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Alcan And Rupert

IMPACT of the advent of Aluminum Co. of Canada at Kitimat, 80 miles down the coast from here, may be indirect but, nevertheless, it is bound to be felt in a very considerable way by the port and city of Prince Rupert as suggested by the president of Alcan, R. E. Powell, who visited here yesterday and was interviewed by the Daily News.

Being a potential producer of further large tonnage for the railway line, by a branch possibly from Terrace to Kitimat for which the CNR is now undertaking surveys, the Alcan project will make itself felt by increased traffic for the division. The ships which come north to Kitimat with the bauxite will welcome return cargoes at Prince Rupert. To provide those return cargoes is something that will, doubtless, be worked on, during the next two or three years while Kitimat is readying—if not sooner since there will, doubtless, be deepsea ships coming into Kitimat with materials during construction.

Indeed, there would seem to be no further valid arguments and explanations from here on as to why Prince Rupert should not come into its own at long last as a deepsea shipping port. Grain for export should become available either for full or part cargoes and the part cargoes should no longer be such a problem in view of the new developments in connection with the timber and fishing industries.

There should be new enthusiasm in working for the development of shipping from this port now that the major industries are being located in this area. There will be new big factors working in our favor.

How Others See Us

MAYBE it is not just the best kind of outside publicity—although any kind of publicity which arouses discussion and even argument is effective publicity—nevertheless the impressions which Austin F. Cross wrote for the Ottawa Citizen after he came here to attend the pulp mill opening can give local people some cause for thought—and possible action.

After all, it is a good thing for us to hear what outsiders really think of us. If they see eyesores as well as beauty spots, it is just as well that we should know about them. A little criticism once in a while is just as good for our souls as praise which, of course, it is far more pleasant to take.

Visiting newspapermen other than Mr. Cross have commented in the past on the untidy appearance of Prince Rupert. We remember a few years ago that the well-known and highly-respected Bruce McKelvie gave us quite a blast along the same lines. In fact, the Daily News itself has more than once commented on the matter.

The thing is to see if something cannot be done to make it impossible for visiting publicists to say things about us that are not to our advantage—in other words remove, if we can, the conditions that make us vulnerable to such comment.

And the continued prevalence of eyesores is discouraging to those who have or would make improvements.

Scripture Passage for Today

"The Lord of thy God . . . is thy life and the length of thy days."—Deut. 30:20.

INDIAN MOVIES: On an average India produces annually about 250 feature moving pictures, distributed regionally in the republic. FAMOUS GROUP: Apart from the war years, the British Association for the Advancement of Science has met annually since 1831.

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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Milk Prices

IN CERTAIN cities in Canada there is a move afoot to cut part of the cost of delivering milk by distributing only three days a week.

That would be fine for the folks with electric refrigerators but what about the thousands who live in rooms?

A far better plan would be to allow sale of milk however it can be sold cheapest. If it is true that milk could be sold through stores on the "Cash and Carry" plan for much less than it costs to sell it door to door—why keep the monopoly to the door to door method?

IT SEEMS to me that this would be a good time to apply some of the findings of the Price Spreads Commission, which was set up under Hon. Harry Stevens back in the days of the Bennett government.

The one thing which emerges clearly from that investigation was that exorbitant and wasteful costs of distribution injure both the farmer and the consumer.

Milk is a glaring example. It costs too much to get the milk from the farm gate into the kitchen of the home in the city. Hence, because city folks cannot afford to buy all the milk they need at such high prices, the farmer has to sell much of his milk to creameries, cheese factories, and other processing plants, at much less than he gets for the milk which is sold for drinking.

I DON'T believe in piecemeal price controls, except where there is a physical shortage of the commodity to be controlled.

If we are going to have price control, let's have it right across the boards. Let's control ALL profits, salaries, wages and rents, as well as retail prices.

But let's not make such mistakes as thinking that we can control the price of milk without also controlling the price of beef. For obviously, if a farmer can make more money by feeding beef cattle than he can make by feeding dairy herds he is going to switch to beef cattle.

