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Has Won Gratitude

R. HON. William Lyon Mackenzie King, who has been pilot of the Canadian ship of state longer than any man has piloted parliament in any British country, is going ashore from his last official trip. Whether any other pilot could have brought the Canadian ship through such rough waters will never be known. Although, in serving safely, many Canadians felt that he often sailed too close to the reefs of appeasement, Canada owes Mr. King a great debt for his successful navigation through the shoals of disunity.

No critic could say that he himself could have saved the ship of state from less harm, or left it in any better condition to weather the coming storms, for no one but Mr. King knows all of the risks which he had to take nor all of the reasons for the courses he steered.

Whatever history may make of his achievements and mistakes, this it must record, he was a statesman of wide knowledge and considerable gifts of diplomacy, a leader with a vision of Canada's part in preparing the way for peace, a man of fine character whose concern for human betterment should inspire Canadians to devote themselves to the common good.

Canada will remember Mr. King as an able statesman, a worthy Prime Minister, and a great Canadian. All good Canadians wish him many years of health and happiness in the continuing service which he cannot fail to render to his country as a historian and wise counsellor.

FREE OR CONTROLLED JOBS

MOST CANADIANS want an economic condition within which every dollar is an earned dollar and all health, pension and welfare benefits are derived from self-sustaining contributory funds.

Although people everywhere are seeking the greatest gain from the least effort, Canadians generally realize that in the long run they must earn by personal contribution what they get in goods and services.

What Canadians want politically, in our opinion, is a state of freedom to effect democratic reforms which will provide individuals with the greatest possible number of opportunities, and to confine privilege to the minimum necessary to maintain a democratic government in a competitive economy.

Liberalism does not belong to any one political party, but it is essential to any political party which believes in a democratic, competitive economy which is free and automatic in making myriads of evolutionary adjustments. Liberalism cannot live in a party which believes in a planned and controlled economy in which adjustments are made arbitrarily.

In a Liberal democracy all jobs, except those of the least possible number of civil servants, are personal jobs, chosen or changed by individuals at will. Socialism, in a socialistic democracy, if democracy can be preserved in a socialistic economy, is a state operation in which every job is a government job or a controlled job, to which individuals are directed.

—The Scene from SHINAWAUK FARM.

POLITICS AND H. C. L.

THE COST OF LIVING in the United States keeps climbing, and what is happening invites the careful study of Republicans and Democrats, as their leaders endeavor to give reasons why Governor Dewey or Mr. Truman should dwell in the White House.

Inflation took another upward step across the border last week. Steel workers demanded more money. Today they are drawing in excess of \$1.60 an hour. That's going to hit the average family man. Indirectly it will mean the paying out of more cash for most of the things that go to support and help maintain a family. It is this that interests the head of the house. And this may have a bearing on how he votes. The same goes for Canada.

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EARLY PIONEER REVISITS CITY FINDS IT DEVELOPING NICELY

One of Prince Rupert's earliest pioneers, who first came to Kaien Island in 1905, revisited the city this week and found it far removed from the wilderness that greeted him and the Grand Trunk Pacific townsite planners 43 years ago.

Jean Wacker, 70-year old founder of Wacker,

Alaska, which claims Ketchikan as a suburb, does not think that he will pioneer any new territory until his past projects bloom into cities rivaling New York and San Francisco. This, he thinks, is entirely possible.

Mr. Wacker has been here for the last week visiting friends and he thinks that Prince Rupert, which he first knew as a gleam in a group of idealists' eyes, has justified their early faith. "It's going to be a big city, maybe even bigger than Wacker, Alaska," he says.

Mr. Wacker arrived on Kaien Island first as a special constable for the B.C. provincial police and recalls vividly that his first duty was to take a group of Metlakatla natives to Port Essington for trial because they had defied the G.T.P.'s exclusive claim to Kaien Island and had attempted to re-establish their own claim by moving across the harbor. They received small fines from the magistrate and were sent back, docile enough, to the Holy City.

