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Civic Centre Proves Itself

DRINCE RUPERT'S CIVIC CENTRE has proved itself. The essentiality and value of its varied functions have been firmly established. It is a busy place with something doing all the time and a multiplicity of things a great deal of the time. And it is becoming increasingly popular as the purposes of its use become steadily more versatile and widespread.

The civic centre, in its brief history, has become a real part of the community life of Prince Rupert. Few, if any, citizens there are now who are not deriving benefit from it one way or another.

If any of us may pause in supporting it or be too ready in criticizing it, we might just stop to think what Prince Rupert would be like now if the city had no civic centre.

> North American daily newspaper editors receive approximately 50 million letters each year from people in all walks

You can do a lot of bluffing by keeping your mouth shut.

THE EASY THING for Great

sponsibilities as those involved

in Palestine and India. True

Britain has great economic

stakes in these two as well as

other troublous zones over

which she exercises a certain

amount of control. But there

is more than that involved in

maintaining her active inter-

enough as they are today in

such countries as these. But

how much worse the state of

chaos would be if they were

allowed to go on their own

and become victim of their

own internal troubles or of ag-

grandizement or avidity of

other powers? It would not be

an easy thing for Britain to

cut loose even if she was dis-

against the Duke of Con-

naughts of New Westminster,

one of the Lower Mainland's

crack teams, which has not

suffered defeat this year, in

the series of two games which

ended last night. True the

locals did not win but there

was certainly nothing to be

ashamed about when they were

able to make no less than 92

points against the visitors' 120

on the two games, coming

within an ace of winning the

second last night by a score

As Coach Ken Wright of

the Dukes said in an inter-

view after the game last night,

the Prince Rupert team could,

no doubt, give a very favor-

able account of itself against

the best in the south should

it be possible for them to go

south for the tournament to

be held in New Westminster

first week in March. It is to

be hoped that an effort will

be made to get the trip or-

ganized for the locals. It

would be a good experience for

them and the trip would pay

off in valuable publicity for

Prince Rupert.

of 54 to 49.

posed to do so.

Conditions might appear bad

est therein.

Britain to do would be to

wash her hands of such re-

Labor-Management

ROVIDED labor - management relations are handled successfully, the outlook for a high degree of prosperity in 1947 appears generally favorable. The essential strength and vigor of Canadian business, demonstrated during the post-war period, holds out a great measure of hope.

Perhaps the outstanding economic development of the past year or so has been government's deep cut into war expenditures. This was offset principally by increased private and corporate spending for construction and plant equipment, by the building up of inventories and a great rise in consumer purchasing. The question now is what compensating forms of spending will come into the economic picture to prevent a condition of under-consumption and overproduction with its deflationary consequences, when and if business stops building up its inventories and individuals stop increasing their consumer activity.

Lack of balance thought by many to exist in the price structure and between wages and salaries, and the failure to improve labor-management - relationships might present economic difficulties this year. The failure thus far to improve labor-management relationships gives real cause for

serious uneasiness. The threat involved here is of two kinds. Dispute in a key industry might lead to nationwide economic paralysis. Either labor or management or both might allow production costs to become excessive.

This could happen either because of increases in hourly wage rates and other production costs or because of decreases in productivity. More particularly, deterioration in productivity, whether brought about by shortsighted and irresponsible labor policies or by ineptitude in management, can be the essence of inflation because it combines higher production costs with fewer products. In this private enterprise system of ours, it can lead to a serious business recession because employers might decide to curtail all but their most urgent business op-

What will come of the present tendency towards industrial strife, it is impossible to fore-'tell but it is becoming more and more urgent that statesmanlike decisions be made regarding wages, rules and hours of work, the use of modern labor saving devices, labor efficiency and labor-management relationships in general. These decisions will have farreaching effects upon our level of business, our volume of employment, or cost of living, and or standard of living, for many years to come. Let us hope that these decisions are made wisely.

GALASHIELS, Scotland, (P) tweed manufacturers want to stop making "utility" cloths and resume making highquality goods, since they fear the loss of their pre-war export markets.

