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Years Come and Go --

THE CONTEMPLATIONS of an editor around New Year are felt from two connecting though different points of view. One is in retrospective thought of the negative pole of a year that has passed into eternity. The other is the prescience of the positive pole of a new year of an eternity that is to come.

The first full year of peace has ended—a year which opened with the hearts of all mankind lifted up by faith in the hope and promise of world security and peace through the United Nations organization.

But from San Francisco onward every meeting seemed plagued by gremlins of discord, and our exalted hopes came near to crashing into utter despair.

Never were patience, tolerance and determination to achieve high objectives so justified and rewarded. For the final meetings toward the end of the year were free of the discordant elements, and concord, goodwill and understanding prevailed.

Canada has enjoyed prosperity in 1946. Excepting for the numerous strikes, practically full employment has existed with high production for an eager market.

British Columbia has shared well in these conditions. The agreement between the Dominion and the Province should strengthen both governments to meet the economic challenge of the future years.

Some communities in this part of the country have experienced their greatest period of prosperity, due almost entirely to the buoyancy and increased production of the lumber industry.

Looking toward the New Year, the international outlook is brighter for all nations. Canada, which does a great world trade, particularly with the British Commonwealth and the United States, can anticipate continued business activity that can only be threatened by a recession in the U.S.A., which some fear is indicated unless corrective measures are affected.

With thriving lumber and fish business, the probability of expansion in mineral and other forest products; possibility of development of local shipping and industrial activities; active policies for the use of port and railway, and the opening of soil surveyed lands for settlement, the outlook for this part of British Columbia was never brighter.

It is fervently to be hoped the Dominion government through the C.N.R. will focus its attention this coming year on central and northern B.C. and on its own port and harbor at Prince Rupert, the western terminus of the railway, which has been forsaken and forgotten, economically and politically, since the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier by those who inherited his mantle.

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A recent survey of 3,000 dealers and distributors by the Hudson Motor Car Company showed an overwhelming preference for newspaper advertising over all other media.

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Air Marshal Sir Keith Park of the R.A.F. stated recently: "The press during the Second Great War did much toward winning it."

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Red Cross Appeal

NEXT WEEK, January 5 to 11, the Canadian Red Cross Society places a new and vital appeal before the citizens of British Columbia. The appeal—not for money—is for voluntary blood donors, people who are willing to give their blood so that every hospital patient in British Columbia who needs transfusion therapy may have it free of any charge.

Most of us are familiar with Canada's wartime blood donor program to supply the blood plasma which saved the lives of countless wounded Canadians. Some of us gave our blood but many of us did not have the opportunity.

A survey of Canadian hospitals, including those in British Columbia, emphasized the post-war need for the same kind of service—a service that will benefit all of us. Now—we can do our part and share with others the knowledge that our willingness to volunteer our blood will mean lives saved.

War-time research on the new uses for human blood and its derivatives has brought about great medical advances. Human blood and plasma have been used with great effectiveness, in the treatment of those injured and burned.

The Canadian Red Cross

has undertaken to provide this peacetime Blood Transfusion Service to begin, first of all, in British Columbia. The Prince Rupert Red Cross Branch has accepted the responsibility of undertaking the registration of citizens who wish to become voluntary donors.

This newspaper commends the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service as a challenging opportunity for the citizens of this community to take an active part in a great humanitarian effort.

We Are Comfortable

A NEW GOVERNMENT order forbids fires in London's public schools unless the temperature falls below 50 degrees. Coal is so scarce in England that every lump must be carefully used. Think of thousands of London school children, confined, unable to move much, enduring for hours temperatures in the 50's. Day-time living in room temperatures below 60 matches any other exposure to cold both for discomfort and as a menace to health. It should make for patience with our own small post-war shortages to realize that the conditions in England on this account are much worse.

PROFIT SHARING WITH EMPLOYEES PAYS DIVIDENDS

Australian Industry Scheme Increases Production, Profits as Well as Returns to Workers

SYDNEY, Australia. — Australian industry is making a mild excursion into the profit-sharing system, but the experiments are too new yet to pass judgment on them.

