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Why Postpone Session?

WHILE we are quite as enthusiastic, loyal and affectionate as any one else, we wonder if it is desirable or necessary to hold up the business of the country too much even for the royal visit of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip. Would they wish it themselves? Possibly they would be just as interested in seeing us at our normal work and activities as merely making a big holiday of their coming.

They are talking at Victoria, it seems, of postponing the special session of the Legislature which had been called especially to deal with the new special old age pension plan whereby the province would share with the Dominion the cost of pensions. The question occurs should this important matter, and maybe other business that arises, be held up on that account. Then there is also the expense and inconvenience of delaying such a sitting after many arrangements have been made by members and others concerned.

And, if the Legislature was in session, Her Royal Highness and her consort could pay a visit to the House, receive a fitting welcome there and observe for a few minutes one of the lesser Parliaments of Commonwealth in action.

Realistic Education

FOR the past four years a special committee composed of representatives of educational, business, agricultural and labor groups, has been making a study of secondary education in Canada. The main purpose was to consider what constitutes a suitable training for students who go directly into employment from high school.

The importance of that field can be judged by the fact that the great bulk of Canadian youth never go beyond high school in their formal education, and only about one third of those who start high school ever complete the full course.

Though there have been some recent changes, on the whole our high school education seems to be based too much on the assumption that all students should go on to university. Emphasis has been placed on those special subjects which are compulsory for university entrance. There has been too little attempt to give the much greater number of students who will never go beyond high school an education suited to their special needs.

To correct this grave weakness and injustice, members of the committee make several specific recommendations. It's to be hoped that these get the widest and most serious consideration. Of equal or even greater importance is their emphasis on closer and better relations between the schools and universities and the business life of the community. Each could benefit greatly by knowing a very great deal more about the other.

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Scripture Passage for Today

"My grace is sufficient for thee."—II Cor. 12:9



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As I See It



by
Elmore Philpott

LONDON—BY an overwhelming majority MP's and other delegates from 20 countries passed the second half of the recommended plan for a world government.

This is the plan which calls for the most gigantic welfare plan of all time, a share the wealth scheme on a world basis. Vast as is the conception, speaker after speaker pointed out that the present production for war would be far more than sufficient to cover the cost.

Today's list of speakers included Lord Boyd Orr, who pointed out how only such a plan would save the economies of western industrial nations from a disastrous slump when real peace comes to mankind.

Lord Merthyr of Wales also spoke. He gave a most down-to-earth talk not only on the importance of such plans as are proposed here, but on taking the shackles off ordinary trade between nations.

HE SAID flatly that if the United States and other countries would tear down the tariff walls that now make trade impossible, even the Marshall Plan and other such handout schemes would be unnecessary among western nations. He coupled this with a warm tribute to the generosity of the United States but argued that it was foolish to create a problem with one hand only to have to solve it with the other. Lord Merthyr tells me he is very anxious to come to Canada and especially B.C. for a visit.

The famous provocateur wit and philosopher, Dr. C. E. M. Joad, ran true to form. He lashed out in all directions and took a crack at all the other speakers.

Luckily for me, perhaps I came next. I hadn't intended to speak till later, but stepped in to fill a blank at the chairman's request.

MY LINE WAS as follows: We in Canada have found that the principle of confederation is a great unifying force. We started out as two distinct races, as "two nations warring within the bosom of a single state." The French and English, who were destined to live together in Canada, were at the outset as bitter enemies as the Russians and Americans are now, except that our two peoples had centuries of war and animosity to put behind us.

Our confederation arose out of a deadlock on a small scale, just as frustrating as the deadlock in UN between the US-led and Russian-led blocs today. The deadlock was broken when a great Liberal walked across the floor of the House and suggested to a great Conservative: "Why don't you try federation?"

I said: "Let us in the Western world go right ahead with the plan for world government and when the right time comes, let us invite the Russians, Chinese, and everybody else on earth to help build it. If they want to sit in with us, well and good. But if they won't co-operate, then let us plan the world parliament exactly as if they were there, affording the fair number of seats so they can always change their minds when they see the green light."