Strikes Hold Up Business Growth During Past Year

Despite Interruptions and Scarcity of Materials Some Industries Set New Records — Newsprints Boom

By ALEX PRINGLE Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO (CP)—The road back from the mushroom growth of wartime under government subsidies of 1946. Steel production re- ship during his illness. to a sound footing under free markets was made dif- ceived a severe set-back as a ficult in the first full year of peace by labor strikes, result of labor strikes. Pig iron involving long interruptions to production programs. production is down 27 per cent, Nevertheless good progress was made.

CLOSE TO RECORD

1945 production.

pared with \$1,135,264,000 in 1945.

Some other branches of the

CFPR Radio Dial 1240 Kilocycles

(Subject to change)

FRIDAY-P.M.

4:00-Carl Trevoes

4:15—Mid-Day Melodies

5:45—Supper Serenade

8:00—Prairie Schooner

8:30—Winnipeg Drama

9:30—Three Suns Trio

9:55—Solo Spotlight

10:15—Milton Charles

7:30-Musical Clock

8:15—Pick of the Hits

8:45—Little Concert

9:15—Pops On Parade

12:00-Musical Program

12:25—Program Resume

12:45—Serenade for Strings

1:15—English Favorites

2:00—Tea and Crumpets

3:25—Recorded Interlude

3:30—Music from Scotland

3:00-El Ritmo Tropical

1:00-John Charles Thomas

1:30—Hit Songs of Yesterday

12:30-Polka Time

3:15—CBC News

8:30-Morning Devotions

8:00-CBC News

9:00—BBC News

10:30—Dal Richards Orch.

11:00—Weather and Sign Off

SATURDAY--A.M.

9:00—Heritage of Music

Ottawa

7:00—CBC News

7:30—Eventide

9:45—Lee Sims

10:00—CBC News

10:10-B. C. News

4:30—Songs in Sweet Style

5:30—Community Calendar

6:00—Citizenship Ceremonies—

7:15—CBC News Roundup

A few lines even set new recterials. Newsprint plants oper- Exports were up 9.7 per cent. ated close to capacity and produced and exported in figures greater by 28 to 30 per cent in

Building operations, although hampered by a shortage of practically every item used in construction, left previous totals far behind. Contracts awarded in 1946 to the end of November reached a total of \$626,821,000, a gain over the total for the comparable period of 1945 of 64 per cent and building permits issued to the end of October ************ added up to a total greater by 103 per cent than for the same months of 1945. Production of cement expanded 40 per cent and asbestos shipments were up more than five per cent. Britain Must Hang On

Flour milling in recent months topped the comparable 1945 totals and record output was attained in October. Production in the first quarter of the current crop year, starting August 1, totalled 6,819,250 barrels against 6,293,879 in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. In the first 10 months of 1946 flour production totalled 33,256,000 barrels compared with 30,970,000

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From The Waterfront

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With the Christmas and New Year vacation season now over, there is expected to be active prospecting for herring in northern waters and, as soon as the presence of fish becomes generally apparent, seining and packing operations for require-Send the Boys South menced. With the expected ex-RINCE RUPERT'S High | haustion of the quota on the 9:30-Stories in Music School Rainmakers', boys | West Coast of Vancouver Island | 9:59—Time Signal basketball team is worthy | within the next few weeks, sein- | 10:00-Medley Time of congratulations for the ers and packers will be heading 10:15-World Church News north from that area. There has 10:30—Hits of the Shows been little herring fishing in 10:45—CBC News these parts since early in Decem- 10:55—Weather Forecast ber when some 800 tons were 11:00-Music For Dancing taken in the Poison Cove area 11:30-Message Period below Butedale and handled in 11:33—Recorded Interlude the Canadian Fishing Co.'s re- 11:45—Personal Album duction and bait plant at Butedale. Nelson Bros Ltd., canning and reduction plant at Port Edward is now standing by ready to receive and process the herring. The big cold storage plants at Prince Rupert will also be taking considerable quantities for their halibut bait stores.

