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Miracle Has Happened

WHEN 40 years ago the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway was constructed with federal subsidies, the section which crossed the waistline of B.C. was built on the highly speculative expectation that "some day" it might pay off, writes Roy Brown of the Vancouver Sun. For more than 40 years this turned out to be a terrific disappointment. The old GTP had to be taken over by the federal government. It has been a burden on the people of Canada.

About 15 years ago and several times since, it was even proposed that the line from Red Pass (in eastern B.C.) to Prince Rupert should be abandoned. A parliamentary committee looked into this question and fortunately decided against that step. It was admitted that trade in and out of Rupert had failed to develop as expected; but there was a question of an implied contract between the government and groups of settlers along the line who would have to be bailed out, if the line was abandoned. So a curtailed service was maintained, even though the government—or the people of Canada—lost heavily every month of the year.

And now look what's happened! In a single season the Prince Rupert division of the CNR has been transformed into a money-maker. A pulp deal and the arrival of the aluminum people on the scene have made the difference—and what a difference it is!

Rail shipments of fresh and frozen fish have always been a mainstay of Rupert and that business continues to grow. Columbia Cellulose Co. needs the railway to haul in its logs from Terrace and haul out the acetate product to Eastern Canadian and U.S. textile manufacturers.

A branch line of railway from Terrace to Kitimat is certain to be built to a new city of many thousands of people. Construction of a newsprint or pulp mill in the same area is inevitable. More business for the CNR! Farm people are flocking into the beautiful agricultural and cattle range areas between Smithers and Vanderhoof. New communities on the Coast will require vast supplies of meat and dairy products.

In short, the entire area is enjoying a mild boom, encouraged and demanded because of the amazing developments in manufacturing products of world-wide use, actual profits which even now seem fantastic in their wide benefits and economic importance.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him."
—Ex. 22:21.

LETTERBOX

LIKED OUR SPECIAL

Editor, Daily News.
I don't know which of my friends sent me the outside issue of the News but whoever it was, thank you very much indeed. It was most interesting, and I still have a great deal of reading to do in it.

What a town Rupert is becoming. At last it's justifying all its early eulogies though, as you know, I loved it from the first day I was there. I was particularly interested in the Civic Centre ad and Don Forward's picture. You have a centre there that other places dream of.

My best wishes to any of my Rupert friends and much enduring success both for the city of Prince Rupert and the Daily News.

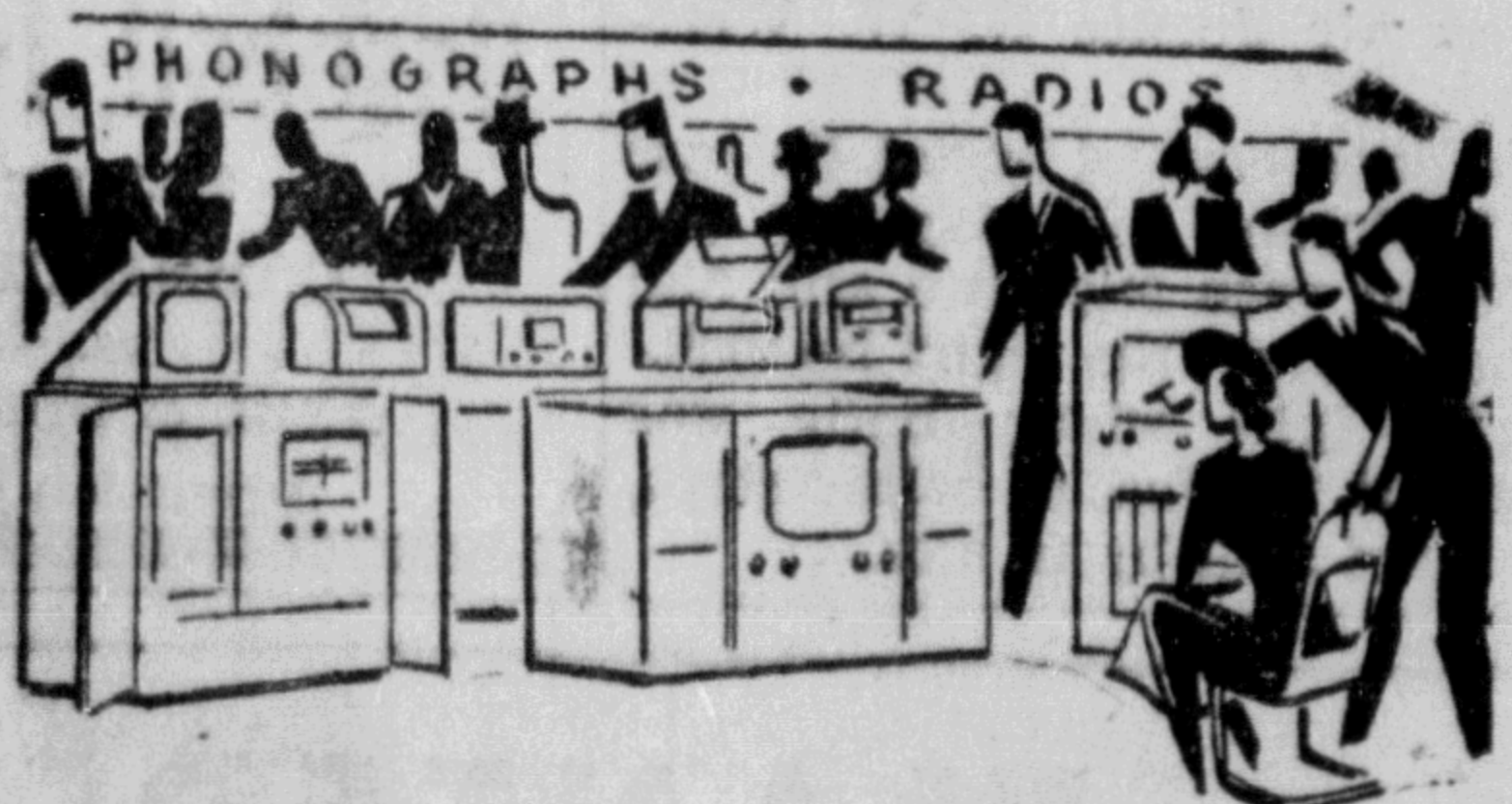
DOROTHY GARBUTT, Winnipeg.
(Mrs. Garbutt was hostess in

