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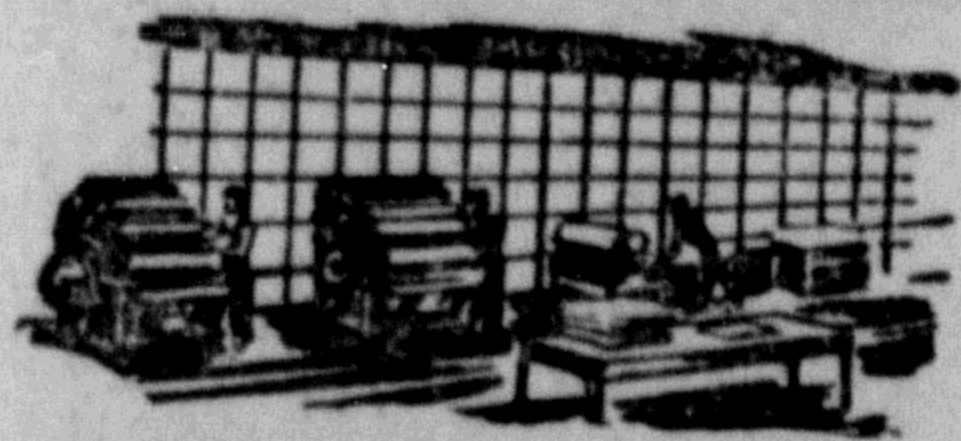


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Victoria Report

... by J. K. Nesbitt

Can Ancomb Take It?—Old Vic is Through
—“Duff” Smart as Ever

VICTORIA—Political observers are wondering if Herb Ancomb can ride the storm that's now brewing about his wine and beer interests.

The junior part of the Conservative party says Ancomb will have to make up his mind whether he stays in the booze business or quits leadership of the Tory party.

The whole subject will be argued about at the October 6-7 convention of the Conservative Party in Vancouver.

Mr. Ancomb said the other day that it has been well known his business is wine and beer and that it never went against his being elected Reeve of Oak Bay, Mayor of Victoria and five times a member of the Legislature. He said he will have something more to say on the matter at the convention.

There's no doubt Ancomb will have a rough ride. He sells his wine and beer products to a Government board. However, there's no indication he gets any favoritism or that his brands have a monopoly. He sells in competition with beer and wine from Australia and Eastern Canada.

If there was anything irregular about Mr. Ancomb's selling wine and beer to a Government board the Opposition would have smoked it out long ago and made political capital of it. The Opposition has long realized the hopelessness of such an attempt.

Just the same, if a politician can be smeared by calling him a booze baron it could well go hard with him. Mr. Ancomb doesn't like the present situation. He's nervous, but defiant. He'll stick to his guns.

Capt. G. Cromack is getting ready to work with his sixth Lieutenant-Governor. He's private secretary at Government House, where Clarence Wallace takes over October 1 as Lieutenant-Governor. Cromack is something of an institution in Victoria. He's an expert on protocol, always knows who should sit next to who, and how far up or down the table, at an official Government House dinner. He knows the official Ottawa precedence list by heart and has never been known to make a social blunder.

Cromack went to Government House during the regime of Hon. R. Randolph Bruce in 1927 and has served under Hon. J. W. Fordham Johnson, Hon. E. W. Hamber, Hon. W. C. Woodward and Hon. C. A. Banks. He has made arrangements for many distinguished people. The most outstanding: President and Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt in 1937; the King and Queen in 1939.

In his spare time Cromack is an artist and has painted the coats-of-arms of every Governor-General of Canada who has visited Government House. This

interesting collection of shields hangs over the baronial fireplace in the State dining room at Government House.

In this capital by the sea there's sadness because the gallant old steamer Princess Victoria has ended her days on this coast. Tired and worn out, she is to be sold to shipping interests far away or will be broken up.

The old “Vic” has been a remarkable ship. She came from her builders in England in 1903 and for years was the beauty and speed queen of the coast. She has carried more than a million passengers, has steamed hundreds of thousands of miles. Through the years she wrapped a personality about herself, much as a human being does. Her whistle has been unique; waterfront folk would know it if they heard it at winter midnight at the North Pole. Generations of Victorians set their watches by the Vic's whistle, for in all the years she was seldom late.

Ran into three noted retired politicians the other day—former Premier “Duff” Pattullo, growing older and stouter, but smart as ever; former Premier John Hart, looking dapper and slim in a Palm Beach suit and former Health and Welfare Minister George Pearson, looking well, but not feeling so. He's under daily hospital treatment. He told me he supposes he'll be able to carry on as a private M.L.A. for Nanaimo next session but is not yet sure. No one wants to get rid of George Pearson, but the scent of a possible by-election gets all the politicians eager as beavers.

