Newfoundland and Defence

MITH THE FORESEEN entry into Confederation of Newfoundland the question arises of how the broad picture of Canada's national defence plans will be affected. Certain it is that in the next annual budget allocations will have to be made to include the setting up of air stations and possibly naval bases in Newfoundland. The question is will this be done at the possible risk of other projects in Canada suffering or will more money be found. As a military power in her own right Newfoundland is negligible. She has few manufacturing concerns that could be converted into war production and little or no military equipment of her own. Her biggest assets are natural resources, military bases and the well known fighting qualities of her rugged citizens.

Again the thought arises how when Newfoundland becomes a part of Canada will we cope with the situation of American troops and bases being located on our territory? It must be remembered that the United States was given a ninety-nine year lease on military and naval bases in the island colony by Great Britain. Will the acceptance of this establish a precedent of American troops training in our country in peacetime? How will this be received by other nations and will Canada's prestige as a free nation suffer accordingly?

Also it is a recognized fact that Canada could only offer token resistance should a strong foreign power attack our shores. Can we, therefore, commit ourselves to the extending of our already limited defence resources? These questions will certainly have to be given serious consideration before final commitments are made with Newfoundland. More than ever it is brought home to us the necessity of revising our national defence plans and increasing our stature in this vitally important matter.

O.K.—HE WAS DRUNK

TIT WASN'T HIS FAULT—he was drunk." Such I was the line of conversation we heard from a couple of working girls on the street as we came down to the office this morning. And it made us think just how matter of course it is becoming these days to offer drunkenness as an excuse, just as though being drunk was something like being sick or in some condition that could not have been avoided.

How much is being got away with these days in the way of shirking responsibility by the excuse of being drunk is hard to say. Fortunately, there is at least one law where being drunk is no excuse but is an offence—that is the law in regard to motor vehicles where to be found in charge of one while under the influence of liquor is punishable by jail sentence with no option of fine.

Immoderate use of liquor and drunkenness are the cause of much grief and trouble these daysmuch too much. Too many offences, we feel, are condoned because of such drunkenness. Drunkenness is a poor excuse for any crime, we feel, the view taken by the law in some cases notwithstanding. It is about time that something was done about a situation whereby a person can be absolved of any kind of licentiousness or even crime because he has not enough control of himself to know when to stop drinking. When even working girls think that anything should be allowed to go just because a person has imbibed too freely, it is high time to call a halt. It is a poor commentary on the attitude of youth toward the use and effect of alcohol.

JUNIOR AND REALISM

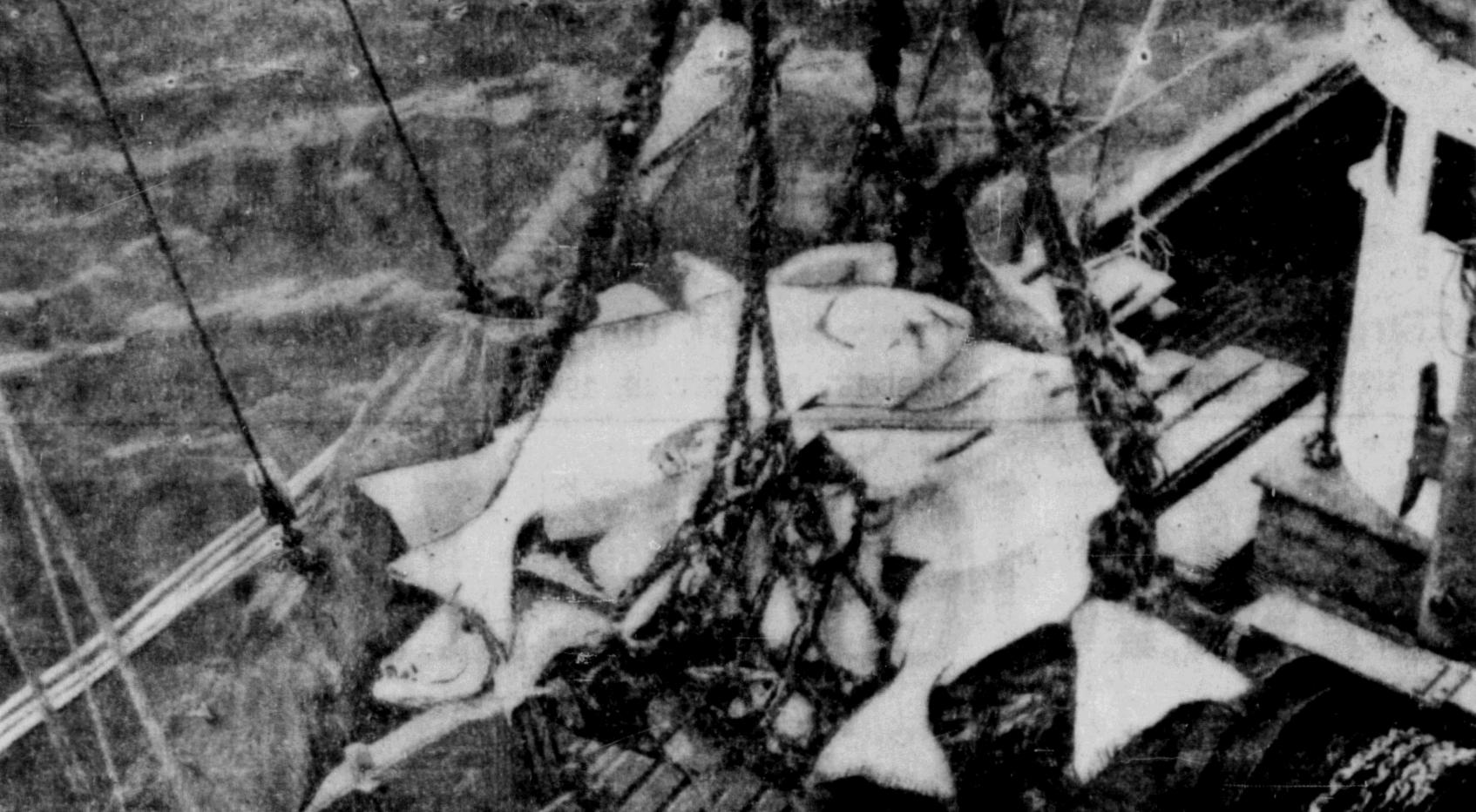
THE BATTLE of the Crime Comics goes on. The great majority of alert mothers and qualified experts—and the alert mother is often the best qualified expert-deplore the influence of these crude thrillers. But a few defend them.

