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Time to Use Rupert

THE Minister of External Affairs, Hon L. B. Pearson, has stated in the House of Commons that early restoration of trans-Pacific traffic will stimulate the economic well-being of Western Canada. Recent developments suggest that the Minister's announcement was not at all premature.

When the builders of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway planned the line, they saw a wide extension of Canada's transportation system both land and sea. Advantages in northerly routing in Asiatic trade had already been long demonstrated in the ports of the south coast. The coming of a new deep sea centre was looked forward to with live interest for, it was reasoned, its effect should be direct.

All this was forty years ago. With the exception of a few ships loading wheat about the time the elevator stood completed, the situation has remained unchanged.

The Grand Trunk Pacific was built to what was to become a new ocean centre that would take its place in world travel and commerce. In forty years it has become nothing of the sort. The course of shipping has remained the same as it always has, precisely the same as if Rupert had never been heard of.

The old Prince Rupert has vanished. A new, a busy and an alert Prince Rupert carries on, with faith and pride. Local growth is rapid, and today's community tone is not one of endless patience. Making use of Prince Rupert as one of Canada's most important transcontinental terminals should be something for continued aggressive study.

CHINA SAVES FACE

ANGUS WARD, the United States consul general to Mukden, is being released, even though convicted by the "People Court" of Soviet China on an assault charge, and is being deported from China. At least, he is presumably safe and will be yielded up, whether or not the disposition of the case may be to the satisfaction of the American government. The Communist government of China, suspected of being puppet to Soviet Russia, has also saved face.

The important thing is that the tenseness of a challenging incident has been lessened. Possibly, it was merely a draw in one round of the widespread cold war which so long now has come to be one crisis after another such as this.

MR. GORDON'S JOB

THE appointment of Donald Gordon as chairman of the board and president of the Canadian National Railways is not a reflection on the excellent services of retiring President R. C. Vaughan. Mr. Vaughan's record is one of triumph over the unprecedented and unequalled difficulties of operating North America's greatest railroad as a vital war service. His outstanding achievement will remain a monument to his great ability and unspiring devotion to duty.

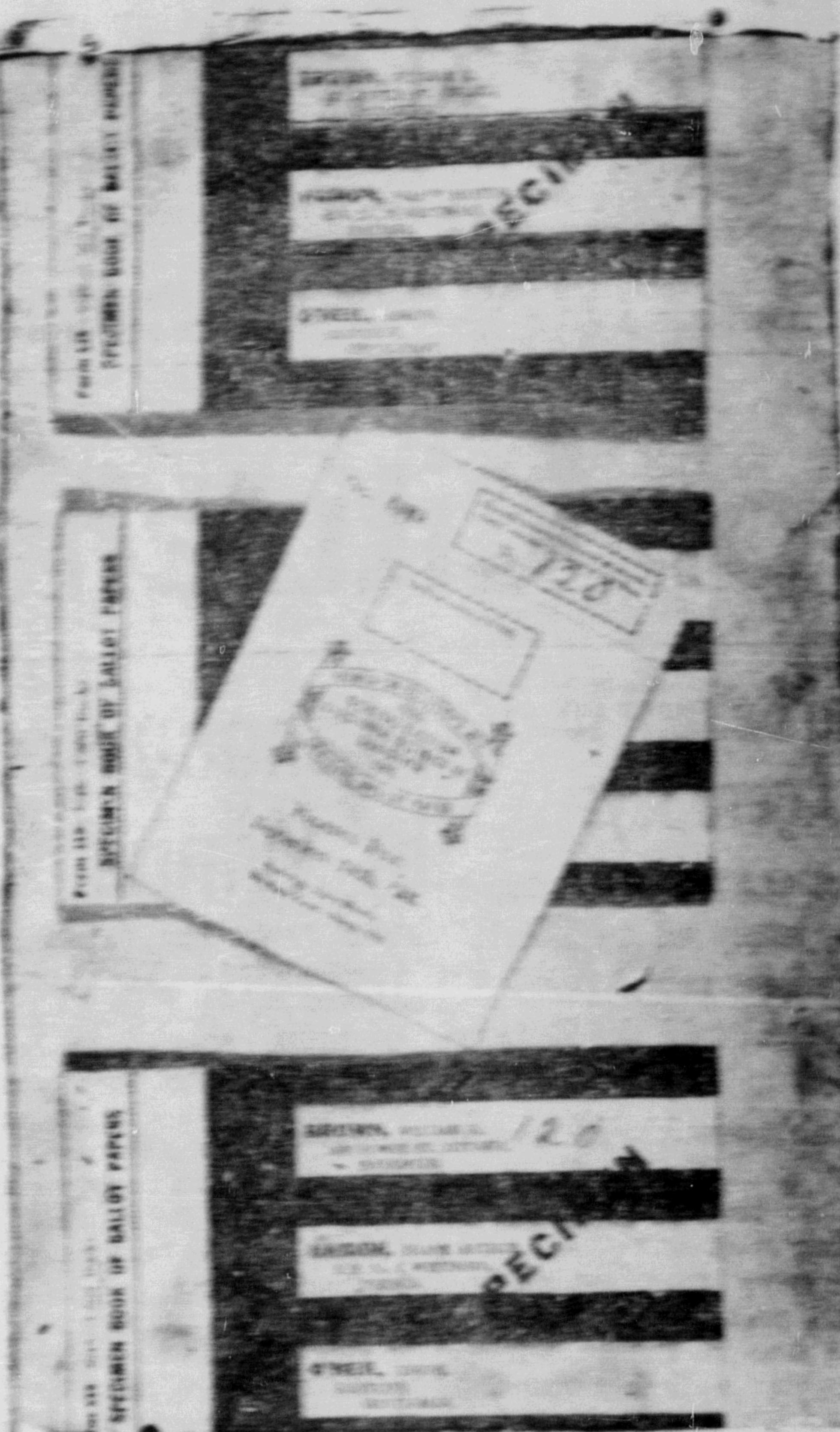
The operating efficiency of the Canadian National Railways has been established and will be maintained by the capable executives and personnel who staff its divisions and departments. The co-ordination of their work will be Mr. Gordon's task and he will also be expected to keep up with the demands of Canada's development and expansion.

