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**Iran Means Aryan**

A thousand years before Christ, in AIran, the Land of the Aryan, Zoroaster and his followers bowed down to worship fire. Their shrine was a burning spring—an oil well. And far back in the mists and myths of antiquity, Prometheus, who brought fire to mortals, was chained to a rock in the Persian Caucasus.

Today, it is a burning issue of the moment whether Iranian oil is for the lamps of Great Britain or for the lamps of Soviet Russia.

To the Iranians or Persians, Iran means Aryan, and, in fact they were the first of the great Aryan language group of peoples to settle down, adopt civilization and confine their worship to one god. The Biblical Elam, Iran has many another claim to fame. It is the home of the peach, the melon, the cucumber, the cherry, the rose, the wheat plant and the poplar. Persia, however, is not the home of the Persian cat. Although popular in Western Iran, the breed originated in Turkey.

Iran, according to an old Persian saying, has seven climates. Once upon a time it undoubtedly had even more, stretching as it did from the Indus to the Danube, from the Oxus to the Nile. But Persia, with reason, bears the name "Crossroads of the World," conquered in turn by Alexander, the Arabs, the Turks, the Mongols—first under Jenghiz Khan, again under Tamurlane. In more recent times, Iran has been squeezed by the big powers and divided willy-nilly into spheres of influence.

Anglo-Russian rivalry in Iran is no overnight affair, nor a communist nor anti-communist scare. For more than 300 years Britain has acted as Persian Gulf policeman. For to Britain, Iran means India, and to protect that empire from Russia, she long ago built up Iran, Turkey and Afghanistan as buffers. Their rivalry led in 1907 to a division of Persia into spheres of influence with Czarist Russia winning the whole of northern Persia, and Britain taking over a triangle of southeastern Persia. The balance of the nation was thoughtfully left to the Persians themselves who didn't acquiesce to the convention of five years.

Today, of course, Iran has still another meaning: oil, its chief product and chief export. Bulk of its imports come from Soviet Russia. Bulk of its exports go to Britain and Russia. Next to oil, a British concession, the most important product and export are the famed Persian rugs and carpets, still woven on hand looms. Virtually untapped are other rich minerals, such as lead, copper, coal, iron, zinc, manganese, turquoise and mercury.

Petroleum, Iran's most important mineral, has an amazing history. Oil

is a paradox. In its natural crude state, ranging in color from blackish to brown to yellow to green to colorless, oil is virtually useless. Refined it has innumerable uses: gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, fuel oil, lubricants, asphalt, waxes, paints, insecticides, cosmetics, medicines, alcohols, glycerines, resins, plastics, textiles, anesthetics, synthetic rubber.

Petroleum was known in ancient times and used 4,000 years before Christ. In Persia Egypt and elsewhere, petroleum was used as building material, for fuel in religious rites, as an embalming material, and for medicine.

By the laws of the Medes and Persians, once the word of a King was uttered, it was never to be broken. Petroleum, however, is older than Iran, as old as the earth itself—two billion years.

**Prince Rupert's Chance**

Prince Rupert will have a real opportunity to promote local industrial development possibilities, recognition of which we have striven for so long, when heads of the provincial Department of Trade and Industry, together with Brigadier Wyman, industrial agent of the Canadian National Railways, come to the city on June 7 for the express purpose of hearing representations along this line. It is essentially a fact-finding mission, the object of which is to obtain first hand information and ideas that will be duly assembled with the object of contacting interests to undertake their development. The provincial government is to be commended indeed on this constructive move and it will be up to Prince Rupert to get busy at once in preparation to take full advantage of it. We have been talking about our resources awaiting development by the application of organized capital. Now we are going to have the chance to prove what we have with the prospect of obtaining some real results.

Fortunately enough, a start was made in this direction only recently when briefs were prepared to be taken south by the mayor to present to the government at Victoria. What has already been done will be supplemented by the efforts of a local sub-committee, all to be presented through the local committee on post-war reconstruction which has been active for some time.