Sewer Would Be Condemned

A special council meeting will be called Wednesday by Mayor C. W. Rudderham, when the council will sit as a board of health to consider recommendation of Dr. Duncan Black, Health Officer, to condemn a city sewer.

Mayor Rudderham said he too had been aware of complaints of the sewer, which runs from McBride Street to Dunsmuir Street on Fifth Avenue and that "I think it should be condemned and replaced."

Prince Rupert during the war for YMCA War Services. She became interested in writing for the News and Empire while here. In Winnipeg Mrs. Garbutt continued writing and now has a syndicated column entitled "Going My Way" which is proving popular.—ED.]



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VICTORIA REPORT

...by J. K. Nesbitt

Will Esquimalt Never Behave?—What About Chronics?

VICTORIA.—Esquimalt! When Premier Johnson and Finance Minister Ansonb hear mere mention of the word they put their heads in their hands and groan. Will Esquimalt, politically speaking, never behave?

Esquimalt has been whooping it up now for more than five years. It all started in 1945 when Conservative E. V. Finland should have received the Coalition nomination. But something went wrong somewhere and nomination went to Liberal Charles Beard, who won.

In 1949 Mr. Finland tried once more for Coalition nomination, but lost out to Mr. Beard. Mr. Finland ran on his own as a straight Conservative, was defeated by Beard.

Now the boys and girls in Esquimalt are at it again, as they prepare for a byelection to fill the legislative seat left vacant last November by Charles Beard's death.

It seems pretty well cut and dried at this point, however, and everything is expected to move smoothly for the Coalition. Mike Finland is going to stay out of the contest.

"I'm not interested," he says, and orthodox Tories who must stick with Coalition until the next general election sent up a great sigh of relief.

Mayor Percy George of Victoria seems the man for the Liberals. The Liberals want him and Mr. George would like to be in the Legislature. He'll run under the Coalition banner and this observer would say he'd win. He's a popular little man, a good fighter. The only thing Esquimalt may have against him is that he'll be a carpetbagger—a man who doesn't live in the constituency.

Messrs. Johnson and Ansonb are putting off the Esquimalt byelection test just as long as they can. They have until the end of October.

Special legislative committee enquiring into the B.C. hospital insurance set-up has many problems before it—not the least being: what to do about chronics?

