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Mr. Hart's Stroke

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S urbane and astute Premier, John Hart, whose persuasive tact and financial acumen has been a boon to the public business of this province for so many years, appears quite obviously to have negotiated a particularly favorable bargain in the taxation agreement which he made for British Columbia at Ottawa recently. Mr. Hart was quite modest about it all in his radio speech Wednesday night. Others, under similar circumstances, might have been more boastful than he was.

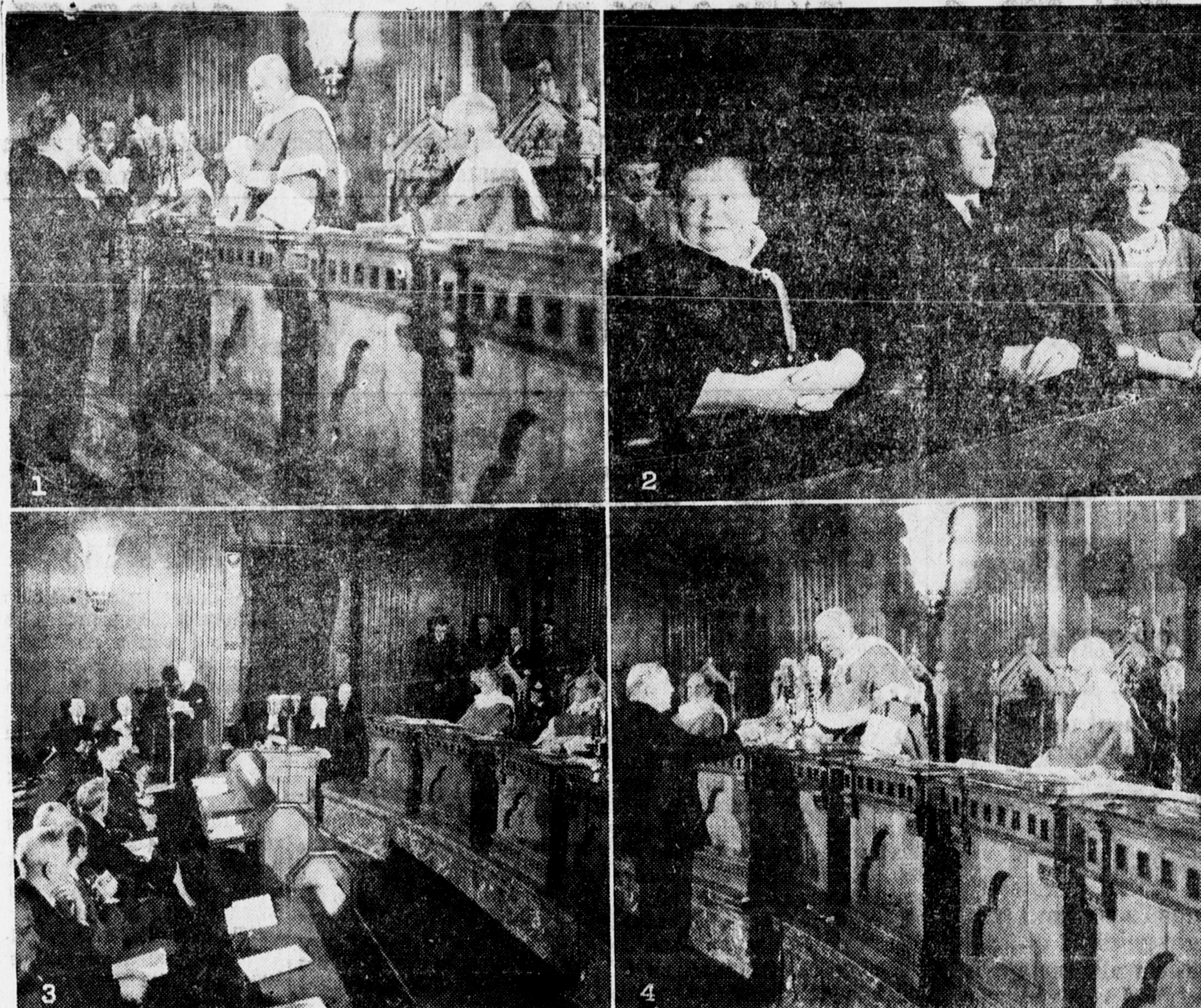
Not long ago this editor heard the Premier of another Canadian province, also known for his political and financial sagacity, justify the acceptance for his province of the terms of the Ilsley budget proposals. He suggested that other provinces would do well to fall in line. Now, however, Mr. Hart has struck a much better bargain for British Columbia.

Very likely, as Mr. Hart suggests, Ottawa would negotiate with other provinces on the basis of the same formula upon which the five-year agreement between British Columbia and the Dominion is founded. So the other provinces should now be able to benefit from the good offices of Mr. Hart who, therefore, will have been a benefactor not only for British Columbia but for such other provinces who may desire to follow up at this time.