A GOOD friend who has just moved to an acreage outside a big city wants to know how my dad kept two cows, horses, pigs and chickens—not to mention thirteen offspring—all on one acre!

I should have said that in those days there was plenty of good pasture land, outside our own property. Much of this was on the Hamilton "mountain" side, which we used in the early years, free.

ANOTHER LADY writes me about the other side of the "keep a cow" question:

"We dalled long with the idea of keeping a cow and some chickens. Having plenty of milk, butter and eggs, plus an idyllic setting—ah, bliss!" she says.

"But there's a catch to it. A good cow would cost approximately \$125. It is hard to obtain materials for the buildings required. During the time of year the cow is not producing, she still eats. So it is either a feast or a famine. . . . We figured out approximate costs and found that the cash required to make a start would buy eggs and milk for several years, despite present FURBAR prices."

A footnote explains that FURBAR is army slang for "fouled up beyond all recognition."

Clock to Stop All Arguments

CALGARY (CP)—Calgary Stampede officials have ordered a special four-foot clock to save arguments at future stampedes. They say the clock, visible to rodeo contestants and audience alike, will save a lot of disputes about timing of stampede events.

It is not unusual to have as many as a dozen stop watches operating at once during rodeo events and often none of the times agree with the official timekeeper.

The specially ordered clock will be operated by electricity and controlled by a button by the timekeeper. It will be specially wired to sound the 10-second horn.



WHO SAID WE'VE NOTHING TO FEAR BUT FEAR?—By Vernon Jacques in the Toronto Globe and Mail.

BOARD CHAIRMAN

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thorities. These will prevent a continuation of this record.

"For instance, hotels with beer licences are on the restricted list, as far as steel is concerned.

"In addition to this an order has been made prohibiting them from securing financial assistance with which to enter into new construction. I am afraid that until these restrictions are lifted, we are going to be placed in the unfortunate position of having to mark time, not only with new construction, but also with alterations and improvements to existing hotels.

PRINCE RUPERT

"With particular reference to the hotel situation at Prince Rupert, I may say that at present we have seven licensed hotels with room accommodation for 233 and fortunately one of the hotels is at the present time adding a further 12 rooms as they had secured material previous to the restrictions.

"Some two years ago a proposition was advanced to the board for the construction of a 100-roomed hotel at Prince Rupert, and naturally the board gave every assurance that a licence would be granted. But unfortunately they were unable to finance this deal and we then entered into negotiations with another group for the construction of a hotel of some 40 rooms, and gave these people our assurance that a beer licence would be issued to this hotel. However, this group withdrew their application as they could not see their way clear to making a financial success of this project.

IN INTERIOR

"I might also explain that due to the restrictions referred to above, the existing hotels at Vanderhoof, New Hazelton and Terrace have been unable to carry out their own desire of expanding, remodeling and making available a large number of rooms.

"However, as The News-Herald states, the situation is developing so rapidly, and in all probability additional accommodation would be provided if it were not for these restrictions.

"As far as this board is concerned, we have wherever possible encouraged the erection of proper hotels. Our only difficulty has been that so many approached the board with the idea of providing a building with a large space for the sale of beer and six or seven bedrooms in order to call this structure a hotel. Of course, these are in every case refused, as we are now interested in providing service to the travelling public, which has been neglected previously to the authority being transferred to the Liquor Control Board.

"While it is quite true that hotels in every city or town in any part of the country at some time or other have been filled to capacity, due to seasonal trade, construction projects, conventions, etc., I agree with you that in spite of this, and taking into consideration the huge development during recent years, there is still a great deal to be done to bring our system up to what we consider a proper standard. This, of course, is made much more difficult because of the rapid expansion in so many parts of our province."

VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

We might as well have a husband-and-wife team in the Legislature. Mrs. Andrew Whisker has decided to run in the forthcoming Esquimalt by-election as an independent. Her husband is the member for the adjoining riding of Cowichan-Newcastle.

