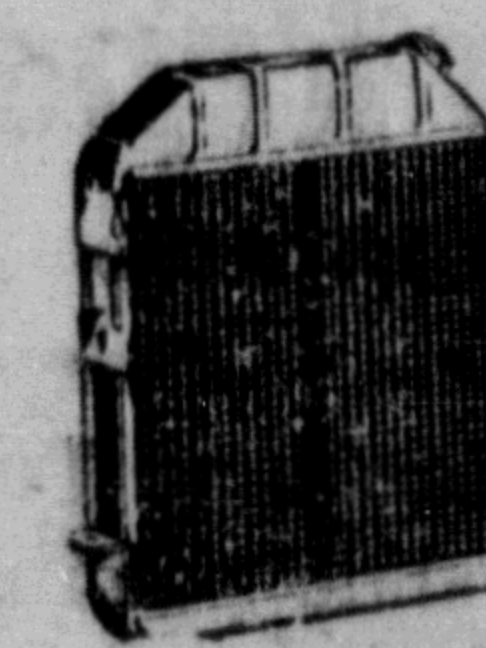
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