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Another Trade Opportunity

INDUSTRY at Prince Rupert cries for hired help. There is a lot of difference from the old days when men used to cry for jobs.

Without discussing conditions of employment at the cellulose plant and, notwithstanding the fact that so many of Prince Rupert's young men gravitate naturally into the fishing industry, the new pulp mill industry should have career attractions to some.

The complaint of the pulp mill management about the difficulty of getting local young men to enter the industry is nothing particularly new. Career jobs have been offered in various trades here for a long time but the interest of young men in accepting them has been lacking.

There are plenty of apprenticeship opportunities here and they become the more with the opening of the pulp mill.

The trouble, it seems, is that many young men do not want to start at the bottom. Unfortunately, too many seem to think only of the high immediate wages rather than the long range security of employment in useful and skilled work.

Chance For Bugs

BUGS may not have high ideals. They may not have any ideals at all. A fair surmise from the evidence is that bugs are as low down as they look. It is ironical that man, to whom apparently alone of all creatures came the ideal of trying to live together in peace, should be the creature that through war threatens life upon this pebble in the sky. It could be that bugs, who never heard of brotherhood, may inherit the earth.

Man's brotherhood does not include bugs. It is a brotherhood of man, not of beings. It rests on force. So far as bugs are concerned, man's brotherhood depends on the Department of Public Health and bug exterminators. There is nothing unfair, then, that in a collision of forces, the one more able to survive should succeed and the other perish.

But bugs had better not take their success for granted. Man has despaired of his success before this, but kept trying, and succeeded. He may yet prevail with his conception of a brotherhood of man. If the Christians can be strong enough to stand the Russians off from trying a war, the Christian ethic may some time run beyond the Iron Curtain, and even this side of the Iron Curtain. But the only good chance for bugs is a war. Then they alone would be likely to win.

Why An Iron Curtain?

IF COMMUNISM as a system of living is in any way superior or even equal to that democratic system in which we believe, there need be no fear of comparison, no fear of free speech, no fear of a free press, nor any limitation of universal suffrage, freely exercised, says the Canadian Industrial Preparedness Bulletin. That all these and other liberties are suppressed by Communists is proof positive of a definite knowledge of inferiority, of the inferiority of a system which can only exist by repression and force, and not in consequence of the recognition of its merit by the masses.

This very apparent piece of evidence of the value of our type of freedom should make it unnecessary to bring forward in detail other Communist testimony as to the envy felt by the "red comrades" for a way of life they are not permitted to enjoy.

We need not mention the weakness of a policy which can only be introduced here by subversion and violence, aided by the lying, cheating and disloyalty of a minority. We need not point out that modern Communist theory is produced and directed by Russia, a country which by its mistrust of others betrays its own untrustworthiness.

Hotel Arrivals

Prince Rupert
L. Horneastle, Prince George; Mr. and Mrs. E. MacDonald, E. MacDonald, S. Waters and O. Glendening, Vancouver; A. B. Anderson, Masset; Mr. and Mrs. W. Gordon, Steveston.

SING FAMOUS MUSIC
LONDON (CP) — A festival of sacred music will be held in the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Westminster May 13 to May 20. Works of composers from the 12th century to the present will be played and sung daily. The emphasis will be on English music, but compositions by foreign composers will also be heard.



CONVICTS AT PLAY—The regular baseball league got under way recently at St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary when women spectators were permitted, for the first time in the history of the institution, to attend the games. The penitentiary is located 10 miles north of Montreal. (CP PHOTO)

Report from Parliament

By E. T. APPLEWHITE, M.P.

There has been quite a storm here over John Fisher's recent report as to the treatment of persons coming to Canada from Europe. Hon. Walter Harris, minister of citizenship and immigration, had promised John Diefenbaker to make a statement concerning these comments as reported in the Toronto

Telegram, and supposed to have been made by John Fortier, Mr. Fisher has provided the department with a statement which indicates that the immigration set-up as he observed it, first at Moncton and later at Montreal, is not geared to consider the tremendous human factor involved. But offsetting the newspaper account, he closed his statement by saying "May I report again that no immigrant was beaten, pushed or cowed, but that they were not given that extra welcome which should go to any citizen coming to this land." Mr. Harris reported to the House that the plane on which Mr. Fisher arrived made an unscheduled landing at Moncton due to bad weather in Newfoundland, that at Moncton there is only one immigration officer on duty, and he completed his immigration examination of the passengers in one hour and twenty-five minutes. The Minister admitted, as Mr. Fisher remarked, "the building conditions at Moncton for the reception and examination of immigrants are not satisfactory. The Allied Aviation Service there reported: 'It is true that the facilities here are not the best, but a new waiting room is at present being constructed, and when completed should be an asset to this station.'"

As a result of the report that the complaint was made with respect to the immigration officer at Moncton, Mr. Fisher wired the immigration inspector there, "Sorry your name erroneously involved." There was no further examination of passengers on this plane by the immigration service at Dorval (Montreal), because it had already taken place at Moncton. There had been complaints as to the ability of our officers to converse with immigrants in their own tongue at this latter point—well, with respect to the linguistic qualifications of immigration personnel at Montreal, in addition to English and French they are able to converse in Italian, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Estonian, German, Polish, Greek, Arabic, Chinese, Jewish, Ukrainian, and Spanish, and have a working knowledge of Russian and Dutch.

While agreeing with the desirability of a warm welcome for immigrants, Mr. Harris pointed out that there is, however, a limit to the extent to which provision can be made for services of this kind. Respecting the handling of the particular flight on which Mr. Fisher was a passenger, in accordance with the policy of the department each immigrant was interviewed by an immigration officer to find out if he needed help, assistance or information. The whole thing was not only an unfortunate, but an unjustified occurrence.