It is satisfactory to note that the railway company is actively co-operating with the provincial department. The information to be obtained will be of much value to the railway in any efforts it may have in mind making towards developing business and revenue for its line running through central British Columbia to the well-equipped and strategic port of Prince Rupert.

Article XIV of the new French Constitution deals with the press as follows: "Every man is free to speak, write, print and publish; he can by means of the press or any other manner express, diffuse and defend any opinion in such measure as it does not abuse this right, notably as it does not violate freedoms guaranteed by the present declaration or injure the reputation of another person. No manifestation of opinion can be imposed on anyone."



RETIRING AMBASSADOR FETED—Pilgrims of the U.S. tendered a farewell dinner to his excellency, the Earl of Halifax, retiring ambassador from the Court of St. James to the U.S., at Waldorf-Astoria. Photo taken during the dinner shows Bishop William T. Manning shaking hands with Sir Alexander Cadogan, permanent United Kingdom delegate to the U.N., as the retiring ambassador looks on.

**COME TO Church**

**DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES**  
**Times of Services**  
Services in all churches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday School at 12:15 except as shown.

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636 6th Ave. West  
Minister: R. A. Wilson, M.A.  
(Green 613)

**SATURDAY SERMON**

(By REV. B. S. PROCKTER)  
The changed conditions under which we live from those in the ancient world have led many of us to wonder to what extent the law of tithe, so frequently mentioned in the Old Testament, is to be observed by us.

That it has some application is still acknowledged by the laws of Canada inasmuch as one-tenth of our income is held to be not taxable if it is bestowed for religious and charitable purposes. However, much that came within the scope of the distribution of the tithe in ancient times now comes under the heading of the obligation of the community out of the taxes collected. The position of the fatherless and the widow is now regarded in our own land as a community responsibility and he reasons for this are commonly understood to be "sensible" or "good business" reasons other than the Biblical reason that our Heavenly Father is particularly concerned about such unfortunate people.

Nevertheless, there remain plenty of just and needful calls upon our charity for the alleviation of human misery. There remains, moreover, the supreme need to keep on training and teaching people in the knowledge and love of God through the Church for it is only this knowledge and love which validates our pity and compassion for another. Otherwise our interest in other people's troubles quickly limits itself to our own little group and the "sensible" argument with regard to unfortunates in whom we have no interest can quite easily be that they should either be killed off or

**SPRING FLOWERS AT LEGION TEA**

The Canadian Legion rooms were bright with mauve, green, yellow and blue decorations, with spring flowers and silver tapers on the pourers' table for the spring tea and sale of the Legion Women's Auxiliary Friday afternoon. More than 100 guests were received by Mrs. Dan Parent, Women's Auxiliary president.

Mrs. William Rothwell was general convener, while pourers were Mrs. A. Guyan and Mrs. S. V. Cox. Mrs. Henry Smith sr. was cashier. Serviteurs were Mrs. G. Ciccone, Mrs. J. S. Black, Mrs. Russel Cameron, Mrs. J. Johansen and Mrs. Perrault.

The following were in charge of booths:

Fancywork—Mrs. G. V. Hanley, Mrs. W. Goodsell, Mrs. Hugh Killin.

Home cooking—Mrs. C. Morrow, Mrs. W. F. Robertson.

Kitchen—Mrs. G. A. Hebb, Mrs. A. J. Croxford, Mrs. D. Bean, Mrs. M. J. Keays and Mrs. Henry Smith jr.

Novelties—Miss Edith Gandy, Mrs. A. E. Dickens sr.

Raffles—Mrs. W. B. Garlick, Mrs. W. Davis.

White Elephant—Mrs. J. McGreish.

Ice cream—Mrs. R. Murray.

Raffle winners were: Dolly, donated by Mrs. Gar-

**TWIN-CONSCIOUS**  
CANNON VALLEY, Aug. 6.—Six sets of twins among 32 grandchildren is claimed record by Mrs. Mary Lee, of this Queensland town. Her eldest daughter has three twins among her 12 children, another daughter has two. Mrs. Lee herself had 11 children.

