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YES, WE HAVE NO MOSQUITOES

Apparently, by inadvertently saying something in our columns the other day about mosquitoes at Lakelse Lake, we have most grievously offended our very good friends at Terrace. If we have really offended, we would tender herewith our most humble apologies for the libel.

But we really think when we mention, even unwittingly, something about mosquitoes at Terrace that we could hardly have offended Terrace folk any more than we should offend those of Prince Rupert if ever we should say anything about rain in Prince Rupert. Somehow or other, be it rightfully or wrongfully, the most of people seem to associate mosquitoes with Terrace just as they do rain with Prince Rupert. Because of that, it would seem in the interests of both communities if a great campaign were instituted to relieve them of these most wrongful and harmful stigmas.

But, meantime, we earnestly hope that our friends at Terrace do not really believe that any knock or libel was meant by that inadvertent allusion to mosquitoes at Terrace. We would like our readers and patrons at Terrace to know that the editor of the Daily News and his staff are very familiar with the charms and assets of that community and that none of us would wittingly or knowingly cast or cause to have cast reflections or aspersions upon our entirely delightful little neighboring town.

FIRST HALF OF POLICY

British Columbia's government announces a drive to give B. C. products the preference in all buying, comments the Vancouver Sun. Everything home-made where possible, is the new policy.

If that policy is literally carried out it should swing millions of dollars into B. C. factories and B. C. payrolls. For not only will there be the government's own buying—and out of a total budget of \$30,000,000 it is considerable—but the demand will be a moral stimulant to the consuming public.

Actually in such a resourceful country as Canada there is no more logic in a government going outside for its commodities than there would be in using foreign postage stamps. This has been the traditional policy of B. C. governments for years. It is a reflection on the Tolmie Government, after three years in office, that they only now recognize it.

But better late than never, and once made the policy should be organized and nationalized so that it becomes an actual as well as a spoken thing.

Then broaden that principle of home development to open markets abroad for Canadian products. British Columbia, for example, is one of the world's great silver-producing areas. Canada's leadership on the silver question alone would result in double the market price for silver.

More than that, it would help give a billion silver-using people entry into British Columbia and other Canadian markets.

"Buy Canadian products," is half the program for Canada's governments. "Sell Canadian products" is the other half.

LETTER BOX

LAKELSE MOSQUITOES

Editor, Daily News:—

I wish to call your attention to articles appearing in your paper of August 10, stating that visitors to Lakelse Lake were met with a civic welcome by legions of mosquitoes. This is absolutely untrue as campers have gone there this summer and taken mosquito nets on the strength of articles published in your paper and have never put them up.

We, of Terrace, cannot understand the attitude of your paper in constantly knocking our town by publishing one article after another which is not true. Do you not want Prince Rupert people to holiday here?

I would call your attention to the group of Girl Guides who recently camped at Lakelse for two weeks in July and upon leaving, one and all, with their leader, stated they had had a perfect holiday and had not seen a single mosquito and expressed regret that these untrue articles had been published by the Prince Rupert Daily News. Some groups have come under very impractical leaders and if they choose to camp on a river bank early in July they are bound to find mosquitoes anywhere in the interior.

Thirteen new summer homes have been built at Lakelse this year and the lake is flecked with sail boats and motor launches and one and all are enjoying a perfect holiday. In the evenings the lake is gay with bonfires and many voices and they laugh over articles published by your paper saying they are pestered by anything.

IRA W. WRIGHT.

ANGEL OF MERCY

Editor, Daily News:—

I desire to use your columns for a public appreciation of services rendered to fishermen in general, and to explain the matter it is better that I state a few facts in relation thereto.

For the first time in the history of trolling operations at North Island, the Union Oil Co. were persuaded to place a straight sale of gasoline to fishermen, with no strings attached to their product. This was done by the establishment of an oil barge at Langara Island, and the parties in charge of this utility were Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who have made themselves deeply respected by the fishermen patronizing the barge.

At the fall general meeting of the North Island unit of the Northern B. C. Salmon Fishermen's Association, it was carried unanimously that "Mrs. Smith of the Union Oil barge at this camp be publicly thanked for her merciful and efficient help rendered to all sick fishermen at North Island this season."

