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CHRISTMAS AGAIN

The Christmas season is with us again and we follow the time honored custom of wishing the large Daily News family of readers a very happy time during the holiday. It is the season of happy children. Only those who can become as children, throwing off the cares and worries of daily toil can really enjoy the event.

Prince Rupert people have done what they could to make sure that there should be no family of children without the primary means of securing happiness. Hampers have been sent out by the Salvation Army and many other agencies to those who have been unable to provide otherwise. Forgetful of the past and hopeful for the future we can all be happy together.

Christmas is a season of happiness. It is a time when we enjoy giving joy. It is a time when as many as possible gather in family groups, exchange gifts and happy messages, dance, sing and engage in cheery conversation. Children shriek with delight and laughter is heard on every hand.

Here then is the Daily News message to our readers. Be happy with us. Two thousand years ago there was a happy woman because she knew she was the mother of a wonderful child and we can each do our part in carrying on the movement toward a happier and better time.

SEE IT FROM THE SKY

There are poets sometimes in the business world. We have received a poetic letter from a Vancouver advertising firm that is too good to keep. Evidently it was not intended for publication but was simply an inspirational message from one business firm to another. Here it is:

"Gentlemen—

"The airman tells this story:

"Skyway passengers are always impressed with the changing view. As we take off from the local airport, the small, fenced, multi-colored farms, at a height of 500 feet, look like a 'crazy quilt' with all the inconsistencies of the individual owners and their conditions, clashing one with the other.

"But lifting the plane to the higher altitudes, the hard lines of the picture melt into one of beautiful pastel shades.

"Somehow this story seems to fit the year just closing. To those men who have been in the midst of the fearful, fighting, frenzied arena of business, the picture was often so vivid and overpowering.

"Now, at this Christmas Season, as we lift ourselves above it all, and see it covered with the radiance of the setting sun, it takes on the quiet and restfulness of a day's work well done.

"And during this pause, may we wish you a happy season as a worthy reward of the year just closing—and a New Year that may again revive hopes of prosperity and success on an ever increasing scale."

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"If it's fully told—it's quickly sold"



Despite pugacious appearance "Flops," famous mascot of Quinlan mine, who was given it by Gene Tunney, is as gentle as a lamb. He is shown here looking as hard as he can.

Silver, Lead and Zinc Output
In Province This Year Makes
New Record For Mine Industry

New high record outputs of silver, lead and zinc, in 1930 in part compensate for a nineteen per cent decrease in the gross value of the mineral production of the province, mainly caused by very much lower average metal prices and a decreased coal output. Dividends for the years are estimated at the substantial sum of \$11,000,000 and development, scouting and prospecting activities were well maintained considering the world-wide business depression of the current year.

These encouraging statements regarding the mining industry of the province are contained in Bulletin No. 1, "Preliminary Review and Summary of Mining Operations in British Columbia during 1930" now released for distribution by Hon. W. A. McKenzie, minister of mines.

In commenting on the bulletin, Mr. McKenzie pointed out that the results were very satisfactory and that the outlook for the future was encouraging. While the closing of certain mines has caused some unemployment, he considers that mining has weathered the storm of depression in a better way than might have been expected.

Five New Mines

Although some mines were closed down, five new mines were brought into profitable production during the year. The Resident Engineer's reports show a surprising amount of activity in prospecting, scouting and development in their districts.

Coal production shows a further decline, but Mr. McKenzie hopes that the low point has been reached and that in 1931 coal sales will increase.

That British Columbia is still a fertile field for the prospector is shown by a number of new discoveries made during the year, two of which give promise of importance; both of them were immediately optioned by large operating companies and active development commenced.

An important outgrowth of the mining industry is the construction near Trail by the Consolidated Co. of the \$10,000,000 plant to manufacture chemical fertilizers. Early in 1931 the first units of this plant will commence production and this will be an important addition to the industrial activity of the province.

The bulletin (No. 1, 1930) is compiled by John D. Galloway, Provincial Mineralogist, and contains a comprehensive statistical review of the industry for the year. Concise reports by the Resident Engineers give useful information on mining activities in their respective districts; and an estimate of coal production by the Chief Inspector of Mines is also included in the bulletin.

The gross value of the mineral production of the province for 1930 is estimated at \$55,164,515, a decline from the output in 1929 of \$23,080,302, or 191%.

The following table shows the estimated value of production for 1930 and comparative figures for 1929:

	1929	1930
Gold, placer	\$ 132,711	\$ 154,700
Gold, lode	3,804,419	3,183,457
Silver	5,254,278	4,534,358
Copper	18,773,582	11,922,720
Lead	15,288,896	12,955,120
Zinc	8,268,782	8,643,250
Coal	11,254,260	9,350,000
Structural material	3,921,748	3,950,000
Miscellaneous minerals & metals	1,773,845	925,000
Totals	\$23,080,302	\$55,164,515

Lower Metal Prices

Increased quantity outputs are shown for gold, silver, lead and zinc with decreases in coal and copper and a lowered variation for structural materials and miscellaneous products. The big drop in the gross value is mainly accounted for by much lower metal prices, and a decreased coal output.

