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Good Road Essential

THE NECESSITY of keeping the highway between Prince Rupert and the important industries at Port Edward and Watson Island in first class shape at all times becomes ever more obvious and we trust the public works department is alive to the situation.

Spring now appears to be here and henceforth it should be possible to give the road the attention it requires. If it is a matter of equipment or machinery or men, that it something that will have to be properly organized without delay so that full maintenance is assured at all times.

There is too much traffic on the road now between pulp mill and fisheries plants to not have it constantly in the best of shape.

The Daily News during recent days has been receiving some impatient complaints from various quarters. We have taken the view that the department is fully cognizant of the state of affairs and can be relied upon to speedily bring the road to a state where no complaints can be justified.

Later on there will also be the necessity of bringing the whole road to the interior into good condition and keeping it so.

Elevator Still Idle

PRINCE RUPERT continues to hold the doubtful distinction of possessing a modern grain elevator that handles no wheat. It's been like this for years. Between August 1950 and last January, there was shipped through Vancouver and New Westminster a total of 20,741,202 bushels. Vast quantities also used the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence plants. And from Vancouver and New Westminster will flow grain destined for India. And even Port Churchill on the edge of the Arctic, and frozen part of the year, boasts of her expanding wheat trade.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Charity suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up."

—1 Cor. 13:4.

FIXED DATE
The Congress of the United States must meet annually on Jan. 3 unless it has by law appointed a different date.

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As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

LAND OF CONTRASTS CAIRO, Egypt. — Here in the Nile Valley is the cradle of civilization.

Since the dawn of recorded history this delta has been one of the richest spots on earth, in the true meaning of the term — richest. For here the crops are not dependent on rainfall, but are nourished by the moisture and water-borne soil from the mighty river itself.

But if anything on earth is a land of contrasts, this is it.

Just as there is a sharp, visible dividing line between the lush, irrigated garden lands and the harsh, parched deserts, so there is almost as sharp and clear a line between the rich and poor in this ancient but vital land.

A RICH AND ERUDITE Egyptian is talking about George Bernard Shaw. Seems the late Socialist playwright had an income of half a million a year. (I'm not sure whether that was pounds or dollars.) But the papers noted that only a few other people in England had an income as large.

The rich Egyptian remarked: "There are many more people than that with a bigger annual income here."

I HAVE NO SURE, QUICK way of checking that assertion. But you don't need to search books of statistics to get the broad picture.

Suppose you start from the beautiful residential district in Gezira Island in the Nile, which is part of Cairo. On your way to the country you stop for a few minutes at the Gezira Sporting Club, which is the last word in loveliness and luxury—golf, swimming, polo, dancing, drinks, food and congenial companionship.

Yes, drive for about 40 minutes through street scenes already described in this series. Then you turn aside toward the desert. You pass a few roadside sentries, fully armed. You go down good roads through great groves of date palms.

Then you come on one of the big irrigation canals, where thousands of men are busy transferring the rich, mucky soil from the ditch bottom to the roadside.

I COULD HARDLY believe my eyes when I saw their technique. For they were doing the job much as their forefathers would have done it back in the days when Pharaoh's daughter found the baby Moses hidden in the bullrushes.

Men stood in the water and scooped out great armfuls of the goo. They passed this dripping, dwindling blob from man to man along a chain of about twelve. Then it was dumped on the roadside, where it dries out a bit before being transported where needed. (That soil is, of course, very rich.)

The Yanks, or even the British, who are much less machine-minded, would do that same job with tractors and bulldozers with a tiny fraction of the number of men used in Egypt. But if so, how would those dis-employed exist?

The workers (I was reliably informed) get the equivalent of 30 to 50 cents per day. That means they live mostly on beans and bread, or tomatoes, bananas, dates, if their families help gather them.

(Beef is 45 cents a pound here.)