Mr. Editor, the statement speaks for itself, and I take pleasure in being the instrument of rendering tribute where the tribute is apparently due. The fishermen take delight in doffing their hats. Stetson of Cape Anne, to Mrs. Smith of the Union Oil barge, Langara Island.

CHAS. LORD, Secretary,
N. B. C. Salmon Fishermen's Ass'n.
(Mrs. George Smith was formerly Miss Anne Kudalka R.N., a member of the nursing staff of the Prince Rupert General Hospital.—Ed.)

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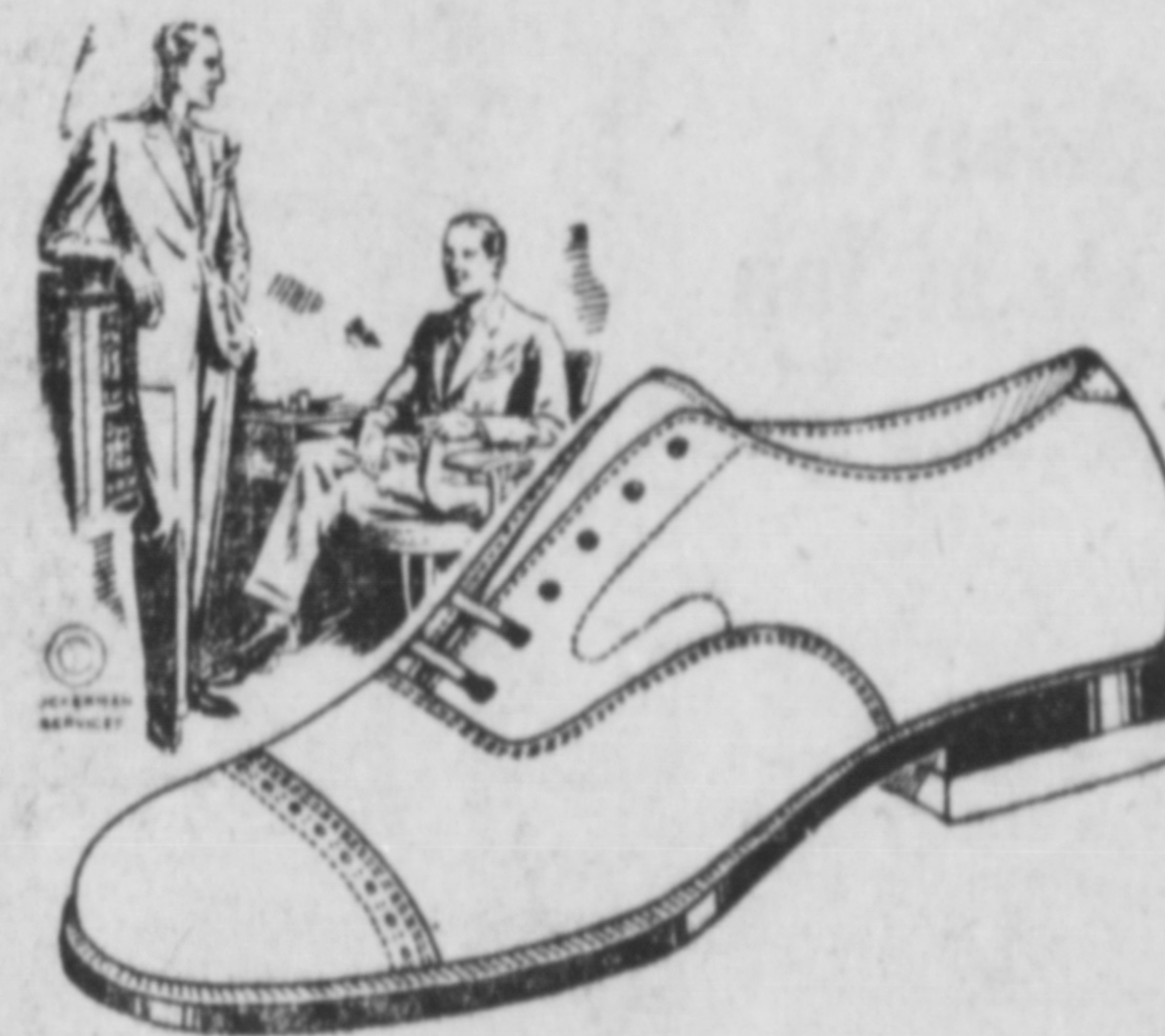
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