The oldest parliament in the world is said to be the Landic Althing, which has going more than 1,000 years.

lick, won by W. B. C. ticket number 15.  
Bed jacket donated by Taylor, won by Glen ticket number 70.  
Silver candle holder donated by Mrs. Parent, won by Logan, ticket number 54.  
Maple sugar, won by B. Casey, ticket number

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**LOCAL BISHOP WAS HONORED**

Rev. James B. Gibson, Bishop of Caledonia, returned to the city this week from Saskatoon where he was specially honored at the annual convocation of Emmanuel College in recognition of the fact that he was the first graduate of that theological institution to be made a bishop. Bishop Gibson was a special speaker at the convention.

As an indication of the French people's intention to maintain a free press, the government has not refused the granting of any licence to start a newspaper, despite the newsprint shortage.

**THIS AND THAT**



The George Matthew Adams Service, Inc. "Boy-o-boy, what a saleswoman!"

It is those who are able to save or who are able to spend disproportionately on pleasure and recreation who might well consider what they may owe as a debt to be discharged in accordance with God's Purposes of Love.

Above and beyond this, there is, of course, what is more properly called giving, which may involve our giving away that which we would be perfectly justified in devoting to our own use. The classic example is the widow's two mites, so warmly commended by Our Lord. Without this kind of giving in life and work and material goods

**Presbyterian Broadcasts**  
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SPEAKER: G. R. S. BLACKBURY  
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3:30 p.m.—Mission Band.  
8:00 p.m.—Young People's Society.  
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**LETTERBOX**

**WE ARE CONGRATULATED**

Editor, Daily News—

One can differ considerably with the editorial policy of the News concerning international affairs but the News deserves the congratulations of every honest citizen for its splendid editorial May 9 entitled "Back to Old Times."

This editorial indicates that the News has the moral integrity to speak up in public about the raw deal Prince Rupert is being served as a reward for its contribution to the war effort.

One of the worst features about the closing up of the dry dock is the calculated deception which was practised by those in high places. It should be apparent to all by now that this shut-down was decided upon long before our delegation went to Ottawa last fall. Yet to the delegation and to scores of representations by mail and wire since then Ottawa and the C.N.R. studiously pretended that the matter was being given "careful consideration," that there

was hope of eventual contracts. Meanwhile the men were being steadily laid off until we could be presented with the accomplished fact. This type of hypocrisy shows an utter contempt for the interests of the people of Prince Rupert and Canada.

And all through the winter we had local spokesmen who exerted themselves to put the brakes on the kind of protest and demonstration to Ottawa that could get results. "Wait and see what respectful submissions" can do, was their policy.

When the final letdown came from Crevier none of these people could be found even then to carry through a strong protest.

There are plenty who will curse on street corners and swear in committee rooms but few who will stand up and tell those in authority the same kind of thing. "What good will it do?" they ask.

I believe that whether any results were immediately obtained or not, common decency requires the protest be made. When a gross injustice has been perpetrated, indefensible by any standard of fair dealing or respect for the welfare of our country, then, certainly every

honest citizen should stand up and say so.

What kind of repercussions are involved in the cry dock question that hold back people from making the same kind of outcry to Ottawa that went up when the Civic Centre appeared in danger?

Similarly the fight must be carried on for the grain elevator and other issues mentioned in your editorial.

The "Jobs for All Association" showed its dignity, honesty and decency as a citizens' body when it took its stand with picket cards in front of the C.N.R. offices.

The News is to be thanked for posing the question "Are we satisfied with the way things are going? Are we going to sit back and take it?"

The answer to this question can only be given by the people of Prince Rupert—in action, not covert words. Let us see whether there are enough red-blooded men and women in town to give the question the kind of answer it deserves—and by so doing assure to this town the future it richly deserves.

BRUCE MICKLEBURGH.