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MACMILLAN ON EUROPE

H. R. MacMillan, vice-president of the Vancouver Board house for a whole month during corner, nothing daunted, he pro- Besides being preacher and docof Trade, who has the controlling interest in the Big Bay which space of time the survivor's cured an old broom which lay, in tor, this much respected gentleman Lumber Co. of Prince Rupert, recently returned from a signal of distress was of no avail, the bottom of the boat and impro- is an amateur navigator with a business tour through Europe and he writes his impres-Nation." The article is full of interest, the first really in- throw the badly decomposed body the keepers to the sheltered side of ions to his matron to have every- of the doctor's return, heard the Karl Anderson, Prince + teresting article ever published in a usually rather dull into the sea for fear of being sub- the island. He had weakened con- thing ready for his return at mid- siren of the mission boat "Thomas + George, B.C. journal.

Mr. MacMillan deals particularly with Britain, France, scribed what mental strain the poor Germany and Russia, viewing these countries financially fellow experienced in his weird voted companion, as he struggled "Edward White." A strong south- full particulars. The captain imme- ers. B.C. and their effect on Canadian business. He suggests that surroundings. It is now generally so far as Britain is concerned the recently reported im- understood that three attendants provement is mostly psychological and will not show in work watch and watch on the more this year's balance sheets, but is born of experience, faith and courage.

France, Mr. MacMillan sees, tumbling from her former lumbia we have lighthouse keepposition with between one and two million unemployed. ers in whose interesting lives have Within the past three months this country has felt the full proclaimed to the general public. effect of the depression and has been shocked by bad busi- would prove the existence of unness failures. Her national deficit amounts to \$200,000,000 sung heroes and heroines in spite annually while adverse trade is \$480,000,000 and the na- of their obscurity. tional railways are losing \$100,000,000 a year.

In Germany, by state decree, wages and prices have been on Ivory Island on my weekly soreduced as well as rates of interest, freight and commo- journ to Northern B.C., little did I dity prices, postage, power and water. Half the trade un- think of the drama that was to be ion members are out of employment and incomes are low. enacted a few hours afterwards in

Because of the lack of buying power in these three na- surf Point which juts out into Milltions, there is unemployment in Canada. Britain blames bank sound, marking the western France for wilfully destroying the pound sterling and extremity of the sheltered Seaforth rocking the European boat as a demonstration of strength Channel. Ivory Island is approxito Germany but the psychological time for compromise mately 325 miles north by west among the nations has come with Britain as mediator followed by a return of confidence, enterprise, employment side Passage." The lightkeeper is and trade. The British are of this opinion and that the Mr. Greenwood with Mrs. Greentariff will afford protection and bargaining power.

The Russian situation is interesting and can best be given in Mr. MacMillan's own words:

"There still remains for consideration the situation in Russia, which in some ways profoundly affects Canada. vice in several of the most outlying Russia's credit is declining and if she does not pay what coast can anyone do about it? Their efforts unslacking, the second five-year plan became effective in October last with lives one would expect them to be additional rewards promised to workers in the way of morose and reserved but, on meethome comforts.

"Some striking visible effects of Russian competition may be cited.

"Gasoline sells in Holland at 10.4 cents per imperial gallon and at 22.6 cents per gallon (including sixpence tax) in England.

"To compete with Russian timber we must sell at \$8 per of pep, with lots of London pawky M here. In the last five years Russia is the only country to humor. Mr. Greenwood, trained in show an increase in timber export. Up to three years ago, ful of interesting yarns about dory the Pacific Coast of the United States and Canada used to fishing on the Grand Banks and sell from fifty to one hundred million feet of railway ties the Pacific. In one of those winter to the United Kingdom. At present none are being sold and blows so often tragically experto do so the price would have to be \$3 per M.

"Russian competition is ruining the forest industry of fortunately picked up after being Sweden, Finland and Norway, and has forced wages down. adrift in a dory for four days. In these countries loggers and unskilled mill hands get 55 cents daily and board themselves; skilled sawmill labor \$1 to \$1.10 daily, and machine tenders in paper mills receive 36 cents per hour.

"Russian newsprint is being sold at \$41 a ton in San Francisco, underselling Canada and the East Coast of the United States. Sulphite pulp is being sold at \$24 at Cali- plenish his larder so, about midfornia ports, seriously affecting prices at importing day, the weather being auspicious, ports."

Mr. MacMillan is not pessimistic as to the future but he strongly urges the balancing of budgets and all adjusting trees. ourselves to a new standard of living. He says:

"We are justly attached to our standard of living. We dered his loaded rifle, and accomwill seek to protect it. Let us remember that we are all panied by his faithful spaniel, was here because and so long as we can make a living selling rocks when he tripped and fell, forest, mine and fish products in foreign lands. We cannot mysteriously setting off the trigger, influence the sale price. That price at present goes chiefly though he had previously attended to pay two charges, and two only-taxes and wages. The to the safety click. His right thumb! taxes come first. The higher the taxes the less there is left, was completely blown away, and for wages. The wage earner has, of all people, the greatest the entire contents of the shell. A interest in bringing about a decrease of all forms of public expenditure."