"Let us go ahead with them, if we can, without them, if we must; but let us go ahead anyway."

I TOLD THEM how Laurier, who had bitterly opposed federation in Canada, had not only lived to change his mind, but had become the very crown and glory of the confederation principle.

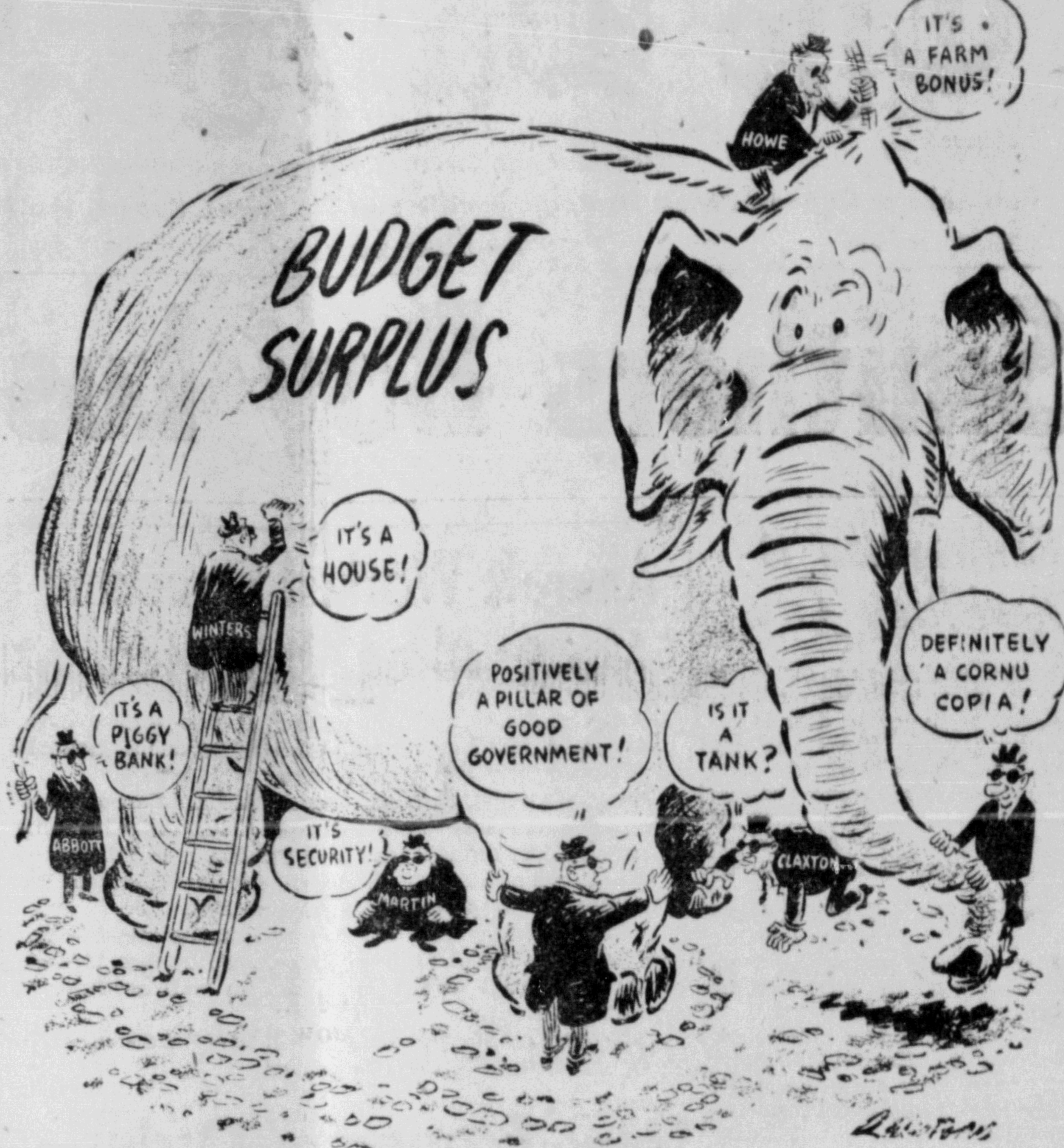
I told them how we in Canada had struggled for two centuries for "responsible government" and how we had finally won freedom from "Downing Street." International federation was, I claimed, the only answer to Communist expansion that is the "Russian problem." But I said many in Canada thought it was the only answer to the "American question" as well.

