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Immigration Policy . . .

A sensible and practical immigration policy for Canada is expounded by J. S. McGowan, director of colonization and agriculture, Canadian National Railways, a speech by whom before newspaper editors in Montreal is reported in the Daily News today.

Too long now have we been narrow-mindedly fearful of some spectre of competition which we conceive might operate in some way to the disadvantage of those of us who are already here if we were to open the gates in a substantial degree to new immigrants. The fact of the matter, and it has been proven in the past, is that Canada has enjoyed its greatest prosperity when the bars to immigration were most highly lifted and our lands were rapidly filling up with new population. It made a chain of activity and industry and business all around and everyone benefited.

But there are other aspects to this question of immigration. We have a great, unfilled country here—a country which has long been envied by the crowded peoples elsewhere in the world some of whom have made efforts in the great wars to capture our land by force. Had they succeeded in their aims, they would have

used this country to better advantage than we have done in the past—to better advantage than we seem resolved to do—even today.

There is somewhat of a moral phase involved too. People of the crowded European nations, starving and oppressed, are seeking new homes elsewhere. We may not have to admit them all. Indeed, as Mr. McGowan suggests, there should be a measure of selection. But if we are good hosts, we shall probably have good guests who will eventually become part of our national body.

As citizens and families we are urged to share our housing with those people who have none. Possibly we might think of our nation as a great house which has room and to spare for good people of less fortunate lands who for well justified reasons seek homes in this new world where they would be free to live in liberty and security. Is it not our obligation to share with them, apart from any advantage which we can rely would accrue through putting our country to more full and fitting use?

Prince Rupert is the central port for one of the most potentially rich hinterlands in all the world. We have natural wealth that is going to waste for simple lack of development. Rich as it is, this area is one of the most sparsely populated in all the world. Right here we have much to gain from an active immigration policy for this Dominion. With such a meagre population, we can never flourish.

It is not just speaking idle words when we say this area needs more population and a more positive national immigration policy.

SAW ACTION AT OKINAWA

Col. Von Auron Tells Rotarians of Fighting Transportation Corps

Classification of United States Army Transportation Corps troops as non-combatant is a bit of an exaggeration to Lt. Col. C. S. Von Auron, Okinawa veteran, who commanded a port detachment which unloaded supplies and ammunition for the American forces during what was one of the bitterest campaigns of the Pacific war. "Although we were Transportation Corps troops we saw action on Okinawa," he told Prince Rupert Rotary Club members during a speech at their weekly luncheon meeting on Thursday. "For tactical purposes we were charged only with defending ourselves—and the Jap had to practice a great deal of ingenuity to get himself captured."

Lieut. Col. Von Auron, who was the thirteenth U.S. officer to arrive at the Prince Rupert support of embarkation early in 1942, and served here for 22 months, landed in Okinawa with the 53rd Port Unit on April 24 of this year, 24 days after the first troops landed. He left Okinawa in October, having served through the whole campaign.

"We landed on the south beaches," he said. "We thought that the fighting would be all over by the time we got there but, as we approached the island, we saw more fireworks than you could shake a stick at."

The first night they pitched pup tents in a bivouac area three miles inland, directly between two airfields. There were no air raids that night but the second night the Jap planes came over.

"We had fox holes by that time and we pulled our helmets down to our heels and ran for a fox-hole," he chuckled.

Lieut. Col. Von Auron was sent in command of a detachment to Naha, capital of the island, to

land ammunition. His men unloaded from ships onto landing craft and brought it through the narrow harbor entrance under fire. Three men of his company were killed—one by sniper's fire and two by falling anti-aircraft fragments.

To protect the ammunition camp from infiltration, they set up a machine gun and killed several Japs.

The Transportation Corps had 10,000 men on Okinawa handling supplies and ammunition and, when the Japanese surrendered, the Transportation Corps was making preparations to carry supplies for the assault on the homeland, he declared.

Lieut. Col. Von Auron said that the Okinawa natives were "the dirtiest that I ever saw in my life." They were used by the Americans to do limited tasks but were not strong enough to do heavy work.

The 53rd port company was organized in Honolulu especially to take part in the Okinawa campaign.

Lieut. Col. Von Auron, who is the husband of the former Crissie McLeod of Prince Rupert, will remain here on leave until December 27 when he will leave for posting at San Francisco, accompanied by Mrs. Von Auron.

Guests at the meeting who were welcomed by President James Thompson were Norman Kristmanson, Alex McLeod, Moncton, N.B., and Rupert Fulton.

POLICE STAGE SHAM MURDERS

LONDON, Nov. 30 (C) — Sham murders are staged daily at the Metropolitan Detective Training School, where carefully selected detectives undergo an eight-week course. Besides solving such crimes, they undergo unarmed combat train, weapon handling, and receive lectures from doctors, lawyers and specialists in various fields. Veteran Scotland Yard instructors teach them the best use of laboratory equipment in crime solution.

JOSEPH BOULET LAID AT REST

High requiem mass for the late Joseph Boulet, pioneer resident of the city, who passed away quietly earlier in the week in Prince Rupert General Hospital, took place this morning at the Pro-Cathedral of the Annunciation with Father W. F. Lantagne officiating. There was a considerable congregation of old friends of deceased. It was a choral service with Charles P. Balagno presiding at the organ. Interment took place in the Catholic section of Fairview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Fred Belanger, Henri Letourneau, Henry Bourgeois, J. Langlois, Gilles Royer and Peter Leclaire.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "James secured the position through Mr. Smith's pull."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "poor?"

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Sweden, Scandinavia, Schenectady.

4. What is a word beginning with inc that means "quality of being absurd?"

Answers

1. Say, "through Mr. Smith's influence." 2. Pronounce the oo as in food, not as in foot, nor as the word pour. 3. Sweden. 4. Complicated; intricate. "Who understands the complex phenomena of life?" 5. Incongruity.

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a German trench at Arras. He won the Military Cross and since then has worn an artificial leg. He says he won't pay the excess demanded on the new leg he bought.

BOMB REMAINS

BURWELL FEN, West Suffolk, Eng., (C) — The Burwell Fen village council has decided to let a 500-pound live bomb remain "to save bomb disposal men from unnecessary risks." The bomb, dropped three years ago, is 25 feet below some cultivated ground.

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