MARITIME REPORT

PRINCE Rupert takes a keen interest in the report of John V. Clyne, chairman of the Maritime Commission of Canada and himself a former Prince Rupert man, on the matter of shipping and shipbuilding in Canada. From the standpoint of shipbuilding, it is not a very encouraging document, nor from the standpoint of the operation of ships and the employment of seamen.

It is to be noted, however, that Mr. Clyne recommends a "small and efficient" Canadian merchant fleet. He also advocates that this country keep its shipping and shipbuilding industries on a sound nucleus basis for sudden expansion if needed in case of emergency.

Prince Rupert dry dock would be, doubtless, one of the plants to be kept in such readiness.



BALLOT TROUBLE—This photo shows how the secrecy of the ballot was innocently violated last June. In 490 cases, officials said in a report tabled in the Commons at Ottawa, small "carbon copy" numerals appeared on the ballots.

STEPHEN KING MARRIES AGAIN

Word has been received in the city of the recent marriage in Victoria, following a trip to England of Stephen King, former well known Prince Rupert business man. The bride was a former nurse at Shaughnessy Military Hospital in Vancouver. Capt. W. J. Thomas, also formerly of Prince Rupert, was groomsman. Mr. and Mrs. King have taken up residence at Ganis in the Gulf Islands.

WOMEN OF MOOSE DANCE ENJOYED

Approximately 300 people attended the last Women of the Moose dance held in the Oddfellows' Hall. Music was supplied by the Dukes orchestra. Two committees of the organization the hospital guild with Mrs. E. Blair as chairman and the home making committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. R. B. Skinner, were responsible for the evening's success. They also served refreshments.



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The Curriculum

This is the first of a series on the courses taught at Booth Memorial High School setting out what the school is doing.

English

English is the one subject in the curriculum requiring five periods a week that is compulsory for all grades. In a sense all courses in the school are English courses and all teachers, teachers of English, since all studies are necessarily concerned with expression. Expression is the prime objective of

English, to teach the student how to speak and write clearly and convincingly. The Department of Education divides the course into two main divisions: language and literature.

Language includes those topics most directly concerned with the student's activity: spelling, grammar, composition, vocabulary. Literature embraces what has already been produced in prose, poetry and drama.

Grammar is presented as the rules and regulations governing a language. Being able to drive a car and having a license are not enough, a person must also know the traffic regulations, otherwise violations may be incurred unintentionally. The price of ignorance may be a fine or imprisonment. Similarly the price of a lack of grammatical rules may be failure to make the impression a student hopes for because strangers will judge him by his language—oral or written. Grammar is studied for one purpose: to insure correct usage which can only be established through practice. The principle of practice is as important in English as it is in type-writing or in basketball.

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