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Neuberger on P.G.E.

THE Pacific Great Eastern comes into its own in the January issue of Railroad Magazine when Richard L. Neuberger, editorial staff writer of the Portland Oregonian, discusses the question, "Will British Columbia's 'Great Expense' fortify the western hemisphere's Alaska's barricade?" Neuberger, also a Saturday Evening Post author and well known in Prince Rupert and Alaska, describes the development of the P.G.E. and the territory through which it runs. He follows the 468-mile right-of-way from Vancouver to Prince George while explaining the development of such towns as Squamish and Lillooet. The P.G.E.'s progress has come about largely because of British Columbia's vast sources of untapped wealth as well as its natural beauty.

American politicians believe they know the answer to the Pacific Great Eastern's future. Both Canadian and American statesmen have seen the need for a link between Alaska and the United States. Most probably the P.G.E. is the answer, Neuberger suggests.

BRITAIN UNDER SOCIALISM

THE CURRENT ISSUE of the Omnica Herald prints the concluding instalment of a series of articles by a western Canadian news writer, descriptive of a sojourn in England. Following are a few excerpts concerning administration under Socialism:

"I was struck by the fact that the government is more interested in trying to prevent anyone from making profit and in taking away money from those who have it than in improving conditions. It seemed to me that Socialism there is bound to fail. The people do not act as they should in theory. They are chiefly interested in getting more money for doing less. The way in which they are working is astonishing to a Canadian. None of them seem to be putting any heart into their efforts. Many firms and industries are compelled not only to give time for afternoon tea but also to furnish the tea for which they are given special ratings.

Employers have little or no control over employees and would not dare reprimand them for even flagrant carelessness. As one man expressed it workers formerly had two incentives—first, to improve themselves; second, to avoid being dismissed. At present both incentives are gone. All initiative or aggressiveness is stifled. It is against the law to make any profit on real estate. Result is, the business has dried up.

"To my mind, the most serious result of the Socialistic experiment will be the deterioration of the moral fibre of the people. The English people were always the most conscientious in the world, but all this socialism will breed a people with less respect for the law. This may be seen in the growth of the black market and the fact of shop lifting having increased 40 per cent in 1947. There is a feeling that somehow, England will muddle through. I am confident the people have too much common sense to allow the government to remain long in office. The country is all right to visit but no place to stay in: To sum it all up this is the opinion of a great many people who are anxious to move to Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa or the United States. Why they are not already away is because they cannot take money out of the country."

BANISH HATE IN POLITICS

GEORGE DREW'S PLEA that we banish prejudice and hate from politics is something than can—and should—be supported by all our parties. All of us may hold to our convictions, have the privilege of believing in them passionately and fighting for them vigorously, but there can be no gain in making a difference of opinion a cause for hatred. That sort of thing—rancor and malice—is the antithesis of sportsmanship, alien to our way. No such hatred existed among our sons when, in glorious comradeship, they marched against a common enemy.

No one asked then whether the companion by his side on battlefield or in bomber was a Protestant or Catholic, a Jew or a Gentile, a Conservative or a Liberal of French or English. They were brothers in arms, which was all that mattered. It is all that matters in peace. We may believe what we believe; why should the right of that, a price-heredity be made a cause for barren hate and sterile prejudice?

It was Michael Clark—"Red Michael"—who once stirred the House by telling it how, despite his tremendous philippic against his old leader over conscription, "the first and noblest letter I received when my son fell in France came from Wilfrid Laurier."

—Ottawa Journal.



Reminiscences and Reflections

By W.J.

Monday afternoon was an unrivalled time to enjoy a rain-proof dwelling along with an open fire that crackled. The night wore along with sundry splashing, gurgling, far howls and irritating drips. Dawn brought peace. The final moan, the last sigh had been silenced. Such stillness! A clean-washed city lay in pale moonlight under a clearing sky. But a lot had happened on the weather front since then. Rupert is charged with plenty, but never monotony.

More new and untried candidates for aldermanic honors, need of "fresh blood" and necessity of action, studying of civic problems and no hesitancy in criticism where it is thought deserved! By jingo, this looks like a brisk December, speaking municipally. Well, it will do no one the slightest harm.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for South Jetty No. 2, Stoveston, B. C." will be received until 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 15, 1948, for the construction of South Jetty No. 2, Fraser River, Stoveston, B. C.

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PIONEER PERSONALITIES

ALEX YULE

Alex Yule, Prince Rupert's first blacksmith, did business in a shack built on a rocky bluff along the harbor front, handy to where, subsequently, a building for naval purposes was established. This was dismantled following the war.

Alex's exterior was rough but, actually, he was exceptionally good-hearted. He had a deep voice. Trained, there might have been more money in that, than wielding the hammer, poking the coals and making the iron glow.

Alex was in Prince Rupert earlier than 1900 but this was not the first time he had experienced something akin to pioneering. He could tell you about Montana, when life in the treasure state or territory as it might have been, was anything but dull or circumspect. He could spin many a story and narrate it, with matter-of-fact realism.

Mr. Yule came to the new city early, and stayed late. That is, he remained here, for

thousand years and will continue to do so until the battle flags are furled. Yes, coming back to remain permanently. For, on earth peace and goodwill to men must and shall prevail. Every day, as never before, signs multiply that the world can less and less afford war.

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ART SHOW AT CENTRE

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living portrayal of a night street scene in which white light and the ruddy glow of neon are given warm simulation.

"Morning in Marpole" is the outstanding water color. A backyard scene, it has a striking clarity of atmosphere with an air of obvious association. From an artist's point of view, it is to be ever, that future contain some work of northern artists, or picturing northern life.

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