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Getting Work Done

IT IS INTERESTING to note the Parks Board taking the bull by the horns and telling the city council that, if the council will not do something, the board itself intends to take steps to see that something is accomplished. We can sympathize with the desire of the board to get something done.

Of course, there may be two sides to the case and it is to be remembered that the city has more than parks work to do even though parks are in deplorable condition and certainly should have something done.

There are those who say that other things such as streets are of first importance and that the Parks Board should be told to go and fly its own kite—something the board is apparently willing to do providing the city will finalize financial arrangements about which there appears to be some basis of complaint.

After all, there really should be nothing to quarrel about. Maybe all that is needed is for the city council or its appropriate committees and the Parks Board to sit down together and get organized.

Meantime, there is plenty of work to be done while the good weather is on and before the summer is over. We do not need to go very far to hear some impatience about lack of action and there may be some justification for it too—even taking into consideration difficulties which may beset accomplishment.

If the Parks Board succeeds in getting things speeded up a little all around, its "beef" will have been of some good.

The Senate

EVERY little while there is an open season for the Canadian Senate. Bright young men knowing little about politics tell us what should be done with it. Then the wind veers towards the west, the sun begins to shine, the criticism dies down and the critics spend their time in finding fault with the schools, the churches and the daily papers. Meanwhile nothing happens nothing will happen. The Senate continues on the even tenor of its way.

There's a reason. It might be a bit of trouble to dig up the particular occasions but there have been times when the Senate has paid its fare, covered all costs and, in the words of our Social Credit friends, given us a national dividend.

The Senate has a great unused capacity for effective work. It is not a rest house for worn-out politicians. The brain power of the Senate is perhaps as high, man for man, as it is in the Commons. The latter may have more vitality. It works longer hours but the Senate puts a better finish on its work. The chances are more than even that the Senate, when it does a job, will do it well—there will not be much debris to clear up later.

Reds Changing Tune

MUCH speculation about the improving possibilities of peace in Korea is useless, comments the Christian Science Monitor. But it is enlightening to note certain changes in the Communist attitude which can affect the future.

One is the fact that Russia finds Korea an unprofitable operation. Moscow is apparently having some difficulty getting Peiping to accept a loss of face. But the Soviet wants out and is pushing the Chinese Reds. Without Russian support, the Chinese, facing an embargo, must accept terms.

The Russian bow in Korea had two strings—the North Koreans and the Chinese Reds. Both failed. United Nations and United States resistance surprised Moscow and upset a timetable of aggression. That does not mean the Russians will not try again; it does mean there is hope of stopping them without opening a world war.

The Communist answer to General Ridgway's cease-fire bid was directed to the commander of "the United Nations forces." That is a recognition of the UN that had been lacking before.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth."
—St. Matt. 5:5.

BUSY AIRPORT

The Hong Kong airport is regularly used by 15 air lines providing frequent service to Europe and America.

LONG RAILWAY

Through communication by rail now is available from Cape Town to Port Francqui in the Lower Congo, 3,300 miles.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Court Before Horse

WE ALL KNOW the folly of putting "the cart before the horse." But in the dispute over the nationalization of Iran oil they are putting the cart before the horse.

They are trying to have the so-called World Court rule on a dispute in a field where there literally is no law.

You can't have world law until you have some world machinery to make world law. There is no such thing as "world law" yet. What is mislabeled "international law" is simply the expressions of the wishes of the most powerful national governments.

But what about the Nuremberg trials? What about the courts which sentenced to death the "war criminals" of Germany and Japan? Far from disproving the above point, they prove it. Had Germany and Japan won the war and not lost it, there would have been quite a different list of alleged "war criminals" in the dock.

NO SOVEREIGN nation would ever surrender the right to nationalize any property or utility on its soil.