Moving north, he settled on Revilligiedo Island and opened up the townsite of Wacker which saw some development but languished mainly because somebody else decided that Ketchikan had better prospects. This upset Mr. Wacker somewhat but did not diminish his faith in his chosen spot in the slightest. That 40-year faith has now apparently, been justified.

"I am glad to learn that Prince Rupert has got its celanese mill because it makes me feel that I was right on two counts," said this short, energetic man happily. "Wacker, Alaska, has a pulp mill, too."

Wacker's mill is to be a paper mill belonging to the Puget Sound Pulp and Paper Co. and now is in the first stages of development. It probably will begin construction and get into production about the same time as the Columbia Cellulose mill at Watson Island.

"It is good to see two of your babies turn out to be strong, healthy men," he chuckled.

He sailed back to Wacker, Alaska, via Ketchikan, last night with an earnest promise to keep an eye on his growing southern youngster.

Mr. Wacker remembers many of the early Port Essington pioneers, among them George Frizell, George Cunningham and Canon Rushbrook. He recalled the old times with the latter while on his visit here.

PRINTING PRESS FRAGRANCE STAYS

OKLAHOMA CITY — A full page advertisement for a new perfume appeared recently in the daily Oklahoman and Times, and, as a feature, the paper bore the pleasant fragrance of the advertisement. Forty five pounds of the essence had been dumped into the presses. The page advertisement only ran for a few issues and the space is now filled by others. But the perfume lingers on. It may be there for weeks, no matter who or what is advertising.

Premier Mine May Re-Open

All the men laid off at the Premier Mine closing have not left the Portland Canal area. Quite a few are still at Stewart awaiting. The impression appears to be prevailing that the mine will reopen, but just how soon, or under what conditions or circumstances remains uncertain. A few of the men are being retained.

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Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your space.
MRS. FEERO.

EXPORT-HOSIERY
Canadian full-fashioned hosiery was exported to 49 different countries in 1947.

CFPR Radio Dial
1240 Kilocycles
(Subject to change)
THURSDAY—P.M.
4:00—Tony the Troubadour
4:15—Stock Quotations and Interlude
4:30—Wally Wiekon
4:45—Stories of Adventure (Wpg.)
5:00—The Happy Time
5:30—Canadian Caravan
5:45—Platter Parade
6:00—People Ask
6:15—Freddie Martin's Orch.
6:30—Musical Varieties
6:45—Smoke Rings
7:00—CBC News
7:15—Odd Spot, Mt.
7:30—Eventide
8:00—The Mighty Fraser
8:30—The Nation's Business

8:45—Sports Review
9:00—Ernie Adams Show
9:30—Vancouver Theatre.
10:00—CBC News
10:10—B.C. News
10:15—Points of View
10:30—Nocturne
11:00—Fish Arrivals
11:05—Weather and Sign Off
FRIDAY—A.M.
7:30—Musical Clock
8:00—CBC News
8:15—Morning Song
8:30—Music for Moderns
8:45—Little Concert
9:00—BBC NEWS
9:15—Morning Devotions
9:30—Transcribed Melodies
9:45—Modern Musicians
9:59—Time Signal
10:00—Morning Visit
10:15—Morning Melodies
10:30—Round-up Time
10:45—Scandinavian Melodies
11:00—Bernie Braden Tells a Story
11:15—Hit Songs of Yesterday

Reminiscences and Reflections

Published statements about a government closing the fiscal year with a surplus of \$4 billion dollars leaves us positively cold. So do the remarks of an astronomer defining the distance between planets. It's far more pleasant and understandable to hear of the year's catch of halibut or the bushel yield of wheat per acre. You can get your teeth into that.

Despite wars, crisis after crisis, prolonged austerity, financial stress, restricted markets, property losses, bereavements, England still has the same old class distinctions, says a London correspondent. There is nothing surprising in that. For it's everywhere. People are pretty much the same wherever you find them. And that does not mean a dead level.