THERE ARE SPECIAL TENT villages for some of the canal workers and their families. But others live in crude village dwellings, mostly adobe-type, or sometimes of rough rocks.

An Arab roared with laughter when I asked him what would happen if they got a good heavy rain here.

"One such rain," he said, as I thought of Vancouver, "would wash half the houses right away."

He did not say "down the drain," for even in Cairo there are no street drains as we know them. When they do get one of their rare rains, the water just lies till the sun dries it up.

PEOPLE WHO KNOW tell me that I am far too optimistic in my first glance impression of the vitality of the farm workers, or fellahen. They say that almost all the men get a debilitating, enervating, hook-worm disease (bilharzia) from paddling and puddling about bare foot in the irrigation ditches.

Few of them are educated, except in the school of hard knocks. Yet some of the men have as wise faces as I have ever seen and radiate auras of kindness. Some of the little

THE LETTER BOX

RILED
Editor, Daily News—
A. Gordon Huson's report on present day Britain riled me. He was truly an ambassador of the British Labor Government giving glowing but false facts on the life of the British people.

From one, who has just recently come from there and is still in close contact with relatives, the British People are far from living in any "golden era."

I speak of the ordinary working class people.

Food rations are still severe, one cwt. of coal per house per week, perhaps, 10 cents of meat; power cuts frequent; no chance to expand one's business; cannot build your own home; regimentation of civil laws—etc., etc.

The most prosperous persons are black marketeers, and Dr. Drones. "Golden Era" my foot.

Keep sending your life-saving parcels, friends, more than ever.

ROBERT FIELDS

MR. SOILAND EXPLAINS

Editor, Daily News:

The question is asked as to why the Saturday Sermon was repudiated by me in consultation with other clergymen. Permit me to make a few comments.

The repudiation was a disavowal of the contents of the sermon and had nothing to do with the person of the author whom I do not know.

There are several ideas presented which are not in harmony with the teachings of the Bible. Among them is the statement, "whoever created the ideas of heaven and hell—did a colossal disservice to humanity."

Here the author undertakes to place judgment upon God who is responsible for girls are literally as pretty as pictures. If I thought the wife would stand for it, I'd adopt a few.

telling about the rewards of heaven and hell. Since God is just, as well as holy, He must give rewards for righteousness as well as punishment. No word of man can nullify the Word of God.

Or, the statement, "By loving God one identifies himself with all of God's children, the whole human family." By contrast with that quotation, the Bible calls only those who have been born anew of water and the Spirit children of God. Jesus Christ is quite severe on one occasion by calling men the children of the devil. No wishful thinking can change the fact that a person must be born anew before he can be called a son of God.

Again when the author says that references to the form of immortality is all supposition he overlooks the many statements in the Bible, for instance Philippians 3:20-21.

The sermon itself may be a religion for this present life but it does not take into consideration the whole of man. No one has ever lived a victorious life and died a victorious death by being good. The only victorious death the Bible speaks of concerning man is the death of a sinner who trusts in Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

The above statements are some of the reasons why I repudiated that sermon.

EARL SOILAND.

BIBLE OR CODE?

Editor, Daily News:
Having followed with interest the discussion in your columns during the past week following Mr. Clarke's sermon last Saturday, I would like to hear another minister of Prince Rupert preach a sermon on the finished work of the Grace of Christ as recorded in the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 21, Verses 1-7.

and the last five verses of the Eighth Chapter of Romans.

It is my opinion that, if our politicians and leaders in big business would follow the teachings of our Lord as of when He proved His power over the grave and earned His position as Lord of Lords, He would humble himself in His approach to the present troubles of Mankind. We would have patriotism of the law-abiding rather than so many law-enforced citizens. Let the governments lay down their arms and let the Church present itself as a better and greater leader in our moral standards and in the quest for more peace and happiness.

I would like to ask which holds priority today: the Holy Bible or the Criminal Code.

It is my belief that there is (Continued on page 6)

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