Possibly, Mr. Hart may have been instrumental in bringing the provinces and Dominion together at long last on a common basis of agreement of the long outstanding dispute over intergovernmental finances, particularly in regard to taxation prerogatives or grants in lieu thereof.

A series of mysterious stabbings in a Canadian city were recently solved through the identification of a knife from a picture in the daily newspaper.

LOYAL CANADIANS RECEIVE CITIZENSHIP



1. Polish-born Jerzy Wladyslaw Meier takes the oath of allegiance prior to receiving his Citizenship Certificate from the Chief Justice. A metallurgical engineer employed by the Department of Mines and Resources, Jerzy Meier served with the Polish Army during World War II, was captured by the enemy but escaped to London, England. 2. Already known as Canadians, but eager to re-affirm their loyalty to Canada by receiving their Canadian Citizenship Certificates are (left to right) Mrs. Stanley Mynarski of Winnipeg, a native of Poland and mother of the late Pilot Officer Andrew Charles Mynarski, second R.C.A.F. member to be awarded the Victoria Cross; Andrew Boswell McRae of East Royalty, P.E.I.; Mrs. R. P. Steeves of Vancouver, one-time Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia and representative of the Netherlands Canadians. 3. "I speak as a Canadian," said

Prime Minister Mackenzie King as he addressed the distinguished gathering assembled to witness the Canadian Citizenship Ceremony in the Supreme Court. Flanked by the former Secretary of State Paul Martin and Hon. Colin Gibson, Secretary of State, Mr. King expressed his delight at having been chosen as Citizen Number 1 and welcomed the others as fellow Canadians. 4. Number one Canadian, Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, accepts his Canadian Citizenship Certificate from the Chief Justice. The Prime Minister headed the list of twelve well-known citizens already known for their contributions to Canada who, in turn, were followed by a dozen others born in other countries and who had been chosen as representative individuals to take the oath of allegiance.

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4:00—Carl Trevoos
4:15—Mid-Day Melodies
4:30—Songs in Sweet Style
4:45—Sleepy Story Time Teller
5:00—T.B.A.
5:30—T.B.A.
5:45—T.B.A.
6:00—T.B.A.
6:30—Community Calendar
6:45—Panties to Parkas
7:00—Recorded Interlude
7:15—CBC News Roundup
7:30—Montreal Festival
8:00—Prairie Schooner
8:30—Winnipeg Drama
9:00—T.B.A.
9:30—Three Suns Trio
9:45—Lee Sims
9:55—Solo Spotlight
10:00—CBC News
10:10—B. C. News
10:15—Milton Charles
10:30—Dal Richards Orch.
11:00—Weather and Sign Off
SATURDAY—A.M.
7:30—Musical Clock
8:00—CBC News
8:15—Pick of the Hits
8:30—Morning Devotions
8:45—Little Concert
9:00—BBC News
9:15—Pops On Parade
9:30—The Adventures of Monte Cristo
9:50—Time Signal
10:00—Medley Time
10:15—World Church News
10:30—Hits of the Shows
10:45—CBC News
10:55—Weather Forecast
11:00—Music For Dancing
11:30—Message Period
11:33—Recorded Interlude
11:45—Personal Album
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12:00—Musical Program
12:25—Program Resume
12:30—Polka Time
12:45—Serenade for Strings
1:00—John Charles Thomas
1:15—English Favorites

KILROY IS ELSEWHERE
A sign of normalcy in the north, and a glove in the face of the usually ubiquitous Kilroy is this legend chalked on the newly-painted wall of the Canadian National water front freight shed:
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Citizenship

IN THE LARGER CITIES throughout Canada historic ceremonies have been featured this week giving significance to the conferring of Canadian citizenship as provided under the Act. This now provides for the establishment and recognition of Canadian citizenship and states for the first time in our naturalization statute that a Canadian citizen is a British subject.

All native-born Canadians, British subjects domiciled in Canada, brides of Canadian servicemen, and those who already possess naturalization certificates are declared to be Canadian citizens immediately and are not required to make any application.

In future there will be more solemnity in the proceedings of conferring naturalization and citizenship upon those applying. It is important that more emphasis should be placed upon the blessings conferred by the granting of naturalization and citizenship and the duties and responsibilities of a Canadian citizen, and on the moral and spiritual foundations upon which all true civil virtues rest.

While there have been a few immigrants from countries where freedom was barely experienced, who have assumed the liberties and rights conferred by naturalization meant to them a licence to trespass upon the liberties of others and upon the laws of the country (as indeed a few of our own people likewise do), the great majority of new Canadians have been proud and happy in the possession of their citizenship and have made great contributions to the nation's material, cultural and social progress.

To be a citizen of Canada and an associate citizen of the British Commonwealth is a matchless privilege in which one may share the glorious traditions of freedom-loving peoples and their high aspirations for the future.

Tax Reductions

THE PUBLIC is justly expecting substantial reductions of income tax at the forthcoming session of parliament. These ought to be made applicable to the current year. Mr. Ilsley innovated the unique policy of announcing tax reductions last session applicable not to the current year for which estimates were submitted but to the following year.

