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Injustice on B.C.

SINCE the government-appointed Board of Commissioners authorized railway companies to make a general increase in freight rates of 21 percent much has been written about the hardship such an increase will mean to British Columbia because of the mountain differential.

These notorious mountain rates have long been a grievance to British Columbia; they are the highest in Canada, amounting to one and a quarter times the prairie rates on most commodities.

It has often been the boast of certain sections of Eastern Canada that the West—especially British Columbia—is a negligible quantity.

Evidence presented to the Transport Board which does not seem to have been stressed shows that in this instance the West is more than pulling its load so far as the over-all Canadian transportation system is concerned.

It was shown that the four western provinces contributed 65 percent of the operating profits of one of the railways and that only 34 percent of the freight revenue was contributed by eastern Canada.

According to the latest census, there were 3,239,766 westerners; in the east the population was 8,266,000. Thus three million people in the west paid 65 percent of the revenue while eight million paid only 34 percent.

The mountain differential has been paid for many times over by British Columbia. Take lumber first: a carload of lumber shipped from a Quebec mill to Ontario, a distance of 600 miles, pays 23 cents per 100 pounds; a carload shipped from the coast to Alberta, also about 600 miles, pays 50 cents per 100 pounds.

With living costs still mounting, these increased rates will further aggravate the difficulties that people in British Columbia have in meeting the cost of living; the mountain differential was one of the greatest injustices ever imposed on the economy of British Columbia, and the new rates, unless they are adjusted downwards, will inflict a much greater injustice.

IN BRITAIN TOO

PEOPLE do not take kindly to austerity in a government. That is what Premier King had in mind yesterday when he made brief mention of C.C.F. successes in by-elections.

High prices, restrictions and privations, he observed, arouse objections and it would be sometimes discovered that the electorate cast ballots the same way they felt.

It is true also that in Great Britain today, the government, while carrying on under extremely difficult circumstances, cannot be said to be popular.

To expect a country to suffer what Britain has already borne and continue on with no easing of conditions, no relaxation or slackening of strain and tension—more shortages and rigid prohibitions, monotony in food and drink—in short a dreary existence as the price, sometime, of recovering national solvency and stability, is to look for a most docile and patient public.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHILDREN

THE POSITION of the child in the family has changed. A century ago there was no question of the place of children in the home. The father was lord and master and he determined all matters. Children were seen but not heard.

That conception of family life has passed and the "heavy father" is today as much out of step in the democracy of the home as are dictators in a world democracy.

The pioneer child was required to make a distinct economic contribution to the home through carrying out selected jobs on the farm. While that is true to a lesser extent in rural areas today, the town or city child normally has little economic responsibility in the family. There are few duties to keep him at home and he has been accustomed to getting away from his own fireside even for his entertainment or recreation.

But it is frequently to the child that the remainder of the family looks for moral support. Too often parents go through life and into death with the feeling that they have been unappreciated by their children; sometimes even that their offspring have been just a bit ashamed of them. It is a primary responsibility of children then to appreciate worthy parents and to convey that appreciation to them by their actions.

Hand in hand with this is the responsibility of representing the family in the neighborhood. Wherever they go, at parties, at school, and on the street, children are representatives of the family and carry the family reputation with them.

It's all right to drink like a fish, so long as you drink what the fish does.

Letters to the Editor

GIVE SINGLE THE JOBS

Editor, Daily News:
Referring to the many letters which have been published in your paper regarding Married Women working, certainly I think they shouldn't be if their husbands have good positions and regular pay checks for the simple reason it usually means they can buy homes or "New Look" clothes, while the young single girls cannot even pay room and board and are very thankful to wear the "Old Look." Then again, they must leave away from home and their parents or parent as is my daughter's case.

How about all these business men getting together and arranging to give these young girls a chance for the summer months so they can pay the dentist, buy their next term books and maybe buy a few "New Looks" for themselves instead of their parents paying for all these when the cost of living is rising each day.

Yes, Mr. Editor, I have a child in High School and I hope to keep her there for another term or two as she will be better there than staying home doing nothing while some married woman takes hers and other girl's work away from them.

Certainly I agree that during the war years you couldn't depend on the young girls but they were young and must learn to hold their jobs, but don't let us hold that against the young folks that are in town now. Give them a hand to make them good business folks!

Now a word for the young men and boys. How about the "Retired and Full Pension" men

CONDUCT OF POLICE

Editor, Daily News:
What Mr. Nielson, writer of the letter in your paper this week should do without delay is send a report of the incident of the police flashing their electric torches under tables where ladies were sitting direct to the Attorney General at Victoria or the authorities at Ottawa with a view to having the offending members of the force dealt with. Things are coming to a nice pass when police are allowed to act in such a fashion. It is intolerable when decent people in Prince Rupert or elsewhere in Canada are insulted by the police. The lady mayor should take immediate action.

HY FULHAM.

staying home and doing a bit of gardening and let the young ones have a chance so they will find more to do than to stand on street corners or the Post Office steps. Give them all a chance so they will be a credit to our town as well as their parents.

I must admit Mr. Editor, I am a working woman but it is a case of necessity not a case of I want "New Looks."

Thanking you for your valuable time and space.

ELLEN WOOD.

CAMBRIDGE, England. @— Cambridgeshire County Council will send a notice to all couples applying for marriage licences telling them of "the solemnity of the occasion."

