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Changing Picture

PRINCE RUPERT and central and northern British Columbia, on the eve of an undoubted era of unprecedented development, may be spared any depressive impact of a readjustment in the general economic position which is being felt in some parts of the country and particularly in the United States where there are reported to be four million unemployed today, the largest number in years.

The atmosphere of this year, and particularly this summer, on this continent, not so markedly in Canada owing to the wise economic controls of government, but certainly in the United States and around the world, is one of uncertainty. The customer, until not so long ago the despised and almost ignored factor in the national economy, has become price-conscious and is demanding better buys for his money. The result is a decline in business which, thus far, is not too alarming and, of course, might have been anticipated. As prices go down, wages may have to follow and the problem will be to keep them in balance so that economic stability and industrial peace may be maintained.

Possibly, Canada may not have too much to worry about since she has at least a sound government, firmly entrenched and with the ability and power to meet such situations as may arise due to causes more from without than within the nation's own boundaries.

THE 'GIMME' AGE

IT IS INDEED a fact that many a true word is spoken in jest. For example, a little yarn is going the rounds about an Ontario business man who had become accustomed to giving a man less fortunate than himself a dime a day although he was not under the slightest obligation to do so. Out of town for a month, he resumed the practice on his return and the first thing the other fellow said was to remind him he owed \$3 when he did not actually owe a cent.

Who, today, can deny that there is such a thing as mass psychology which is reflected in the growing belief that the government, or employers, or the general public, or one thing or another owe others a living?

Nor can it be successfully contradicted that this impression has been discouraged. More than one government has fostered the notion. Many an act of real benevolence—call it charity if you wish—is taken for granted. It is regarded as a right, as something that should come anyway, and resentment is expressed the moment it stops. The trend of the times is "give" and more leisure without having really earned either.

FAIR WEATHER SALESMEN

WHAT GOES for Vanderhoof goes for all other communities including Prince Rupert, so we reprint an editorial which appeared a few days ago in the Nechako Chronicle.

Within the past few weeks several transient salesmen and solicitors have put in their annual appearance in the district. To date, this year, only two salesmen have called at the office of the Secretary of the Village Commissioners, to pay the special license fee that is applicable to all transient salesmen selling direct to consumers.

"Throughout the summer months we can expect many more of these fair weather salesmen in the district. It is for this reason we again remind residents, in fairness to local merchants, that these transient salesmen contribute little or nothing to the upbuilding of our community. Our local merchants pay license fees, municipal taxes, give employment to residents who in turn patronize local stores, support local enterprises and pay taxes in our town.

"We should at least make certain every salesman is licensed before any business is transacted but it is more to our advantage to do business only with local merchants—it is they who are sincerely interested in making this a bigger and better place in which to live and work and in making our town attractive."

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| H. Perkins, Hays Cove Circle, \$235, repairs. | Mrs. J. Wick, Beach Place, \$285, repairs. |
| D. J. Moore, Sixth Avenue East, \$225, repairs. | F. W. Leask, Seventh Avenue East, 238, repairs. |
| L. Olsen, Eighth Avenue West, \$295, repairs. | J. C. McNeil, Seventh Avenue East, \$165, repairs. |
| W. Sparks, Hays Cove Circle, \$265, repairs. | Mrs. O. Clapp, Atlin Avenue, \$250, construction. |
| P. Husoy, Fifth Avenue East, \$335, repairs. | Mrs. A. E. Woods, Summit Avenue, \$200, repairs. |
| A. S. Hamilton, Ambrose Avenue, \$74, repairs. | H. L. Peters, Market Place, \$250, repairs. |
| L. Edgar, Eighth Avenue East, \$280, repairs. | A. E. Barr, Eighth Avenue, \$1,200, construction. |
| J. H. Parsons, Ambrose Avenue, \$265, repairs. | G. Watmough, Fifth Avenue West, \$3,000, construction. |
| C. Haan, Seventh Avenue East, \$285, repairs. | Chinese Freemasons, Third Avenue, \$2,500, repairs. |
| W. Wain, Ninth Avenue East, \$195, repairs. | A. Bergerson, Eleventh Avenue, \$250, repairs. |
| V. King, Sixth Avenue East, \$225, repairs. | W. Baker, Seventh Avenue West, \$150, repairs. |
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| T. Glenn, Seventh Avenue East, \$160, repairs. | Macey's Cafe, Third Avenue, \$200, repairs. |
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| D. Scott, Atlin Avenue, \$265, repairs. | A. Norton, Fifth Avenue West, \$200, repairs. |
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| A. McIntosh, Eleventh Avenue, \$180, repairs. | |
| H. D. Thain, Graham Avenue, \$275, repairs. | |
| L. Martin, Eleventh Avenue, \$350, repairs. | |
| W. Lahti, Borden Street, \$275, repairs. | |

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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Confederation did not come without hard work, strong persuasion, compromise, years of effort and negotiation and a pledge given the Pacific coast. Across the U.S. border lived a great army of veterans and there was the well known fact that Britain had been friendly to the South. A group of mischief makers called the Fenians looked northward. The times were not without risks and dangers.

The Winnipeg Free Press is distributing a pamphlet called "The New Zealand Scene," describing the general economic and administrative picture in that presumably delightful country. It has a strong socialistic tinge, if not outright socialism. The set-up is not without attractive features. To some, New Zealand might make an appeal, powerful enough to bring about an ocean voyage. But one can think of plenty of others who are poor sailors. Anyway, they say they are.

With the possible exception of benches at the totem pole park look-out, there are few resting places in this city where anyone wishing to sit down for a few minutes, may do so. There is almost complete absence of an accommodation that often can be made use of with a feeling of thankfulness and that goes for anyone, as well as the aged.

For the first time, it appears, a Canadian flag has been displayed in a British Columbia court room while the court was formally in session. Previously, it wasn't done. Thus, farewell to another tradition Mr. Justice A. M. Manson, formerly of Prince Rupert, not only permitted but ordered the colors brought in. And why not?

Now and then through the Federal election there were references to the "safe" or "nice" people. There is something about the expression that arouses curiosity and, perhaps, a mild wonder. Just what is meant by making it clear that in a poll it is desirable to have no lack of "safe" or "nice" people? It certainly suggests that they are easily handled. When reforms are to be achieved, when abuses are to be corrected, when wrongs are to be righted, how many people are

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