Twenty companies in Australia have undertaken or are working out plans for some form of profit sharing. Those now operating schemes report bigger output, lower production costs, higher profits and increased returns to the worker. They also report sustained production and, most important, industrial peace.

Most of the profit-sharing schemes in operation consist of payments of bonuses on increased production. Three companies of which two are in New South Wales and one in Victoria, are sharing profits irrespective of production graphs.

Outstanding among these three companies for its successful record is a firm making linseed oil in Sydney. In 1944, the company was in a bad way financially. Preference shareholders met and agreed to cancel \$60,000 of lost capital, to reduce nominal dividends from nine to four and a half per cent, and to give half the net profits to the workers.

In the first year of operation under this plan, the company paid a dividend of six per cent, instead of the 4½ per cent agreed upon, after giving the workers their share of the profits. The company maintained peak production all year without absenteeism or disputes.

Most Australian employers favor the bonus method of profit sharing as a basis for co-operation between worker and employer, but do not agree to the sharing of profits. They say that, although it may work in odd cases, it would not work generally because it is economically unsound.

The Australian Associated Chamber of Manufacturers says that profit sharing would be more effective in small enterprises than in large concerns, where it could reduce waste and give greater scope for skill.

The workers' view, as expressed by trade unions, is that the bonus method is not acceptable because it could be used as a speed-up mechanism to make more profit at the workers' expense. They are all in favor, however, of the sharing of actual profits.

Earthquakes Drive Natives From Isle

AUCKLAND, N.Z. — Like Bikini, the island of Niuafoou, in the South Pacific, is to be evacuated by its inhabitants, but it is not an atom bomb but an even more powerful natural force that is causing the migration. For 100 years eruption and earthquakes have rocked the island. The last eruption burned the main village and the 1,300 inhabitants of the island are to be moved to another island in the Tongan Group. This will bring to an end the "Tin Can Island" mail which originates at Niuafoou and is prized by philatelists. The natives of the island deliver their mail by putting it in a can and swimming out to sea to put it aboard passing ships.

Steamship Sailings

For Vancouver—
Monday—ss Princess Adelaide 10 p.m.
Tuesday—ss Coquitlam, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday—ss Prince Rupert, 11:15 p.m.
Friday—ss Catala, 10 p.m.
Saturday—ss Camosun, 9:15 p.m.
From Vancouver—
Sunday—ss Coquitlam, p.m.
Monday—ss Princess Adelaide, p.m.
Wednesday—ss Prince Rupert, 10:00 a.m.
Friday—ss Camosun, 3 p.m.
Friday—ss Catala, p.m.
For Alaska—
Wednesday—ss Prince Rupert, midnight.
Friday—ss Camosun, midnight.
From Alaska—
Thursday—ss Prince Rupert, 7 p.m.
Saturday—ss Camosun, 7 p.m.

Train Schedule

From the East—
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday —10:45 p.m.
For the East—
Monday, Wednesday, Friday— 8 p.m.



WINNIPEG MOTHER AWARDED SON'S V.C. — Manitoba's lieutenant-governor pins the Victoria Cross on Mrs. A. Mynarski of Winnipeg who received the medal which was awarded posthumously to her son, P.O. Andy Mynarski. P.O. Mynarski won the V.C. but lost his life when he attempted to release a trapped comrade in an aerial flight over Cambrai, France, in June, 1944. The investiture marked the first time a V.C. had been presented in Manitoba's government house.

NONOGENARIAN OF ALICE ARM CITY VISITOR

Eighty-nine-year-old dean of the sourdough prospectors of Alice Arm camp, Jack O'Hara is a visitor in the city with his old friend, Ald. George Casey, but he is hankering to get back to his cabin under the hills. "Too lively around this town. I'm going home on the first boat," said

Jack as he was greeted this morning by a friend on the Daily News staff. He leaves next Sunday night on the Coquitlam—the first boat out.

