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Alaska To Join Canada

PROGRESS toward Alaskan statehood is not doing so well in Washington and some alternative suggestions are being made. One of these, according to the Ketchikan Chronicle, is that it might be wise for Alaska to try to join Canada as a new province. Further developing the idea, a Chronicle correspondent observes that Western Canada is growing by leaps and bounds, and some of its development is closely linked with that of Alaska, such as the Yukon river power projects, the proposed car ferry between Prince Rupert and Haines, and the proposed railroad and highway along the coast to Alaska.

"The Liberal party in its recent pre-election campaign in Canada gathered some convincing figures, too. Every dominion budget since 1945 has shown a cut in taxes, resulting in a 32% cut in personal income taxes and total exemption from such taxes for 750,000 persons—about one-fourteenth of Canada's people.

"Employment in Canada has risen from 3,763,000 persons in 1939 to 5,031,000 in 1948. The budget is balanced with a surplus. Uncle Sam closed his fiscal year last week (June 30) with a deficit of a billion, 800 million dollars. The Canadian national debt has been cut by one and two-thirds billions of dollars. America cut about six billions off a year ago but added almost two billions to it in the year just closed.

"The disadvantage of joining Canada, perhaps, is that the economy of Alaska is too much like hers—salmon, lumber, pulp, furs and minerals. The advantage would be much greater political importance and voting strength in commons than we'll have in the U.S. congress, because of the smaller population.

"If worst comes to worst, it might be better for Alaska to declare its independence or else set itself up as a free country under the United Nations, something like Danzig was as a free port, open to all comers under local restriction, and with independent government.

THE NEWSPAPER

NO COMMUNITY can get along for long without the need being felt in it for the exchange of information and that is the reason for the newspaper. It is not hard to realize how some enterprising person realized long ago that he could make some kind of living out of providing news and intelligence for his fellowmen. Few of the early news sheets were produced gratis. Almost all of them began—as they have continued—with the desire to earn a living although the desire to give service is a practical ideal with almost all newspapers and newspapermen.

Of course, newspapers should make some money for their owners but the notion of public responsibility is an exceedingly important factor. It lies at the foundation of the clash between the concept of the press in totalitarian countries and free countries.

In talking about the press and public opinion it is just as well to realize within what limits there may be useful discussion. There is not much use talking about an ideal newspaper published within a vacuum regardless of how it buys its paper, pays its wages and amortizes the capital invested in its equipment. No such newspaper can exist except in totalitarian world.

Fortunately, in the free world those who own and direct newspapers are affected by public interest and public opinion. That is the safety valve of the free press and that is why it endeavours "to seek truth without prejudice and to spread knowledge without malicious intent."

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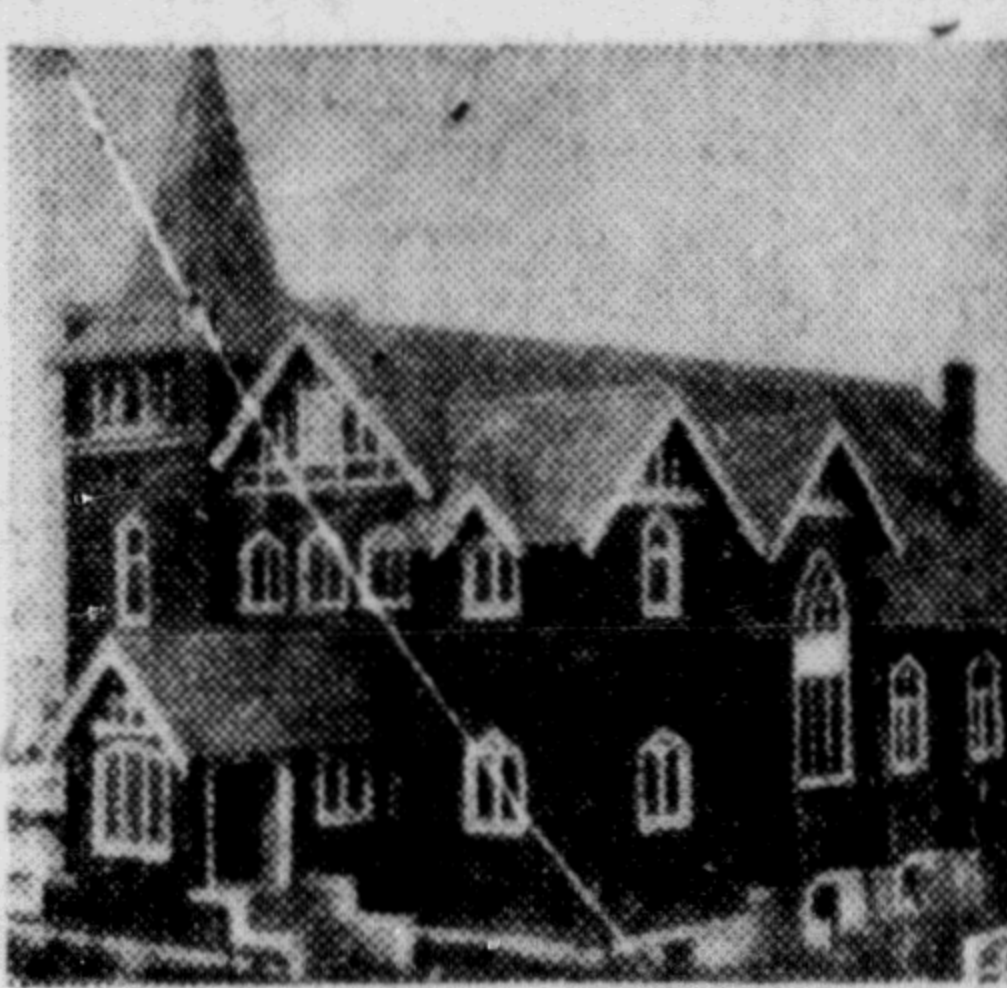
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SATURDAY SERMON