A recent writer in the magazine Mademoiselle maintains that comics give children a sense of "reality," whereas most modern children's books are too full of "sweetness and light." Parents want to wrap their children in cotton wool, she declares, and adds:

"In August, 1945, one single atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima killed something like 80,000 men, women, and children in the space of a few seconds, and every child in the United States over four years old knows it. Perhaps our own feeling of security is fed when we overprotect our children."

It may be true that modern parents frequently insulate their children from all sense of sharp responsibility and vigorous challenge in a mistaken desire to "protect" them. But are crime comics, radio thrillers, and gangster films the answer to the child's need for a more realistic approach to the world into which he is growing up?

Hardly. They are escapist fantasies which dull the child's sense of reality and responsibility at least as much as any saccharine fable of a world all sunshine and smiles. He may crave adventure stories painted in strong colors, but he will naturally respond to the very real qualities of heroism, honor, loyalty, kindness, and decency, which are part of the human race' greatest adventures-but are found so seldom in the tawdry wares of thrillvendors.



HALIBUT-Prince Rupert is British Columbia's principal halibut landing port. Here is a typical picture of fish being unloaded at Prince Rupert. Halibut landings at Prince Rupert this year totalled about 11,000,000 pounds.

Reminiscences and Reflections

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The election harvest report in Alberta is the heaviest ever known in that province. The Social Credit yield must be at least 500 bushels to the acre All in all, the vote crop may be described as a bumper one.

Music will be permitted in Columbia may soon become ef- discourse. President D. Ontario cocktail bars but in a fective. Not a happy outlook Stevenson was in the chair. most discreet manner. Where and, if the amount provided the seating capacity is less looks as delicate as what's set than a hundred, the number of before you in some boarding instruments must be limited to houses or hotels, it is frail inone. What's the matter with deed. a smart looking little jewsharp or harmonica?

So great appears to be the hunger for even a morsel of praise that nearly anything goes. Quantity or quality-it's all the same. Even among the already famous, the craving for more and more, seems unappeased. Blandishments, adulation that, under other circumstances, would be insults, are accepted with apparent pleasure. Good work is entitled to That's understood. But there is always a place to

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she won the trip to Alaska for School in Vancouver. herself and her mother in a name-guessing contest involving a large part of Vancouver and a mythical horse. The idea was to name the horse for a Vancouver automobile agency for advertising purposes.

Lois's idea of a suitable name for the horse, whose wise counsel will direct motorists to condition their cars at Colliers Motors was "Trusty" and now, according to the winner, advertising posters have blossomed all over the city informing drivers that "Trusty says to Collierize."

"It seemed like a name that would inspire confidence, so sent it in," smiled Lois, who has a poise that is unusual in an

Her father, who operates a 5. What is a word beginning metal rustproofing business of with cy that means "disbeliev- his own, brought home the entry ing in the sincerity of human forms and Lois filled hers in immediately and sent it in to the competition headquarters. 1. Say, "He came near win- Her idea won her two roundning the game." 2. Pronounce trip tickets to Ketchikan on the

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winning the game." 2. What is the correct pro-

nunciation of "facade"? Which one of these words is misspelled? Anatomy, anachronism, analize.

What does the word "ob- eleven-year-old. trude" mean?

motives?

ANSWERS

fa-sad, first a as in ask un- Prince Rupert. stressed, second a as in ah, accent second syllable. 3. Analyze. 4. To thrust out; eject. "Those talk the most who observe the least, and obtrude their are sanctioned in eastern cock- have seen into nothing."-Coltail bars, bring on a similar con- ton. 5. Cynical. cession for western beer par-

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In two northern ridings where bad weather delayed the vote

and where fishermen, trappers and lumber workers had been

affected in their daily lives by socialized handling of fish.

furs and forest products the Socialist government lost both

The Government as an employer in Saskatchewan has not

readily raised wages. In socialized industries, unions have

come to new agreements not through negotiation with the

government but through outside conciliation machinery and

These facts speak for themselves - but they raise this ques-

If the Government had completely socialized industry in

Saskatchewan, how free would the workers have been to

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legislature had a working majority of 41 seats.

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socialistic reforms were heavily defeated.

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