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As Easter Approaches

WITH PALM SUNDAY tomorrow, another Easter season approaches. With each recurring Easter, the great Christian festival, man's immortal hope is sustained and strengthened. With its message of solace and comfort it brings as well a spirit of rejoicing, renewed faith that love triumphs over hate, life over death and that all of us are more than the children of time.

Our world is shadowed by sorrow, torn by enmities, confused by the clatter of contending ideologies. Out of such darkness comes Easter as a gleam of light to combat despair, to tell again as it has told through the centuries that our Good Friday must be followed by victory. Easter is humanity's reveille.

"If a man die, shall he live again?" Through centuries, man has asked that question. He has been satisfied only with an affirmative answer. Religion and science unite with nature in giving assurance to man that death is merely an interlude, not the end of life. Every opening bud of Spring is proof of life's ongoing. And this belief, the Easter heritage of Christians, lives in the hearts of men far beyond its fold.

Even Robert G. Ingersoll, the great agnostic, said before the grave of his brother: "But in the night of death, Hope sees a star and can hear the rustle of a wing." Let the approaching Easter Day lift us above fear and be accepted as a message of fadeless hope. Let us greet it as an assurance of immortality, giving each of us an anchorage in the Infinite. Let us take from it the joy of hope—the certainty that the powers of darkness will not prevail, and that life, not death, is the goal of existence.

MARITIME UNION

EVEN WITH so short a time elapsing since Newfoundland became part of the Canadian Confederation, suggestions are being made that the former colony and the three maritime divisions become one, or in other words, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island form a single province. Eliminating four separate administrations, four different sets of government, supporters say the whole set-up would be simplified, made more compact and save greatly in time, convenience and costs. Few can say that these are not practical, common-sense advantages.

But on the other hand, just as there was opposition in Newfoundland to joining with the Dominion, so is there a difference of opinion and purpose in what may become an issue on the mainland. There would, for example, be great rivalry over the question of the choice of the capital city. However, there is no occasion to expect action. It's only a suggestion yet with possibilities.

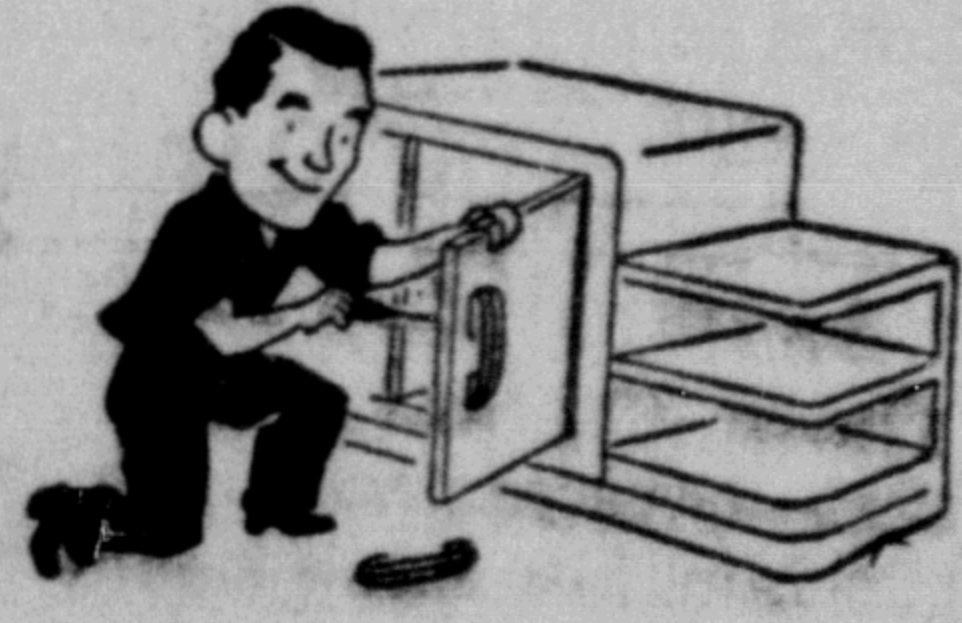
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Letters to the Editor

DOCTOR'S REPLY

Editor, Daily News:

Yesterday I received an anonymous letter in the mail. Ordinarily I would follow your custom and ignore the epistle but, because of its contents and the distortion of facts therein presented, I am asking for an opportunity of replying to my unknown correspondent through your columns.

The letter consisted of a clipping from the editorial columns of Maclean's Magazine, which dealt with the admission of D.P. physicians to Canada. The editorial painted the Medical profession of Canada as a union which was refusing to permit the admission of displaced doctors from Europe to Canada and also refusing to licence them if they did come in. My correspondent underlined the same and exclaimed SHAME!!

I quite agree that, if it were true, it would be a shameful thing, but is it true? In the first place, no union or other non-political body in Canada

has the right to tell the government who shall be admitted to our country. If the government wishes to admit D.P. doctors, they have a perfect right to do so. Whether they shall be allowed to practise in this country is another matter.