You do not need to ask the question: Has the Iranian government the legal right to nationalize Iranian oil? For you get the answer by asking another:

Has Britain the right to nationalize her coal mines? Did Canada have the right to nationalize the old Grand Trunk Railway?

In fact, in the present dispute the British government has distinctly stated that it is not contesting Iran's right to exercise its sovereign powers by nationalizing the oil and oil refineries. She is, on the contrary, challenging Iran's right to expropriate such properties in the face of a treaty which implied that she would not do so for a stipulated period of years.

WHEN WE get a world parliament empowered to make actual world law, it will naturally have to deal with such questions as this:

"If and when a nation decides to nationalize a certain property located on its territory, and if that property belongs to foreigners, what compensation, if any, is to be paid?"

That is a very ticklish question. When Canada nationalized the bankrupt Grand Trunk, investors in Britain holed bloody murder—and for many years claimed they had been robbed. Likewise when Mexico nationalized her oil works. In that case it was the Americans who did the shouting.

THERE IS one ludicrous aspect of the dispute between the present government of Britain and that of Iran, or Persia:

Britain's government is a socialist government, elected to do as much as possible of the very thing that it is trying to delay the Iranians from doing.

Hence it seems to me that they were guilty of a tragic tactical blunder. If they really do believe that nationalization is a good thing for Britons they are hardly in a position to argue that it is a bad thing for Persians; or even that the Persians should delay those benefits.

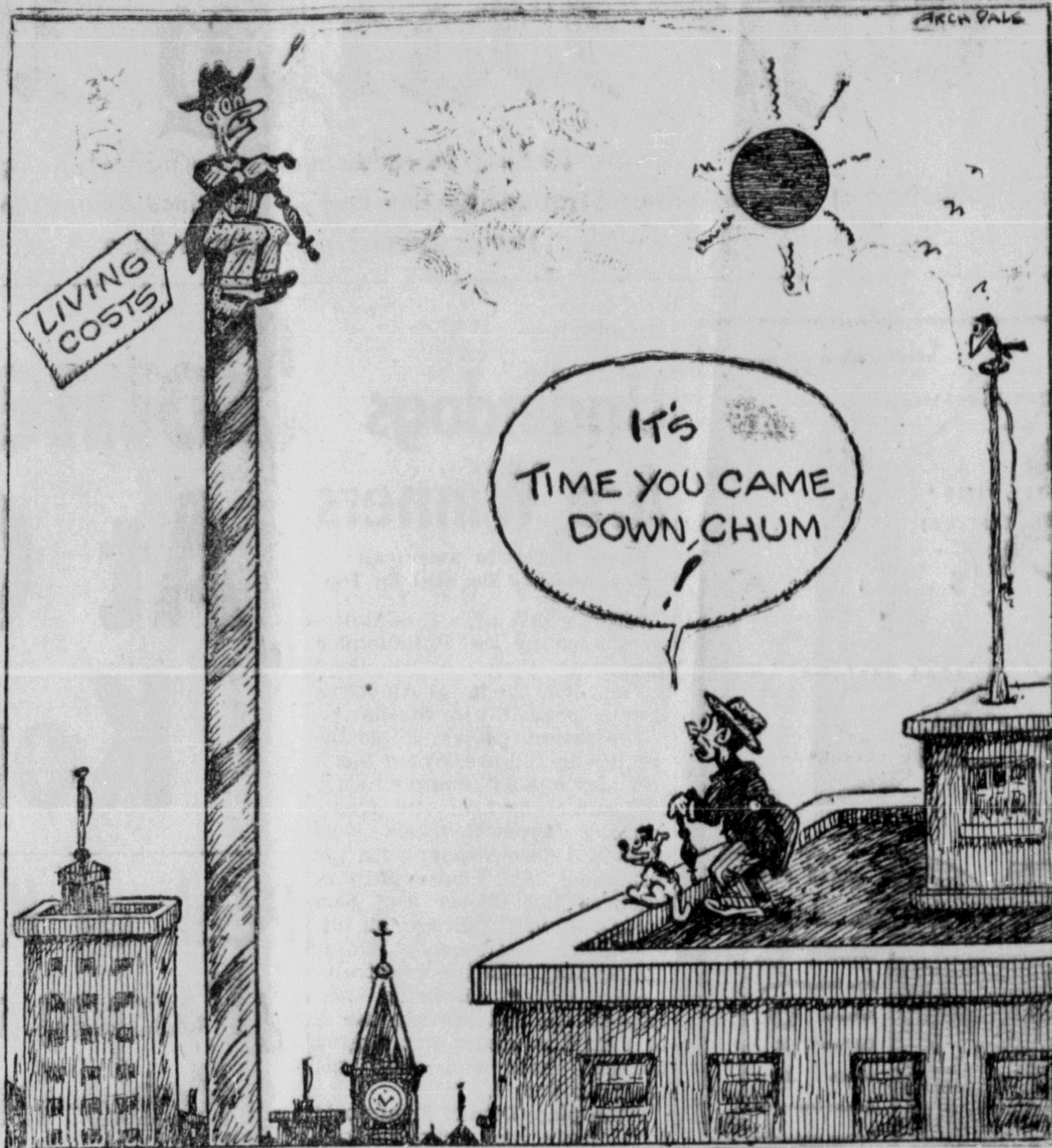
What they might have done was to urge the mutual benefits of uninterrupted production and sale. Britain needs Persian oil. But the Persian oil company, nationalized or not nationalized, will still need customers to buy that oil, and tankers to carry it.

