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ALBERTA NEXT

WITH the Quebec election over, political eyes will be turning to Alberta's general provincial election. There are signs that the Social Credit Party has lost some of its hold on the Province and internal dissension has added to its troubles but, in spite of this, there are few who predict the defeat of the Manning Government.

Created as a province in September 1905, Alberta had a Liberal government for 16 years, a United Farmers of Alberta government for 14 years and the Social Credit government has ruled for the 13 years since 1935.

The Progressive Conservative Party has withdrawn from provincial affairs in Alberta but it is generally believed that the Party supporters will vote "independent." The independents are expected to have about twenty candidates for the sixty seats in the legislature.

The Liberals will contest at least 50 seats and profess some hope of defeating the government.

The C.C.F. socialists' prospects are difficult to assess. After their heavy loss of rural seats in Saskatchewan (they lost 16) they are not expected to make any inroads in the 50 seats outside of Calgary and Edmonton.

CANADIANS 'DUMB'

CANADA has entered the greatest economic crisis in her history, but her closest friends, the Americans, do not appreciate its gravity because Canadians are the "dumbest" of all civilized peoples in making known the affairs of their nation to the world. So declares Bruce Hutchison, associate editor of the Winnipeg Free Press, in The Reader's Digest for August. "I use the word 'dumb' in its original sense," Hutchison says. "Our tongues are tied. When it comes to telling the world about our Canadian civilization, we are a society of mutes."

Canada's crisis, according to Hutchison's article, condensed from the American Mercury, is the result of European nations' inability to buy Canadian goods as in the past. Canada formerly exported much more to Europe than she imported from Europe. With the revenue from these exports she bought from America most of the goods she needed for industrial expansion and for maintaining a living standard second only to that of the U.S. Now, with European markets for her exports cut off, Canada is unable to pay for U.S. imports on the former scale. Seeing the threat of bankruptcy, she has already clamped an embargo on U.S. imports and arranged her first American loan.

As the strategic land mass between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, Canada is more important to America than any country in the world, Hutchison says. Canada's present crisis will damage American industry, which has long counted Canada as its best customer.

An expansion of American markets for Canadian goods is imperative, Hutchison contends. A reciprocal tariff plan between the two countries is also urged, though the author emphasizes that an exclusive customs union would mean "inheriting American tariffs against the world and would transfer Canada's economic sovereignty from Ottawa to Washington."

BEST FIVE CENTS WORTH

NEWSPRINT, which has been gradually increasing in price, is costing well over \$100 a ton today after sales tax and other incidentals are taken into consideration. There has just been a jump of \$4. Effective in August, it will be \$99 a ton at the mill.

Everything entering into the production of newspapers has become subject to larger outlays. This has been going on for years now. Services, labor, material, correspondence—everywhere, in one way or another, the greater the outlay.

The press is a necessity. Despite all that is said about radio and other forms of quick communication, the press, more than ever before, is a vital requirement. The newspaper is sold to you on the street, and is read in the air, on trains and boats and in busses. It is delivered to your home address in the city, or anywhere else. Five cents buys precious little, these days. But, if there is any article of trade that gives you more, for less money, it is not far fetched to suggest that the daily newspaper is entitled to, at least, honorable mention.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

A penalty of 5% will be added to all taxes remaining unpaid at August 1st.

Final date for payment is SATURDAY, JULY 31st.

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NICKNAMED NOTABLES

"Vermin" Bevan is Latest of Crowd in Britain

By JAMES MCCOOK
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (C)—"Song-in-the-heart" Dalton and "Bootless" Wilson have a new companion in the company of nicknamed notables. He is "Vermin" Bevan. Other veteran members are "Tinker's Cuss" Shinwell and "Bathless" Gaitskill.

The granting of unappreciated titles to public figures has been a British custom since Parliament began. Nowadays nicknames are advertised and sometimes invented by music hall comedians and light BBC programs. In the Commons, references to boots, rats, tinkers, songs and baths are all invested with a special meaning every member remembers.

Dalton, when Chancellor of the Exchequer, spoke of facing Britain's financial future with a song in his heart. Soon afterwards, the economic crisis struck with full force, new austerity was imposed and overseas buying curtailed. The Chancellor's heart song became a dirge in the alert memories of his political opponents.

Wilson, as president of the Board of Trade, in a moment of oratory, spoke of difficult days before labor came to power and cited the tragedy of barefooted schoolchildren in his north of England schooldays. Said children, now of man's estate, denied they were ever shoeless and Wilson, in a published letter, indicated he was sorry about the whole thing.

Fuel Minister Gaitskill, appealing for economy in the use of fuel, said he had found he could get along with fewer baths and thus cut down coal consumption. He has since made plain in the Commons that the subject of baths wears him excessively.

War Minister Shinwell, former fuel minister, was quoted as saying before a Margate meeting:

"We know the organized workers of the country are our friends . . . as for the rest, they don't matter a tinker's cuss."

Prime Minister Attlee later told the Commons Shinwell asked him to explain he did not want



"Now, don't get impatient. None of her other dates do."

to leave the impression he would ignore the views and interests of others in the country. But one night "Tinker's Palace" was painted on the wall before Shinwell's house in letters 18 inches high.

Last to win a "title" was Health Minister Bevan who said in a recent speech, "so far as I am concerned the Tories are lower than vermin."

The Conservatives now ask him whether he really wants the help of "vermin" in making a success of the national health and other programs in which universal co-operation is desirable.

