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Question of Markets

A VERY SIMPLE FACT, one that is none the less very hard for us to accept, is that sooner or later we must have lower prices all round. Now we only want low prices for the things we have to buy. Looking at it from our individual points of view, we find that very reasonable. It isn't easy for us to recognize that the cheap eggs and butter and bacon and cheese that please us as consumers aren't pleasing to the producer. To him it seems obvious that these farm prices must be supported, at least until other prices those of the commodities they use, come down, and that of course doesn't please us.

But there is still another angle to the problem. Roughly one third of all the commodities we produce, whether basic farm output, raw materials or fabricated goods, must be sold abroad and, in all the world, there is only one country that is as prosperous as we are ourselves. It would be wonderful if we could sell all our surplus goods to this one market at sustained high prices. But that country is facing the same problem that we are facing and it also has more than it needs of many of the products we could supply.

So, if we are to keep producing at our present rate, and so maintain fairly constant employment, we must sell many of our products to less fortunate sections, where the price ticket is of first importance, where indeed the ability to pay must establish the price on the home market. Unpleasant as such a realistic policy must appear at first glance it is inevitable if we are not to lose the markets on which our prosperity depends.

LET'S KEEP PORT DAY

IT WOULD BE SOMETHING to be regretted indeed if Prince Rupert's Port Day were allowed to go by the board for lack of interest and support.

Port Day has become something of an institution here. It is not only a sort of a get-together of the public at large with the men of the sea but has in the past been an enlightening and highly interesting display as well as a competitive event of excitement and color.

Port Day has also been considered of sufficient importance to intrigue outside visitors and, on occasion, publicity men seeking something different from the ordinary.

Port Day is still distinctively a Prince Rupert affair even though Vancouver has in recent years been sufficiently impressed to copy it.

If there is any event here that should not be allowed to lapse it is Port Day since our very existence is so closely linked up with the men of the sea, fishing and ships of all sorts.

Another meeting is called for this Thursday night for the purpose of organizing the 1950 Port Day. We shall see then just how many are interested enough to turn out and offer their assistance and their suggestions, particularly the latter which could be of such value in making a bigger and a better Port Day.

THE TAKU HIGHWAY

THE INTERNATIONAL MOVE for a road which, with the assistance of a short ferry, would connect the Alaska capital of Juneau with Tulsequah, Atlin and the Alaska Highway, is of particular interest to Prince Rupert and something which, in the general direction of developing and opening up the great mining country of northwestern British Columbia, we can readily approve.

Already the establishment of a car ferry service from Prince Rupert to southeastern Alaska ports is much to the fore. The principal argument in its favor has been the utility that such a ferry service would be in connecting this strategic railhead with the Haines Cut-off and the Alaska Highway. The Juneau-Atlin link would be an artery of similar character, opening up a new and even more direct alternative route to the Alaska Highway and an important mineral area of the Alaska panhandle and northwestern British Columbia.

At present the operation of a car ferry from Juneau to Taku Harbor is mentioned. The Prince Rupert car ferry could be operated to the port of Taku and the end of the highway there without any trans-shipment at Juneau.

Victoria Report

... by J. K. Nesbitt

Shuffle In Cabinet Likely—Big Ball Coming Up

By J. K. Nesbitt

Legislative corridors have heard in recent days that when Premier Johnson returns from California at the end of the month he may shuffle his cabinet.

Hon. George Pearson, who is Provincial Secretary and Minister of Health and Welfare, has not yet returned to his office, following his collapse at the start of the session. He is reported to be improving, but he is not a well man. He will be 70 this month. The Ministry of Health and Welfare is a constant strain with many difficult problems and the worries of spending more than \$20,000,000 of the people's money each year.

Mr. Pearson's cabinet colleagues believe it's time he had the Health and Welfare Department he will carry on as Provincial Secretary. If he leaves the position of representative of the Queen seemed to become him. Mrs. Nelson also looked quite charming and gracefully and graciously seconded her worthy husband. The toilets of the ladies were bewildering—and contrasted with the sober garments of the men and the bright uniforms of officers of the fleet and the militia. The entire building was thrown open to the guests and never did it appear to better advantage than when filled with the beauty, wealth and fashion of the entire province. About 300 ladies and gentlemen made the drawing rooms musical with their soft laughter, enjoying their tete-a-tetes in half forgotten nooks and corners—or whispered merry nonsense in the fragrant conservatories. The tables in the dining room presented a picture in themselves, glistening with silver and crystal and loaded down with all the delicacies and substantial that go to make a first-class spread.