WE CERTAINLY see amusing contradictions because of the fact that Britain's government is socialist. In wartime the British government took over, from British citizens, the largest outstanding block of common shares of the Canadian Pacific Railway. British socialists therefore now have a vested interest in the success of the arch-capitalist competitor of our socialized CNR.

But here is a better one. The famous firm of Thomas Cooks now owns Wagon-Lit, which operates sleeping cars all over Europe, on both sides of the Iron Curtain. But I am reliably informed Cooks is also owned by the British government—a socialist administration that surely gets around in the field of free enterprise.

QUITE A BREEZE

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (C)—About 11,345 miles of wind blew through Lethbridge in May, the Department of Transport says. Average speed was 15.2 miles an hour.



PRICE INDEX UP AGAIN—By Arch Dale in the Winnipeg Free Press. (CP PHOTO)

40,000 Eligible For \$40 Old Age Pension

By D'ARCY O'DONNELL
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OTTAWA (CP)—Federal Welfare Department soon will ask approximately 400,000 Canadians to register if they wish to qualify for a pension of \$40 a month, payable to all aged 70 and over, regardless of means.

Application forms will be made available late this month through post offices across the country. Anyone 70 and over not now in receipt of a government pension will have to complete one of the forms if he or she wishes to obtain the federal pension, starting next January.

In brief this is the situation: 1. If you now are receiving an old-age pension you need not fill out an application form. Your records will be obtained from the provincial government and you will automatically start receiving a pension under the federal program next January.

2. Others 70 and over—rich or poor—who have lived in Canada for at least 20 years must fill out an application form to get the pension.

3. Announcements will be made by the department through newspapers, radio and other media when the application forms become available.

Approximately 715,000 Canadians are expected to qualify for the universal federal pensions. Of the total, 315,000 are receiving pensions under existing legislation.

At present, pensions of \$40 a month—some provinces pay a bit more—are paid to persons 70 and over who have lived in Canada for at least 20 years and who can prove their need for such a pension. The federal government pays 75 per cent of the cost and the provinces the remainder.

Under the new program, the cost of the pensions—approximately \$350,000,000 a year—will be paid mainly out of contributions from the federal taxpayer. Anyone who can will have to pay something toward the cost of the pensions, possibly through a special social security tax. Legislation providing for the pensions and for collection of the contributions will be passed at a fall session of Parliament.

