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Canada Land of Milk and Honey For Aging Couple From Germany

Life in the country, even in this weather, proves pleasant and comfortable for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kraupner. They are living at their son, Hugo's, cottage at Prudhomme Lake.

This time last year, Mr. and Mrs. Kraupner were living in a small basement room in Chemnitz, Germany, in the Russian zone. Food was scarce and unvaried. Potatoes and turnips formed the greater part of their diet. But even in those circumstances, there were birthdays and other occasions that had to be celebrated. The occasional two ounces of milk in the rations did not make whipped cream possible. But the appearance of that luxury was gained by shredding raw potatoes and whipping them up. If they could not have the real thing, they at least made believe they did. Heat in the little room was almost entirely lacking and there was no bed. Their home in Chemnitz had been flattened by an Allied block-buster in February, 1945, as were most buildings in the city.

Last summer the aging couple—Mr. Kraupner celebrated his seventy-third birthday recently—came to Canada to spend their declining years with their son and daughter-in-law. Here they found the granddaughter, Mrs. Mickey Fudger, whom they had not seen since she was a baby girl, and a great-grandson.

Today Mr. and Mrs. Kraupner have just about all the physical comforts they ever dreamed of.

The cottage overlooking beautiful Prudhomme Lake is heated by an oil heater. A coal range for the kitchen proves of little trouble for cooking and heating. Light is provided by a gasoline-driven generator which starts as soon as a switch is turned on. It stops when the last light is turned out. Also run from the generator are an electric toaster and percolator and other gadgets including a modern radio and record player. If they want to get in touch with the city, they have merely to warm up their radio telephone station "Blue-bird" and call Prince Rupert telephone exchange.

The living room of the cottage is a museum of Indian relics. The room is finished with clear cedar slabs. Articles of Indian manufacture fill every nook and corner of the room and line the walls, yet fit so well into the room that they seem to belong there naturally. One is constantly surprised as he finds an item he had not known previously was there.

Yes, Mr. and Mrs. Kraupner are happy in their new home. Sometimes, however, they become lonely. Since early in the year, their son has been able to get to the cottage only on the week-ends. Normally he gets out for several nights during the week. When he arrives, his mother's face lights up with joy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kraupner are happy to live in Canada which they say "is surely a land of milk and honey."

Bachelor's Method Stops Baby Crying

LONDON (C)—Weary parents whose slumbers are broken by Junior's nightly howling might take the advice of a 36-year-old bachelor, Lord Mancroft.

"You hold the child upside down and you give it a short sharp jerk. This creates an airlock and stops it crying at once."

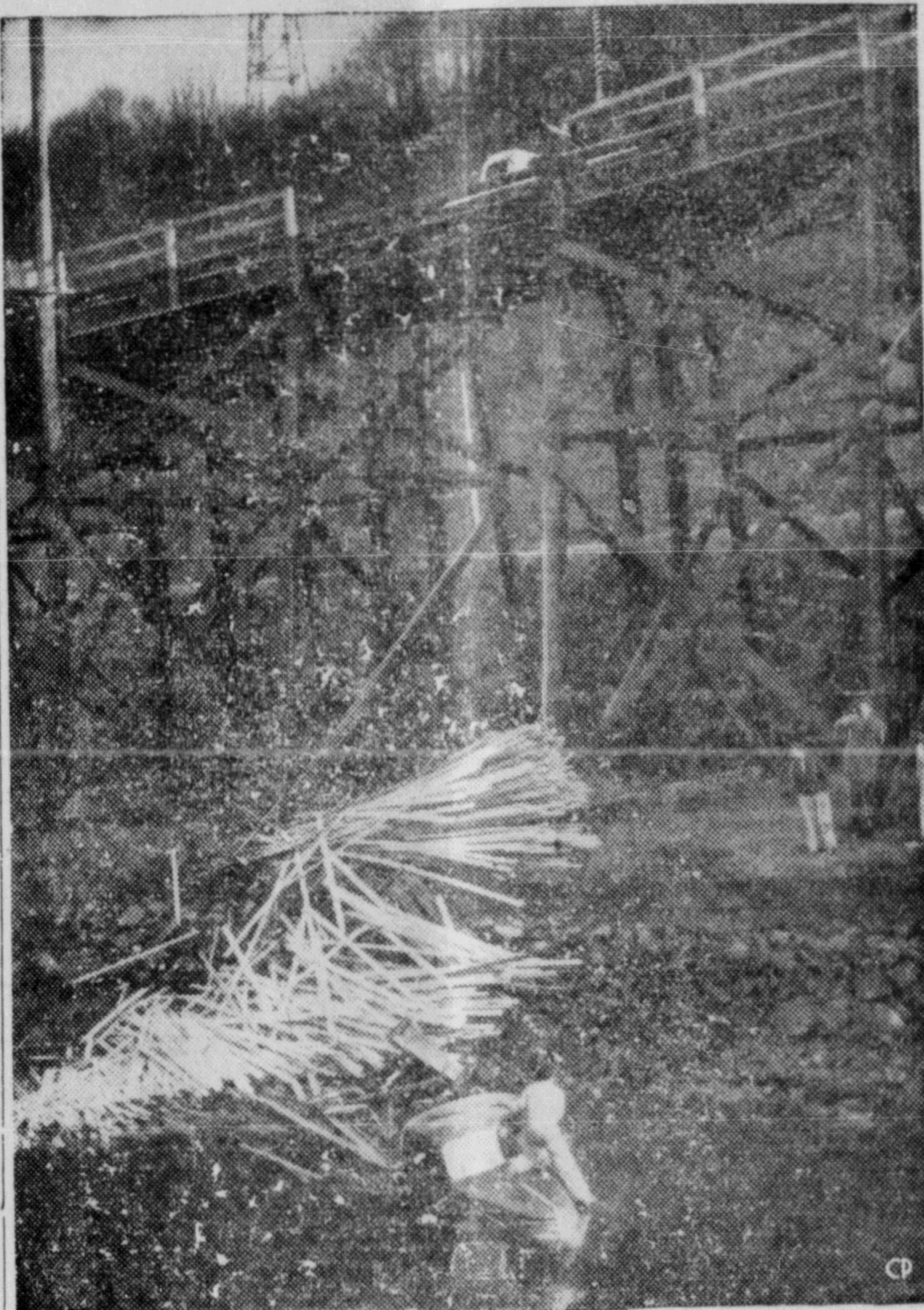
The quicker you want it to stop crying, the harder you jerk. Lord Mancroft, speaking at a banquet, said he would not want it thought he did not like babies. He was fond of little girls—up to the age of seven.