It is remarkable, however, to note that notwithstanding very much lower metal prices that record outputs of silver, lead and zinc will have been made this year. Valued at 1930 prices, the estimated mineral production for 1930 would approximate nearly \$70,000,000 which shows that quantity production of metals and minerals during the year has, in the aggregate, been at the greatest rate in the history of mining in the province.

The tonnage of ore mined and treated in the province in 1930 is estimated at 4,590,000 tons as compared with 4,977,000 tons in 1929. The closing of a number of mines at different times during the year accounts for the decreased tonnage. The average gross value of the ore mined during the year is estimated at \$6.25 a ton as compared with \$7.35 a ton in 1929. This drop of 14.2% in the value of the ore mined reflects the effect in the aggregate of the lowered metal prices prevailing during 1930.

The year 1930, now approaching its end has been an unfortunate one for the mineral industries of the world. The mining of minerals and the production of metals is a business peculiarly dependent on world progress, and during the past 12 months normal business has been severely interrupted. The two important factors in denoting hard times for the miner of base metals are extremely low prices for metals and the difficulty of marketing these metals even at prevailing low prices. Similarly, industrial depression has caused declines in all the varied branches of the industry—at least in dollar values. However, in spite of an unusually bad year for the world in general, mining in British Columbia has held up remarkably well in 1930. The main mines of the province have continued production and in some instances have increased their outputs; and some new mines have commenced production.

Better Prices Needed
The bulk of the metallic mineral production of the province for the last five years has been by five mines and the record of the past six months shows that many small mines closing down affects but little the total production. During the last three years, development had indicated that a number of properties were likely to become producers in the near future. Five of these were brought into production since December, 1929, but abnormally low metal prices and the uncertain future outlook for improvement have stopped certain of these enterprises and have caused capital to look more for high-grade properties than before. It cannot be expected therefore that the industry will do much more than hold its own so far as metal production is concerned until prices improve materially. It is decidedly encouraging, however, that during a period of world depression in mining (except gold) that British Columbia should have made such a splendid record. With improvement in world conditions which is bound to come sooner or later, the mineral industry of British Columbia will continue to expand in future years, as it has in the past.



These strange looking figures, cut from hedge trees, are in the gardens of Mrs. Penderay of Victoria, British Columbia.

