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FREE PORTS

JUST HOW that magic key to freer commerce—the free port—applies to Canada's ocean gateways in these days of growing exports and a general disposition to knock down world trade barriers is not widely apparent.

But some ports—notably Quebec, Halifax and Saint John, N.B.—have gone on record as supporting the idea. Others, such as Prince Rupert, Montreal, Vancouver and Victoria, have expressed a keen interest. Transport Minister Chevrier recently announced in the Commons that an inter-departmental committee headed by J. Emile St. Laurent, vice-chairman of the National Harbor Boards, is studying briefs from several of the ports and will have a report for the next session of Parliament.

Meanwhile, Quebec has taken the lead in the agitation and is showering Parliamentarians and Trade Boards throughout the country with dodgers urging a free zone near the old citadel.

While not so vocal, Halifax and Saint John also have made bids. The two Maritime ports have introduced a rivalry into the issue by coming out for year-round open ports—an argument which would rule out Quebec Harbor, closing during winter months.

Transport Minister Chevrier has been non-committal on the project because it was under study by the inter-departmental committee.

The spurt of enthusiasm for free port zones, in the opinion of some informed circles, may be cooled when the full implications of freer international trade are discussed at the world trade conference scheduled for next spring. Free ports may be one of the subjects on the agenda under new economic concepts may be discussed.

Most persons have a hazy idea of the general definition of a free port as a place in which merchants

of all nations may load and unload goods, unaffected by the country's custom regulations as long as the goods remain in the free port zone.

A United States department once gave this fuller definition: "A free port is a segregated, fenced and guarded area in which goods, not otherwise prohibited may be unloaded and stored, subject to varying restrictions as to sorting, grading, repacking, manipulation and manipulation and manufacture, and in which such goods, or authorized manufactures therefrom, may be re-loaded and shipped to foreign destinations, all without the imposition of the customs formalities and duties applicable to similar goods entering custom territory."

When the shipment of such goods into customs territory is permitted, they immediately become subject to the duties, rules and regulations prevailing.

Free ports now are in operation in New York and New Orleans in the United States where there are no comparable regulations to the Canadian bonded warehouse system which has been described as a "Junior Free Port."

CONTROLLING ATOM

THE BIKINI TESTS suggest change in the structure and handling of warships, but do not plainly say, "Surface craft are useless; put your effort and money into planes." It is safe to say that navies will go on being built.

But the tests have strongly reinforced the impression that the atom has redefined sea power. One bomb may not destroy a fleet. But even one bomb can so damage a fleet either in harbor or on the high seas that dispersion is going to be the first rule of naval warfare. We may never again see armadas such as that off Normandy on D-Day. And manifestly overseas invasions are going to be increasingly hazardous unless or until offensive bombing has ended bombing by the defenders.

Even without the Bikini tests it was clear that there is no naval defense, as there is no military defense, against the A-bomb. This failure of defense is the key meaning of atomic warfare. It tells us that no nation can fulfill the first obligation of national sovereignty—the protection of its citizens. Individuals in every nation must recognize this and insist on effective international control of the atom. Ships are not obsolete, but sovereignty is.

THIS AND THAT



"And now, gentlemen, to our future success."

DEDICATION PLANS PROGRESS

Plans for the dedication of Franklin D. Roosevelt Park by Major General G. P. Hays in honor of the commander in chief of the American wartime armies and the American troops who served on Acropolis Hill, were further advanced last night at a committee meeting at which detailed plans were outlined.

The dedication will take place on Labor Day, September 2, and will be featured by the dedication of a cairn and plaque at the entrance to Roosevelt Park in which Mayor Daggett and General Hays will take part.

The dedication will be followed by a sports program, and will include civic leaders and representations by the local military reserve unit, Col. S. D. Johnston, unit commander, in charge of the dedication program.

Construction of the cairn is expected to begin shortly, and the bronze plaque has already been ordered. City council has set aside a sum of money up to \$500 for the construction of the cairn and for the plaque.

