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### Railway Situation

ALTHOUGH it is going to cause a lot of inconvenience and delay to say nothing of unfavorable publicity, the temporary embargo imposed by the Canadian National Railways on acceptance of business for delivery over the line in the snow area between Prince Rupert and Terrace is probably justified. Anyone who has travelled the line by daylight recently and has observed the menacing snow conditions knows there is danger. Particularly now that the weather is softening, there are such grim possibilities even of a train becoming engulfed or caught between obstructions with difficulty of relief access from either end. In short an emergency has arisen.

In the meantime, we know that the local officials of the line at least are anxious to get traffic moving normally as soon as it is humanly possible. The line will, doubtless, be reopened just as soon as it is fit and safe to do so.

The railway company has been having some trying times with its British Columbia lines due to the unusual weather conditions first from flood and washouts and now from big snows and slides. It is becoming apparent that expenditures will be required on this line at least not only for maintenance but for large scale improvements and replacements and, possibly, new types of protective installations. Due to the unusual conditions of the past year, the deterioration of this line has, no doubt, been much greater than usual and it will require a large restorative program to arrest it.

### COMMUNIST JUSTICE

EVEN BEFORE fifteen Protestant churchmen are brought to trial in communist Bulgaria on charges of treason, espionage and black marketing, which charges the western world are at least suspicious of being to large extent trumped up, they are condemned in the nation's press as disclosed in yesterday's dispatches.

In the democratic justice of Canada organizations which would pass resolutions condemning accused of the crimes for which they await trial or newspapers which publish such resolutions would promptly find themselves in serious trouble for criminal libel, contempt of court and such offences. But in the communist countries the puppet newspaper mouthpieces of the totalitarian governments can broadcast their propaganda with no recourse for the accused, be they innocent or guilty.

The outcome of the trial of the fifteen Protestant churchmen in Bulgaria is, no doubt, a foregone conclusion as was that of Cardinal Mintzenty in Hungary. Their condemnation by the press in advance of the trial is admission that "trial" in the communist countries is merely a "whitewash" of already obtusely arranged conviction.

Fortunately the "commies" when they come to trial for any reason in Canada get fair dispensation of justice which they would still continue to receive even if Col. Drew's proposal that espousal of their doctrine should be made a crime under the Canadian code should be adopted.

### ALUMINUM

ALUMINUM has changed a wilderness valley in the Saguenay region of Quebec into one of the busiest areas in Canada. Buildings coming within the classification of industrial headquarters extend for about a mile and a half.

John Fisher, who specializes in Canadian affairs and in doing so travels all over the country, later broadcasting his discoveries and conclusions, on Sunday, paid his respects to the vast water power of the Saguenay River and the cynics who declared that such might could never be harnessed. There was nothing in the country, said the cynics, being too remote, too cold, too empty. The cynics, in the early days, had also mentioned Prince Rupert, Fisher said. But these misanthropes had all lived to be confounded and badly disappointed.

Today, 150,000 wage earners, merchants, home owners, citizens generally, dwell in the Saguenay country. The world's greatest aluminum plant is there, as well as huge pulp enterprises and similar establishments. In the development of enormous power alone, a total of 47,000 men had been employed.

The miniature cities now humming with activity are well built and serviced. What has so long been thought a bleak, almost valueless land, said Fisher, is being discovered. And it's only on the fringe. Science makes it possible.

Northward, ever northward are unguessed riches in the way of electrical energy, forests and metal. What has happened in Saguenay is just an illustration.



WHERE DECISIONS GIVEN—Although the Supreme Court of Canada is housed in a million-dollar structure in Ottawa, the room where the judges sit to hear cases and give decisions is small. This photo taken just outside the main doorway shows the interior of the room. Since arguments before the court attract little public attention there is only room for 30 spectators. Up front seats are provided for 16 lawyers, eight on each side. Chief Justice Theobald Rinfret occupies the centre chair beneath the coat of arms when the court is in session. (C. P. Photo)

### Better Schools:

A series of articles by Parent - Teacher Council

Our last article covered planning a school building program. In this article we will cover planning the building. This should be broken down as follows:

1. Selection of the architect.
2. Assistance due the architect from the teaching staff of the school and the school board.
3. Approval of the plans.
4. Keeping the public informed.

