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## "A Pinch of Bauxite"

AN INTERESTING message suggesting the unique part that aluminum-making plays in Canadian living appears in a recent issue of "Alean Ingot," official publication of the Aluminum Co. of Canada. In view of impending developments in Prince Rupert area, the message, headed "Add a Pinch of Bauxite," is of local significance. What is going on at Arvida and Port Alfred in Quebec may be more than duplicated in the Kitimaat area close to Prince Rupert.

The message says of aluminum making:

"It is a recipe for a bigger, richer, more comfortable Canada.

"The 'pinch' is scores of shiploads of the red earth—bauxite—from British Guiana. A three-thousand-mile ocean journey ends at Port Alfred on the Saguenay River. Then the bauxite goes by rail to the electrical 'kitchen' at Arvida a few miles away. There aluminum is refined from the bauxite by using electricity provided by harnessing the same Saguenay.

"The Saguenay provides two essentials for making aluminum—deep water for cargo ships and cataracts for power—within a few miles of one another.

"Standing on the dock at Port Alfred, you see something unique. You watch freight cars filled with bauxite disappear over a hill and return with shining aluminum. The process of turning bauxite into aluminum has added Port Alfred and the city of Arvida to Canada's living space, and opened new opportunities for thousands of Canadians."

## WHEN WILL WORM TURN?

JUST where the struggle to arrive at a good negotiating position in international affairs will end is becoming increasingly uncertain. Constant military incidents, undertaken for political as well as tactical advantage, are as dangerous as a bomb with a smouldering fuse.

The Chinese Communists, manoeuvring for a place in the councils of the United Nations, attack in Korea and launch an offensive against Tibet. These incidents were prelude to the arrival at New York of a Communist delegation from Peiping to press charges of aggression against the United States. It is hardly likely that, with winter already on the doorstep, the Chinese Communist government has made up its mind for all-out war. If it had, the gesture of sending a delegation would hardly have been made. It seems that this earlier intervention in Korea might have represented more a negotiating point than a declaration of hostilities. They could hope for some concessions and advantages in return for calling off the dogs of war.

It is interesting and perhaps sobering that we of the United Nations have fallen in with that same game. General MacArthur's full-scale attack to clear Korea, had it been finally successful, would, in turn, have given us the bargaining advantage. Recognizing this, the Chinese must recover with a still more threatening counter-offensive to regain the lost ground—both literally and politically. When and where do these manoeuvrings move into the open conflict of World War III?

Some people would answer that query by urging that we should do nothing to antagonize anyone. We tried that policy at Munich, and how dismally it failed and betrayed us and the world. We don't know whether a stern attitude by the western powers will benefit us either but it seems to be our only hope. We are facing an ideology predicated on violence and deceit. The Soviet official organ Pravda in its issue of September 23 describing the fighting about Seoul reported: "Canadian flyers, drunk on gin, are murdering the wounded being evacuated from the city. MacArthur landed at Inchon the most inveterate criminals gathered from all parts of the world. Ahead of his cut-throats he is sending the British and New Zealand adventure seekers."

Campaigns of slander and increasingly serious breaches of neutrality are all part of a campaign of needling the Chinese Communists and the satellite countries into physical and ideological aggression to waste the resources and morale of the United Nations.

