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Housing Plan Imperative

NONE can gainsay the fact that there is a shortage of housing accommodation at this present time.

Now it is obvious the Celanese plant is rapidly going ahead with its construction programme and that early next year it will probably be in actual operation with permanent staffs of management and workers.

In the granting of the timber management licences to the company it was mutually agreed, or so we all understood, between the government and the company that no company townsite would be created at the plant but that with a few exceptions the employees would reside in the City of Prince Rupert where the facilities of community life are already available.

But unless housing accommodation is available in the city there can hardly be justifiable objection if those employees of this great industry reside outside the city limits.

Hence it follows there is a responsibility upon the City Council to embark upon some programme of housing to meet the impact of the demand for accommodation. For private capital is unlikely to embark on housing to the extent required.

Fortunately for this city, the Provincial Government, following conferences with the Dominion Government has submitted a plan for housing projects in the cities of British Columbia. The first step required from cities was a survey and a plan of their housing needs.

The City must undoubtedly have completed this preliminary work. It is imperative that no time be lost in working out the full plan for a large housing project, so necessary for immediate needs, and even more necessary if Prince Rupert is to derive the benefit of the purchasing power of the permanent employees who will be demanding accommodation next spring.

The Chamber of Commerce is to be congratulated on being alert to the situation and for its energetic and sympathetic cooperation with the City Council and J. McRae, M.L.A., in finding an immediate solution to this pressing problem of housing.

But the time for civic action is right now if we are to avoid the charge later on of doing too little and too late.

Train Accident Worst In India

CALCUTTA, India (AP)—A crack Punjab mail train plunged 50 feet from a bridge in Bihar state yesterday. Officials said 71 dead and 78 injured were counted. Abdul Ansari, Bihar's Relief Minister, who was aboard, said the final death toll would exceed 100.

It is the worst railway smash up in Indian history and officials immediately charged sabotage. They said dozens of bolts have been removed from the fishplates holding the rails on the bridge. This caused the train to jump the track and dive off the bridge. They said a similar attempt was made at the same spot just a month ago.

Spanish Galleon Believed Found

London—Excitement developed at Tobermory, on the west coast of Scotland, Sunday. The ancient hulk reported more than a month ago on the floor of Tobermory Bay is believed to be whatever may be left of the Spanish galleon Florentia, sunk in the year 1588. Two silver medallions have been brought up. As one of the invading fleet known as the Spanish Armada, defeated by Sir Francis Drake and other British naval leaders, she fled north, reputed to have not less than 30 million ducats on board. If any of the treasure is left, the owner would be the Duke of Argyle, for he is a large land owner here. Naval authorities had been engaged in examining the sea bottom, and they have at last made the statement that in their judgment, the old craft is the Florentia. They have no contract to search the wreckage. Their job was to locate it. This, they believe, has been accomplished.

Winners Number 29 In Alaska Ice Pool

NENANA, Alaska (AP)—With a muffled crunch drowned by the roar of hundreds lining the banks, a chunk of ice broke loose in the Tanana River at 4:14 p.m. Saturday. The exact minute meant riches for 29 individuals and groups in the record \$227,000 Nenana ice pool. Winners will divide \$175,000. The total was announced in the new community building, partly financed by ice pool funds. Each winning ticket was worth about \$6,000.

Majority Report Favors Pensions

WINDSOR — Company - paid retirement pensions of \$55 a month for employees of Chrysler Corporation of Canada Limited were recommended yesterday in the majority report of a conciliation board dealing with a contract dispute between the company and local 195, United Automobile Workers (C.I.O.). The majority report was signed by Judge Harold E. Fuller of Welland, chairman of the conciliation board, and Drummond Wren of Toronto, union nominee. A minority report by the company nominee, Charles W. Donaldson of Windsor, dissents.