The selection of the architect is the first step in the administration of the school building program. Architects, being highly trained, are inclined to specialize. Therefore, the choice should be made among architects who have had experience in school construction and whose buildings have proved satisfactory. It is well to have representatives of the school board travel around and see at first hand school buildings that are in operation and proving functional and economical. They will then be able to determine the structural and functional soundness of the building in relation to its cost. Generally speaking the selection of the architect through tender does not bring forth the best qualified for the job. Contracts with the architect should call for all preliminary consultations and sketches until the general plan is agreed upon. If the proper selection of the architect is made many services will be rendered which are not called for in the contract.

Assistance due the architect from the teaching staff and the school board is vitally necessary as the architect is not always conversant with educational procedures and programs and it is only through the assistance of these two groups that he is able to put the best educational thinking into the school plans. It is well to draw the attention of the architect to the local building regulations so that the school plans will conform to them.

As soon as the general outline of the proposed building are completed they must be submitted to the school board for

approval and then in turn to the Department of Education for their approval. It is of the utmost importance that a very careful review of the plans be made so that expensive alterations are eliminated after the building is being built.

Keeping the public informed is another important item to remember. The public wants all the reason why each item is necessary. They should understand the current and long view program. It should be remembered that the result of the preliminary survey gives ample material for this requirement.

(to be continued)

### PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

Twenty-five Years Ago  
Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council looked with favor on provincial legislation which was to bring the eight-hour day into general use in 1925. They also advocated abolition of the \$5 poll tax.

The 1924 Prince Rupert Exhibition was to be held from September 9 to September 13. It was announced by the Exhibition Board following its annual meeting.

Fear was expressed for the safety of Fred Blondel, a fisherman, who borrowed a rowboat at the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. wharf to cross the harbor to cut firewood. He had been missing for three days and no trace of himself or the rowboat had been found.

Thirty-five Years Ago  
William Manson, M.P.P. for Skeena in debate in the legislature opposed the policy of the provincial government guaranteeing municipal bonds.

An expert was being sent out by the federal government to test the reported oil fields on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

V. A. Cole, Dr. H. E. Tremayne, E. Emad, C. H. Handasyde, M. Lofquist, G. S. Fitzmaurice, K. L. Rank, J. A. Smith, E. D. Har-

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QUEEN OF MCGILL—Beryl Dash, 20, British West Indies beauty attending McGill University, was crowned queen of the McGill winter carnival in Montreal. Miss Dash was elected in a secret ballot, result of which was not to be announced until Friday night. However, the report she had won became so widespread about the campus, carnival officials announced she was the winner. (C.P. Photo)

### PREMIER WOULD LEARN TO DANCE

NIAGARA FALLS—Premier L. S. St. Laurent, at 67 years of age, feels the time has come for him to learn how to dance. He said here that he is thinking of taking lessons. The social functions which accompany his new office call for some ability to shine on the ballroom floor. He says he will try.

### DOCTOR ADVISES USE OF WHISKEY

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont.—Dr. J. F. Gimby, public health officer, is a firm believer in the medical efficiency of whiskey. He has not, however, unanimous support.

If a person feels a cold coming on he should go to bed and take two teaspoonfuls of whiskey, brandy, rum—every hour, on the hour—said Dr. Gimby. Drugs should be taken only in the event of complications.

The liquor vendor's store here has about run out of stock.

### ENGINEER WINS MEDAL

STOCKHOLM, Sweden—Dr. Fredrik Ljungstrom, noted Swedish engineer and inventor, has been awarded the James Watt Medal of the Mechanical Engineers in London. He is the second scientist outside the British Empire and the United States to be awarded the medal.

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### Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It is nowhere near as beautiful as I thought it would be."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "necessarily"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Diocese, dipsomaniac, dilemma.
4. What does the word "homiletic" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with hu that means "to direct and manage with frugality"?

Answers  
1. Say, "It is not nearly so beautiful." 2. Pronounce nes-er-ill-ly all e's as in bet, and principal accent on first syllable. 3. Dilemma. 4. Having the nature of a sermon. (Pronounce the o as in on, e as in let, accent follows the t). "The address was homiletic." 5. Husband.

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### U.S. Vessels In Canadian Waters

OTTAWA—George Nowland, newly elected Progressive-Conservative member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings has asked the government to keep United States fishing trawlers out of Canada's maritime waters. He declared the American trawlers fish within three miles of the Canadian coastline while trawlers from Canada cannot fish within 12 miles of American territory.

### DRASTIC MEASURE

ACCRA, Gold Coast, Ghana—Destroying trees affected by the swollen shoot disease is the only way of saving the Gold Coast cocoa industry. Three scientists, including Dr. C. Berkeley of Canada, have recommended destruction of 50,000,000 out of 400,000,000 trees.

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