B. C. Steamships freighter Alaska Prince, Capt. F. J. Garritt, was in port on New Year's Day discharging general cargo.

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FUEL AND BUILDING MATERIALS

vious figures. Sales of hogs de-clined 25 per cent in the face BACK ON JOB eight per cent.

production of steel ingots and castings declined 30 per cent. Output by the shoe manufacords despite the manpower barrels in the same months of turing plants increased 12 per shortage and scarcity of ma- 1945, a gain of seven per cent. cent to the end of September. In the later summer and fall motor car production moved Canadian farmers again pro- ahead sharply. Output for the

duced in figures close to the all. first 10 months of 1945 totalled China for 4,000 years. time record. The gross value of 135,797 units campared with the principal field crops is esti- 125,224 in the same months of mated at \$1,238,645,000 com- 1945.

Canada accounted for the bulk shortage, of rising costs and the in volume although many needof the increase, Alberta adding wiping out of the premium on ed articles are still in short sup-49 per cent to the value of its gold through the move of the ply. Canadian dollar to parity with the U.S. dollar. Nevertheless first nine months of the year production was up about eight fell to the lowest point since the per cent in the first nine months of the year. Production of nonferrous metals also expanded and production of coal gained nine per cent.

RAILWAY OPERATIONS

The railways have been called upon to absorb heavy increases in operating costs and net revenues show sharp declines al-4:45—Sleepy Story Time Teller though total carloadings for the year (to December 7) increased about 1.5 per cent over the previous year. C.P.R. net revenue is down 55 per cent and the C.N.R. net is down close to 50 per cent.

Canada's external trade was maintained at a high level although there was a steady decline of exports throughout 1946 and a slow increase of imports, cutting down the favorable balance. The first 10 months recorded total exports of \$1,868,-100,000 against \$2,744,900,000, a drop of 32 per cent. Shipments of war materials had a part in lifting the 1945 total. Imports in the first 10 months increased 17 per cent.

Financial factors continue favorable. The banks report heavy expansion of commercial



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farm industry fell behind pre-BANK MANAGER

of firm to strong prices through- G. R. S. Blackaby, manager of out the year and cattle sales the Bank of Montreal, who has recorded a drop of five per cent. been on sick leave since Septem-Butter production was down ber 1, returned to his desk today, having recovered from the Recessions in several depart- illness which kept him confined ments of manufacturing ac- to his home for many weeks. counted chiefly for the 15 per Saying that he is "feeling fine, cent decline in the physical but still taking things easy," Mr. volume of business, as clocked Blackaby expressed appreciation by the Dominion Bureau of Sta- for the many visits by friends tistics, for the first nine months and other expressions of friend-

> LONDON, (P)—Clement Davies, member of parliament for Montgomery, has been re-elected as chairman of the Liberal Parliamentary party for the present

SILK 4,000 YEARS OLD Silk culture has flourished in

loans, deposits and debits. The The mining industry was un- flow of money through mercana gain of nine per cent. Western der the strain of a severe labor tile channels continues to grow

> Commercial failures in the record was started in 1922.

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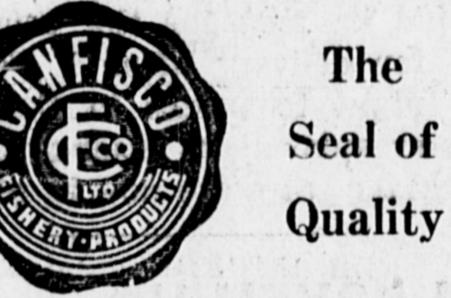
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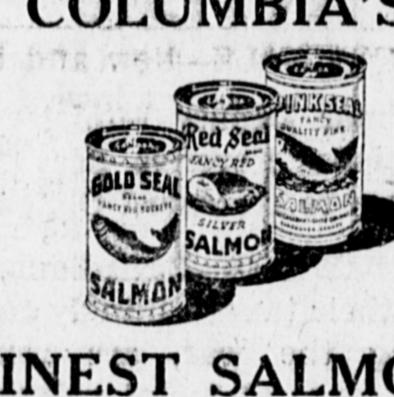
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