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Absurd Radio Situation

THE squabble between the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the government telegraph service of the Department of Transport, which is preventing some 35,000 people in northern B.C. from getting adequate radio service, has been aired in the House of Commons comments the Vancouver Sun.

The Department of Transport, which had been demanding \$32,000 rent from the CBC to transmit its commercial programs to Prince Rupert, has come down to \$18,000. Presumably the CBC is still holding out and the people of northern B.C. are waiting in vain—for Liberal M.P. E. P. Applewhaite, who represents the area, expresses the pious hope that the offered rent reduction might hasten an end to the stalemate.

Transport Minister Chevrier announced to members the reduction which his department had made in its demands on the CBC. But Mr. Chevrier apparently has not quite caught on to the absurdity of the situation. It it is an absurdity which Gilbert and Sullivan would have delighted to toy with. One department of the government is quarreling with another about a bookkeeping item while the people whom that government is pledged to service whistle for the service. And pay \$2.50 a year while whistling.

WHAT OIL WOULD MEAN

IL bearing formations are reported from the Queen Charlotte Islands where drilling is now going on near Skidegate. While this does not mean oil, the development is encouraging. Drilling commenced only a couple of weeks ago. It is the first such serious attempt that has ever been made on any of the numerous islands scattered along the coast. A major strike within Prince Rupert territory would vastly enhance Prince Rupert's general status as a seaport and city and would be a far reaching factor in widening the business of the entire coast.

'XMAS DOWN UNDER

THIS is not the Christmas season in Australia, as Canada understands it. The island continent, just now, is in the public eye, chiefly because of the election turnover. But, there are other features of interest, many rather novel, to most of us. Today is mid-December. Down under of course, is a time of gift-giving, praise and general joyousness, and from the standpoint of winter, it's the same as midsummer in Canada. People flock, in their thousands, to the beaches to bathe and loll on the warm sand. The sun has power. Sports do not have to be encouraged for the holiday season is everywhere and it, of course, is associated with the sanctity of Yule. There is feasting, but perhaps not in lavish, even prodigal manner of the Dominion.

It is, indeed, hard for Canadians, unless widely travelled, to think of Christmas without plenty of frost, half a continent of snow, skating, "down to zero," furs and drifts, shovels and the filling of coal bins. Australia can have her kindly skies and all that, but to Canada, the coming of Saint Nicholas, under such circumstances, would lose something. It wouldn't be the real thing.

Ray Reflects. ... and Reminisces

A doctor declares the health was an oft repeated nuisance. of a man is indicated by the length of time he can hold his breath. There is more to it than that, however. It might be said They range from obtrusive to obthat his wisdom is revealed by the length of time he can hold his tongue.

Annually one hears about "seasonal" unemployment and to whatever. It's just a handy explanation-that doesn't explain.

The 1949 rainfall in Ketchikan to date is 199.34 inches. The previous record there was in 1917. when it totalled 190.31 inches. Far be it from us to take a mean advantage. Perish the thought. Alaska's first city and her ambitious people are all to the good. But there were times during the summer when Prince Rupert's evening's train for a brief trip dust, for the sake of comparison, to Terrace on legal business.

drunks" says a police official noxious. They range also, from the opprobrious to the outrageous and ostentatious.

It is probably true that nearly an extent it is true. But when everyone, addressing an audiyou are "too old at forty" for ence feels nervous at first. Perany sort of job, seasonal has haps this is often not noticeable nothing to do with the situation but it can make the speaker uncomfortable. It is well worth while trying to be at home on the platform and that can only be accomplished through study, practice and resolve. The less affected the better and a bit of naivette can help a lot if you happen to possess it. But the ability to hold the house and tell it clearly never comes amiss.

A. B. Brown is leaving on this

Vexed Problems—Pasteurization, Liquor And Workmen's Compensation By J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA-Pasteurization of milk is a subject those who had assisted in con- A. No; but the presence of that can always start a good argument. That's why nection with the campaign. Miss two witnesses is traditional and the Legislature will have nothing to do with it, why B.C. will not introduce a pasteurization law, even seal committee in view of her though public health officials want it.

So the Board of Health promotes pasteurization by education, a slow method, but one that pays dividends in the long run.

work on his report.

The 51-year old Chief Justice,

comparatively young. He was

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For instance, in the latest Act. It is his second Royal monthly Health Bulletin of the Commission enquiry into this B.C. Department of Health is controversial Act, which always this seemingly harmless little causes long discussions in the need to worry about such dis- unions want amended each eases as bovine tuberculosis, year. typhoid fever, undulant fever, The present Act is largely septic sore throat, paratyphoid based on the recommendations and dysentery if you make sure of Chief Justice Sloan following the milk you drink has been his enquiry into the old act protected by pasteurization some years ago. The present Pasteurization of milk makes enquiry will take at least a year. it safe without harming its food Witnesses will be heard in many value-and medical science has parts of the province and then proven that pasteurized milk is the Chief Justice will have to a truly safe milk."