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LANDS MINISTER REACHES RUPERT

Hon. E. T. Kenney Here Today On Way From Queen Charlottes to Terrace

Winding up a tour of the entire province to inspect timber resources and logging operations in order to have a first hand picture of the situation to aid in the framing of further legislation in implementation of the Slocan report, Hon. E. T. Kenney, minister of lands and forests, arrived in the city yesterday from the Queen Charlotte Islands and left early this afternoon by car for Terrace and Smithers. He will attend the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia convention in Terrace next week and then return to Prince Rupert whence he will fly back to Victoria via Queen Charlotte Airlines early the week following.

Mr. Kenney is accompanied by C. D. Orchard, deputy minister of lands, and G. P. Melrose, assistant deputy minister. They came north from Vancouver on the headquarters cruiser Syrene, Capt. Bauch, and visited all major logging operations on the Queen Charlotte Islands—including Moresby Island and Massett Inlet—on the way. They motored from Queen Charlotte to Port Clements.

Speaking of the Cemarcon report, Mr. Kenney stated while here that a large proportion of its 58 separate recommendations had already been implemented by legislation, important among them being one regarding the grading of hemlock and another the adoption of the cubic scale in measuring pulpwood. "The major issues of sustained yield and working circles are still, however, before us," the minister said.

The only portion of the province remaining to be visited by Mr. Kenney is a small area in the Nakusp and Slocan area.

TIME OUT

LONDON, (C) — A notice went up in the window of a tobacconist's in Regent's Park, London, recently: "Closed for 20 minutes—stocktaking."

Better English
By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I have nothing farther to say."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "inimical"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Allowable, receivable, accessible, accusable.
4. What does the word "incoherently" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ins that means "act of urging forward"?

ANSWERS

1. Use further to express something additional; farther to express longitudinal distance.
2. Pronounce in-im-i-kal, all i's as in it, 'a' unstressed, accent second syllable.
3. Accessible.
4. In an unconnected manner; without due connection of parts. "He poured out his story very fast and incoherently."
5. Instigation.

Some authorities believe the word Russian is derived from rusij, meaning fair-haired.

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It is impossible for the Daily News or any other newspaper to compile the list complete so we are asking YOU responsible for the submission of the name of YOUR girl or YOUR friend.

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Letters to the Editor

CITY EXPLAINS

Editor, Daily News:
As there has been an undue amount of publicity given recently by the local press to certain actions of the city council which has resulted in criticism of the council both by the press and local bodies, I have been instructed to publicize the following facts which evidently are not known to those who have been most vociferous:

(a) The Council granted the application of Chin Jon to re-establish a piggery on Block 39, Section 8, Eleventh Avenue, having in mind the following points:

1. The applicant was previously engaged in this occupation at this locality for several years and no complaints resulted from his activities.

2. His property was confiscated by the Canadian Army on the understanding that it would be returned to him at the expiration of hostilities.

3. The location is one of a very few which are suitable for farming and similar enterprises.

4. The applicant had previously contributed to improvements to that portion of 11th Avenue which provided access to his property, in addition to paying taxes for many years.

When Mr. Clark made application to purchase his property he enquired as to the possibility of establishing a mink farm at the location chosen and was told that this would be allowed. He purchased six lots and received the usual reduction granted to ex-servicemen on the two lots which he intended to use for residential purposes, paying full price for the other four. Sub-

sequently his property was inspected by a representative of the Veterans' Land Act with a view to deciding whether it was suitable for a small enterprise such as mink ranching.

The Council is well aware that both piggeries and mink farms can be highly objectionable unless properly conducted, and it is their intention to see that any such projects located anywhere in the city conform to the requirements of city bylaws and provincial regulations regarding health and sanitation, all of which are rigidly drawn so as to preclude all offensive features.

In order to avoid embarrassment to the School Board, the settlement which the Trustees have termed generous has been made by the city and accepted by Mr. Clark.

H. D. THAIN, City Clerk.

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