Drama Enacted Recently at Ivory Island Is Typical of Life on Bleak North Coast

(By "Davaar")

Many heroic deeds were accomplished daily by the three great engineers-Winstanly, Rudyard and Smeaton-that help might be sent her in her with their hundreds of workers during the erection of the hour of distress. three light towers on the famous Eddystone Rock. It was It is said "Truth is stranger than a grand and glorious idea to build such an edifice, but too little is recorded in praise of those gallants who, first of

all, acted as light-keepers. Quite#____ uncertain as to the ability of man's neck. After bandaging his hand as the Greenwood's a friendly visit building ingenuity and skill to best he could he thought about fasfrustrate the terrible onslaught of tening a note to the dog and disthe huge combers hurled against patching him to the lighthouse for Greenwood, whom he had great difthe tower which often vibrated and Mrs. Greenwood who was the only ficulty in comprehending on acshook as if about to crumble to other person on the island. The dog count of her excitement. pieces, these people must have suf- was wearing no collar and, as fered much mental anguish Greenwood's knife was shot away throughout their period of horrible and lost in a crevice in the rock, he isolation. was unable to cut even a rope yarn

It is recorded that only two keep- from the boat's painter. ers resided on the old wooden erection built by Rudyard and that one of them died suddenly. Owing to sequently charged with murder. It can better be imagined than deisolated lighthouses around the British Isles.

Along the seaboard of British Co-

On Good Friday last, as I logged the time of passing the lighthouse the little white home perched on from Vancouver, and known to every traveller through the great "Inwood as his only assistant. They are both thoroughly conscientious regarding the seriousness of their duties, besides being most capable through having many years of serand isolated lighthouses on this

Judging from the nature of their ing them for the first time recently, I was most agreeably surprised to find them quite the reverse. I have often received a friendly wave from them when steaming past the lighthouse. Mrs. Greenwood, though getting on in years, seems always; merry and gay, most agile, and full ienced by the hardy off-shore fish-

They are both great naturalists with a vast store of information about sea bird life.

To Get Meat

However, to get to the main theme of this article, it transpired that Mr. Greenwood decided to rehe rowed to the east side of the island which is about half a mile square and covered with stunted

On beaching his boat he shoulhis right thigh received practically stray pellet struck the point of his nose while another lodged in his

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could to ease the excruciating pain. At this time of the year there is very little shipping across Millbank Sound and, as months often elapse

Indian to Aid

Shows Initiative However, necessity is the mother would permit, he got aboard his the boisterous nature of the wea- of invention, and having been gasboat, and soon covered the 15 ther it was impossible for any boat trained throughout life to use his miles to Bella Bella Hospital where to make connections with the light- initiative powers when in a tight he gave Dr. Darby the whole story. making it necessary for him to tend vised a crutch with the aid of thorough knowledge of the many the light all night until, finally, re- which he succeeded in reaching the intricate and dangerous channels siderably from loss of blood, and night he chose four willing sturdy Crosby" as it was about to tie up to surely presented a pitiable spec- native sons from the village and, the dock, so she immediately in-

and lavished all the attention she matters. without a single visitor, she was almost frantic to know what to do. Instinctively she prayed earnestly

fiction," but oddly enough, a lone Eddystone Lighthouse in 1815: she reincarnates the same brave Indian, who had established a hunting camp on a neighboring island, actually dropped in to pay that afternoon, appearing at the door like an apparition to Mrs.

On seeing the injured man the visitor instantly made up his mind what was best for him to do so, knowing that Greenwood was as comfortable as the circumstances

crawling, half clinging to the up causing a nasty swell to break was intercepted by the doctor on . .

broom for support, accomplishing on the rocky shore of Ivory Island rounding Dryad Point Lighthous the homeward journey in three and and making the landing most difa half hours, which ordinarily is a ficult. The doctor and his crew were ten minutes' walk. The brave little all visitors to the island on prewoman got her husband in doors vious occasions, thus simplifying

Lighthouse Flashes Sound that night—thanks to Mrs. vein. Greenwood-thus recalling the lines Dr. Darby most considerately written in the visitors' book by Sir made arrangements to have friends Walter Scott when he visited the acompany Mrs. Greenwood while

"Phares Loquitur

"Far on the bosom of the deep "O'er these wild shelves my watch I keep. "A ruddy gem of changeful light

"Bound on the dusky brow of night "The seaman bids my lustre hail,

"And scorns to strike his timorous

Weather conditions made it imperative to postpone the departure until daybreak, when they succeeded in portaging the stretcher case over the rough trail to the lee shore where they boarded the little hospital tender. A fair westerly wind and following sea helped to drive the "Edward White" along Seaforth Channel to finish another of her many errands of mercy.

To show the wonderful team work in the Bella Bella Hospital the matacle when first noticed by his de- with a nurse boarded his cruiser the formed Captain Robert Scott of the painfully towards the door-half west mist-laden wind had sprung diately headed for Ivory Island but

A Good Hospital

Once again Dr. Darby and his competent staff of nurses have demonstrated the usefulness of a properly equipped hospital in the upcoast isolated regions of British Needless to say Ivory Island Columbia, for Mr. Greenwood is Lighthouse continued uninterrup- slowly recovering after the extractedly to flash its friendly ray across tion of numerous pellets of lead in. the treacherous waters of Millbank cluding the one close to the jugular

spirit that imbued the breast of Grace Darling-when she became a world-wide heroine on September 5, 1838, for the noble part she play. ed in saving the nine survivors of the ill-fated steamer "Forfarshire" which met her doom near the storm-battered Longstone Lighthouse off the Northumbrian coast.

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