Already, whispers of "ghost town" are heard when Stewart is mentioned in connection with the Premier Mine shut down. Forget it! Even admitting the gravity of a sudden ceasing of an industry that gave a good living to hundreds for 30 years, and has not yet played out by a darnsight, one cannot picture Stewart silent and deserted. The camp is not built that way.

Prince Rupert has had all kinds of publicity in the last 35 years but none has been more satisfying than the sale of Columbia cellulose bonds. This is a new type of advertising for the city, for it means future work and wages on a major scale, the year round, and a gratifying public confidence.

Damage actions are being launched by victims of the Fraser River flood. Litigation may be necessary and justified. To be washed out of house and home, and then saddled with a lawsuit is about all the grief one can accommodate, say, in one summer.

Until you've eaten a meat casserole out of a Dutch oven you haven't really eaten, says Penny Wise, in urging that the homebuilder be sure to have a Dutch oven, a vital part of house construction. There are more Dutch settlers in Skeena and more are coming. A tip to remember!

An Important Announcement from B.C. Hospital Insurance Service To All Residents of British Columbia

It is the aim of the Provincial Government, through the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service, to provide British Columbia citizens with necessary general hospital care at premiums which everybody will be able to afford. The Plan also provides for the establishment of hospitals on a sound financial basis and is the first step towards creating better health facilities for British Columbia. The Hospital Insurance Act states that all residents of British Columbia will participate in the Government-sponsored plan.

TIME OF REGISTRATION
Registration is compulsory and will begin early in August.

PREMIUMS
\$15.00 per annum for single persons 16 years of age and over who are supporting themselves financially.
\$24.00 per annum for Head of a family with one dependent.
\$36.00 per annum for Head of a family with more than one dependent.

DEPENDENTS—A wife, and children under 16 years of age or other members of a family group living with or apart from the Head of a family for whom he is financially responsible. Further details are provided with registration forms.

BENEFITS
Public Ward Accommodation, Meals and Special Diets, Ward Nursing Care, Operating Room Facilities, Surgical Dressings and Casts, Available X-ray Service, Available Laboratory Service, Available Physio-Therapy, Approved Drugs.
Hospital Maternity Care without a waiting period.
No restrictions on the number of times or extent of time that may be spent in hospital, so long as hospitalization is necessary.
Hospital Benefits will be available in the case of illness pre-existing the date when the Plan comes into effect.
Payment to Hospitals will be based on Hospital costs of public ward accommodation and services.

REGISTRATION AND PREMIUM PAYMENTS
Registration and payment of premiums may be carried out:
(a) by individuals,
(b) as a group,
(c) with the co-operation of Management.
Arrangements will be made for registration and payment of premiums under group plans, sponsored by either employees themselves or with the assistance of Management.

METHOD OF PAYMENTS
Payment may be made by one of the following ways:
(a) Payment in full; (b) equal monthly installments between October and March for coverage for the full year 1949. This is intended to help those persons who cannot pay the premiums at one time.

EXEMPTIONS
All Insurance Companies, Associations and Societies providing Hospital Insurance coverage in British Columbia and persons subscribing to such plans are advised that under Section 1, subsection 1 of the Hospital Insurance Act, persons may be exempt from payment of premiums by the Commissioner, only where benefits to Beneficiaries and payments to hospitals are at least equivalent to those provided under the Act.
Unless specifically exempted by the Commissioner, persons subscribing to other Hospital Insurance Plans will still be required to pay premiums under the Government Plan. To avoid such a possibility subscribers to other plans should obtain assurance from their particular Company or Association that the conditions providing for exemptions under the Government Plan will be met. Insurance Companies, Associations and Societies intending to meet the above conditions are invited to submit all necessary details to the Commissioner, Hospital Insurance Service, Parliament Buildings, Victoria. Exemptions other than that outlined above are as follows:
(a) Residents of an area where provision of general hospital service is not practicable.
(b) Adherents or members in good standing of the Christian Science Church.

J. M. HERSHEY, M.D.,
Commissioner

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