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Mr. Gordon Forthright...

F THE PEOPLE OF CANADA want decontrol they can have it but they will also take with it higher prices of the necessities of life and chaos in the field of shelter, Donald Gordon, chairman of the Prices and Trade Board, flatly declares. That is the situation and the people can choose what they want, Mr. Gordon says in putting it straight before them. One easy way the people can get the decontrol and what goes with it would be to fail to support the policy of control now followed by the government.

The Prices Board chairman expresses confidence that Canada, continuing the policy of reasonable contral, can hold to an even keel against the tides of inflation and deflation which other countries, not so economically wise, may have to weather. He suggests that Canadians would be wise to wait and see how the United States makes out with decontrol.

There is an air of take it or leave it as Mr. Gordon offers his advice to Canadians but he makes out a strong case in favor of continuation of controls and it would probably be wise if Canadians, among whom there has been a good deal of talk lately about the undesirability of controls, paid heed to it. Possibly, though, there are really not many seriously-thinking people who honestly do favor the complete removal of controls, in the immediate future at least.

AN AIRPORT NEEDED

ANYTHING that Prince Rupert A can do toward the establishment of a public airport here, it should most certainly be doing. Possibly, the most of us have not become sufficiently airminded as yet to appreciate the many advantages that would be derived from the establishment of a community airport or airpark and are indifferent about it. If something is not done, however, one of these days we may more fully realize in experience the disadvantages and the handicap we would suffer through lack of such a faci-

In these times of modern and rapidly developing transportation, we can readily imagine how badly off we would be if we had no steamships, no railways, no highway. Soon air transportation will be as integral a factor in connection with business, industry, development and stability generally as any of these. Through inaction in the matter at this time, we may well suffer ere

If Prince Rupert finds itself off the air map a few years hence and ther progress and prosperity hampered thereby, she will be able to recall with regret her disinterest to-

Aviation is rapidly expanding and developing in Canada and Prince Rupert, unless it keeps on its toes, is liable to be by-passed.

FREIGHT RATES

THE Canadian railways have applied for a 30% increase in freight rates. It is essential that industrialists, merchants and consumers should present their side of the situation. The government of B.C. is preparing a case for this province.

Perhaps more important than the exact increase of rates that would apply all across Canada is the removal of the special higher rate on traffic hauled through British Columbia, known as the "Mountain Differential Rate."

This has been imposed allegedly because of the higher costs of construction and of hauling in B.C. than elsewhere in Canada. It has increased rates approximately 25% over nomal for the freight charges of goods hauled through B.C. It has operated the same as an extra tariff on imports to and exports from B.C., thereby raising the costs of consumer goods, raw material used in processing and manufacture and in export prices of our products.

Every government in B.C. has made valiant attempts to secure the removal of this injustice. The late John Oliver, while Premier, succed-

ed in getting reductions in freight rates, particularly on grain moving to the coast, but never suceeded in having the mountain differential removed.

Fortunately, this province has been blessed with resources that have been in demand most of the time and has prospered in spite of the freight rate discrimination.

But manufacturing and secondary industries now provide much business and employment. Our future lies in their expansion and decentralization. British Columbia must therefore demand in the most vigorous manner the removal of this injustice as a precedent to the question of a general increase in freight rates. It is as important to central and northern B.C. as to other areas in this province.

TRANSFERABLE VOTE

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE of the A Legislature is studying the Provincial Elections' Act preparatory to making a report for the next session.

Compulsory voting has been ad- others in the district acted very Those who defended an ideal expressed is good. Otherwise, i vocated on the lines of the Australian Act. As penalties would have to be imposed for not voting, with exceptions for cause, such as sickness, and as compulsion in any form, generally speaking, is repugnant to most citizens, such a measure would likely be unpopular. We doubt if it would secure major support in the Legislature.