HOW COULD we say that we had "responsible government" when the decisions which most affect our very lives are made, not by Canadian statesmen, but primarily by Washington?

Only in federation would the Canadian or citizen of other countries have effective voice on a basis of equality with the United States.

I was, of course, hitting very hard on the theme stressed over and over again here.

One young Dane proclaimed: "It is nonsense to talk of surrendering sovereignty. What sovereignty have we got now?" In other words, we have exactly the same sentiment here as they



THE BLIND MEN AND THE ELEPHANT—By J. G. Reidford in the Toronto Globe and Mail. (CP PHOTO)

ray.. Reflects and Reminisces

One of Prince Rupert's first hospitals—perhaps the earliest, for this was in 1909—was situated near the site of what is today the dry dock plant. To get there meant going on a launch. One could have gone by land but only through enduring inconvenience and awkwardness, without mentioning the extra time. The city-to-be had no ambulance and next to no streets and, incidentally, no hospital financial problem.

THEIR BUSY HOURS: Critics of Churchill, now 77, say he is too old to be pursuing the premiership. Gladstone held that office when 83 and Britain did not suffer. Meanwhile watch Attlee. His all round ability and resourcefulness entitled him to respect.

In Brantford recently, the sun shining through a window and a rose bowl, also shone on a newspaper on the same table as the bowl, setting the paper on fire. Prince Rupert enjoyed a sunny enough summer but nothing so furious as that. But perhaps the paper was hot enough already.

DOUBLE SHIFTING

It makes one grieve to think of a thousand or two or three thousand miles between job and family. You find what appears to be permanent employment in Prince Rupert. But unable to find a house, the wife and children in Vancouver or Calgary or somewhere else remain where they are. This maintenance of two homes by one man when, under other circumstances there need only be one, is another of the embarrassing facts adding to old HC of L.

Premier St. Laurent and President Truman have been conferring on the St. Lawrence waterways issue. This venerable question is beginning to look more practicable, now that Canadian self-confidence appears to be developing. If necessary Canada will undertake the job herself, although a measure of United States co-operation can be expected, as a legal formality.

OTHER TIMES

Washington is interested and always has been. A work of such magnitude would certainly have a distinct bearing on her cities and ports as well as on Canadian. While this is also of mutual concern it is, in certain respects, quite different from transactions in the past. One might, for example, mention the Maine boundary and Alaska.

TRIED TO STEAL DOCK

Building of the dry dock at Prince Rupert began not many years after the city's incorporation. Once finished, there was no spurt in employment, in fact, the plant went almost entirely idle. At last Vancouver tried new

had at Ottawa in the NATO meeting last week. But whereas the outcome at Ottawa was Canada's official move for future Atlantic Federation, here with the British MP's are planning to do the whole job. Speaker after speaker has said "the time has come to join the human race."

Alcan Deal Points Up to More Britons and Capital Coming Here

The part that the British government is playing in the encouraging of industry in Canada such as Alcan may lead to more Britons and British capital coming to western Canada, suggests Christian Science Monitor.

Signing Lease Not Necessary

TORONTO—Refusal of a tenant to sign a two year lease is not a valid ground for eviction under the Ontario leasehold regulations. Rent control officials say tenants cannot be forced to sign such a lease. Some tough landlords have been saying to lease or out you go!

A tenant can be evicted only when a landlord wants the premises only for his own use or the use of a close relative.

