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B.C. Road Farce

IF the growing tide protests and criticisms which I are coming from far and near are of any effect and if the authorities are not entirely impervious we should soon be getting some pretty definite action in the way of improving roads in British Columbia, particularly in the rapidly expanding industrial area of the central interior.

Persuaded and encouraged by the government, big industry is coming into these parts. The government boasts about the revenue which is accruing to the province from these industries. If that is the case, is it not about time that the government was speeding up on the program of providing roads for those industries and the people which are flocking into this part of the country?

We talk about the need of an agricultural background for our industry and of bringing in immigrants. One of the first things we need is roads and good roads—not deferring their building until sheer exasperation and desperation on the part of the people compels the government to take deferred and reluctant action which is often quite ineffectual.

In a southern paper a few days ago appears a lengthly letter to the editor entitled "B.C.'s Road Force." It is highly critical but the criticism appears to us to be pretty much warranted.

The letter alleges complete failure of the government to maintain its promised five-year plan for road building and suggests that it is about time the motorists of B.C. were given an accounting of the estimated revenue from road tax licence fees during the last ten years and the amount the roads received in return.

As for Highway 16, the letter has the following to say:

"The Aluminum Company of Canada invests \$500,000,000 in B.C., and we counter this with a dirt road from Lac La Hache to Prince Rupert. The greatest scenic circuit route in the world, through the Fraser Canyon to Prince George, across to Prince Rupert, and down the coast by boat, suffers from a dusty, dirty, bumpy, sweaty road."

Scripture Passage for Joday

"Speak . . . and do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty."-James 2:12.

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Safeguarding Of Fisheries

VANCOUVER-Hon R. H. Mayhew, Minister of Fisheries, while Canadian delegation will go to bad. Ottawa next month to open negotiations on a three-power North Pacific Fisheries Treaty. In its final draft form, the pact will contain nearly all that is asked for.

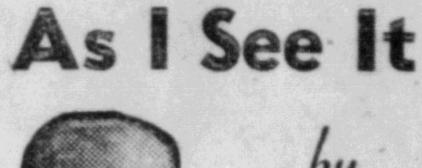
It will not be until spring that transactions conclude. The plan is to provide complete protection for Canada's salmon and halibut runs in particular, while ironing out general principles of where the fleets of Canada, United States and Japan shall operate in the North Pacific.

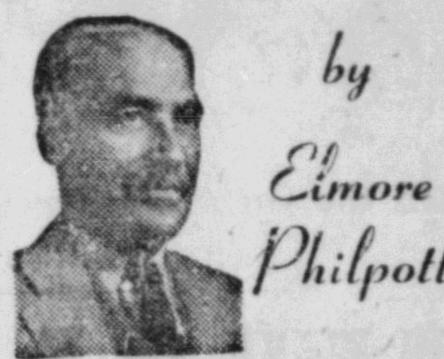


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Likes Eliot Work

DO YOU have some pet, private theory — which you would love to have the chance to prove? Well, I have.

One is that the Canadian and all other people nave great latent hidden, or undeveloped talents which should be brought to the

Here is what I mean. Take an army battalion. Or take a church congregation. Or take some business concern, which employs a few hundred people.

Now suppose they want to do something outside their regular line of work. Maybe they want to put on a show. Maybe they want to get out a magazine, or book. They need talent-talent of a kind not ordinarily needed by their business or occupational organization.

In nine cases out of ten, if they hunt long enough they can find, right inside their own group people who can compose poetry or music, or who can act, or draw funny or serious pictures, or wno can do any one of a score of things, outside the regular run of their workaday jobs.

THOUGHT of that when went to see a painting exhibition in Vancouver. I heard that a man named Mr. Elliot who had spent a lot of time in hospital had nevertheless collected works of art numbering many hundreds; and I wondered how a man in ordinary circumstances could get together even a sprinkling of works by such immortals as Rembrandt, Turner, and so

But when I got there I was personally most impressed by striking 'different" pictures. bearing the name "Van Volkingberg". When I asked about the identy of this "Van Volkingberg" I found it was Mr. E . Elliot himself, the owner of the whole collection.

FAR FROM it from me to barge in on the private preserves of the professional art critics But I am willing to bet that Elliot's paintings are going to get themselves talked aboutliked, disliked—and appreciated OUTSIDE Canada before they get of assize sessions in the past much recognition here.

work that it as striking as that or uninteresting. With many, of some of the "primitive" paint- circumstances could be best desers who are now very much in cribed as the reverse. Often was the artistic eye in some countries there a dramatic moment. And of Europe.

THE AMAZING thing to me development that strained cusabout Elliot's paintings is that tomary solemnity. it is so entirely different from that of the classical craftsmen, whom he so obviously admires. They tell me that he has spent all his money and energy going about picking up these works or art—some of which are superb many of which are not so good here en route to Ottawa, said a and others of which are very

> Yet his own creative work is literally as different from the regulars as are two worlds.