Chronics are not covered by hospital insurance. This is working real hardship in many cases. Let's just study the facts. A person pays his hospital insurance premiums in good faith over the years. But in some cases down with a heart attack, or a stroke, and is admitted to a general hospital. After a month or so the Hospital Insurance Service comes along and says the man is a chronic and therefore must pay his own hospital bills. This man, of course, cannot possibly afford a bed in a general hospital, so he must try and find a bed in a convalescent home, and pay his own bills, as long as he has any money. After that, when he's stony broke, the government will give him social assistance—known as relief in the old days.

It doesn't seem quite fair, does it? Most of us are willing enough to pay our insurance premiums, believing hospital insurance a good thing. It makes us feel secure against the terrible, crippling cost of illness. But, when we analyze the whole situation, we find that hospital insurance doesn't cover us against the most financially crippling illness of all—chronic illness.

Chronics will have to be looked after if hospital insurance is to be a success. And chronics will have to be included without any further increase in the premiums. The public won't stand for higher premiums, and the government knows it.

This observer is of the opinion that some of the fat sales tax—\$30,000,000 a year, when the government originally only expected \$14,000,000—should go into hospital insurance. The sales tax is collected under the Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Act.

What is adequate hospitalization for everyone, if it isn't social security?

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Reflects and Reminisces

NOT ANY BETTER

For months HMCS Ontario, which sailed yesterday, ranged the South Pacific calling at various ports, and showing hundreds of Canadians parts of the globe never seen before. But it is doubtful if they saw a harbor much superior to the one they left today.

SINGLE EXCEPTION

The last time we chinned with the butcher, he had choice cuts in everything except the price. —Wall Street Journal.

MAKING HEADWAY

A letter from the Canadian government travel bureau, Ottawa, and with a picture of the Peace Tower has been received out west. It was addressed to Mrs. W. M. Doyle, 303 Poplar Crescent, Saskatoon, Sask. U.S.A. We were unaware international negotiations had reached such an advanced stage.

MAY REMEMBER, NEXT TIME

Prince Rupert school students neglected to think of something when hypnotism shows were held recently. In Kelowna, the practice is going on in schools. Boys and girls, who had been watching professional hypnotists are now trying to put each other under the spell of "their powers" and it's all very confusing and troublesome. It's strictly forbidden, but students decline to give serious heed. There are other matters they find much more interesting.

You hear it said so often that everything is going up. There must be something in it. Indeed, there seems small chance of it being other than the truth. But have you investigated the cost of high living yet?

CONCERNING SIZE

The "Princess Province" is what Alberta is being termed today. The national parks of Banff, Jasper and Waterton are



QUEEN MEETS QUEEN — Dusty Baxter, McGill University's Winter Carnival Queen, welcomes the Queen of Trinidad's "Dimanche Gras" Festival, Christine Gordon, at Montreal Airport. Miss Gordon arrived from Trinidad to visit Eastern Canada on a good-will tour sponsored by the Trinidad Guardian. This is a Trans-Canada Airlines photo. (CP PHOTO)

described as "twenty Switzerland in one" in the latest tour book just released. This has the touch of freshness and originality. This is one time Switzerland is not made to surpass all other mountains in extent, immensity and beauty.

AND 1952 HALF WAY HERE

A funeral in Ohio, this year, costs \$513, according to a convention of funeral directors. That is \$100 higher than it was ten years ago. And we will wager that in 1941 everyone said \$413 was outrageous.

NOT THIS WEST COAST

Every few months, if not more frequently, aviation records a disaster in which none were spared. Late last week forty passengers flying from Capetown to New York vanished when over Liberia on the west coast of Africa. The wreck has been found in the jungle, and the impression is the plane was not high enough to clear a small mountain. Disasters, war, slavery, oppression and other hardships have, in the long past given the west coast a sinister reputation. And if there had to be tragedy again it was nothing new.

HMCS Ontario At Charlottes

Concluding a three-day visit to port, HMCS Ontario left at 11 o'clock yesterday morning for Skidegate where the cruiser will remain for a couple of days before proceeding to base at Esquimalt. Late in July the Ontario will be back here for another visit.

For Action Advertiser

Plumbers at Jasper Park

JASPER PARK LODGE.—The Canadian Institution of Plumbing and Heating, 150 strong, arrived at Jasper Park Lodge in the Canadian Rockies today for a three-day annual gathering. The delegates are from all sections of Canada, some from as far away as Nova Scotia.

P.S.—Upon arrival the delegates found they had forgotten their convention identity badges but they decided not to return for them. They wired to have them sent along with Canadian National Express.