Mrs. Whisker might stand a good chance. There's a lot of discontent in Esquimalt. The people are annoyed because the government has left their legislative seat vacant so long—nearly a year. A vote for Mrs. Whisker would be a vote against the government and yet would not give any aid and comfort to the CCF.

If we get a husband and wife team we'll have quite a legislative, unique in Canada. For already we have a father and son team—Opposition leader Harold Winch and his dad Ernie.

There's a lot of talk about Premier Johnson retiring from office before the next election. If he does that the Liberals won't have nearly as good a chance at the polls. The Premier has a tremendous campaign personality, a happy faculty of running around the country and getting to know everyone. It was largely his personality that so overwhelmingly won for the Coalition two years ago.

The Conservatives, of course, hope Mr. Johnson will get fed up with politics and quit before the next election. With the Premier out of the way the Tories would have a better chance of winning.

This observer would say now that the Premier won't quit. There's a strong streak of the stubborn deep down in him and he'd like to see what he could do as a pure Liberal premier, freed of the strings that have tied him to the Conservatives.

If Johnson stays the Liberals have a pretty good chance of forming the government; if he goes the Tories could well win, for Herb Anscomb's personality on the public platform is no mean one. He knows how to swing votes too, by turning on the charm.

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Imagination has been defined by a close observer as something which sits up with a woman when her husband is out late.

MUST BE FIRST CLASS

If eighteen freighters will load wheat for the United Kingdom this winter at Port Churchill, it can also be stated a dozen Japanese steamers will call at Vancouver to load full grain cargoes. They are to take all grades from No. 1 Northern to low cost grade 5. If there is such a thing as an explanation as to why a first class grain elevator was built in Prince Rupert without being put to use it should be not only honest but devilishly ingenious as well.

OUT OF THE PAST

Englishman, 25 years old, five feet eight inches high, indifferent build, bends forward when he walks, pale appearance, reddish-brown hair, small mustache, talks through his nose, cannot pronounce the letter "S" properly and does not know any Dutch. From the Transvaal Government poster offering £25 for the recapture of Winston Spencer Churchill, prisoner of war, after his escape from Pretoria prison in December, 1899—Readers Digest.

Resumption of Iranian oil conferences is believed to be near and how the general situation looks is said to be of a hopeful nature. It may not mean so much yet it cannot be denied two more British cruisers, four destroyers and two frigates recently anchored nearer . . .

KEEP ON!

To abandon further search for the missing plane, as some have suggested, is to surrender hope too easily. Even if none are ever seen again in life, it would, in a measure, be satisfying to unfold the mystery of what did happen, even if merely approximately. For kin and loved ones to ponder whether or not they lie in the depths of the Pacific, or somewhere in the raw immensity of Alaska's mountains—a cruel uncertainty—is like asking too much.

Bank notes, five bucks on one side and ten on the other, are reported in Eastern Canada. We have seen that one pulled already—by a fellow who called himself a magician. And he was believed, too. Something odd, by heck!

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Would Reinstate Banned Phrase

WELLINGTON, N.Z. (AP)—Speaker of New Zealand House of Representatives keeps book of banned words, phrases, use of which he brings a reprimand to the Minister of Education. F. W. Doidge, Minister of Education, said when speaking in the House recently. "When you speak as chump, dense, hoarse, and make-believe lister, parliamentary," he said. "But if we turn to the House of Commons, we find a similar list of words. Thus we find Mr. Bevan calling Mr. Churchill a squalid nuisance and Mr. Churchill calling Mr. Bevan a paranoic without reprimand. "In Australia we find more remarkable instances. One occasion William H. Hughes attacked the then Premier, A. Deakin, and called him unreliable and corrupt. Speaker actually apologized Mr. Hughes for interrupting speech. "Critics could ridicule the words listed in our book, but it is all right as a guide to behavior in a young ladies' school, but in an assembly this members should be given some latitude without responsible for a breach of separate decorum." The Speaker, M. H. Deakin, said the main question to determine whether the words were offensive in the sense used. He had never considered himself bound by the words in the book.

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