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### It's In The Blood

ONCE again the Canadian Red Cross Society is making its appeal for human blood to be used in saving human life. This month the blood donor campaign will again be held in Prince Rupert and the good people of the city will, doubtless, be as ready in responding as they were last year.

Ever since August 13, 1652, when Florentine Physician Francesco Folli claimed to have transferred the blood from one animal to another, man has toyed with the idea of transferring blood to human beings. Accunts of the experiments of Sir Christopher Wren, Richard Lower, Edmund King and Thomas Cox were published in a Royal Society magazine in 1666, but credit was given by the same publication a year later to Jean Denys Montpelier for the first transfusion of blood into a human being. These early transfusions were blood from a lamb or calf into human beings and soon fell into disrepute.

It was not until 1835 that interest was again aroused in the subject. It was found the main difficulty was clotting of the blood during transfer. By 1835 fibrin, the clot forming substance, was removed from the blood and defibrinated blood was used thereafter. By 1875 physicians were skeptical of the value of the treatment and again abandoned it.

In 1907 Crile, an American, was successful in making a transfusion direct from the artery of the donor to the vein of the recipient. But even then results were not what had been hoped for and many patients died. It was as late as 1910 the Scandinavian Jansky discovered a person could receive blood only from selected donors.

The discovery that finally made blood transfusion a reasonable practice was that by the American Moss in 1910 that human blood could be classified into four groups, only one of which could, with any degree of safety, be used in everyone. Even then the clotting of blood was a stumbling block except for direct transfusion. The discovery of sodium citrate as an anti-coagulant in 1914 finally brought transfusion into common practice and methods were developed during the first world war.

Shortly after the end of that war it was discovered that plasma, the medium of transport of red and white corpuscles, the same in all blood types, could be used effectively in the treatment of shock. The chief effect of shock is dehydration of the blood through excessive sweating or secretion of the kidneys. Plasma returns to the blood stream a fluid with the exact proportion of water, salt, protein and other materials as in the blood. In cases involving great loss of blood, whole blood is needed for a successful transfusion.

Modern methods of blood storage allow whole blood and plasma to be stored in banks and to be available on call. During the second world war these reserves of blood and plasma were responsible for saving the lives of thousands of military personnel and civilians alike.

Since the end of the war the Canadian Red Cross Society decided that, if blood banks were of such great service during the war, they would be of equally great service in peacetime. Working on that assumption, the B.C. division continued the blood banks after the end of the war to provide free blood for transfusions to emergency cases in hospitals. The plan was so successful that it has now been adopted throughout Canada. Many lives have been saved through having available a blood supply, and many stays in hospital have been shortened because a blood transfusion pushed the patient that much more quickly toward complete recovery.

The call is urgent. Your blood may be the means of saving a friend's life. Who knows?—It might even be your blood that saves your life.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY  
"For me to live is Christ."—Phil. 1: 21.

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As I See It

### By ELMORE PHILPOTT PENSIONS TOO LOW

SOONER OR LATER the federal government will be forced to face the emergency now upon us—the relationship between rising prices and income fixed years ago.

The war veterans' organizations across Canada are only the first of many to formulate demands for pensions raised into line with 1950 price levels. They point out that Canadian pension scales were fixed immediately after the first world war, when the dollar bought at least twice as much as it does now.

But the war veterans and their widows are no worse off than retired school teachers, civil servants, or private individuals who had saved up a little nest egg sufficient to keep them in their declining years.

AS THE GAP BETWEEN prices and pensions, annuities, and other forms of dollar income is directly due to government actions the government itself has a moral obligation to do either one of two things:

Either to get prices down, by putting back the wartime system of controls, or

To raise all pensions and superannuation grants into line with present prices.

UNLESS THIS ISSUE IS squarely faced we are headed for a major crisis in Canada. Take the case of milk, or beef.

The Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association shows that from January 1947 to January 1950 the retail price of milk was increased twice. But the per capita consumption of milk DECREASED by 19.49 percent—that is, almost exactly one-fifth.

The people simply cannot buy the necessities of life for their children with the widening gap between incomes and prices.

A formerly prosperous meat dealer in interior B.C. told me the other day he was just about "broke" because of decreased sales volume. The people just can't pay the prices.

IT SEEMS TO ME that a clear distinction must be made between price-fixing arrangements designed to hold prices down and those designed to keep them up.