GLIDING FROG
JOHANNESBURG.—If frogs can't fly, lighthouse engineer E. Lodge maintains they can at least glide. Recently he watched a frog take off from a 70-foot lighthouse tower, float gently to the ground 100 yards away and landed unhurt.

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Hospital Must Wait For Help

Prince Rupert General Hospital will have to wait until September before any aid will be considered by city council.

That was report given by Aid. T. B. Black, finance chairman, at council meeting last night. In view of present market conditions for floating bond issues, request by the hospital association for \$50,000 would be deferred.

And if then passed, a plebiscite would be presented to electors at the December municipal elections, Aid. Black suggested.

A classified will buy, sell or find it.

You can afford to say

St. Michael

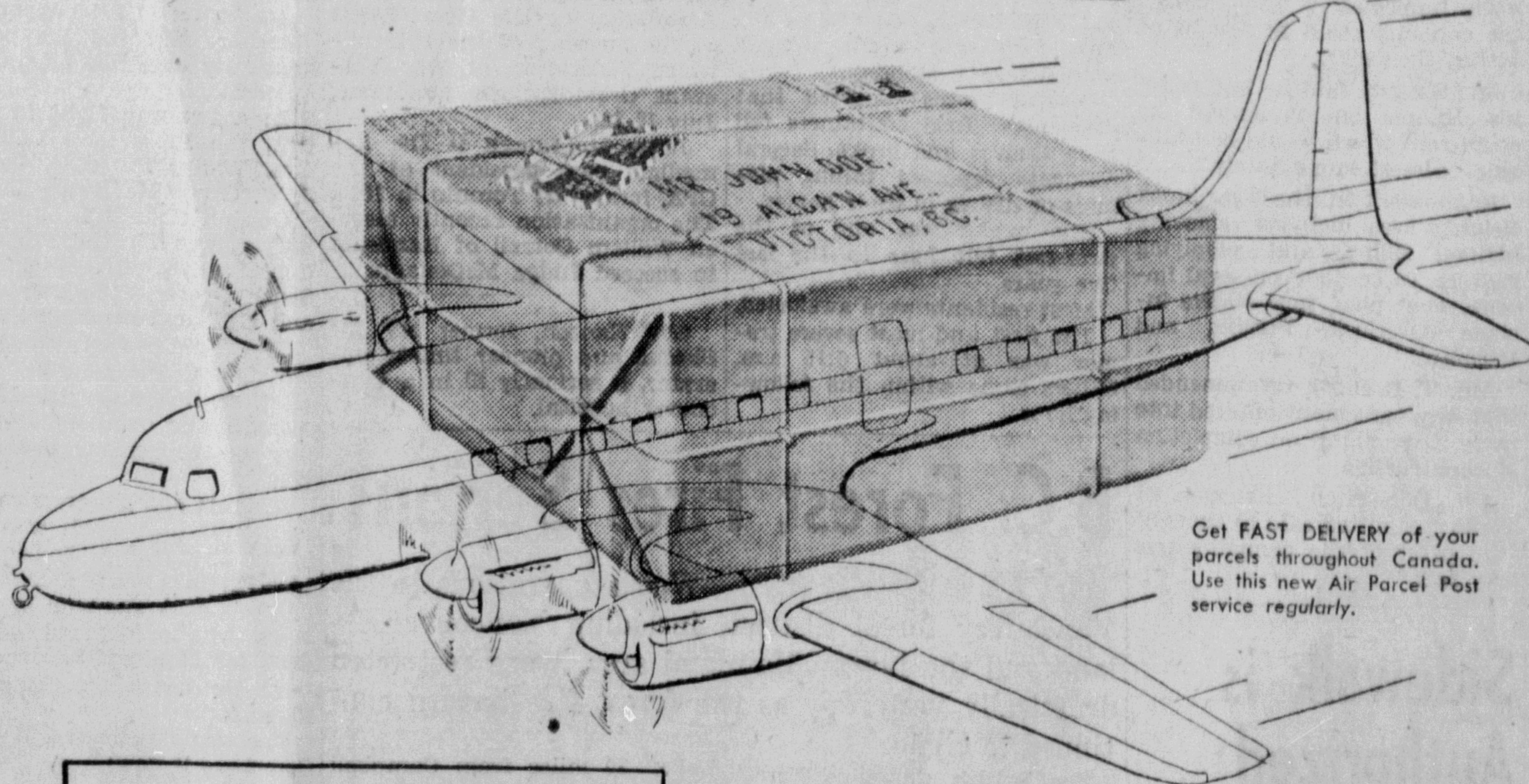
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