Kitkatla Honors Respected Woman

Three funeral services were held for Mrs. Flora Hill, wife of Matthew Hill and one of the most highly respected native women of the village of Kitkatla, whose death occurred in the city last week. Interment finally took place in Kitkatla on Sunday.

First there was a service last Thursday afternoon at the chapel of the B.C. Undertakers at which Rt. Rev. James B. Gibson, Bishop of Caledonia, officiated, assisted by Rev. Canon Basil S. Procter. Jonathan Hill, brother of the widower, presided at the organ and hymns were “Lead Kindly Light” and “My Faith Looks Up to Thee.” It was a joint service, also for Joseph, the one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ridley of Kitkatla, who had passed away a few days earlier.

Following the service in the city, the remains were taken to Kitkatla on Saturday where they were met by Rev. C. L. Lomas and Canon Procter with the Anglican mission boat Northern Cross who held a service at the home of the deceased. On Sunday another service was held by lay readers at St. Peter's Church who also conducted the burial service.

Mrs. Hill's death occurred at the Prince Rupert General Hospital after several months' illness. Fifty-two years of age, she was born in Kitkatla, the daughter of Henry Watt and his first wife, Louisa Twain, also of Kitkatla. Deceased's first husband was the late James Jackson of Kitkatla.

Following marriage to Mr. Hill, five children were adopted—three boys and two girls. Besides these foster children, Mrs. Hill leaves two sons—Wilfrid and Ernest Jackson—and several stepsons and a stepdaughter.

Mrs. Hill was a member of the choir of St. Peter's Church at Kitkatla and honorary president until 1949 of the Excelsior Club of which her husband is still honorary president.

A member of the Shanbhada tribe of Indians, Mrs. Hill, for the greater part of her life, was an interested worker and leader among the populace of Kitkatla. She was also a member of the American Woman's Auxiliary with which she was an ardent worker. Christianity being the keystone of her endeavours, she did much towards helping the people of Kitkatla to raise their standards of living and education.

In the month of April this year Canadians earned in salaries, wages and supplementary income \$642,000,000, which was 5% more than in April, 1949.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

SEPTEMBER'S SHAKE!

That languid feeling will pass. It began to steal over one on Sunday, around breakfast hour—or did you have refreshments in bed? It was felt again on Monday, when, through the mists of sleep, there was no job persistently beckoning. But this awakening was brutal. This was the stern call of duty—but also pay checks.

Seems Familiar

A long, winding sort of steamship blast is due to blow over the harbor about 11:30 a.m. tomorrow. Plenty of local people will be prepared to say they have heard it before and missed it last week.

On the Up and Up

Plane crews took the place of trains and boats for part of August and each more than measured up to what surely was an emergency. For after all, the service is new, and to some, an adventurous novelty. With bookings by the column and many thousands anxious to be on the move and like enough worried sick, the alert men and women of the airways, worked to the limit, carried on without slip or flaw.

George Not Doing It

In nearly a dozen cases in the August building list, the jobs were performed by “self” instead of contractor or carpenter. It was not like that years ago. Today, anything savoring of construction, no matter how small, means cash—which is always important, and sometimes exclusive.

Facing Possible Facts

General Pearkes, who has been heard in Prince Rupert, urges on Ottawa the necessity of more Canadian defence with special reference to the Pacific coast. He has been doing so for years and at times when there seemed less occasion for such a course than exists today. A winner of the Victoria Cross, he has seen war indeed, and is entitled to have his opinions received with respect.

“Action Stations!”

About nine days saw the commencement and finish of strikes on Canada's railways, and Pacific steamship organizations. Considering their enormous scope, the volume of travel and traffic, and the number of individuals affected as well as the complexities involved, that's pretty quick action. Many an industrial dispute of infinitely less importance has dragged on for months.

And Russia, at That!

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Seining for chums off the Queen Charlotte Islands last week was very good with catches up to 5,000 per boat reported for some days. Mainland catches are remaining roughly the same at about 1000 salmon per day.

More area will be available for fishermen this week when inland waters in the Butedale area south of McKay Beach will be re-opened to seiners and gillnetters. The Bella Bella, Rivers and Smith's Inlet areas remain open. Masset Inlet at the north of the Queen Charlotte Islands was closed recently but the remainder of the islands, the west coast, central and southern areas are open.

V.C., M.P. of Nanaimo. Here, normal life has always been taken as a matter of course. There has never been real physical understanding of the expression “the enemy.” There would come bewildering surprises.



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