E. D. Manson is spending a few days in Vancouver on business. He plans to be back on Thursday of this week.

ISLANDER DISASTER

The loss of the Islander is an old story now, yet to those who know something about the Klondike and what followed it cannot be forgotten, or cease to be without interest. And of these, quite a few are still in Prince Rupert, or somewhere in the north.

Built in England, the ship was originally intended to ply between Vancouver and Victoria. It was in August 1901 she sailed from Skagway, and as usual, rumor circulated the tale that sacks of gold were being taken to Vancouver. Long after the disaster, the wreckage was salvaged. The job had taken a couple of years and its asserted total cost amounted to at least \$200,000. It is true the stampede meant heavy travel and shipping. Ships did carry the yellow metal, and the owners. But nothing of value appears to have been found in the sodden debris that once was the Islander. More than thirty years of salt water immersion made recovery of "a stake" next thing to impossible, or so it appeared. Some of the foregoing appeared in the Alaska Sportsman, the writer being Harvey Fraser, who was one of the survivors.

The Islander was 376 feet long, painted white with two yellow smoke funnels and handsomely equipped and fitted up. Her crew numbered 61 and passenger list on her last voyage totalled 108. These included stage people, who had been touring the gold camps. Not long before the steamship struck, they had been entertaining informally, one of their songs being "Asleep in the Deep." There was a triple explosion after the Islander struck. She had gone down within fifteen minutes. She sank in more than three hundred feet, near Admiralty Island, Alaska.

New Ore In Interior Mine

A heavily mineralized area has been found in one of the two newly discovered veins on the American Standard Mines Ltd. property at Hazelton. This vein is located on the south slope of 9-Mile Mountain about 1000 feet southeast from No. 5 vein and strikes N. 30 degrees east with a steep dip to the east.

The vein, which pinched out in the north where it varies between 7 to 12 feet with sparse mineralization, was traced 400 feet south into a swamp where under 15 feet of overburden, the richly mineralized area was found. This high-grade shoot is believed to be in a folded section of the main vein.

ASSAYS AWAITED

To date the mineralized area has been exposed for about 50 feet showing widths ranging from two to four feet. Metal content (combined silver, lead and zinc) is estimated as averaging 25 percent with some sections as high as 60 percent. Channel samples were taken systematically by the company's engineer and independently, as a cross-check, by an engineer from a nearby operation. Assay results from both samplings should be available over the course of the next few days.

This discovery is very encouraging and especially so in the face of the negative results of the past year's exploration.

Nevertheless the management wishes to point out that the character of the mineralization in the general area of the company's property is known to be lenticular and while this discovery is unmistakably very high-grade, the work to date is relatively superficial and much more de-



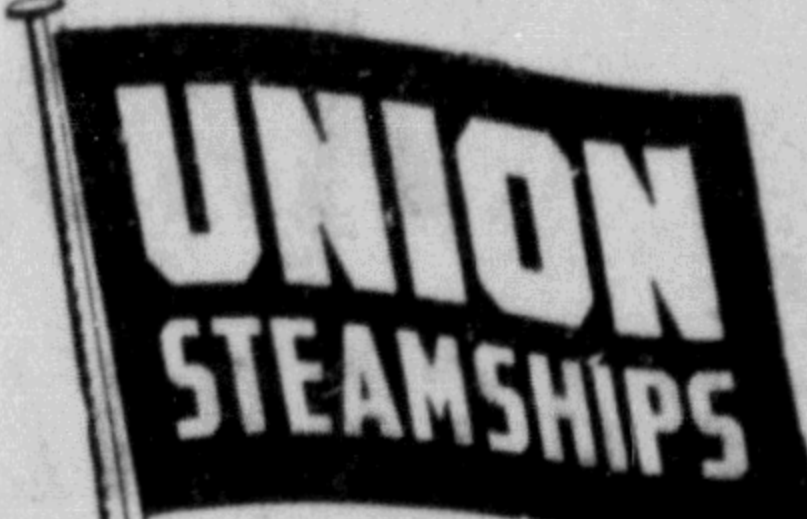
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