

Must Work to Live

THE ONLY EXAMPLE of a state of society that we have heard of where there is plenty of everything for everybody and it is equally distributed is a tribe of pygmies in the jungles of Central Africa. They have everything they need, but their needs and their desires are few. They live chiefly on bananas that grow on trees they do not plant, and which yield their fruit all the year round.

These little privileged people wear no clothes, and they live in kraals made of sticks and rushes. They pay no rent or taxes—they have no money. They have no means of transportation, other than their feet, for they never go anywhere and have no desire to go beyond the jungle in which they have always lived. They are happy and content, and all they ask—if they ask anything—is to be left alone in their primitive paradise.

Why can't we all live like that? But, alas, we have been thrust out of this Garden of Eden, for we have eaten of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and have wandered over the face of the earth. We live in climates where we have to wear clothes, build houses, and have no bananas, except what we import—we couldn't exist on them, anyway. We have to work for our living; plant cotton and raise sheep for clothing; quarry stone, make brick, cut and draw lumber for our houses; plough and sow, reap and grind for our bread, and raise cattle and pigs for meat.

In short, we live in a perennial state of necessity, and necessity is the dictator of work. If we refused to obey its dictates we would starve, and if we did not work hard enough, constant enough, and save enough, we would live in a perpetual state of scarcity. On this earth there is no land "flowing with milk and honey," not even in the Middle East, as the ancient Israelites discovered. It was only a Promised Land but there are people today who are still looking for it.

Even the people of Britain have landed in a state of growing scarcity. They have distributed what they thought was "wealth," but it has turned out to be mere paper money which has less purchasing power than the old coinage. It is possible to distribute real wealth on an equality basis but the trouble is that in doing so the total amount and the real value of the wealth may be reduced.

Granting that there is a wide field for reducing inequality, the springs of human action must not be ignored. There is no escape from exertion in this world. The gates of the Garden of Eden are guarded by angels with flaming swords. There is not sufficient room or food for us in the jungles of Central Africa, and how many of us want to go there and live the life of the pygmies? The demands of necessity and the fear of starvation have forced us to work for our living, and work has raised our stature, mentally and spiritually. In other words, necessity and work have civilized us and we have developed into enterprising, inventive and progressive human beings. We have achieved dominion over the earth, the air and the elements, and over the beasts of the fields, and all that we require for our peace is to subdue the beast in ourselves.

JARVIS McLEOD

AS FAR AS active service is concerned, Jarvis Hartley McLeod retires as collector of customs at Prince Rupert today although he still has a few months to go which he will spend on retirement leave. Mr. McLeod, still a young man in appearance, spirit and physique, has the distinction of being, from standpoint of length of service, the oldest customs officer in Canada.

Of all pioneer Prince Rupert figures, there is none better and more favorably known than Jarvis McLeod. That is because he has always been, through good times and bad, through easy and trying days alike, a zealous, efficient, helpful and friendly official. Ever genial and courteous, treating everyone with equal due, he made many lasting friends.

It is in the nature of our daily avocations that the newspaper people and the collector of customs should always be in close contact. The Daily News, reminiscent of many years of such intimate, friendly contact, sincerely wishes Jarvis McLeod a full measure of happy days to enjoy his retirement. We are glad that he is still active and youthful enough to have such full enjoyment. We are especially happy, as his many friends are, that he intends to keep closely in touch with the north if not maintaining his permanent future residence here. And, if we know Jarvis McLeod, we would say that he is too confirmed a northerner and sourdough to ever be permanently happy elsewhere.

EMPLOYING OF OLDER WORKERS

Trades and Labor Council
Takes Up Their Case

Provincial and federal governments will be urged by the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council to pass legislation making it compulsory for government and municipal services to employ a certain percentage of so-called "over-age" workers.

The resolution resulted from a discussion of alleged practices of some municipalities in giving employment preference to men and women under 60 years of age despite qualifications of older applicants. The matter was brought up by the Fire Fighters Union.

Several delegates expressed the opinion that superannuation and group insurance regulations were responsible for the attitude of preference for younger workers being taken by municipalities and employers.

The meeting heard a report of Labor Relations Board activities throughout the province and also the minutes of the last meeting of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council. Several union delegates reported wage and other amendments to agreements and other unions reported that negotiations were underway.

The council's civic election committee reported a small amount of money left over from the December elections campaign and this was ordered held in the fund for future use.

Chairman of the meeting was August Wallin, Trades and Labor Council president.

ART EXHIBIT AT CIVIC CENTRE

"Modern Painting" is the title of an art exhibit which is on display in the Civic Centre lobby until this Wednesday.

The pictures in this exhibition show some of the important approaches to contemporary painting. They do not represent a history or a survey of modern art but are grouped according to the ideas they express such as variety of expression, impressionism of light and atmosphere, dream and fantasy and color as a means of design and expression.

The text on each panel assists in the explanation by pointing out certain aspects of the pictures that might be overlooked otherwise and information about the artists that sheds some light on their work.

Among the American artists are Winslow Homer and John Marin while the display includes exhibits by French, Spanish, Italian, Swiss and German artists.

This group of paintings is loaned to the Civic Centre by the National Gallery of Canada whereas the previous one was sent from the Vancouver Art Gallery.

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YOUNG NATIVE BOY SUCCUMBS

A seven-year old native boy died Saturday at Miller Bay Hospital where he had been undergoing treatment for several months. He was Melvin Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Martin, of Greenville. The funeral will be held here following the arrival of the parents from the Nass River village.

Jack Boumek, customs officer at Stewart, sailed by the Camosun last night on his return north after spending a few days in the city.

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4:15—Stock Quotations and Int.
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5:30—Pops on Parade
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6:30—Musical Varieties
6:45—Plantation House Party
7:00—CBC News
7:15—CBC News Round-up
7:30—Club Date
7:45—On Mike Tonight
8:00—R.C.A.F. Band Concert
8:10—Guy Lombardo Show
9:00—National Farm Radio Forum
9:30—Recital
10:00—CBC News
10:10—CBC News
10:15—Provincial Affairs
10:30—Biltmore Hotel Orchestra
10:55—Interlude
11:00—Weather and Sign-off

TUESDAY — A.M.

7:00—Musical Club
8:00—CBC News
8:15—Morning Song
8:30—Music for Moderns
8:45—Little Concert
9:00—BBC News and Comty
9:15—Morning Devotions
9:30—Morning Concert
9:55—Time Signal
10:00—Ellen Harris
10:15—Morning Melodies
10:30—Roundup Time
10:45—Scandinavian Melodies
11:00—Musical Varieties

11:15—Songs of Yesterday
11:30—Weather Forecast
11:31—Message Perfor
11:45—Let's Waltz

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12:00—Mid-Day Melodies
12:15—CBC News
12:25—Program Resumes
12:30—B.C. Farm Broadcast
12:55—Recorded Interlude

1:00—Concert Hour

1:30—Bernie Braden Tells a Story
1:45—Com'ty Consumer
2:00—B.C. School Edct.
2:30—Musical Program
2:45—Western Five, Ottawa
3:00—Ethel and Albert
3:15—Spotlight On a Star
3:20—Sketches In Melody
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