In many parts of Canada (such as in Vancouver re milk) we have regulations which prevent sales except at fixed prices, and by prescribed channels.

But if such necessities can be sold cheaper by cash-and-carry methods—why say "no?"

The farmer too is entitled to a fair return for his work. But surely the basis of "floor prices" is unsound if the floor is placed so high that the people can't buy the farmer's goods.

I LOOK FOR THE DAY when the whole job of the farmer will be to produce good food; for which he will be paid a fair government-guaranteed price, cash-on-delivery to railhead. He will be relieved entirely of all worries re distribution. The laws of the land will say how this is to be done—and by whom and at what prices. The aim would be to get total distribution—even if fruit,



NEW PRESIDENT — Professor Andrew Stewart has been appointed president of the University of Alberta. He was dean of business affairs at the university before his appointment and succeeds Dr. Robert Newton, who retired. (CP Photo)

### Johannesburg Man Visitor

Visitor here from far-off Johannesburg, South Africa, is J. R. Banks. He arrived last week in the course of a tour of Canada. Mr. Banks is a veteran of the South African War and is interested in meeting local veterans of that campaign.

Jack Place of the Department of Labor, after spending a few days in the city, sailed last evening on the Coquitlam for Alice Arm where he will supervise a strike vote being taken at the Torbrit mine. Mr. Place, before his appointment to the Department of Labor, was for years a well known Socialist, M.L.A. for Nanaimo.

Lieut. Mary Robson of Winnipeg, who has been teaching the Salvation Army school at Canyon City on the Naas River for the past year has left for Glen Vowell near Hazelton to teach there. Lieut. Bertha Gordon has arrived from Saskatoon to be stationed at Canyon City.

etc., had to be given away in years of great plenty.

In this way the farmer would never be penalized, for having produced too much. Nor would the consumer be made the goat.

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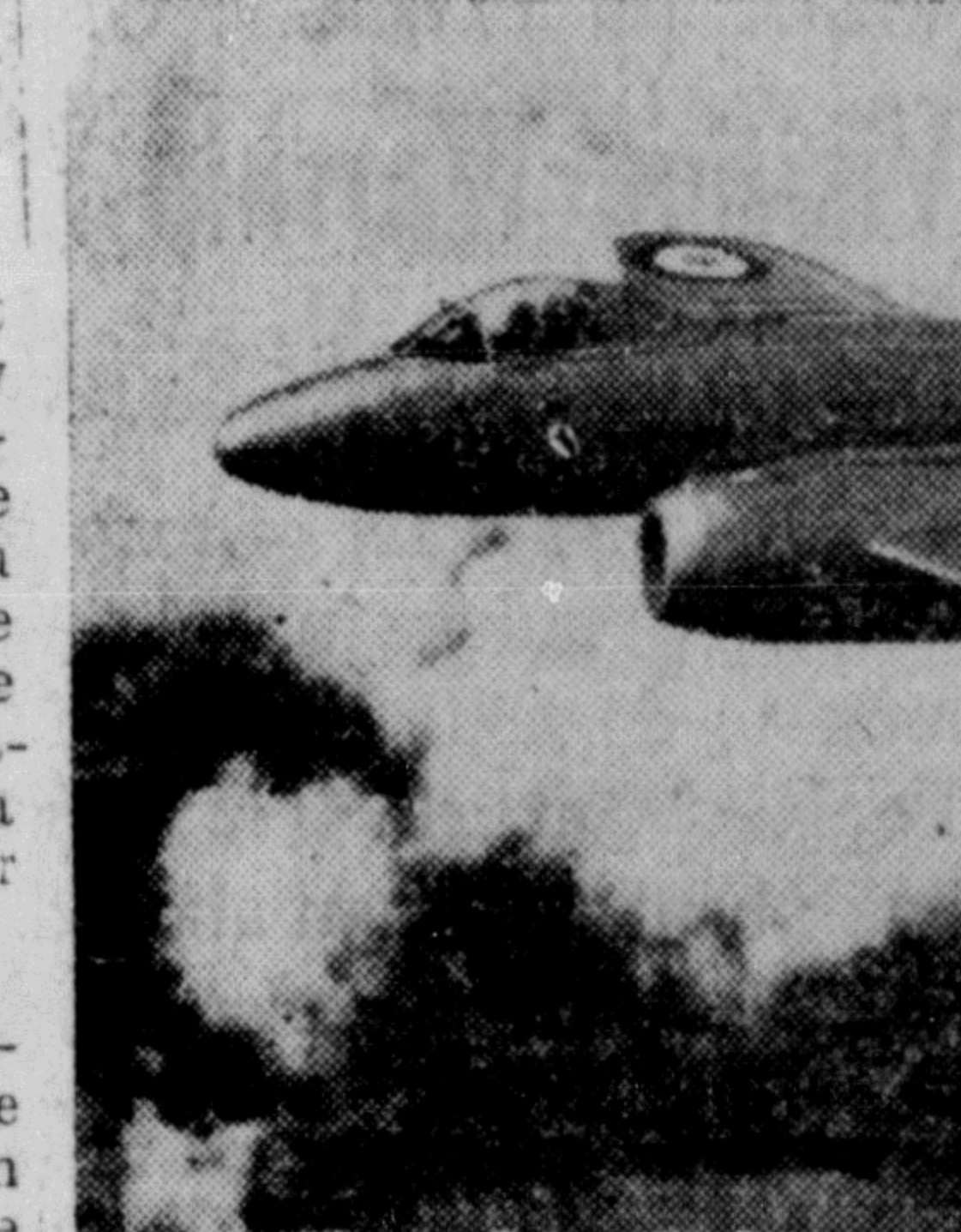
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### Ray Reflects and Reminisces