Who will become the new Minister of Health and Welfare is anybody's guess. There are 11 cabinet ministers at present. Under the Constitution Act there can be 12 paid cabinet ministers. Perhaps the Premier had in mind appointment of another cabinet minister when he would have nothing to do at the recent session with a suggestion that the cabinet ministers have their salaries increased. He knew the public wouldn't look with favor on such an increase and an addition to the cabinet at the same time.

There's going to be a Government House ball April 25 and that, of course, has all capital society agog. It recalls the elaborate parties of the past, when Government House was more the centre of high, privileged society than it is today. One of the most brilliant of such events was in 1889 when the Lieutenant Governor was Hon. Hugh Nelson and Government House was Cary Castle, built in the early 60's by Hon. George Hunter Cary when he was attorney-general. The castle burned down in the late 90's and was replaced by the present Government House shortly after the turn of the century.

Ray Reflects . . .

. . . and Reminisces

The Sons of Freedom, after having given a solemn pledge to behave, are at it again. A revision of antecedents might not be out of place, just now.

A forty-two pound red spring salmon, full of nourishment and fight, was caught off Seal Cove wharf during the week-end. It struggled to the bitter finish. There are few cities anywhere else in Canada where a catch like that can occur but salmon fishing over the dock is not all uncommon in Prince Rupert. Many a sportsman down east would cheerfully pay big money to have Joe Caze's experience Sunday afternoon.

More than newspapers make mistakes now and then. The other day what was thought to be a mite was reported on the beach five miles from Sitka. It turned out to be part of a plane's fuel system. Soviet submarines have been believed sighted off San Francisco. The Navy call them whales, being able to detect the difference. This is called spring—but with reservations.

British Columbia is said to be facing the possibility of being a

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Polish Church Pact is Denied

VATICAN CITY (CP)—The Vatican press office Monday denied that the Roman Catholic hierarchy of Poland has signed an agreement with the Polish communist government. Warsaw had announced such a pact Saturday.

A high Vatican source said if such a pact had been promulgated, it would indicate the Polish Government had laid down the way of death for the church there.

Is Charged With Grandson Murder

MONTREAL (CP)—Police said Monday, Mrs. Joseph Lucas, aged 51, will likely be charged with murder in the drowning of one of two grandsons on January 17. Body of one of the two boys was recovered Sunday from the St. Lawrence River.

Mrs. Lucas last January told police that she had drowned the two boys to keep their unmarried mother from placing the boys in a foster home.

Miss Jean Williams, local High School student, returned Sunday afternoon on the Chilcotein after spending the Easter holidays visiting at Port Clements with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Williams.

Holding Up Log Scale

Log scale in Prince Rupert forestry district this year is running close to 1949. So far this year the scale has been 29,297,310 board feet as compared with 30,435,803 board feet in the first three months of 1949. The scale for March this year was 14,390,790 board feet as against 12,790,418 board feet in March 1949.

The scale per varieties this March was as follows with figures for March 1949 for comparison:

	March 1950	March 1949
Cedar	1,536,502	587,578
Spruce	9,287,165	8,251,214
Hemlock	1,565,198	1,449,604
Balsam	508,940	630,293
Jackpine	1,745,172	1,871,724
Misc.	7,415	

Totals 14,390,392 12,790,418
Forest products — poles and piling in the interior — are still lagging behind last year, the total scale for 1950 to date being 302,968 lineal feet compared with 1,310,400 lineal feet in the first three months of 1949. The scale for March this year was but 42,155 lineal feet compared with 53,053 lineal feet last March.

A total of 4,958 jackpine ties were counted this March compared with 12,866 in the same month last year.

Cordwood this March totalled 201 cords, compared with 551 cords.



