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More Austerity

IN THE DESPERATE EFFORT to increase production for export so the nation's credit abroad may be bolstered and the economic crisis weathered, Britons will have to face even more austerity. However, the measures, as announced yesterday by Prime Minister Attlee, were no more drastic than might have been expected.

In view of what Mr. Churchill said, it may be anticipated the new program will be adopted and put into effect with a minimum of delay.

Britons will have to go without some more things, the principal new economies being in social service, education, administrative and public works costs. The essentials of living, it appears, have been left alone as much as possible.

Thankful, can we again consider ourselves in this pleasant land of Canada when we compare the lot of old Britain where even a benign government is forced to extending measures of stringency.

MR. NEHRU SPEAKS

THE RESULTS have demonstrated, as Prime Minister Nehru referred to in his speech at Ottawa, of the new spirit that exists between India and Britain in the changed set-up of independence within the Commonwealth. 'If nothing else, the era of peace that has prevailed of recent months in that long strife-ridden land has illustrated it.

Mr. Nehru also spoke of the new India's desire to have no entangling alliances with any nations but to be in peaceful and friendly relations with all.

Mr. Nehru's visit to Canada should further strengthen that spirit of international friendship toward which he strives. Much interest is being taken in his visit and he is making an excellent impression.

THE BY-ELECTIONS

THE EIGHT FEDERAL by-elections went differently than some might have expected. Four again elected Liberals and the other four showed independence of the government. It was not to be expected that any of the Liberal seats would change particularly after a general election which had such spectacularly sweeping outcome in favor of the government party. In the one Ontario seat, the Progressive-Conservative majority had been small—163—in the general election, but the opposition party, with an outstanding candidate, increased this substantially. The electors showed no inclination to get on the bandwagon but an attitude of favoring stronger opposition.

THE NEW GOLD RUSH

THE ALASKAN GOLD STRIKE is attracting interest in Prince Rupert, as well as everywhere else on the coast or even further away.

Getting there today, is by air. That's the only way if it's speed you need. If the excitement amounts to anything, all who manage to reach there will not, of course, travel by plane. With a boom on, they will just go.

This strike is different from the 1898 stampede. For one thing, it's in Alaska.

Reports said that at a point between Fort Yukon and Circle, a man who followed fishing, made a placer strike. It became known and has resulted already in a tent town and crowded aeroplanes arriving at all hours.

It is understood that claims are being staked, but not much development work will be pushed until later in the season. The thing today is to stake ground.

Old timers in Prince Rupert who were through the Klondyke evince a keen interest in what's going on. Some say they are not surprised. Today, however, they face handicaps that forbid hitting the trail again.

I'm too old. If I were fifteen or twenty years younger, I'd be on the way. That appears to be how so many of them feel.



OLDEST WOMAN?—Probably the oldest woman in Canada is Mrs. Isabella Sharrow of North Bay who this week celebrated her 110th birthday. Mrs. Sharrow has been in hospital for more than two years under treatment for a hip injury. Nurse Colleen McMahon gives the frail woman a helping hand as she poses for this birthday photo. (CP Photo)

Victoria Report

... by J. K. Nesbitt

Highway Opening to be Red Letter Day—Down But Not Beaten

Premier Johnson and his cabinet can hardly wait for November 2. They are praying for fine weather. That day the much talked of, long delayed Hope-Princeton Highway will be opened to traffic. The rich Okanagan Valley will be brought within six or eight hours driving of Vancouver.

The Premier will cut a silken tape across the highway at Allison Pass while more than 2,000 persons look on. An honored guest will be John Hart, who was Premier when the first contract for the road was let four years ago. Another will be T. D. Pattullo, the only other living ex-Premier, who would have liked to start the road when he was government boss but never could because government tills weren't bulging in those days as they have been in recent years.

November 2 will be a double red letter day for Public Works Minister E. C. Carson. It will be his twenty-eighth wedding anniversary. No finer present could be given to him and Mrs. Carson than official opening of the road that has caused the Minister so many headaches in the last few years.

Certain public health officials in British Columbia would like pasteurization and immunization laws. They would forbid people to drink raw milk or go about without medical protection against diphtheria and other diseases. More patient people, while agreeing pasteurization and immunization are necessary for a high standard of public health, believe in going slowly. They believe that if people are forced they will rebel. Take pasteurization—most people today will not drink raw milk. They have learned, through education, that pasteurized milk is the safest. If there had been a pasteurization law many people who now won't drink raw milk would have been stubborn and refused to co-operate in pasteurization. Such is human nature.

The argument for compulsory immunization was heard in Legislative corridors here when it was learned that Dr. W. G. Blair, M.P. for Lanark, said in the House of Commons that parents should be prosecuted if their children die from diseases against which they could have been immunized.

British Columbia public health officials agree immunization is vital if children are to be healthy. But they don't want to stir up a hornet's nest by having it made compulsory. They believe education will do the job, more slowly. It is true, but more effectively. There won't be any compulsory pasteurization or immunization in B.C. for a long time yet.

Colin Cameron, fire-eating C.C. F'er, has been trounced by the public on several occasions in recent years but that doesn't discourage him. He talks whenever he can and, whether you agree with him or not, it must be admitted he's an effective speaker. He told a U.B.C. student C.C. F. Club that war or a drastic rev-

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Prince Rupert's first theatre stood somewhere on ground now occupied by the railway yard or the American Army built warehouse. It was situated then on what was known as Rupert road. The films were tough on the eyes. The seating consisted of benches or kitchen chairs and could be classed as hard on any thin person. An adventurous piano took chances with the late Frank Stevens and the music was hard on the nerves.

How consumers in Prince Rupert managed to find water long before there was any Lake Woodworth service and the use of free flowing taps in homes is clearly enough to remember. There were frequent rainfalls and nobody worried about its purity. There were many muskeg holes and from this source of supply many a painful was packed home.

One fact about the proposed railway to Alaska is its virtual certainty, although no one can say at present what route it will take or when. There is more than one sound reason why steel should link the United States with its vast northern territory. Today, travel to Alaska is made by air by sea and by highway. But not one is more important than rail.

Whenever you see a man with handkerchief, socks and tie to match, you may be sure he is wearing a present. EX

We sing "O Canada" in different ways and with different ideas. Some think we have a flag and others are not quite sure. We say we are Canadians, and a neighbor reckons our great-great-grandfathers and mothers had something to do with it. Oh Unity, Carry On! We'll get there some day!

When a scow became too much one-sided on the way out to Shawatians the other day and eighteen tons of coal went to the bottom, it was not the first time something like that has happened here. Years ago a large consignment of coal unloaded itself

instead of being emptied on the wharf. Somehow the fuel spilled into the harbor and it was a dead loss, too. Old timers may remember the incident.

Experience is said to be the best teacher. And considering what it costs, it ought to be.

Tens of thousands of persons hold Irish Sweep tickets and its silly to pretend you're not interested. If you made a real killing you'd be supremely delighted, and so would your sisters, cousins and aunts—as well as envious. Most of us enjoy a fling, and, if it wins anything, the keener the satisfaction. Many are buying tickets for this or that practically all the time. The practice keeps no body poor, is neither sin or folly, and always some folks make the right gamble.

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