HORSHAM, England. @— A chameleon was found in a case of pears from South Africa when it was opened in a shop here.

GOOD PROGRAM LINED UP FOR ROTARY SHOW

Benefit Concert for Flood Emergency Relief Fund Sunday Night

Prince Rupert's share of the provincial emergency flood relief will get a boost and city people will have an opportunity to see a first-rate local talent show as a result of Rotary Club plans for a benefit concert at the Capitol Theatre next Sunday night.

The concert is being organized by T. Norton Youngs with assistance from Walter Smith and they have lined up a program which will feature the best of the city's entertainment ability.

The show, which will open after church services Sunday evening, will begin with an address by Mayor Nora Arnold and will conclude with a talk by Rotary Club President Lee M. Gordon. Mayor Arnold will be introduced by E. T. Applehaite, Rotary Club entertainment chairman.

Here is the program as lined up by Walter Smith:

Songs by the Rotary chorus; Piano accordion selections, Mike Colussi.

Piano solo, Miss Frances Moore, A.T.C.M.

Selections by Andy McNaughton and his Four Dukes.

Vocal solo, Miss Grace Merrill.

Piano selections, Joseph Frank.

Monologues, Mr. Griffiths.

Selections by the Prince Rupert Shrine Club band, directed by Peter Lien.

Vocal solo, Harold Whalen.

Dance routine, Miss Maressa Windle and Mrs. Elsie Fudger.

Vocal solo, Miss Joanne Langridge.

Selections by the Prince Rupert Symphony Orchestra, directed by Neville Gerrard.

Reminiscences and Reflections

More young men are getting themselves elected to Parliament in Canada. Youth is appropriate in public life. Age is by no means the custodian of all the wisdom. In ghastly war, youth did most of the suffering and dying. Age steered the world into it.

It seems curious that no one—stranger or citizen even of long standing—can ever get used to the idea of taking good weather at Prince Rupert for granted. On these peerless June days, many in a plainly surprised way, comment on the brightness and warmth of the sun and the blueness of the sky. He's seen it all, hundreds of times before, yet the sense of astonishment is ingrained. It's lurking around still.

Summer will soon be half gone, yet the two totem poles to embellish the entrance to the museum remain as they have lain all winter and spring. Tourists, already lingering here, have mildly wondered why, like their kindred, they do not stand proudly erect. Anyway, the visitors hold that mystified look.

More than fifteen years in the Federal Parliament conditioned Agnes MacPhail to public life so her election in Ontario no doubt means the province will have the benefit of some useful service. The record shows that women can represent wisely and well. It is not so long since Yukon sent Mrs. Geo. Black to Ottawa. In a press interview, Chas. Bishop (now senator) inquired if she would not feel embarrassed sitting for such a rough, tough riding, where

south bound. A town is up, be it near midnight, piled with goods—grapes, pineapples, bottle of whiskey price tag—on, most any

SPEED MEDICAL TRAINING KINGSTON, Jamaica. Dr. meet a shortage of doctors faculty of medicine at the University College of the Indies will open earlier season. The first 30 students will be housed in temporary buildings on the grounds.

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OUT OF LINE!

DO YOU THINK YOU PAY TOO MUCH FOR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE IN B.C.

When you hear of what is paid for automobile insurance in Saskatchewan, you wonder why it costs what it does in B. C. But have you ever stopped to consider why rates vary?

In order to be on a sound basis, automobile insurance rates are based strictly on the losses. In other words, the cost of insurance depends on the motorists themselves and the varying conditions under which they drive.

What are these conditions in B.C.

- B.C.'s POPULATION LARGELY CONCENTRATED IN ONE AREA**
Of a total population of over 1,000,000, by far the largest proportion is concentrated in Greater Vancouver and New Westminster, which have a combined population of approximately 500,000.
- EFFECT OF DENSE TRAFFIC ON INCREASED RATES**
In thickly populated urban areas with their increased traffic, automobile accidents are greater than in rural districts. This has a direct bearing on insurance rates for Public Liability and Property Damage as is shown by the following figures:
San Francisco, \$50.00; Seattle, \$41.00
Toronto, \$30.00; Vancouver, \$30.00; Victoria, \$15.00
Because the accident risk is less on Vancouver Island, motorists living there pay half as much for this insurance as Vancouver residents.
- LIMITED VISIBILITY DUE TO FOG AND RAIN**
In winter on the Lower Mainland, fog and heavy rainfall increase driving hazards.
- MORE MILEAGE PER CAR IN ALL-YEAR DRIVING**
Unlike other Provinces, British Columbia's climate permits a car to be driven twelve months in the year. There's no lay-up in winter. So the possibility of accidents is greater here.
- MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN**
Mile for mile, there are more dangerous roads in British Columbia than in any other Province in Canada.

All this adds up to these inescapable facts:

- British Columbia—Accidents in 1947 per 1000 cars—9.88
Saskatchewan —Accidents in 1947 per 1000 cars—3.05
- If in 1947 the same losses had occurred in Saskatchewan as occurred in B. C., the Government of Saskatchewan would have had to pay out \$300 for every \$1.00 collected.

The B. C. Safety and Responsibility Law is designed to reduce accidents. If it does, your insurance rates will be reduced. Remember—auto insurance rates are based solely on accidents. They depend on YOU and YOUR driving.

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