Another subject that sends native of Nanaimo, has had chills down the government's remarkable career for one so spine is liquor.

So terrifying is this matter Attorney-general (in the first Victoria can't even get Pattullo administration) when another liquor store. Victoria he was 35. That was in 1933 doubled in population in Four years later he went to the the last decade, yet there are Court of Appeal. In addition to the same two old stores that his first enquiry into the Workwere here 25 years ago. The re- men's Compensation Act, he ensult is constant congestion, long quired into the salmon fishing queues at the end of each day, industry of Vancouver Island, The smart boys come in, look the forest industry and over the queues, pick out some- acted as mediator in many one at the head of the line and labor discussions. order through him. This is confusing all round, but it's the Commission enquiry on his only way the public has of speeding up the service.

The prohibition element, of dingy, book-lined office in Viccourse, takes the stand another liquor store would make it easier for people to get booze and so increase consumption. It would make it easier, but it's doubtful if it would increase the sale, for a person wanting a bottle isn't going to be discouraged by a queue, even though he might get annoyed.

Chief Justice Sloan has started his official investigation into Workmen's Compensation

Pays Visit To Interior Bridge

Inspection of the new Anlaw Bridge over the Skeena River at Four Mile on the Kispiox road north of Hazelton was the east bank of the Scotia River to made recently by a party of of- No. 9; thence westerly a distance of ficials consisting of Harry Mis- approximately Three chains to the nall, erection engineer, and An- point of commencement, and congus McLoughlin, designing en- less. gineer of the Dominion Bridge, and Murray MacDonald, resi- (h) dent engineer on Columbia Cellulose construction at Watson Island. They were accompanied by W. E. Bottomley, assistant district engineer for the provincial department of public works at Smithers.

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Q. How should a drinking class and a coffee cup be held? A. A drinking glass is held a little belof the centre between the thumb and first two fingers.

Modern Etiquette

Q. How much should one tip

porters on trains? A. To sleeping car porters, it is correct to give 25 or 50 cents for a day. For a berth, a tip of 50

Mrs. Willa Ray for the business session which was followed by The dinner was held in the serving of refreshments. Miss Civic Centre and the members Muriel Vance, the president, was

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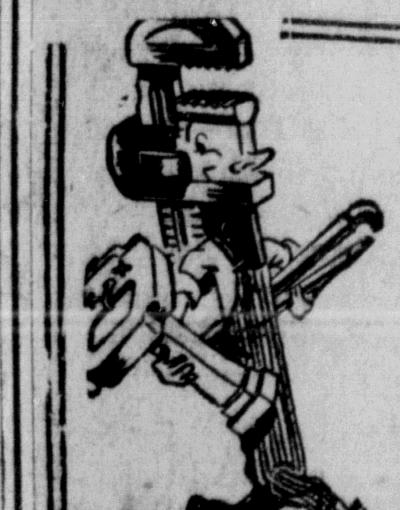


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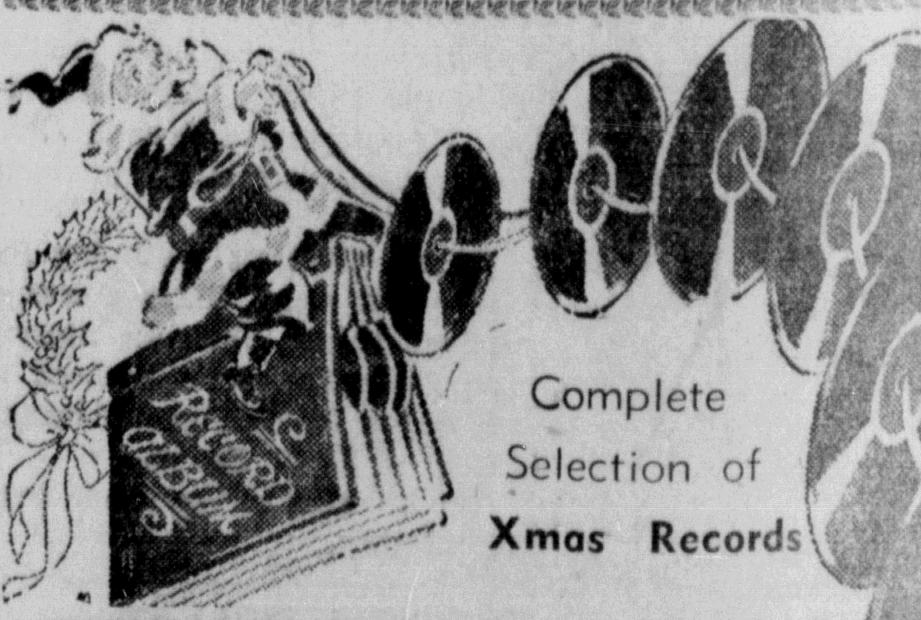
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