Tells About Navy Life

An autobiography by Jack McRae, which incorporated interesting highlights of his wartime career as a navy officer, comprised the entertainment program at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club at the Broadway Cafe Thursday afternoon. Guests at the meeting, welcomed by club president D. C. Stevenson, were R. A. Fraser, Vancouver, Capt. J. L. Stuart, Toronto and Jack Marchant, Prince Rupert.

You saw it in the Daily News!

ROTARY GIVES \$250 TO CITY BOY SCOUTS

A \$250 donation to the Prince Rupert Boy Scout's Association was authorized by the Rotary Club Thursday at its weekly luncheon meeting. The grant was made at request of District Boy Scout Commissioner F. E. Anfield to advance scouting in the city. One of the projects of the Scouts is a proposed series of camps at Digby Island this summer.

There is a possibility, too, that the Rotary Club may take over sponsorship of the Boy Scout and Wolf Club groups in the city. Of three recommended projects which club members will vote on next week, one is a proposal made by Mr. Anfield that the club take over such sponsorship.

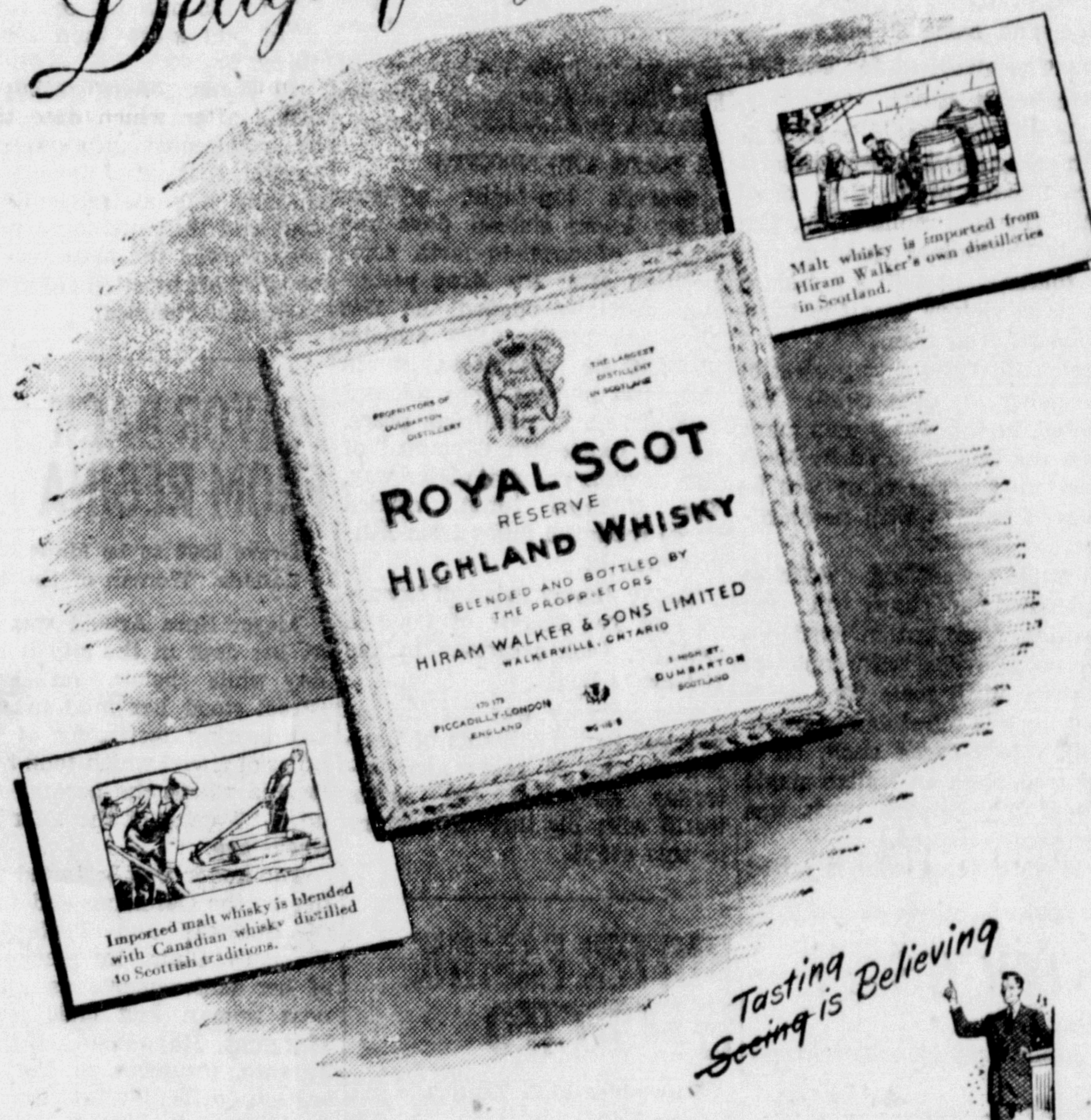
Other proposed projects are the improvement of Roosevelt Park, suggested by P. H. Linzey and providing financial aid for needy students, proposed by Robert McKay.

The three proposals were selected by the club directors from 15 suggestions for club projects for the coming year.

BURNS MEET GOES "WET" STIRLING, Scotland (C)—During debate on whether the (Robert) Burns Federation should go "wet" or stay "dry," one member said: "The national bard's memory could be revered in water. His halo would be just as bright as if whiskey were used. But the federation meeting here, voted "wet."

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