Canadiens Take Memorial Cup

MONTREAL (AP)—Billy Goulet led Montreal Canadiens to the Memorial Cup Saturday night with a dazzling three goal performance, as the Montrealers trounced Regina Pats 6-3 to capture the Canadian junior hockey championship in five games.

For the Rights of Women



East and West meet in the fight for women's rights as Judge Dorothy Kenyon (left), former U. S. representative on the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, and Mrs. Lakshmi Menon of India (center), Chief of the U.N. Section on the Status of Women, greet Mrs. Ruth Tomlinson, President of the British National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. Occasion was a luncheon given in New York in the latter's honor when she arrived at U.N. Headquarters, where she will attend the fourth session of the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women.

Ray Reflects . . . and Reminisces

Prolonged floods in Manitoba and prolonged droughts in other parts of the west are enough to give a man the "willies" think some of the farmers. And if one didn't have a heart he might think of saying, or writing something about the dust.

We like to sometimes fancy ourselves as pioneers. Yet, there were others. Predecessors of the Mounties who will take over B. C. this summer qualified. They marched from Manitoba to the Bow River in 1874. Seventy-six years ago. Most of us were not born that long ago.

Winnipeg Papers Go Like Hot Cakes

During the war, and since, many hundreds of new residents in Prince Rupert included people from the prairie provinces. Of these, a good many had lived in Winnipeg and in other parts of Manitoba, and some are still in this city. If they cannot be exactly classed as ex-dwellers in Winnipeg, they have relatives or friends there, and are following with exceedingly sharp interest, the day to day flood developments.

Yesterday, there came a bundle of Winnipeg newspapers. There are here, of course, private subscribers; but so far as one local news stand goes, the copies went fast. Stacked on the counter, the papers were snapped up in record time.

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Spring Late-And Seeding

WINNIPEG — While spring seeding has commenced at scattered points in the prairie provinces, it will not become general until May 10 or 15, and then only if warmer weather occurs, according to the weekly crop report of the department of agriculture of the Canadian National Railways. In comparison with last year, the crop will go in from one to three weeks late this season. Moisture conditions are quite variable.

Estimates of change in acreage of wheat and coarse grains are difficult to appraise accurately. Some areas indicate a wheat reduction of 5 to 10 per cent due to the late season, with the possibility of coarse grains being increased somewhat. Close to 200,000 acres in the Red River valley are under water at the present time. Farmers have been urged by the Dominion Department of Agriculture to reduce wheat planting by 3,000,000 acres, but indications are that the overall wheat acreage may approximate that of last year when nearly 26 1/2 million acres were sown. In the Okanagan, extremely

cold weather in January and February caused considerable damage, especially to apricots and peaches. Estimated yield of these fruits may not be more than 20 per cent yields anticipated. Damage to plums, prunes, apples and pears is thought to be slight and normal yields may result.

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Polish Officials Apply For Asylum

FRANKFURT, Germany—Six officials and employees of the Polish Consulate here resigned yesterday and asked for refuge in Western Germany from their Communist-dominated government. The Poles joined a growing group of officials from Communist-led countries who have given up their jobs in areas outside Communist control. The voluntary exiles are customarily granted asylum by Western authorities.

Ouster Petition Is Given to Commons

LONDON — A petition with 18,000 signatures demanding removal from office of War Secretary John Strachey and Defence Minister Emanuel Shinwell was presented yesterday to the House of Commons. The petition says both "have in the past expressed their sympathy with Communism" and asserts their presence in high government posts "conducive to the increase of Communist and Fascist infiltration and activities in Britain."

Aly Khan's Divorce Called Ridiculous

PARIS (AP)—Rumors of impending divorce proceedings between actress Rita Hayworth and Prince Aly Khan, married



BEFORE THE DELUGE—Plenty of water surrounds this dyke in a Fort Garry area south of Winnipeg. The thin mud-and-sand line, built by schoolboys, broke Thursday afternoon. Ten minutes later homes in the background were flooded. (CP Photo)

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