Ottawa Conference

While it is disappointing that the Dominion-Provincial Conference arrived at no agreement, more encouragement for hope of a settlement at the next meeting in April is indicated than heretofore.

The Dominion government last August no doubt honestly believed it was offering a generous quid pro quo to the provinces in a \$12 per capita grant for relinquishment of their income taxation.

It was evident to those who carefully read the "Green Book" proposals that the provinces generally and British Columbia in particular would be restricted in ability to pay for their public services and necessary provincial developments.

It is not true to say, as has been said, that the recent conference reand auction sale at each province asked for a bid from the Dominion alit must be admitted that a al of poker play was indulged in Mona of the premiers wanted to be accused of sabotaging the conference. Yet each felt he had a responsibility to guard the interests of his own province.

The propaganda of the federal authorities has been aimed at presenting the Dominion proposals as extremely generous. This successfully created in many minds the impression that, unless the provinces accepted those proposals in toto, they were selfish, parochial and against Canadian unity.

Hence, a cautious attitude had to be adopted by those premiers whose knowledge of their own provincial situations convinced them of the necessity of considerable revision of the Dominion proposals. The points of view of these provinces lacked publicity until recently.

Great credit is due Premier Hart for his quiet though relentless pursuance of the claims of British Columbia for a grant not based upon the population of 1941 (as is the \$12 proposal) but a grant on the currently increased population and equal to the revenue a provincial income tax would produce today, although on the 1941 rate. Without this British Columbia would be unable to maintain its higher than average wage, welfare and cultural standards and proceed with its deferred program of public developments which are more costly in this province than elsewhere.

The Dominion appears now to realize there is at least some merit in the counter proposals of Premier Drew of Ontario and considerably more in the arguments submitted by Premier Hart of British Columbia. The objectives of all governments

are fundamentally in unison. They all seek national unity. They are in favor of a single tax collecting authority. They expect problems of unemployment, old age pensions, reconstruction and the financing of public investment projects that are part of full employment policies to be considered as national problems that will be solved in a national way.

They are prepared to transfer many provincial rights to enable the Dominion to finance its war and post-war obligations. But they are not willing to sacrifice their existing standards and responsibilities and become mere wards of the Dominion.

The latest proposals made by Prime Minister Mackenzie King immediately prior to adjournment are secret but enough has leaked out to lead one to believe that from his new

march forward in unity and high SAVE REPITITION purpose to fulfill her responsibilities to her own people and as a nation in international affairs.

An Encouraging Sign

A most encouraging development at the United Nations Organization session at London is the settlement stage. of what appeared to be a very serious crisis between Britain and Rus- July 10, 1945: sia over the presence of British troops in Greece. It gives new heart R. McRae Manville's target in cilities and buildings in Prince to observers of international affairs the council last night. The train Rupert. But the Yankees have and those hopeful of permanent world peace and security being obtained that Russia was able to see first ran into the city. Alder- Rupert of December 19, 1945: the light and back down as grace- man Manville told his fellow al- "Yes, there are a number of fully as possible from her position in dermen: 'Station facilities here buildings here put up by the regard to the question at issue. After good as at Davis—about ten help to the railways but they Russia's obstinacy over the Persian miles to the east.' He said the don't seem to want them. In occupation question, there had been council should do something fact, the C.N.R. officials have some who feared that the Soviet about it. The council decided no use for Prince Rupert. The might pursue that obstinacy further. to act." Of course, the giving up of her point completely gave his meeting my building C.N.R. ships in their in Greece does not justify the So-impression of Prince Albert yards here: 'We are in the railviet's position in Iran but it is at least when I visited that city in Sep- way business not in the shipencouraging to see that there is some tember, 1944. Those of us who building business. If we don't spirit of compromise in the Russian tional through trains will recall yer dry docks, we will lose make-up for, before all the troubled what a beautiful station Saska- business of freighting for them. international problems are resolved, toon now has and, as I recall, If they could, they would lift there will be need for plenty of such it is the third building since I the tracks on this line; the compromise.

With two crises over now and still getting along with her same into private hands, the quicker honors even, we shall watch with in- little station that Mackenzie & Prince Rupert will have an even terest what is to be done about the Mann built in the pioneer days break." Soviet Ukraine complaint over the of the Canadian Northern Railpresence of British forces in IndoI went into Prince Albert from daily passenger by a tri-weekly ment Insurance Commission to

We Must Respond

The governments of the United equipment on a Thursday. As sore need of two more. And yet learned that delays in insurance States and Canada strike a note there is but one Thursday in this represents just what we which must meet with full approval our week, the train made but found all through the country, of the people who dwell amid plenty the arrival of the tri-weekly setting out in the open, and and comfort in these countries of passenger over the C.N.R. from those structures are filled to ours when they suggest that, if nec- Winnipeg, made up of an obso- overflowing with the youth of essary, we should be willing and pre- lete locomotive and a few wood- the land that spreads over all pared to go without something our- on much the same train for Sas- in this article. And those young selves in the way of food in order katoon. The bridge that spans people are being raised and eduthat there may be something for the the Saskatchewan River was cated in a country that has the starving peoples of many less blessed built by Mackenzie & Mann in room, resources and possibilities countries. One of these is our own the structure surely shows its a chance to have, own and de-Motherland where the situation is age. worse than we had reason to expect. Now, with this set-up through that they may thrive and flour-