In British Columbia, and I presume the same situation holds in the other provinces, the Legislature has passed certain laws governing the practice of Medicine in the province. Anyone wishing to practise his profession here must have certain qualifications, and, if he can so satisfy the licensing board—in this case of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, he is given a license to practise. This is done for the protection of the general public and the necessity for some such regulation must be obvious to any thinking persons.

That D.P. doctors have been admitted to the country, and are licensed to practise in B.C., is a well known fact. In the neighborhood of Prince Rupert we have four non-Canadian

doctors practising — three of them D.P.'s and one an Old Country graduate. In the last issue of the Daily Province, Dr. Whitehead, the executive secretary of the B.C. College of Physicians and Surgeons gave the figures for these doctors in B.C. to date. I quote: "For an estimated population of 1,100,000 there are 1606 doctors registered—one doctor for every 687 people." A report from Geneva last week said thousands of fully qualified refugee physicians were idle in refugee camps because of red tape in western countries. Dr. Whitehead said the report intimated medical associations were putting unnecessary obstacles in the way of rehabilitating fellow medical men. Such is absolutely not the case—certainly not in B.C. Since end of war, 425 doctors have registered here from England, Scotland, Ireland, China, Hong Kong, Australia, India, Peru, Honolulu, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Hungary, Austria, and the United States.

It is unfortunate that a national magazine of the calibre of Maclean's should so misrepresent the facts and one cannot blame the general public for feeling resentful when they read such articles believing them to be true. The statistics I have quoted however, speak

for themselves and I hope my correspondent will think a little more kindly of a profession which, with all its faults, has always tried to keep its standards at a high level, and to serve with the best of its ability the needs of the people.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I am,

R. G. LARGE.

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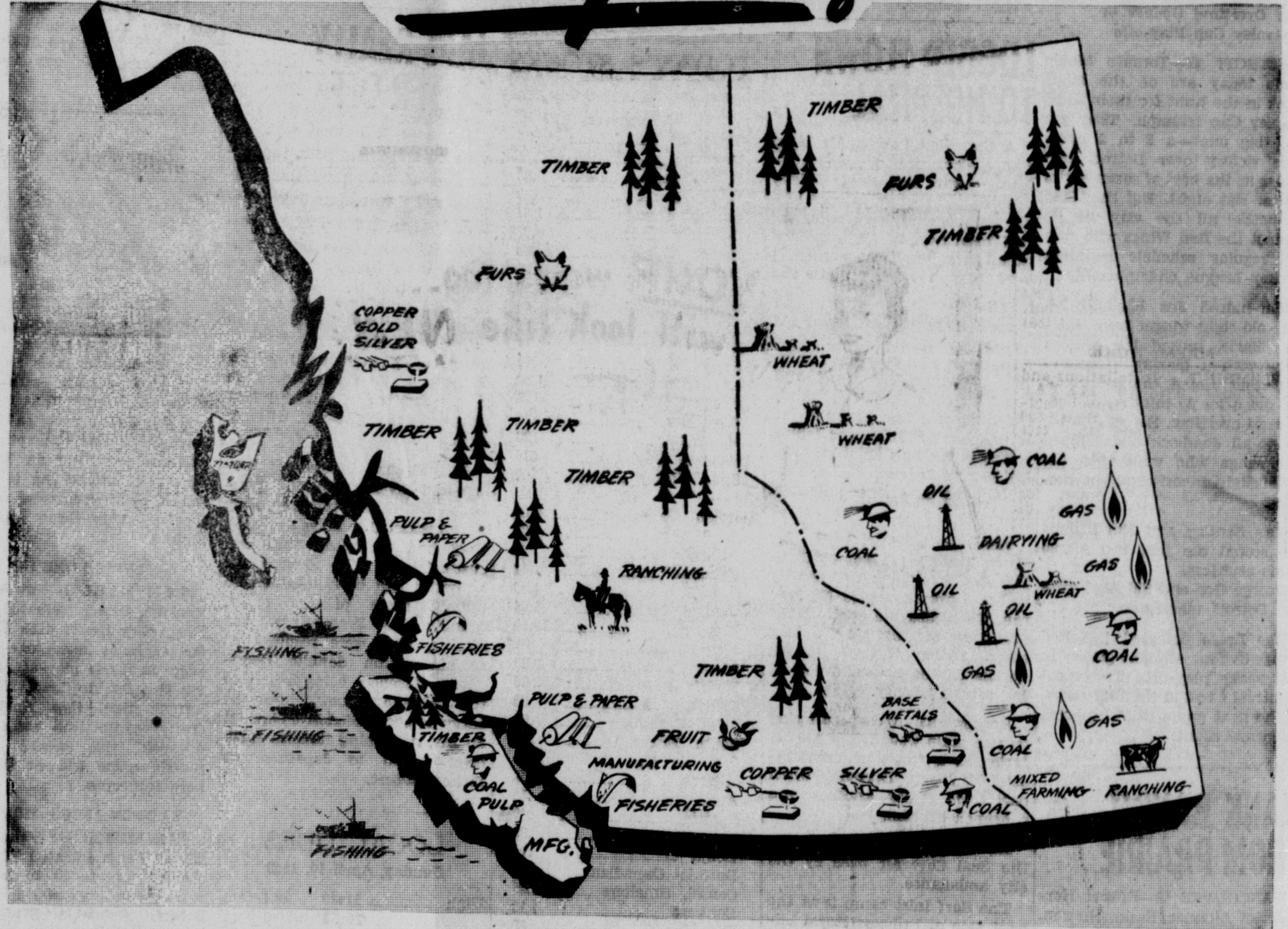
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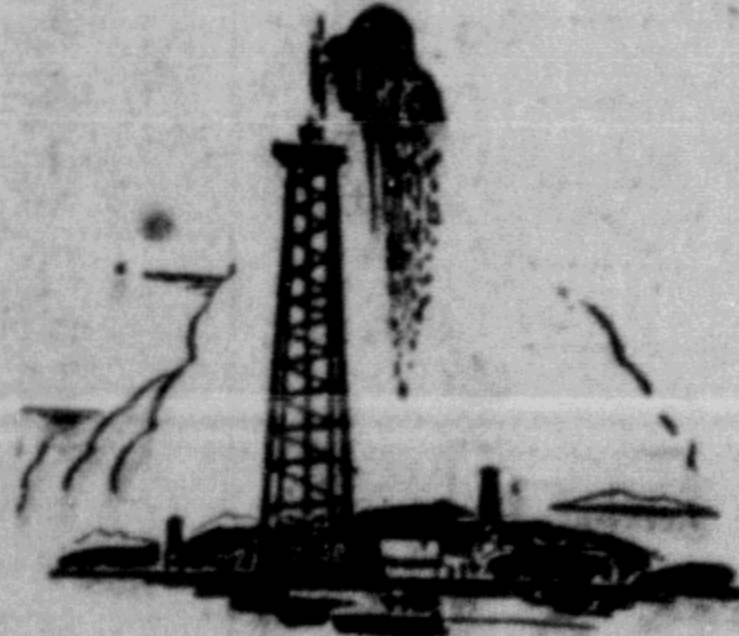