The ground immediately west of the museum has resembled a small hayfield for years, but a change is coming, swift and sure. The area will be changed into lawns and in due time, brightened with seasonable blooms. It must be twenty years, if not longer, since that elderly gardener Mr. E. vanGastel toiled valiantly on that piece of stubborn soil. He was just a shade premature, and his reward came in picturing water, and more fragrant days. Others were also interested in the ground but, unlike van Gastel, they had offices and were called real estate men.

Dollar haircuts in Alaska were more or less cheerfully paid until the charge was hoisted to \$1.25. And today, according to local advice the cost has been shot to \$1.50. On the whole, they appear to know their onions in Alaska. Latest scale for waitresses \$8.50 a day, bellboys \$7.50, hotel clerks \$10.50, and cooks \$14.

There is something about the Navy Blue that causes a town to "step out" The same might be said of a soldier or flier, though



WONDER PLANE — British aviation experts have tabbed this aircraft as a "wonder plane." It is a Gloster Meteor fighter, which, for experimental purposes, has been equipped with two Sappaire turbo-jet engines. Although performance details are on the secret list, its designers say it has about the same power as four engines in a Superfortress or a Stratocruiser. This is a Royal Air Force photo. (CP Photo)

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perhaps in a modified form. Yes, there's a liking for the breezy boys in the bell-bottomed breeks. Sailors can be found, practically throughout the globe who have a pretty fair notion of how long they would like to remain here, and the belief is Prince Rupert is permanently popular.

"I got a laugh out of Twenty Five Years ago" remarked a pioneer wife the other evening: "You see it told about a ball game, and a fellow who pretended to know something about it. His bluff didn't work. He asked what he was supposed to do and was told to hit the ball and run like h--l. But he ran too fast and too far. How it all came back to me." And then sounded another peal of mirth.

A few more weeks shall roll—then standard time, then thanksgiving, then armistice, then frost—which is as far as one cares to go, at present.

President Truman is said to be now endowed with more power than his predecessor ever was. When the surprise of his life came to him on his ascendency to the Presidency he confessed he doubted if he could ever manage to hold office, and there were many who encouraged him in the belief. But he has succeeded in getting bravely over the attack.

### St. John Brigade Meet Deferred

The small turn-out at the St. John Ambulance Brigade meeting at the fire hall Friday night proved insufficient to get the brigade in action. There will be another meeting a week from this Friday when it is hoped to have a better representation. The brigade is open to membership to those holding St. John's first aid certificates. A course of instruction in first aid will be started early next month.

Frank Skinner, general agent here for the Union Steamships Ltd., sailed last night on the Comosun for a three weeks' vacation trip to Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo and Seattle. Leslie Smith arrived from Vancouver on the Comosun yesterday afternoon to relieve here during Mr. Skinner's absence.

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