Those who would complain at the the forty years, what is the ish with the country. But, to few things that we may yet have to prospect for the future? The give those young people an even forego must lack in feeling of human ten in the skies above! The country out of the "back conkindness and sympathy. It surely same old bridge, the same old cession" stage by establishing a should require little thought or imag- station, the same old engines, direct rail artery through our ination to picture the situation as it the same old coaches! The same, country to a live and hustling exists from the food standpoint and forever.

with ocean liners being built at among millions of people over the seas in both directions east and west. Is Paralyzed It ill becomes any of us to begrudge How the people flocked into tock, the ocean terminal of the them a little of our much that they our Peace River country under Siberian Railway which is the may merely survive. In fact, it would Pacific Railway visions! They rail artery for U.S.S.R. be well if we were more greatly bend- came over the trails, through ing our efforts and our thoughts the bush, and over the swamps. along lines which might assist them. each with the courage of a lion

Local Boy Progresses

We extend our best wishes to the were disturbed by the whistle widely known and greatly esteemed of the "Flyer" coming in from "Charlie" Barber on the occasion of the Pacific. his retirement from the active publi- ward Beatty and now, after cation of the Chilliwack Progress, years of his gigantic combines, long recognized as one of Canada's Mr. Vaughan of the C.N.R. toldleading weekly newspapers, and wel- the Railway Committee during come his joint successors — Leslie that the N.A.R. laid up a a de-Hacker. We do so with possibly a asked if he expected a deficit little more than passing interest. of one-and-a-half million in-

Of course, everyone in the news- definitely, he said "The N.A.R. paper publishing business knows years." When asked if extend-Charlie Barber and, for that reason. ing the line to the Pacific would mention of his retirement would help the situation, Mr. Vaughan have been worthy of commentary said "It might increase the loss."

Then W. M. Neal, of the here. Further than that, however, C.P.R. after an extensive trip there is particular interest in one of in our northland, said in an inhis successors — Cecil Hacker who terview of June 26, 1944: was a school boy here some fifteen "As settlement and developyears or so ago when his father, necessary to give consideration Rev. George G. Hacker, was United to railway facilities for the ter-Church minister. In fact, Cecil re- ritory." He pointed out that ceived some of his rudimentary in- railways were now the last to struction in newspaper work in a enter new territory. cursory sort of way when he brought statements very clearly show in contributions to the Daily News the party that can see that office. We are glad he is making there is absolutely no prospect progress in the profession and wish of a pair of rails being laid by him well in his new journalistic re- country in the hollow of its sponsibilities.

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sion. Our southern neighbors

spent \$16,000,000 on harbor fa-

Vice-President told a delegation

with ocean liners being built at

the shipbuilding plant that is

now idle, and those ships sailing

out of our ports for Vladivos-

years of the present century Prince Albert was much farther on the road to city-hood than Saskatoon. As the trunk lines of railway headed through or by Saskatoon, she soon left her sister-city in the small-town

Here may I quote from the traffic until the Pearl Harbor Prince Albert Daily Herald of episode and the Yankee Inva-

"The railways were Alderman

Here Alderman Manville very that went to see him about first knew Saskatoon some forty sooner the dry dock, the ship years ago. Yet, Prince Albert is plant and the railway gets back

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and the heart of an ox. We had official promises and estimates galore. Often in our dreams we

will show a deficit for some

Mr. Vaughan's and Mr. Neal's the combine that now holds the hand, if that pair of rails is headed for the Pacific.

The Case of Prince Rupert

And, how Prince Rupert bloomed forth on a mighty vision—an ocean port some six hundred miles nearer Vladivostock (the locean terminal of the Siberian Railway) than was Vancouver. We all know how it grew with its floating dry dock, shipbuilding plant, terminal elevator and harbor equipment. Yes, we all know it was starved by lack of

Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS

What is wrong with this sentence? "I figure that the house will cost \$10,000 dollars." 2. What is the correct pro-

nunciation of "detail?" 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Intelligence, abeyence, abstinence.

4. What does the word "malevolent" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with ex that means "to atone for, as a sin?"