Well, bundle up California, Texas, Oregon and Washington and you have an area just about the same size as B.C. and Alberta.

Those wealthy states, with their 21,500,000 people, their oil, cattle, fruit farms, forests and fisheries were just as lonely and desolate once as only the wilderness can be. Hard-working, imaginative, venturesome people pioneered them . . . made them what they are today.

It's that same kind of energetic, chance-taking people we must depend on to develop British Columbia and Alberta.

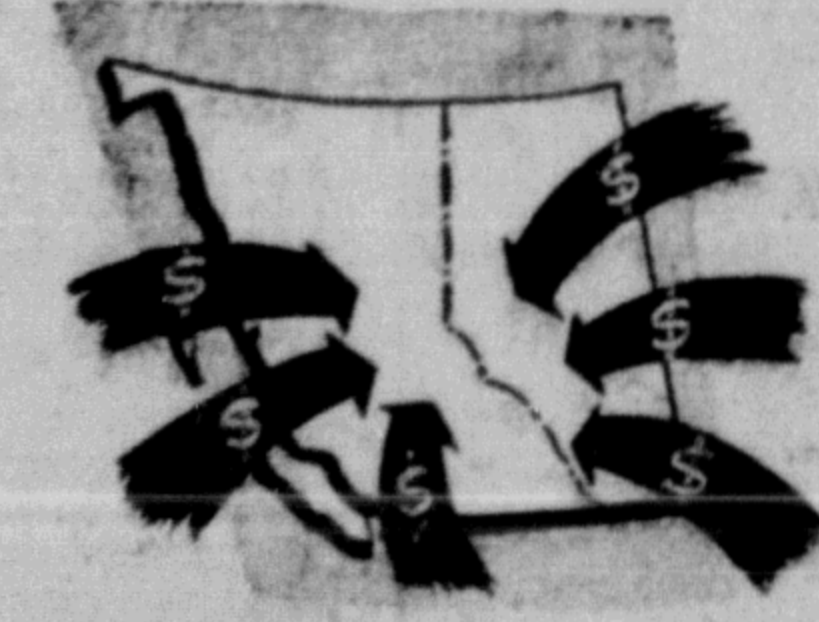
Like Texas, Alberta has oil and natural gas. It raises livestock and has rich farm lands. But Alberta has some things Texas doesn't possess. Coal enough to last for a thousand years to come. Timber, too, and water power. Inland fisheries . . . abundance of water for irrigation.



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With all the brilliant promise of growth that exists in British Columbia and Alberta, no young Canadian should have to go abroad to find opportunity.



But if opportunities and jobs are to be developed, venture money must flow into our two provinces. The risk money has been coming. It has made jobs for the quarter of a million new citizens British Columbia has attracted in the past twelve years. It will continue to come if we in British Columbia really want it and will give it as good a chance as it would get anywhere else in North America.

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