I confess I was completely at sea when one day Mr. Blackmore, former leader of the Social Credit Group, rose to voice "a grievance against His Majesty's Government of Canada," to wit: that for 19 years it has dishonored and continues to dishonor those sections of the B.N.A. Act dealing with coinage and currency, banks and banking. After listening to him around for 40 minutes on debt-free money, non-interest bearing bonds and such, I was more confused than ever. I was, not alone, George Drew admitted equal confusion.

I think Hon. "Doubt" Abbott had everybody with him when he spoke, very briefly, towards the close of the cost-of-living debate. He was of course perfectly right when he said that though he appreciated greatly the deep faith displayed by some members of the House that the Minister of Finance or any minister of finance can cure inflationary forces which exist in Canada or in the rest of the world, he must assure them that their faith is completely misplaced if they think that he or any other person in his position or any government can cure those forces. Although General Peckes had been critical of the government, Abbott was pretty well in agreement with the rest of his speech. General Peckes, with remarkable candor for one of our so-called politicians, had urged the people of Canada to re-discover the virtues of thrift and saving—yes, and, work.

Synthetic Fibre Causing Concern

By J. C. GRAHAM
Canadian Press Correspondent

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP) — The threat to world wool markets from development of synthetic fibres is becoming a real problem for wool growers, suggests R. G. Lund, chairman of the International Wool Secretariat. The secretariat was formed in 1937 when wool growers undoubtedly had the threat of synthetic fibres in their minds. Lund, on his current tour of New Zealand, has been telling farmers that the threat today is much more serious.

Many new synthetics were being brought on the market, especially in the United States, and enormous sums were being spent to improve these products and to persuade the buying public that they are substitutes for wool. Lund says there is no real substitute for natural wool.

The powerful incentive for development of synthetics afforded by the present period of high wool prices may result in wool growers themselves being asked to make a greater contribution to the cost of research and promotion of the use of natural wool.

BIG BUDGET

On behalf of the international secretariat Lund has placed before the wool boards of Australia and New Zealand the largest budget in its history. He said the secretariat feels that at this time its work must be intensified in all directions, especially in the fields of research and education.

Wool has become important not only to such producing nations as South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, but to the Commonwealth as a whole, he said, since raw wool is second to rubber as the largest dollar earner.

Lund was wary about the synthetic program. Asked if expansion of synthetics might mean an increased demand for natural wool for blending purposes, he said the whole purpose of blending synthetics with wool was to cheapen the resultant product. He believed the continued use of synthetics for blending with wool was likely to result merely in damaging the reputation of wool itself.

Rice is an important item in the diet of Venezuela, which consumes about 38,000 tons annually.

THE LETTERBOX

NEWSPAPERS, ETC.

Editor, Daily News:
Your editorial of yesterday inspires me to write you feeling that we may have something in common.

I have previously had the urge to scold you for not printing more of what you produce.

Having missed my usual street boy at 4 o'clock, I could not buy a paper anywhere at 9 o'clock in the evening.

When a stranger comes to town, he asks at a news stand for a local paper, he finds scads of other papers but no local.

Where is the sign on the Daily News office? Are you afraid somebody will know where your offices are? I found the only sign of life when the boys hang about between 3 and 4 p.m.

What happened to the man covering the Negro show at the Civic Centre? I will not believe that the News missed the news. I submit the News has a duty towards its subscribers to give them the news regarding celebrities brought here by the Civic Centre.

The present angling of Mail-lardville Catholics to get financial support for their schools, if granted, which is not likely, would not be conducive to the best interests of either Catholics or Protestants.

I was in Toronto a short time ago looking for an apartment in a district called Lansing. After some diffidence a young matron asked: "Are you Catholics?" We were dumbfounded. Visions of the Middle Ages floated before my eyes and I felt I must be dreaming. With difficulty I regained my composure, deciding this was 1950. Canada, Toronto and this young matron needed a lesson.

"No," I said, "We are not Catholics but we are too Christian to have any blanket dislike for any body of people and it seems to be irrelevant."

"You see," she said apologetically, "If you were Catholics the taxes would go to the Catholic schools. In Toronto they, apparently, have Catholic schools and separate taxes which causes religious discrimination not conducive to the best interests of any nation or people."

Another thing about Toronto I would have found it hard to believe had I not experienced it is the 25-cycle lighting system they have. All lights flicker like a candle and all household appliances must have special mo-

BRIDE'S FATHER SPEAKS UP



Advises on important subject

As a mere male I told my daughter, "Remember what your mother and grandmother use to keep their washing white—Reckitt's Blue in the rinse will keep your white clothes really white." "Trust Dad to give good advice!" she said later, "Reckitt's Blue prevents clothes turning yellow, and out of the blue comes the whitest wash."

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tors. They are changing the system by degrees and also the motors on appliances. Some districts have the new "cycle 60," considered universal, and some the unbelievable 25. If anybody is going to Toronto, you may not be disappointed.

Mr. Editor, I am not ashamed of having my name in the newspaper, but I am not keen on it. However, thy will be done, not mine.

Yours for a bigger and better paper.

WINSTON MORRIS
(The correspondent must have struck the newsstand one evening when it had sold out for we can assure him that every newsstand in the city carries the Daily News and usually have them in stock although they usually like to "sell out" and often do by late evening. If Mr. Morris will be patient he will soon see a fine sign on the front of our new building which only a few days ago received its final coat of paint.—Ed.)

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