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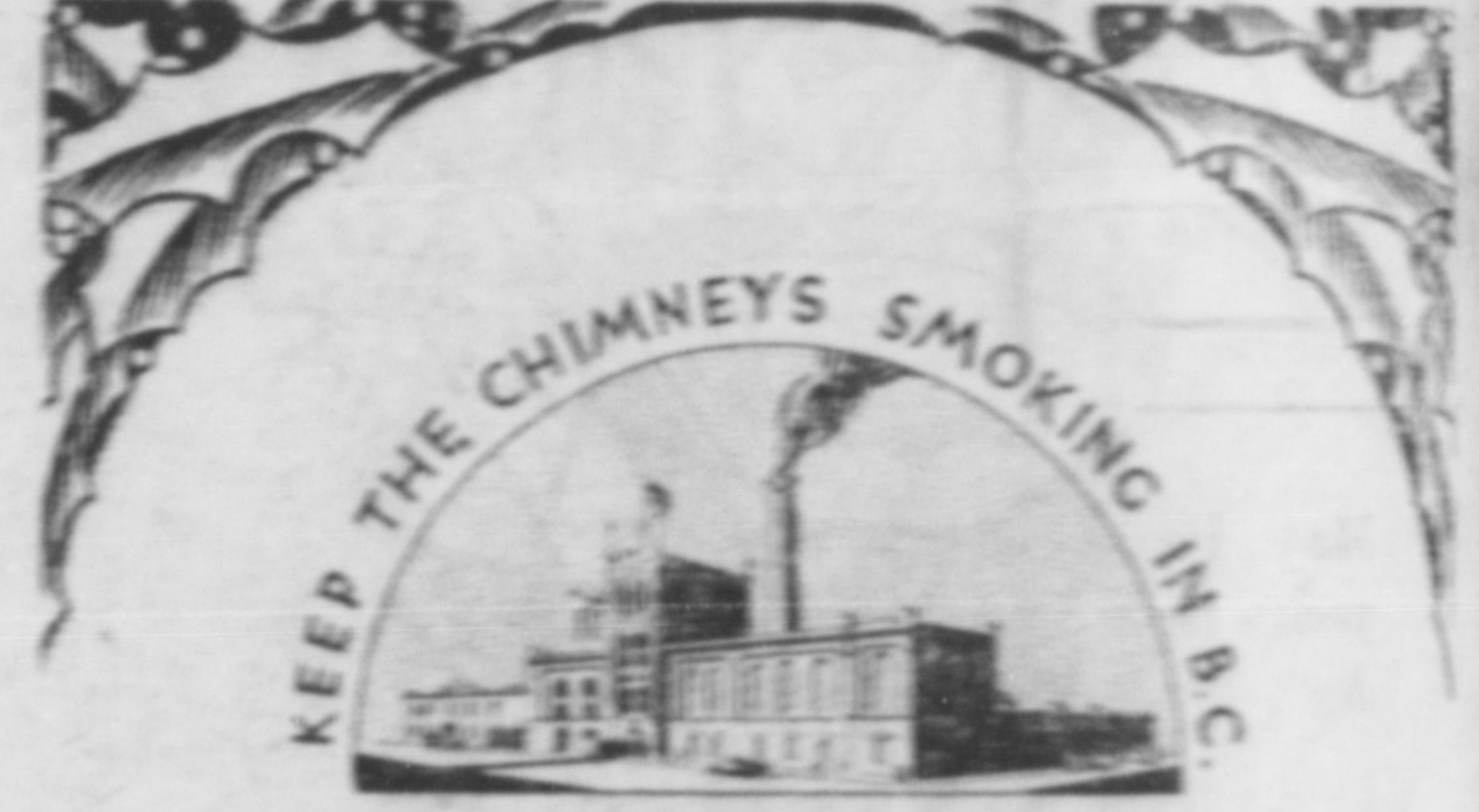
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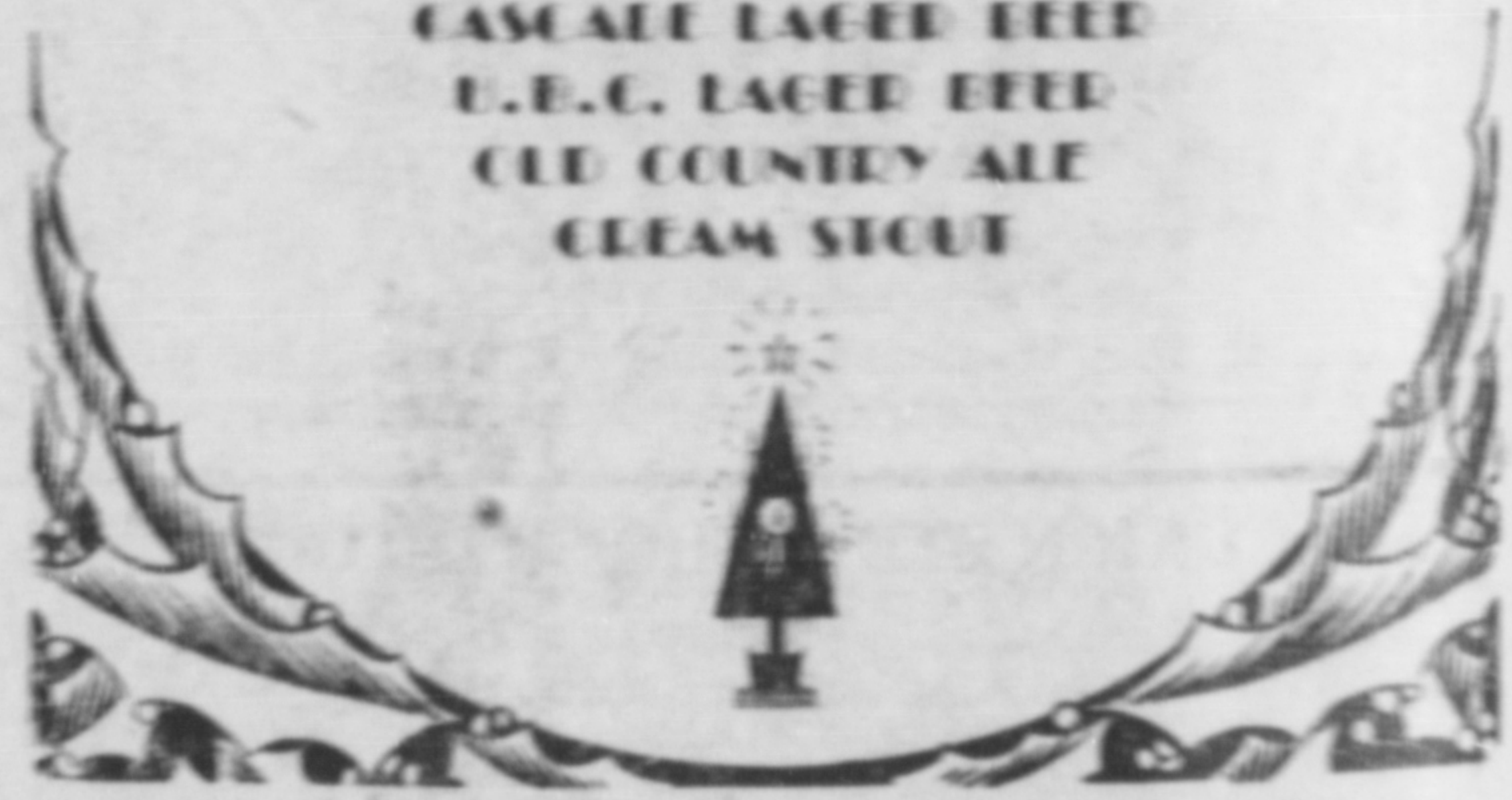
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