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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. Applewhite, 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 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

OIL 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 mid-summer 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 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 that his wisdom is revealed by the length of time he can hold his tongue.

Annually one hears about "seasonal" unemployment and to an extent it is true. But when you are "too old at forty" for any sort of job, seasonal has nothing to do with the situation 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 dust, for the sake of comparison,

was an oft repeated nuisance.

"There are twelve types of drunks" says a police official. They range from obtrusive to obnoxious. They range also, from the opprobrious to the outrageous and ostentatious.

It is probably true that nearly everyone, addressing an audience, feels nervous at first. Perhaps this is often not noticeable 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 evening's train for a brief trip to Terrace on legal business.

# Victoria Report

... by J. K. Nesbitt

### Vexed Problems—Pasteurization, Liquor And Workmen's Compensation

By J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—Pasteurization of milk is a subject that can always start a good argument. That's why the Legislature will have nothing to do with it, why B.C. will not introduce a pasteurization law, even 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.

For instance, in the latest monthly Health Bulletin of the B.C. Department of Health is this seemingly harmless little paragraph: "You'll have little need to worry about such diseases as bovine tuberculosis, typhoid fever, undulant fever, septic sore throat, paratyphoid and dysentery if you make sure the milk you drink has been protected by pasteurization. Pasteurization of milk makes it safe without harming its food value—and medical science has proven that pasteurized milk is a truly safe milk."

Another subject that sends chills down the government's spine is liquor.

So terrifying is this matter that Victoria can't even get another liquor store. Victoria has doubled in population in the last decade, yet there are the same two old stores that were here 25 years ago. The result is constant congestion, long queues at the end of each day. The smart boys come in, look over the queues, pick out someone at the head of the line and order through him. This is confusing all round, but it's the only way the public has of speeding up the service.

The prohibition element, of course, 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 the Workmen's Compensation

### Pays Visit To Interior Bridge

Inspection of the new Anlaw Bridge over the Skeena River at Four Mile on the Kispox road north of Hazelton was made recently by a party of officials consisting of Harry Minnall, erection engineer, and Anvus McLoughlin, designing engineer of the Dominion Bridge, and Murray MacDonald, resident 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.

### PRINCE RUPERT LAND RECORDING DISTRICT

TAKE NOTICE that the Columbia Cellulose Company Limited of Watson Island, British Columbia, occupation manufacturers of cellulose products, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands, situate on the south side of the Skeena River opposite Kwinitsa Station, British Columbia, commencing at a post planted at about Seventy-two chains south astronomical of the southeast corner of Lot 5839; thence north astro. a distance of approximately Twenty-Five chains to the extreme low water line on the south bank of the Skeena River; thence westerly and south westerly following the extreme low water line of the Skeena River a distance of approximately Seventy chains to a point at rock bluff near slough outlet; thence southerly to the high water line of the Skeena River; thence easterly, south easterly, and north easterly following the high water line along the south bank of the slough a distance of approximately Seventy-five chains to the point of commencement, and containing Sixty acres more or less.

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Act. It is his second Royal Commission enquiry into this controversial Act, which always causes long discussions in the Legislature and which labor unions want amended each year.

The present Act is largely based on the recommendations of Chief Justice Sloan following his enquiry into the old act some years ago. The present enquiry will take at least a year. Witnesses will be heard in many parts of the province and then the Chief Justice will have to work on his report.

The 51-year old Chief Justice, native of Nanaimo, has had a remarkable career for one so comparatively young. He was Attorney-general (in the first Pattullo administration) when he was 35. That was in 1933. Four years later he went to the Court of Appeal. In addition to his first enquiry into the Workmen's Compensation Act, he enquired into the salmon fishing industry of Vancouver Island, the forest industry and has acted as mediator in many labor discussions.

Now, with another big Royal Commission enquiry on his hands he will more than ever burn the midnight oil in his dingy, book-lined office in Victoria's ancient, drafty, rattly courthouse.

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TAKE NOTICE that the Columbia Cellulose Company Limited of Watson Island, British Columbia, occupation manufacturers of cellulose products, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands, situate in the vicinity of south of Indian Reserve No. 9, on the Scotia River, commencing at a post planted about Eight Hundred feet S.400E of N.W. corner of Indian Reserve No. 9; thence southerly, south easterly, and south westerly following the high water line on the west bank of the Scotia River a distance of approximately One Hundred and Twenty chains; thence north easterly a distance of approximately Three chains to the high water line on the East bank of the Scotia River; thence northerly, north easterly, and westerly following the high water line on the east bank of the Scotia River to the south boundary of Indian Reserve No. 9; thence westerly a distance of approximately Three chains to the point of commencement, and containing Forty Eight acres, more or less.

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### Response To Seals Prompt

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The club decided to send out families. The dinner was held in the Civic Centre and the members then adjourned to the home of

### Modern Etiquette

Q. How should a drinking glass and a coffee cup be held?  
A. A drinking glass is held a little below the centre between the thumb and first two fingers. The handle of the coffee cup is grasped by the thumb and first two fingers, the third and fourth being bent toward the palm.

Q. Is it obligatory that a bride and bridegroom have a maid-of-honor and a best man?  
A. No; but the presence of two witnesses is traditional and is seldom disregarded.

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 is customary.

Mrs. Willa Ray for the business session which was followed by serving of refreshments. Miss Muriel Vance, the president, was in the chair

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