

How MANY ANGELS?

Scholars in the Middle Ages argued for centuries over how many angels could dance on the point of a needle. It was a useless question . . . but how many Canadians are supported on tobacco leaves? That is an intensely practical question.

Imagine, if you can, a convention of all the people in this country, and their dependents, who are supported by the tobacco industry . . . All the farmers and their help . . . All who work in processing plants where the tobacco is aged and mellowed . . . All the men and women who work in tobacco factories . . . All the wholesalers with their salesmen and office staffs . . . All the store keepers with their clerks . . .

Why, such a convention would need a hall big enough to seat over 300,000 people! As many people as live in Vancouver; twice as many as in Quebec City . . .

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HOME TOWN AUDIENCE OVERCROWDS HALL

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tax field had never belonged to the federal government. "Had we had the income tax field to ourselves we would never have had to borrow a cent for unemployment relief. We would have been able to pay our way all along," the Premier declared. Efforts to obtain authorization through British North America Act amendment for the province to collect sales tax would be continued. "There should be some tribunal," said the Premier "to which a province can turn when it feels itself in a position of inequality instead of having to struggle along for years and years with no relief and, at the same time, be called mendicant. Had it not been for our tremendous resources, British Columbia could not have been able to stand up," said Mr. Pattullo. "However, we must have a readjustment and we are going to stay with it."

Alaska Highway
Turning to the Alaska Highway, Mr. Pattullo said conditions had changed since ten years ago when he had considered the project premature. "When that work is undertaken, and I believe it will be within a reasonable date, I wish to make it clear that it will not interfere with any other road in the province but will be entirely additional."

"When a friendly neighbor wants to build such a road, I believe we ought to do all we can to help, particularly when it will present tremendous opportunities for the opening up of new areas and the development of enormous resources," said Mr. Pattullo who referred to the almost limitless mining possibilities, increase of tourist traffic etc. The fact that it might have military implications should make no difference. United States and Canada, in any major conflict, would always be side by side.

Speaking of the route, Mr. Pattullo said: "I favor a route as far west as possible, Hazelton if it is feasible, and north from there. I know that the American authorities would also like to have it as far west as possible with a view to connecting up with the communities of the Alaska Panhandle." There was talk, however, of possible difficulty in the way of heavy snowfall, high grades, and difficult passes. Further to the interior the Rocky Mountain trench was said to have less snowfall and lower mountains. There was considerable difference of opinion. "Engineers, in my opinion, should make the decision as to which is the most feasible route."

As for financing, Mr. Pattullo told how United States had offered to lend British Columbia the money with no interest. This would, however, imply no American control of the road. Ottawa was not committed to the Alaska Highway as yet. Mr. Pattullo said, but it had appointed a commission which would confer at an early date in Victoria with a similar American commission. "I intend to pursue it to a conclusion," the Premier promised. The project, he added, would probably furnish five years' employment for 2000 men.

Mr. Pattullo also referred to the necessity of a highway into the Peace River. He told of the government program of exploration for oil there. "If we could get oil there we would not have to worry any more about the Pacific Great Eastern or highways."

What Government Is Doing
Concluding with a brief summary of what the various departments of his government were doing, Mr. Pattullo referred to the successful honor system of handling wayward boys, the efforts to help agricultural producers and give them a fair return, simplifying and improving

of the educational curriculum and adjustment of education taxes, the fight against venereal disease and the promotion of health generally, regulation of hours of work and rates of pay, the pursuit of public works as far as resources would permit, the handling of unemployment in a manner which he believed compared favorably with any other province and the inauguration of recreation and physical education facilities. Withal, the government had not increased taxes but, to a small degree, had reduced them.

His government, Mr. Pattullo felt, had helped to make higher the standard of living, notwithstanding the fact that poverty was still to be seen in the face of plenty, a condition which he believed should not exist. "Things have been made for us all to enjoy and I believe those things should be available to all."

The meeting was presided over by W. O. Fulton who referred to it more as a "reception" than a mere "political meeting." He alluded to the position of difficulty occupied by a cabinet minister, and particularly a Premier, in having to deal with larger provincial matters in addition to local affairs. The fact that Mr. Pattullo had been continuously in the Legislature since 1916 for this seat was tribute to his worth. Mr. Pattullo later observed that the people of Prince Rupert alone had made it possible to sit as member for that long time and he was as appreciative as ever of the confidence.

C. P. Balagno was pianist.

Surprise Party Enjoyable Event

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Robertson Honored by Their Friends On Saturday Night

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Robertson gathered in a surprise party on them at their residence on Eleventh Avenue Saturday night, the occasion being their wedding anniversary which was suitably honored with the making of a presentation.

The evening was enjoyably spent in playing of bridge, the prize-winners being: ladies' first, Mrs. W. Hunter; second, Mrs. J. Lawrie; men's first, F. Radcliffe; second, L. Wide.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrie, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wide, Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith jr., Mr. and Mrs. T. Beattie, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Guyan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Geddes, J. Wide, F. Radcliffe and Miss Ina Robertson.

Anyox and other northern points and sailed at 1:30 p.m. for Vancouver and waypoints.

Frank Waterhouse freighter Chilliwick, Capt. E. B. Allen, arrived in port at one o'clock yesterday morning from the south and, after discharging and loading local cargo sailed this morning on her return to Vancouver. The vessel was at Port Edward last night to load fish meal and this morning was at the ore sampling plant to load ore for Tacoma smelter.

Armour Salvage Co. has its pile-driver at Digby Island to put in the piles prior to putting in place again of the wireless float which drifted away in a recent storm.

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Engagement Party Is Happy Affair

Miss Erma Bussanich and Angelo Bussanich Guests of Honor Sunday night

Mr. and Mrs. T. Bussanich, Seventh Avenue West, were hosts at a very enjoyable gathering of friends Sunday night in honor of their youngest daughter, Erma, and Angelo Bussanich, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bussanich of Ketchikan, whose engagement was announced. The couple, who will be married in the

fall, received general felicitations. During the evening bridge was played with prize winners as follows: ladies' first, Mrs. Vaccher; second, Miss Mary Martin; men's first, D. Sicuro; second, E. Pettenuzo. Other games were played and community singing was enjoyed and dancing rounded out the evening with music by Mario Bussanich. Delicious refreshments were served at midnight. Mrs. T. Bussanich and Mrs. A. Bussanich poured and serviteurs were Mrs. L. Griffiths, Miss Elsie Hipp, Miss Frances Dover, and Miss Mary Martin. The tables were beautifully decorated.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. Dominato, Mr. and Mrs. George Ciccone, Mr. and Mrs. Culas, Mr.

and Mrs. E. Pettenuzo, Mr. and Mrs. D. Sicuro, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. A. Montesano, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Amadio, Mrs. D. Santerbano, Mrs. A. Bussanich (Ketchikan), Mrs. A. M. Budnich, Mrs. J. Graham, Mrs. L. Griffiths, Mrs. O. Vaccher, Miss Cecile Cavenaile, Miss Rose Montesano, Miss Lillian Vaccher, Miss Doris Houlden, Miss Elsie Hipp, Miss Frances Dover, Miss Mary Martin, Miss Margaret Fritz, Miss Mary Sicuro, Miss Uditia Sicuro, Jack Walsh, Jonny Garofani, Primo Vaccher, Americo Dominato, Freddie Sait, Charles St. Dennis, Joe Martin, Peter Cravetto, Ray Montgomery, A. Calderone and Bruno Pettenuzo.

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