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

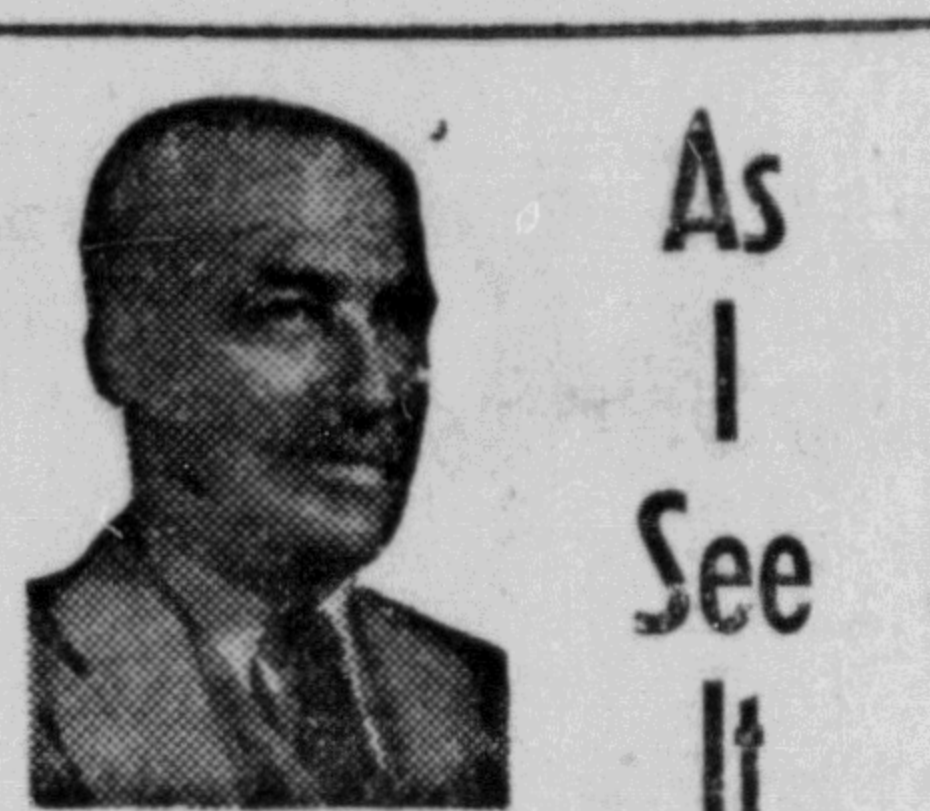
"Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold... but with the precious blood of Christ."  
1 Peter 2:9

## Daily Health Hint

Regular medical and dental examinations are among the best safeguards of health—many ailments, detected early, can be nipped before they can do any harm.

## Double Amputee Beaten, Robbed

HAMILTON—A double amputee was beaten up and robbed of his wallet with \$16 here. He was beaten into unconsciousness. Assault victim, Dudley Brooks, lost both legs while serving in the army.



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"WE'VE GOT TO FACE IT"—By Ed. McKibbin in the Winnipeg Tribune.

## Ray Reflects and Reminisces

One of the largest, newest and finest warehouses in Canada, if not in America, built at Prince Rupert, is being torn down. This is being done at the same time a huge industry, the splendid plant of the Cellulose Corporation at Port Edward, is within a few months of opening for business. Costing 27 million dollars, it took three years to build.

This is being done when newspaper headlines tell of a boom in store for Prince Rupert and leading executives all agree that never before was the outlook more certain for far-reaching and solid development than now. The growth that but recently set in is not what might be thought at some times, a temporary flurry. It has a permanency that will become more pronounced as time lengthens.

This is being done when affairs in the Pacific are exceedingly uncertain and how or what may come from the conflict between Communism and the United Nations. It is entirely possible this coast will be free of any attack. Yet it is well to remember that cities such as Victoria, Vancouver and Prince Rupert, following the warning of the Department of Defence, are doing what is reckoned the best course to take in the event of some sudden emergency.

This is being done when all British Columbia is finding satisfaction in the agreement between the government and the Aluminum Co. of Canada. It means, eventually, the outlay of 99 millions—the largest single enterprise that the province has ever had. Projected developments will be on a vast scale, and affect directly northern and central British Columbia.

This is being done when numerous persons are considering Prince Rupert as a promising point in which to settle. People dwelling in Eastern Canada or the prairie provinces wish, for a variety of reasons, to move to the Pacific coast but not to the most thickly populated part.

It is indeed true the giant warehouse was never used on a scale commensurate with its size. But the War Assets Corporation evidently wanted action and the chance to sell was not neglected. But the big fact remains that, with millions already spent in exploitation of

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## Discussion Of Universe

John Bulger Talks on Astronomical Possibilities Before Rotary Club

Rotarians, if they had any delusions of grandeur before attending the regular weekly luncheon yesterday, had none when they left. The after-luncheon talk of John Bulger on "The Improbability of Life on Any Celestial Body Other Than the Earth" saw to that.