WATCH MINOR AILMENTS

Minor ailments should be given immediate attention. "Mere cold" has grown into such afflictions as sinusitis, bronchitis and pneumonia.

WOMEN M.P.'S ARE ACTIVE

Twenty-Two Women Members Establish Fine Tradition

LONDON. — Lady Priscilla Grant, 31, slim widow of a soldier, has become the 22nd woman to occupy a seat in the House of Commons where other members of her sex have established a tradition of tireless activity.

Lady Grant was elected as Conservative member for Aberdeen South, her two young daughters being just old enough to accompany her to some campaign meetings in the recent by-election.

Although the women members are comparatively few in the House with its 640 seats, political observers said they have made an impression out of all proportion to their numbers.

An example is young, soft-voiced Alice Bacon, member for northeast Leeds, who presides at some Labor assemblies, goes with parliamentary delegations to Russia and other countries and is lifted to high offices in the party by floods of votes from supporters within the movement. She is a factor in deciding Labor policies.

Across the floor, on the Liberal benches and usually sitting almost opposite Miss Bacon, is Lady Megan Lloyd George, the youngest daughter of the late Earl Lloyd George, First Great

Non-Paying Patient Can't Get Damages

DUBLIN. — Mr. Justice Waugh ruled in Dublin High Court that Daniel Walsh of Cork suffered loss of the sight of one eye while receiving treatment in hospital but was not entitled to recover damages from the hospital board because he was a non-paying guest. Walsh complained after on operation for varicose veins that the anaesthetic got into his eyes. The board denied negligence and further pleaded it owed no duty to Walsh. Because he did not pay, Walsh was not entitled to recover from the board even if there had been negligence, said the judge.

NO GALL IN DEER

The gall bladder is absent in all common members of the deer family.

War prime minister, and member for Anglesey. She has all her father's fluency but does not often speak in the house.

Red-haired Dr. Edith Summerskill, parliamentary secretary to the food minister, is the woman member whose voice is most often heard as she answers questions and parries sharp opposition inquiries on a multitude of regulations.

Long active in the Labor movement she is sometimes spoken of as a future cabinet minister. Ellen Wilkinson is the only woman who sits with the inner

Whifflets From The Waterfront

With a total of 59 passengers—33 for Prince Rupert and 26 for Ketchikan on board, C.N.R. steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. Ernest Caldwell, arrived in port at 10:30 yesterday morning from Vancouver and Ocean Falls, sailing at midnight for Ketchikan whence she will return here this evening southbound.

GERMAN LOGS ARRIVE

SWANSEA, Wales. — A shipment of 1,200 tons of softwood logs, cut by Royal Engineers in the British zone of Germany, has arrived here.

cabinet of 18 members and as minister of education is carrying through major school changes.

Lady Davidson, member for Hemel Hempstead, is the Conservative woman member who welcomed Lady Grant to the house.

When the Labor government was elected a record number of 20 women members won seats. Since then two have died and one resigned. Labor now has 19. Conservatives two and Liberals one.



BLOOD is LIFE

Children are Canada's most precious possession. Yet every year scores of youngsters struck down by accident, or illness, die for want of blood.

This is your responsibility . . . your opportunity, to save a child's life!

Will you donate life-giving blood through the Canadian Red Cross? The Red Cross is opening a great new civilian Blood Transfusion Service. Hospital patients across Canada will receive supplies of whole blood and plasma FREE . . . not even a Hospital Service charge, for life-saving transfusions. Men, women and children from coast to coast will live because you have donated the blood that means life itself.

Countless wounded Canadian warriors were saved during the war because their fellow Canadians at home gave freely of their blood. Can we do less in peace than to offer our countrymen, our neighbours, our families an equal chance to life?

This great new service will mean life to someone whose life hangs in the balance . . . YOU can make sure the balance swings the right way!

After you register, you will be asked to donate blood only two or three times a year. It's only a slight inconvenience. Contact your local Red Cross Branch or Clinic, and tell them you will gladly be a blood donor!

Donors Urgently Needed

Give blood that others may live

CANADIAN + RED CROSS