December was the 16th month of the old Roman calendar year which began with March.

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LONG DROP—A shifting load of lumber swung this truck from Vancouver's Second Narrows bridge approach and toppled it 90 feet into the water. The truck hit the beach and bounced into the inlet. Driver A. D. Phillips, trapped in the cab, was seriously injured. (CP PHOTO)

Another Adventure For Al Manson—Is Alert As Usual

Shoplifters should be getting wise to the fact that it does not pay at Al Manson's. The alert jeweler had another of a series of similar experiences early Saturday afternoon and acted with characteristic coolness and effect. As a result, a tray of rings was soon back in his store and an arrest had been made.

SHIPS AND WATERFRONT

Steamer Camosun Takes
Dusting—Chilcotin Delayed
by Hecla Straits Gale

If there was ever any question of the seaworthiness of the converted Castle class corvettes out of which were made the popular coastal liners Camosun, Coquitlam and Chilcotin, Capt. William McCombe says, it was settled on Saturday by the testing which his steamer Camosun was given as she came up to Prince Rupert on the regular weekly voyage from Vancouver.

As the luncheon hour was ending, the Camosun, entering Queen Charlotte Straits, ran into the full force of an 80-mile east-south-east gale which caught her on the starboard quarter aft, deciding Capt. McCombe to run up Goletas instead of the regular Gordon Channel and take it straight on the stern. Meantime wireless aerial had been blown down and dishes had been swept from dining saloon tables as passengers completed their meal. It may have been alarming to passengers during the ensuing few hours as the Camosun made her way across the Queen Charlotte Sound in the continuing gale, even if ship's officers called it only a "long, easy swell." However, the skipper admitted that it was the worst storm the Camosun had ever encountered and that she had amply proven her seaworthiness. The Camosun arrived in port at 1:45 yesterday afternoon and sailed at 11 p.m. for Alice Arm and Stewart when she will return here tomorrow morning to sail south at noon.

Another Union Steamships northern liner was out in the storm—the steamer Chilcotin. After leaving Masset Inlet Saturday evening on the weekly voyage, Capt. Harry McLean decided, for the comfort of all concerned, to wait out the gale which was raging up Hecla Straits at 100 miles per hour, so anchored in the lee of Tow Hill. With some subsiding of the tempest apparent by that time, the Chilcotin started out at noon yesterday and arrived here at 6:30 last evening, sailing at 8 p.m. in continuation of her voyage to Vancouver.

TOURISTS AND FISHING
OSLO (C)—The winter's fisheries in Lofoten, northern Norway, are expected to attract hundreds of Finnish and Swedish tourists. Chartered motorboats will take the visitors to the fishing grounds.

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under government ownership. Coal deposits not yet opened up have been restored to private hands, although most coal mines are still government concerns.

Another state enterprise which has been passed over to a public company is fruit importing, but the government will retain an interest for the present.

Government critics claim that its greatest failure has been its inability to check the rise in prices and "put value back into the pound." Many of the controls it has abolished have resulted in price increases and it has raised rates for many government services in an effort to check losses in state departments.

The government, however, maintains it has so far been unable to do more than check basic causes of inflation and has not yet had time to attack prices. It claims that one of the main causes of inflation was the former government's use of reserve bank credit to finance state enterprises by the use of paper money. The new government has stopped recourse to the Reserve Bank and has instead successfully raised a big internal loan.

Ideas For Taxation

By EDWIN S. JOHNSON

LONDON (C)—Hard-pressed for a new source of revenue to meet the nations' mounting financial commitments, Hugh Gaitskell, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has been offered a list of ideas to consider before the next budget.

The suggestions were offered "for what they are worth," by Leslie Gamage, president of the Institute of Export, before a group of paper-hatted businessmen attending their annual frolic. It was an event where serious speech-making was taboo.

"If you want to get money, tons of money," Mr. Gamage taunted the chancellor, "why not tax bricks—not the bricks builders lay, but those some of our politicians drop with remarkable consistency."

To roars of laughter, he listed these further possibilities:

Tax official jargon.
Tax the avenues politicians explore and the stones they leave unturned.

Tax armchairs—those in which sit the critics of England's cricket team in Australia and of anything else they know nothing about.

Tax all grouches and unofficial strikes.

Tax the vote of thanks to chairmen at annual meetings and any other useless things.

"But please leave us just something over for enterprise and endurance," he pleaded.

In reply, Mr. Gaitskell said, "I would also include for taxation purposes the armchair critics of politicians. You will agree that would be fair."

WEDDING COLLECTIONS

YORK, England (C)—Canon C. C. Mackay, a Yorkshire vicar, is taking collections from wedding spectators to help maintain his church. Criticized by parishioners, he said: "We often get people at a wedding who are never seen again."

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