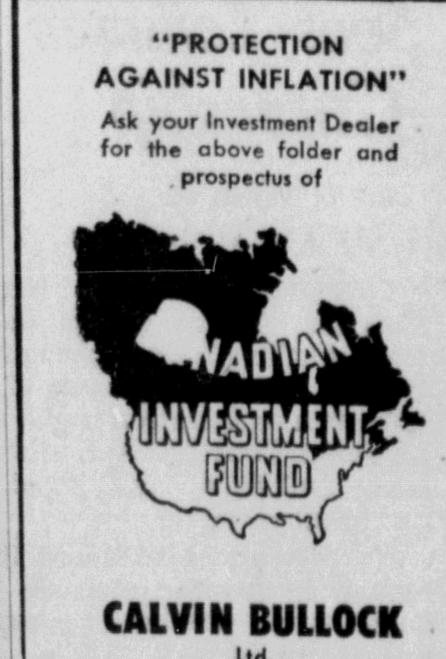
word uttered is under oath. ELLIOT PAINTS with furious OLD JOHN speed, from the inside out. It pours out of him, they say, almost like automatic writing comes out to his duties as Sheriff of Prince of some people. Some of his Rupert a knowledge of early pictures are memory recrea- days in the west, as well as other tions, such as one of a stormy, qualifications. He lived in Calgloomy prairie night in the days gary when ranchers, mounted when he was a school master police and remittance men were near Battleford.

But others seem to me like as breezy as the prairies. He wore scenes from those far away a handle-bar moustache and other worlds when a human be- every spring received from old and when the eye of the spirit honest-to-goodness maple honey roams around in cosmic space. , to share with a select circle way "I sent my soul through out on the coast.

the Invisible,

life to spell— So wrote Omar Khayyam. Only numerous young couples certain cessful men. It was his job to the great masters can "send their that late hours are even extra give away his father's fortune souls." But lots of folks have good for two. souls that wonder a bit. Many a small boy or girl, going off There were only thirty-five at 77, he is entitled to a rest, and to sleep has seen scenes such cars parked in the immediate private happiness. as Elliot draws from somewhere neighborhood of Second Avenue

inside his subconcious mind. I think they have great power And in one of them you could and lasting worth.



LET'S NOT WAIT 'TIL THE LAST MINUTE-By Robert Chambers in the Halifax Chronicle-

NOT UP TO CITIZENS

Reflects and

means test in Canada it will not

be long before one half of this

part of the world knows how the

Prince Rupert has seen score

SOMETIMES DRAMATIC

equally true could there

FEELING STRANGE

word, an exclamation or some

Something not at all unusua

in looking downward. As a rule,

new to the austerity of a Court

him to "speak up." For every

The late John Shirley brought

and Sixth Street Sunday evening.

note a darling little puppy

viewing, from a cushioned seat,

a devil-may-care looking dog

with a mangled ear, walking to-

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was

ward a telegraph pole.

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Reminisces

Editor, Daily News:

The mayor of Prince Ruper last night gave a convincing ad dened with an expense they have dress on the requirements of already paid for (through hospi-At the rate people are going Prince Rupert General Hospital. tal insurance premiums). after old age pensions without We have no quarrel with what he said concerning the needs of the hospital. We have no inside information concerning them.

However, we do know that when the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service was founded, their allowance for rates did not include allowances for replacement of thirty-five or forty years and equipment. The hospital wa He seems to me to be doing few, if any, could be called dull supposed to get along with what equipment they had or purchase new equipment to meet the needs. But the equipment al-

ready in their possession was to be replaced by the BCHIS. The heating plant, in particular, was one of the items that would be replaced when it became necessary, according to Dr. Hershey, first director of the scheme when addressing a meeting at Salmon Arm explaining the is the practice of a witness to scheme before the scheme bespeak in a low tone and persist came effective. According to Dr. Hershey's statement at that a witness of this description is time. BCHIS is responsible for replacing Prince Rupert General of Law. In other wrods he does Hospital's heating plant if the not feel at home and not infreneed is there. There is no need quently is it necessary to request to call upon the citizens of Prince Rupert to aid in the replacement of any equipment possessed by the hospital before the

scheme was inaugurated. The infamous scheme was brought into effect without reforendum to the people in the first place. Perhaps those responsible thought that promises made at Salmon Arm would not be heard at Prince Rupert. Periamiliar figures and stories were haps they forgot that communications have become very effi-

ing lies half awake half asleep friends in Ontario a keg of recently married at the age of seventy-seven. Early in life he went to work but it is not known just how he toiled-whether it was on a contract basis, or at so Some letter of that after- A British scientist says late much an hour. At any rate he is hours are good for one. There are rated one of America's most sucand to do it sensibly. And that has been some responsibility. So,

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