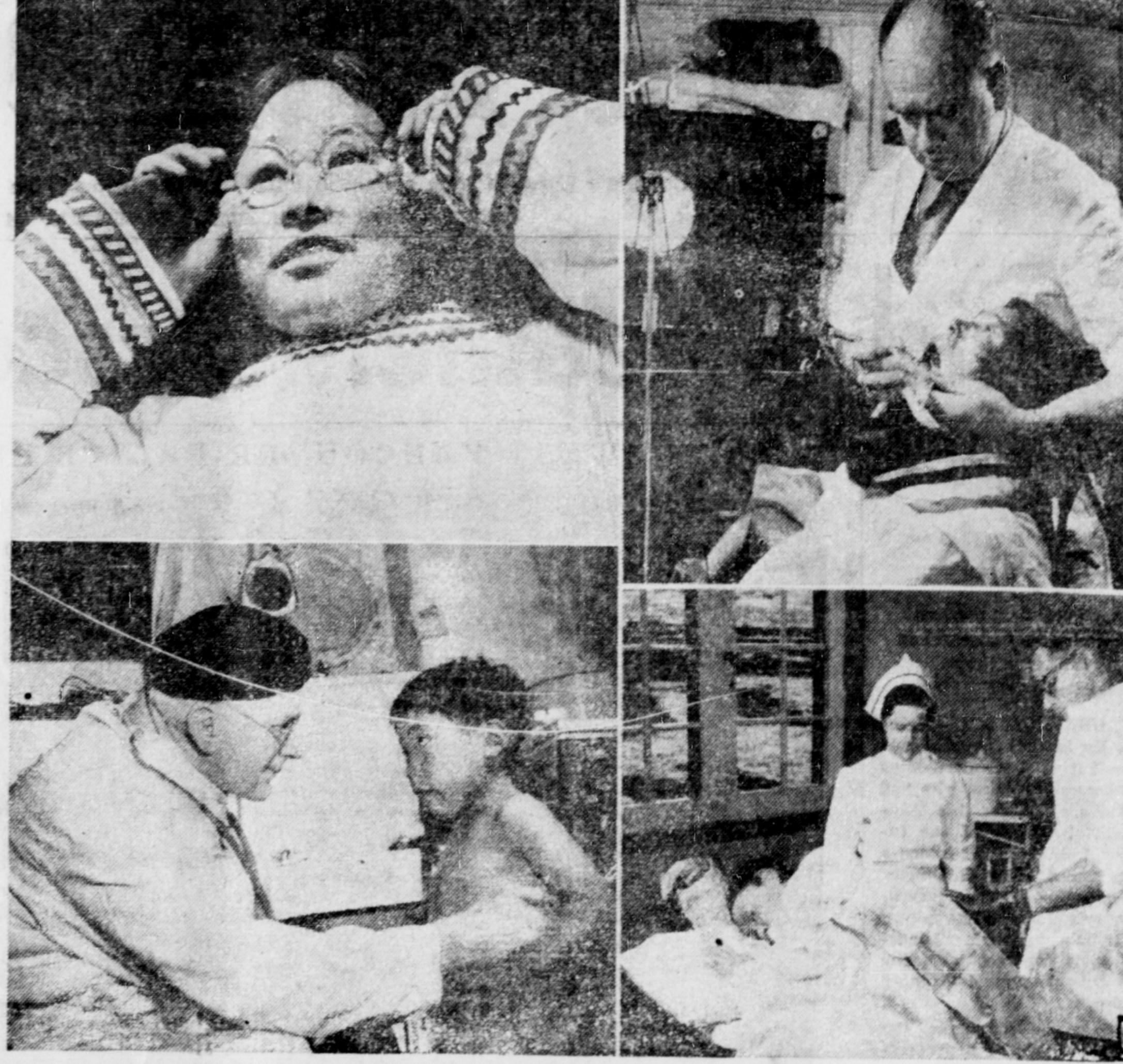
On the other hand, something ought to be done to improve upon the present system of voting whereby many members sit as representatives by a minority vote of their constituents.

Where more than two candidates run for single member districts a minority candidate is frequently declared elected, though a majority voted against him.

This situation can be corrected by the institution of the single transferable vote. Under this system, first, second and third choice votes are cast. The voters, instead of marking a cross on their ballots, mark them 1, 2, or 3, representing their first, second or third choice.

If a candidate has a majority of first choice ballots he is of course elected without any further counting. Failing a majority of first choice ballots, the lowest candidate is elminated and his second choice ballots counted and added to the first choices of the remaining candidates.

This system elects a member who represents a majority of votes cast. It is definitely an improvement of political democracy over the present system whereby a member may represent a minority of his constituents.



ESKIMO HEALTH SURVEY-More than 1500 Eskimos have been x-rayed and examined this year by Department of National Health and Welfare doctors of the Eastern Arctic Patrol in the most extensive Arctic health survey yet undertaken. The government medical group included eve specialists from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, who were required to fit only 128 natives with glasses like those worn by pretty Letia (top left). In the cramped quarters of an R.M.S.

Nascopie cabin, Dentist R. W. Frank (top right), of Vancouver, found general condition of teeth to be sound. Physical examinations, such as that being made (lower left) on young Eskimo boy, by Dr. Geo. Hooper of Ottawa, showed little organic disorder, no throat infection or venereal disease. At Pangnirtung. Baffin Island, government doctor James Osborne (lower right) prepared for spinal operation on Eskimo girl, Noobooya, assisted by Nurse N. V. Rundle.

in this Prince Rupert by BIDDEE JINKS

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