Mr. Bulger started his talk with comments on the flying saucers and the suggestion of some people that they come from Mars. Their reasons are that Mars is in many ways similar to the earth. It is farther from the sun and, therefore, cooled off soon enough before the earth to allow life to start there with inhabitants no much advanced in development.

The United States government had investigated 212 reports of flying saucers, most of which are easily explained but some for which no explanation has yet been made. One report of an object at a great height moving at terrific speed, the speaker thought, could be explained as being at a lower height and moving at a much slower rate of speed. Triangulation was about the only practical method of measuring height and the speed the object was reported as moving but in the short time it was visible it was unlikely measurements could be taken.

The study of the possibilities of life on other planets was complicated, the speaker said, by lack of knowledge of the origin of life. All living things, both animal and vegetable, were composed of the 92 basic elements known to be present throughout the universe. The spectroscope can analyse the make-up of distant objects. Heat can be measured by another instrument. Since the elements are the same chemical laws must also be the same.

The first requisite of life, he said, was that the temperature must not be too high. Although low temperatures did not actually kill life, they made it dormant. The stars, are too hot to support life, he said, because they are luminous—like the sun.

The speaker went on to explain the various reasons why life seemed improbable on all

this district and hundreds of millions more to be expended once final plans are decided, this is no time to dismantle and destroy. Granted that the building is too much on the large size, time and increasing activities would correct that. Today, this remote, lonely northland is beginning to thrive as never before. Skeena is making its true start. Resources are here that the world needs. Traffic on highways, rail and sea must, soon or late, expand to the point when the warehouse, huge as it is—or was—would not be offering an excess of space.

planets with the exception of Mars. The latter was the only planet where any evidence of life could be supported.

Mr. Bulger told of the composition of the universe, how each star represented a sun and how the sun was near the centre of the universe. He mentioned the great distance between stars and the impossibility of seeing the planets of other stars. He told of the millions of stars in the universe and the universes beyond that of the earth. The speaker said no definite explanation had been made of how solar systems came into being. However, he mentioned one that said it was caused by a collision of stars and knocking off bits that subsequently became planets. If that were the explanation, he said, solar systems must be very rare because of the unlikelyhood of a collision between two stars when they were so far apart.

Visiting Rotarian Mr. H. Allen of Vancouver, formerly a member of the Prince Rupert club, thanked the speaker. Other visitors were Dr. Fitch and Walter Smith of Prince Rupert.

A letter from the Poole, England, club thanked the Prince Rupert club for their generous gifts at Christmas.

President Bruce Brown was in the chair.

**JOLLY ROBBER**  
RIMSWELL, Yorkshire, England—Farmer E. Kirkwood lost more than 1,000 eggs when thieves raided his poultry runs. Then he got a postcard saying: "If your hens continue to lay as well in the coming year you will be assured of a prosperous new year. Yours thankfully, Eggy the Yolk."

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## LETTERBOX

RE "JANUARY DAYS"

Editor, Daily News—  
May I be permitted to ask you to re-read one of your editorials as appeared in your January 2 edition.

Believe me, it isn't worth the proverbial five cents worth. I would further suggest a more apt title would be "January Hangover."  
M. T. BOWDEN.

FUR TRADERS

The Hudson Bay country, discovered in 1610, attracted little attention until British fur traders became active in 1663.

TOUGH CLIMB

The Jungfrau, famous peak, was first scaled in 1835 but the ascent of the north was not conquered until 1872.

## Health Unit Getting Ready

Staff of the Prince Rupert Health Unit are being drilled in various aspects of civil defence with a view to being in readiness should an emergency arise. A meeting of the unit was held when a paper on fire fighting and prevention was read, followed by a round-table discussion and an educational film, "Are You Safe at Home?"

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