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Speech from Throne

DEVEALING A MINIMUM of anything and suggesting not a great deal more, the Speech from the Throne, read at the opening of Parliament in Ottawa yesterday, at least covered a wide range of subjects, practically the entire gamut, indeed, of problems involved in postwar reconstruction with which we should be getting along now since the war will soon have been over two years.

The traditional speech, which might well do but seldom does prove very revealing of legislative plans and is certainly no exception on this occasion, discloses in the vaguest of generality that legislation o be submitted by the government for ratification by the Parliament will relate to such matters as labor relations, agriculture, marketing, immigration, defence, finance, export trade and international commitments.

Possibly a little more definite is the announcement that a select committee of Commons and Senate will be established to consider and report on the question of human rights and fundamental freedoms-a committee which might well make findings that would be the basis of social legislation of most advanced and admirable type.

As for forthcoming price and commodity control legislation, the Speech from the Throne only reiterated what had already been indicated by its statements and actions when it said: "The policy is to maintain only such price and commodity controls as may be required to protect consumers from a drastic rise in the cost of living and to ensure fair distribution of the essential goods and services which are in short supply." Unless we favor a permanent policy of price control, such a line of action as thus proposed should meet with approbation.

Also to be anticipated, of course, are the announcements that approval will be sought of the tax agreements with the provinces, increase of the membership of the House of Commons from 245 to 255 and amendments to the Dominion Elections

Not being informed in detail yet of the exact nature of legislation the government plans on many of the momentous questions which it tells us in the Throne Speech are to be dealt with, we can at least conclude that they will constitute the field for a widespread measure of debate and airing of views. How far the proposals of the government will go in offering practical and acceptable solution to the many problems remains to be seen and we can again thope, as we always do when we talk about a Throne Speech, that the session it inaugurates will be productive of as much useful action as empty talk. We shall see what we shall see.

Trouble Ahead

DUT IF THERE MIGHT be a n suggestion of innocuousness to be seen in the Speech from the Throne at Ottawa, the same cannot be said of the legislative program which our friends, the C.C.F.'ers, appear resolved to enact in Saskatchewan. There too price control is a subject which will command a wide measure of interest-first of all in just how the C.C.F. intends to proceed in the matter and how it thinks it may be going to make it stick. Price control in the provincial field, we can see at the outset, will be subject to controversy as to its constitutionality. The Saskatchewan legislature might be able to enact it but to make a go of it will be a different

The announcement of intention to enact a Crown Corporations Act in connection with the extention of the Saskatchewan government's industrial program is but a logical development.

The testing of the government legislation at Regina will come not in the Legislature but in the courts, it is to be expected.

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Below Zero, So What?

ELL, WE THOUGHT We were making weather Editor, history in Prince Rupert yesterday when the thermofact Prince Rupert's measly Prince Rupert, the Forum stir at all when we thought munity. of the bottom nearly falling blew the town away.

Compared with a lot of the Civic Centre. places including the so-called balmy Lower Mainland, maybe we can be excused if we think its below zero, is still a pretty good place to live. As for Vancouver, it never seems to get tougher in Prince Rupert but it is a little worse there.

Irish Independence Story to Be Written

has established a "Bureau of that one sponsorship is at least Military History" to collect ma- respectable enough. terial for a history of the independence movement, from for- by implication you taint all atin 1913 to the Truce of 1921 which resulted in establishment of the Irish Free State. Director of the bureau will be Michael McDunphy, released from his duties as secretary to President

"The urgency of this work | has been impressed on the gov- the 17th day of January, A.D. 1947, ernment by the fact that, as I was appointed Administrator with those who took part in the tising. Those desiring to ad- struggle and whose evidence having claims against the said estate vertise in this manner in the | would be invaluable, pass away, to the collection of essential ma- the 15th day of March, A.D. 1947, and terial will be increasingly diffi- all parties indebted to the estate are cult," said a statement from the government information bureau.

You saw it in The News!