PRECIOUS PAVEMENTS

(By Senior Major C. Warrander, Salvation Army)
"He knew what was in man." John 2:25.

Between Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colorado, there lies a stretch of paved highway that contains gold value at \$360,000, according to John Hix, the cartoonist. The road was paved with a concrete mixture containing a gold-bearing aggregate from the dumps of the Portland mine at Cripple Creek. The gold in the pavement, if it could be extracted, would be worth \$12,000 per mile, according to government assayers.

But the city of Sverdlovsk, Russia, can boast an even more precious pavement. The city bought a huge lot of stone for paving, paying for it the equivalent of \$80, and after it was crushed and put down on the city streets it was discovered to have contained, by mistake \$2,500,000 worth of great blocks of Jasper, beautiful green malachite, topaz, and even jade.

A construction crew was busy paving a section of one of the streets in Chicago's loop. Great barrels of tar were being stocked about and giant steam rollers were pressing the material into place as the strong, pungent smell of coal tar filled the air.

"One would hardly think that they are paving the street with the loveliest colors in the world, to say nothing of sweet perfumes and healing drugs," said the chemistry professor, who was standing with some of his pupils. "Ages ago," he continued, "as they look at him rather mystified, 'this old world was cov-

ered with a rank growth of vegetable matter. As it was laid low, great beds of coal formed and the juices and saps drained off into pools of coal tar. Into the tar went all the colors and perfumes of that ancient day, and the scientist of today, by means of scientific formula known as the benzene ring, is able to extract those colors and perfumes, besides hundreds of drugs that have some remedial effect on the human body. Therefore these men are actually paving the street with beauty. If that tar should be taken up and carried to a chemist he would be able to extract that beauty for you."

It is this power of Christianity that has made it a world religion. It is this power that gives promise that Christianity can redeem the world. Ignorance paves a highway of gold and crushed jade into pavement

which even science cannot rescue. But ignorance, greed and sin cannot crush humanity so badly that Jesus cannot redeem it if given the opportunity. It is this ability to restore, to redeem, to re-create that has been the abiding miracle of Christianity since the day that Jesus lifted up the fallen woman and bade she go and sin no more. The one argument that atheism has never been able to answer is the fact of a redeemed life.

Einar Valderhaug has returned home from Saskatoon where he has been continuing his studies and where he attended a recent Lutheran young people's convention.

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150-YEAR-OLD RITUAL—Ever since the early years of the 19th century, the fishing fleet of New Brunswick's Gloucester County has gathered annually before putting out to sea, to receive the blessing of the Roman Catholic Church. These photos by the New Brunswick Information Bureau were taken at this year's ceremony. Top photo shows those who participated, left to right: Rev. L. Morin, parish priest of the northern New Brunswick port of Lameque, where the ceremony was held; Hon. H. J. Robichaud, provincial fisheries minister; Hon. J. Andre Doucet, New Brunswick reconstruction minister; Premier John B. McNair and Rev. L. Godin, parish priest from nearby Shippegan. Bottom photo shows part of the flag-bedecked fleet of 43 vessels lined up for the ceremony. (C. P. Photo)

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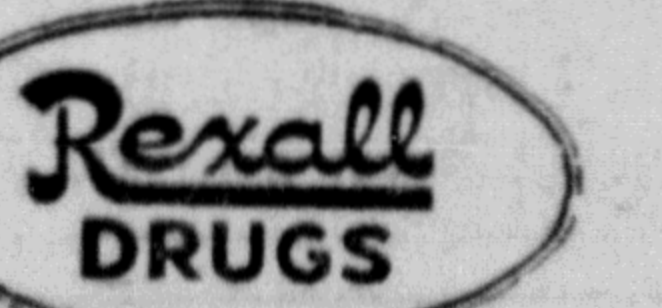
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