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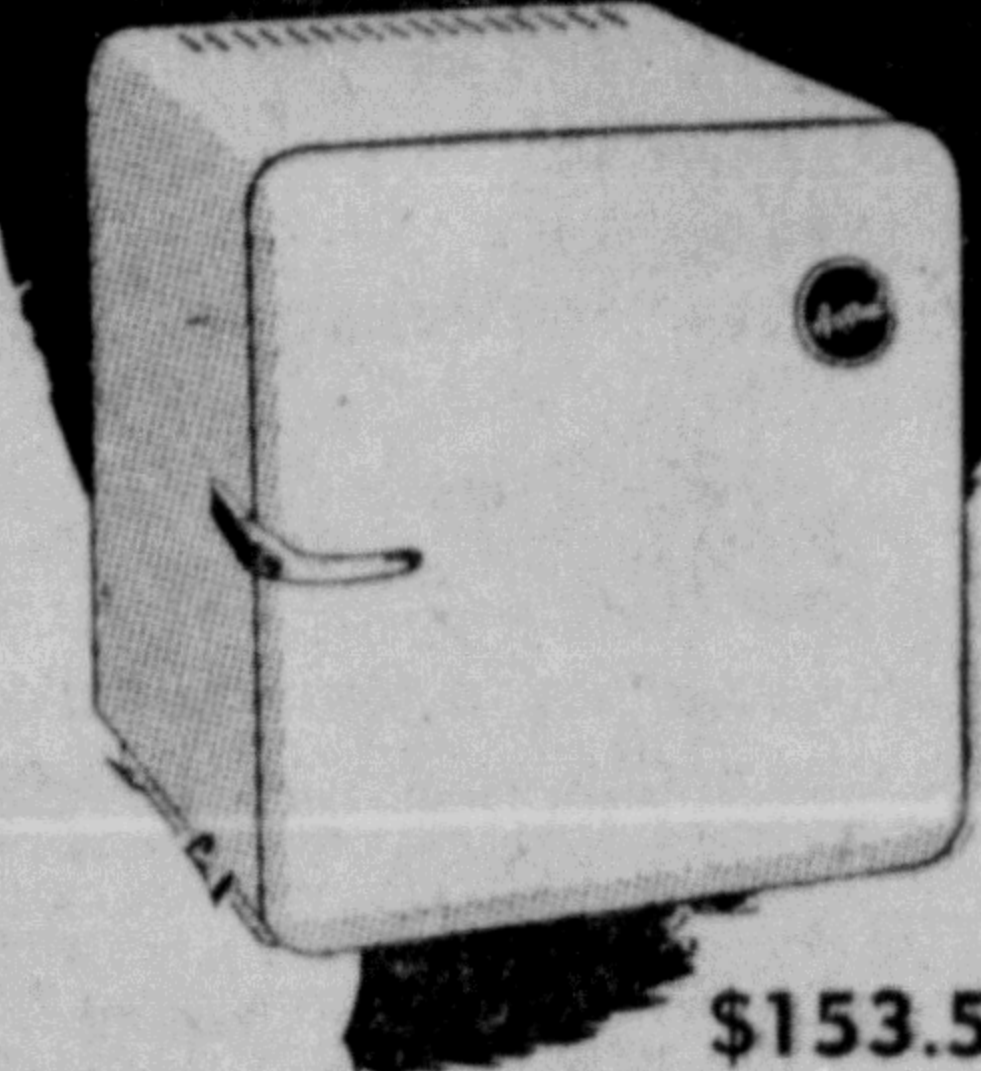
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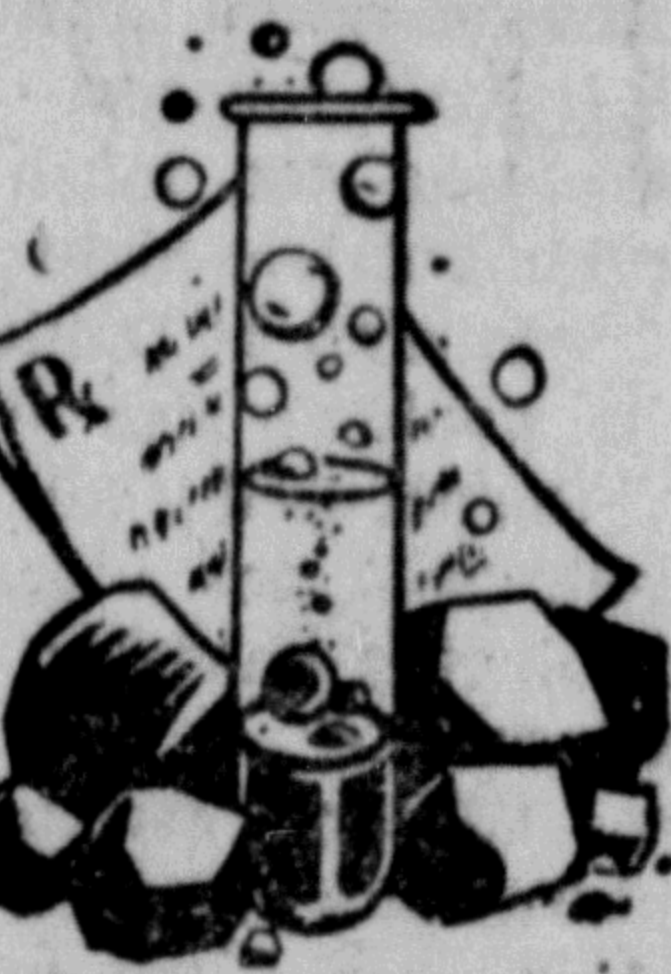
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