Answers 1. Say, "I estimate." cent on last syllable is preferred. 3. Abeyance. 4. Wishing evil; disposed to injure others. "He went about it with a malevolent

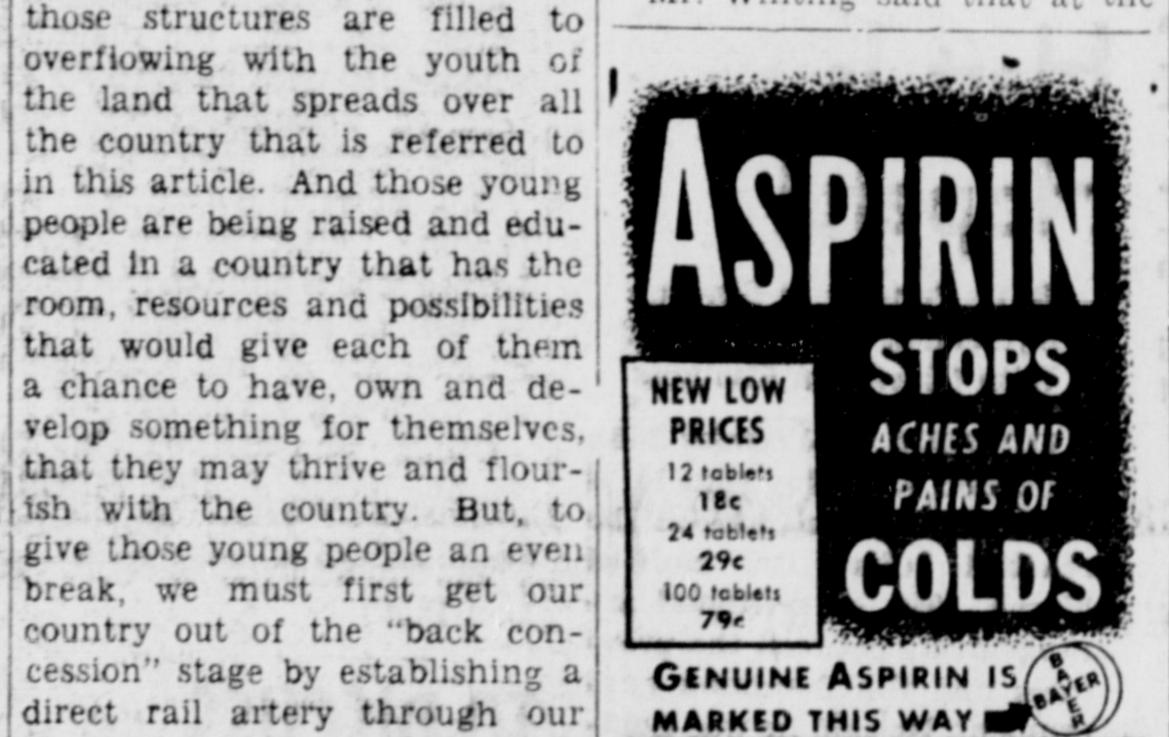
ADJUDICATOR

Speeding Up of Meeting Claims for Insurance Benefits Is Expected

An adjudicator of unemployment insurance claims is to be appointed for Prince Rupert, according to E. V. Whiting, unemployment insurance officer here, who returned recently from attending a conference at Vancouver. Mr. Whiting said that the adjudicator probably would be regional conference he had appointed from the staff of the local unemployment office.

Complaints of delays in adjudication at the Vancouver office, ing the claims to Vancouver and where Prince Rupert claims are | that he had been assured that at present judged, caused the one would be authorized for this Prince Rupert local of the Car- city. Since that letter was written, penters' Union to request the re-Meadow Lake, about 160 miles mixed train into Prince Rupert. establish an adjudicator here to While in Meadow Lake, Sask., facilitate payments. This request freight train, travelling a few some time ago, I was told they was followed up with a similar units of obsolete passenger had eight teachers and were in one by city council when it claims were causing people to seek social assistance as an in-

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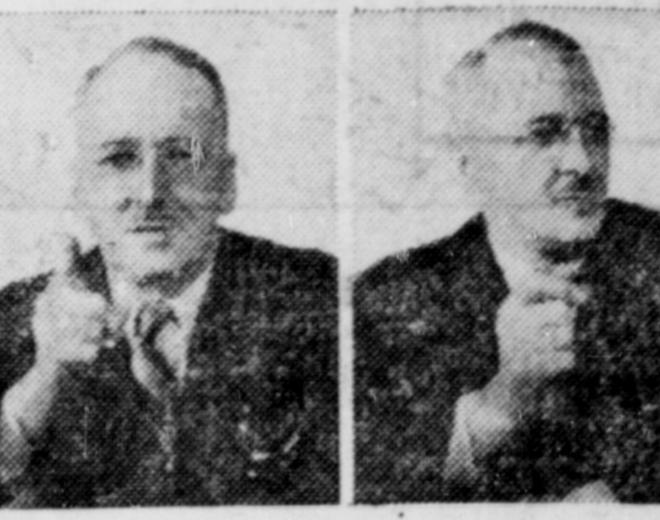
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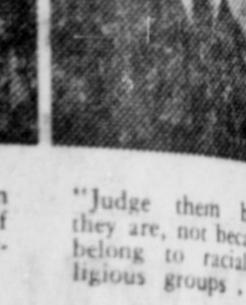
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