THE END OF THE ROAD-H.M.T. Aquitania, endeared to the hearts of more Canadians than any other troop ship affeat, turned over another page in her gallant history when she disembarked the final organized draft of servicemen and dependents at Halifax on January 19. In her 33 years on the high seas, she has carried men to and from two great wars. The last of the "four stackers" to ply the North Atlantic is pictured above. In photo No. 2, dependents are shown waiting in the pay parade for money exchange. In the photo is Mrs. Vera Miskimins and baby getting her first "feel" of Canadian currency from Major D. C. Wilson and S/Sgt. A. E. Baker of the Army Embarkation Pay Staff. Destined for a new home in Toronto, Mrs. Miskimins was among the last organized draft of service dependents brought to Canada by army movement officials. Her comment about the "new" currency: "Gracious, what pretty colors." In commemoration of her service as a troopship, H.M.T Aquitania and her crew were presented with a bronze plaque by the heads of the three armed services when she docked at Halifax. Shown in photo No. 3 is Capt. J. D. Snow, ship's captain, receiving the plaque from Major-General H. W. Foster, C.B.E., D.S.O., commanding Eastern Army Command. Capt. Snow expressed the personal appreciation of himself and the crew for the award which read: "Presented to H.M.T. Aquitania for her services rendered in two great wars by all ranks of the Canadian Armed Forces." Gen. Foster read a message of gratitude on behalf of the Minister of National Defence and the people of Canada.

(Canadian Army Photos)

LETTERBOX

THE OPEN FORUM

Daily News-

Congratulations on your edimeter went below zero but | torial of January 30. If the For-Vancouver still held the um inspired you thus to put meteorological spotlight. In your case before the people of one below didn't cause any proving its value to the com-

May I take this opportunity out of the thermometer at | not only to invite yourself but faraway Snag with its seventy- every other citizen of Prince Rueight below, to say nothing of pert interested in the issues of good old Vancouver where a the day to participate in the blizzardy hurricane nearly discussion of our Forum which is held every Tuesday night in

Your reference to one-sided political and economic thought among those attending the Forthat Prince Rupert, with all um is regrettable. Our Forum is open to everybody. It is sponsored by no political group. Nationally the Citizens' Forum is sponsored by the C.B.C. and the Canadian Association for Adult Education, provincially by the Extension Department of the U.B.C., and locally by the Civic Centre Association and the Cooperative Welfare and Educational Association. I submit, Mr. DUBLIN ()-The government Editor, that even you will agree

The very fact, Mr. Editor, that mation of the Irish Volunteers | tendants at the Forum with the

> IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE "ADMINISTRATION ACT"

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NOEL LAVERDIERE, DECEASED

TESTATE TAKE NOTICE that by Order of His Honour W. E. Fisher, made on Laverdiere, deceased, and all parties are hereby required to furnish same. properly verified, to me on or before required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith. DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C., this

23rd day of January, A.D. 1947. GEORGE H. HALLETT, Official Administrator. Atlin, B.C.

same political brush is to my mind proof of some of the contentions made at last Tuesday's Forum. You imply a certain IS QUASHED thing to be a fact even though you are merely guessing. For your information I may say you

However, Mr. Editor, even if it were a fact, we would be the first to regret that. As said before, we ourselves want our Forum to be representative. Your own attendance and the

are guessing wrongly.

attendance of some of your friends may help to make it so. Yours for democracy in ac-

> H. FAURE Secretary, Civic Centre Citizens' Forum.

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CONVICTION

A recent decision at Smithers in County Court of Judge W. E. Fisher quashing a police court conviction against James Edliquer to a minor has been sustained in the British Columbia Court of Appeal at Victoria. After Judge Fisner had quashed the conviction in County Court, the crown took the case to the Court of Appeal where the appeal was dismissed. J. T. Harvey aeted as counsel for the appellant, T. G. Norris K. C. appearing in his stead in the Appeal Court. W. O. Fulton was crown counsel at Smithers.



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Judge W. E. Fisher found himself sitting in the role of a judicial Hoyle in County Court Thursday roundings P. Zvan afternoon to hand down wisdom in a case resulting reverently about must from a poker game in which the defendant is alleged | Winnipeg's wholes to have walked off with the pot after failing to reveal and composition his hand to his opponent.

The case, which was adjourn-

J. W. Howay, later County Court

judge at New Westminster. The

Briefs from Britain

LONDON, O-Annual number

apprentices entering the

William Krychinski, lately of going to get the whole pot, he Ocean Falls, found himself "had better see Mr. Wismer charged with theft on complaint of John Kruchoff who told the court that Krychinski ed until today to continue the had ignored the merits of his hearing of evidence, is describstraight flush when he grabbed ed as unique in judicial annals for the pot during a poker game of the province. No similar case in Ocean Falls on January 4.