PENSIONS AT 65
Other legislation passed provides for federal-provincial participation in the payment of \$40-a-month pensions to the needy between 65 and 69 and to needy blind persons 21 and over.

At present there are three categories of persons 70 and over. There are those not now receiving a pension because they are in receipt of an income beyond that allowed in the present old age pensions act; those receiving a partial pension, and those receiving a full basic pension of \$40 a month.

The immediate effect of the universal pension will be to guarantee to all over 70 an income of \$40 a month. For the first time people 70 and over will be allowed to earn, without having their pension reduced, any amount of additional income by taking part-time or full-time jobs.

The Welfare Department expects the wealthy will apply for the universal pension since, through taxation, they will pay not only their own share but

ray..
Reflects and
Reminiscences

We'll start the week with a Scottish story, which tells about MacTavish and Annie taking a stroll, and passing a cafe where a huge turkey was being roasted in the front window.

"My goodness, Jack," said Annie, "just seeing that turkey makes my mouth water."

"Go ahead and spit," said MacTavish, "nobody's watching."

There are prospects of the Prince Rupert-Smiths bus service being conducted in day time, instead of at night. Any way, it looks favorable. Skeena scenery was made to admire, not to suppress.

NOT SLIGHTEST REASON
Bread is fifteen cents today. Which may possibly explain why the following signs are being displayed in some business offices: "Bread may be the staff of life, but that's no reason why the life of the staff should be one long loaf."

WIDENING OUT
The Communists in Korea sanction admission of twenty correspondents to the Ridway conference. Now, if they could only pick up the language in a few weeks, it might be getting around toward a settlement!

The volume of horse meat being consumed in Vancouver and New Westminster is reported to be heavier than ever. Perhaps it's the delivered a la carte.

TAKE CARE OF IT
Should you still possess a birth certificate, hang on to it. This is not saying if the original is lost, there is no way of replacement. There are plenty of examples of where such has been done, with satisfaction afforded all concerned. But, by avoiding losing the document long before you could ever read it, saves one all kinds of inconveniences, delays and worry and it may be handy when you're seventy.

FOR THE FILES
A copy of every newspaper published in Britain must, by law, be sent to the British Museum to be filed for record purposes.



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Forty Indian Chiefs and B... To Greet Lieutenant-Governor

There will not be any feathers and Indian intendent F. E. Anfield hopes there will not much fuss when the native people from miles around foregather to give a warm and reception to Lieutenant Governor Clarence as he visits Prince Rupert at the end of the

Forty chiefs from Hazelton and Babine on the east, to Klattamat on the south, to Queen Charlotte Islands on the west and the Naas River on the north, will be here to take part in the reception. There will also be the famous Alyanah Harmonic Silver Band.

How many good native citizens will be along is just a matter of speculation.

The rendezvous of the Lieutenant Governor with the natives will take place at Miller Bay Hospital, about nine miles along the highway from Prince Rupert, and it is scheduled for Sunday afternoon. The party will drive in to the sanitarium grounds after visiting the Columbia Cellulose plant and Nelson Bros. fishing operations at Port Edward. His Honor will be greeted by the band and will then meet the chiefs one of the seniors of whom—possibly Herbert Clifton of Hartley Bay or Charles Dudoward of Port Simpson—will present an address of welcome, pledging the loyalty of the native people to the crown. Mr. Wallace will then inspect the 175-bed native hospital, after which there will be a reception in the new recreation hall where the Lieutenant Governor is expected to be the principal speaker.

Incidentally, it will be the first visit of a Lieutenant Governor to the sanitarium.

Assisting Mr. Anfield in making arrangements for the Lieutenant Governor's visit is Dr. J. D. Galbraith, medical superintendent.

Mr. Wallace is due here Saturday aboard HMCS Ontario. That evening he will be tendered a civic reception and dinner.

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