That was a bad practice. It took away from parliament the right to decide upon the current year's taxation and gave it the right to decide on the taxation for the succeeding year which privilege belongs to the sitting members in the House that year. As these could be different people in case of an election in the meantime, they would, therefore, find themselves legislated out of their rights by their defeated predecessors.

Slight reductions of income tax are effective this month. They are so trivial little thanks is being given the government. On the contrary there is much dissatisfaction among married couples who have been working to raise their standards (and thereby increasing production so much demanded) and who now will be disinclined to work and pay even higher income tax.

The recently appointed Finance Minister, Mr. Abbott, has forecast an unanticipated surplus for the fiscal year ending March 31.

This should permit him to make an immediate reduction in personal and business income tax. Higher exemptions should be provided. These would reduce the high collection costs of small taxes and remove the annoyances of form-filling and remitting by many small taxpayers and employers.

By agreement with the provinces higher pensions for the aged are now in sight.

ROTARIANS HEAR BISHOP GIBSON

Sees Danger in Power Without Moral Control

The danger to individuals and communities in which power is without moral control was stressed by Bishop J. B. Gibson in a New Year address to the weekly luncheon meeting of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club Thursday afternoon.

Noting the vast developments in power at human command in the last 50 years, Bishop Gibson made a plea for moral guidance of the wills which control this power if humanity is to progress in the ways of peace and higher living.

"Looking back in my lifetime during the last 50 years I can see that we have advanced from the days when horsepower meant the power of a horse to the days when horsepower is a standard of energy for many different types of machines," he said.

He named the telephone, radio, motor car and airplane as the four forms of technological power that have been pressed upon mankind during the last half century, advocating for the airplane control by an international tribunal so that it might be used only for human good.

The control which must govern all sources of power used by man is the close awareness of God, expressed through self-discipline, he declared.

Bishop Gibson inducted two new members into the Rotary Club in a brief ceremony prior to his speech. They were C. H. Elkins and David Scott.

Guests at the meeting were J. G. Steen, R. G. Moore, J. Y. Lee, W. D. Vance, Sgt. L. A. U. Potterton, William Glass, George Green, H. D. Foster, and Maurice Greene, a member of the Victoria Rotary Club.

Ore Sampler and Assay Plant Are Being Retained

The Department of Mines assay office and ore sampling plant at Prince Rupert, which have been inactive for some years, are being retained intact until such time as it is determined whether there will be sufficient business to justify their reopening, according to information received by the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia from Hon. R. C. MacDonald, minister of mines.

RUPERT'S CASE FOR AIR SERVICES

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weekly sailings, and Union Steamships having tri-weekly sailings. In addition to this direct service, Canadian Pacific Steamships' Alaska boat serves Prince Rupert, both north and south bound, three times per month in the winter and bi-weekly during the summer. The minimum elapsed time between Vancouver and Prince Rupert is 40 hours. Elapsed time between these two points by means of the proposed air service would be approximately four hours, covering some 572 miles.

In addition to the boat service between Vancouver and Prince Rupert, other indirect means of surface transport exists, as, for example, the C.N.R. all-rail service to Vancouver, via Red Pass Junction (near Jasper) to Prince Rupert, which round-about route requires some 49 hours. Combination bus service Vancouver to Prince George and rail service Prince George to Prince Rupert, as well as combination air service via Canadian Pacific Air Lines to Prince George, and rail service thence to Prince Rupert, is also possible.

Travelling by either means of land transport means at least a two-day journey. The need for rapid air service between Vancouver and Prince Rupert—British Columbia's fourth largest city—is, therefore, apparent.

Between the other points on the proposed route, boat service provides the only means of transport.

Inauguration of a scheduled air service would not impair the economy of existing surface transportation over the route in question; it would, however, provide a time-saving service for those demanding it.

From the economic characteristics of the points concerned, it is apparent that such a demand for air service exists. The large distributing centre of Vancouver

provides traffic to and from the various points on the route during the entire year in the process of serving the communities themselves, as well as the lumber, mining and fishing industries. Prince Rupert is the northern distributing point for the mainland area as well as the Queen Charlotte Islands and direct air connections between these two centres would greatly facilitate the conduct of business.

A scheduled air service over the route proposed would enable the postal authorities to provide air mail service from Eastern Canada and American cities to all points on the route. At the present time, mail from Eastern Canada takes approximately 14 hours to reach Vancouver, and then over two days to cover the remaining 500 miles between Vancouver and Prince Rupert. Provision of a scheduled air operation into the Queen Charlotte Islands would also enable the residents of that now isolated section of the country to enjoy daily mail service.

Vancouver being an air terminal for TransCanada Air Lines as well as American and transoceanic companies, requires an outlet by air to points along the proposed route.

The various public bodies of localities along the route feel that in this air age they require air service in order to compete industrially with other sections of Canada which are so served.

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