Krychinski was not charged although a case arising out of with stealing the whole pot a poker game resulted in a conwhich was estimated by the viction of common assault which other players to be about \$76 went to assize court at Clinton but merely with unjustly assum- in 1907. The judge was the late ing possession of Kruchoff's con- Archie Martin, later chief justribution to the pot, a matter tice, and defence counsel was

When Crown counsel W. O. Fulton offered to demonstrate accused in this case after the to Judge Fisher the game of game attacked another man and "blitz," a speedy variation of took back the money of which poker which the men had been he honestly believed he had been playing, Judge Fisher declined to be initiated into its myster-

"Don't bother, there are too many policemen here, the Judge

The game in question started out with five players, four o whom later turned out to be wit building trades has increased nesses against Krychinski. from 18,000 per year before the its latter stages, it developed into a contest between Kry- war to a record figure of 25,00 chinski and Kruchoff, with during the last 12 months. Kruchoff betting his last dollar on a small straight flush.

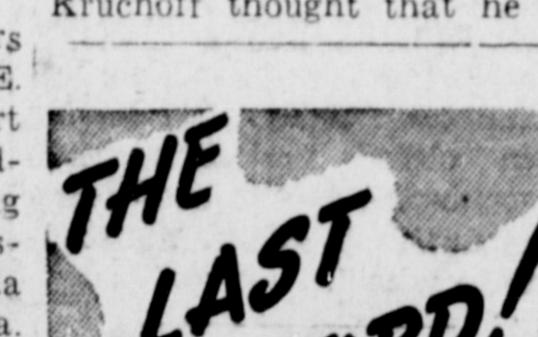
What Krychinski held, the son and Christopher Firby were witnesses declared, never came killed and three others badly into light, because he threw his jured in an underground explohand on the table face down-sion. ward and made a grab for the pot which he stuffed into his pocket.

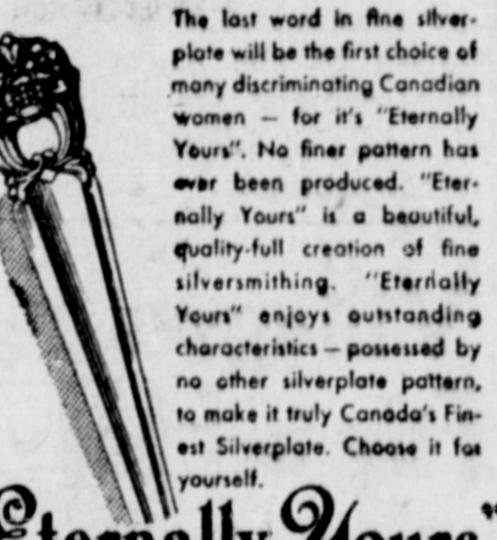
Following this gambit, there was an exchange of conversation in what one witness described as the "old language," which turned out to be Ukran-

Defence counsel J. T. Harvey was unable to get any of the witnesses to say whether Krychinski had tossed his hand into the discards or merely onto the table. Everybody, it seemed, lost interest in the hand when Krychinski made his alleged grab at the pot.

Constable H. E. J. Madley of the provincial police detachment at Ocean Falls, with whom the compaint had been lodged, said that Krychinski had left Ocean Falls a few hours after the game and had been picked up on a warrant and held at Vancouver.

He presented as evidence a letter taken from Krychinski by the Vancouver police. It contained \$24 in bills and a note addressed to Kruchoff which said that the money enclosed represented half the pot but, if Kruchoff thought that he was





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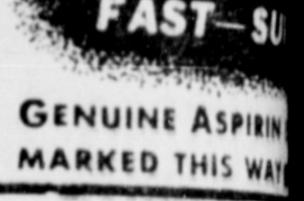
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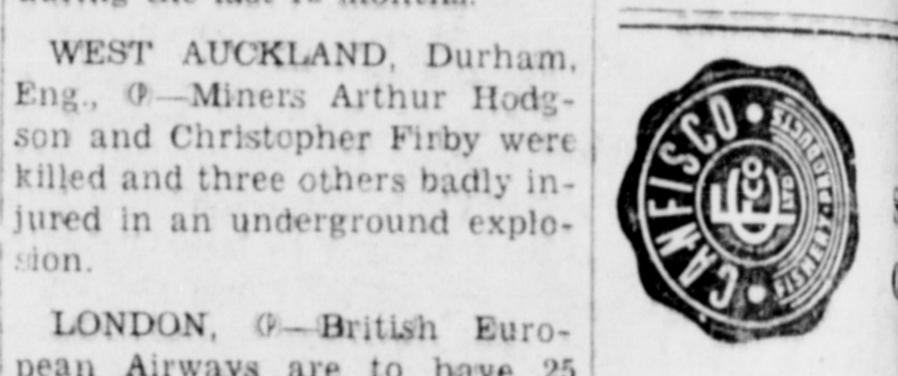
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