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Long Overdue

WE ARE happy to hear that, after our many representations, the provincial department of public works intends to start next year with the paving of Highway 16 eastward from Prince Rupert.

Too long has the government concentrated its road favors on Vancouver Island, particularly around Victoria, and around Vancouver.

Getting the promise and assurance is something although there have been promises and assurances in the past that have often enough been exasperatingly slow of fulfilment.

PEACE AT ANY PRICE?

A DISTINCT modification of attitude towards Communist China seems to be developing in United States.

There is no intention of detracting from any conciliatory settlement that may be reached now but it does seem regrettable that it should have to come as a climax to a shocking defeat at arms with painful loss of Allied fighting men.

Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.

WE COULD USE THE RIGHT SORT

AGAIN and again, Canada is being told she needs more people. For example how many more times must Central and Northern British Columbia tell of its attractiveness as a field for immigration?

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."—Rom. 5:6.

RIGHT AT HOME LONDON —There's a stray bird hostel in the Hamstead district.



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MASTODON TUSK—A mastodon tusk weighing nearly 200 pounds is held by Calgary Zoo attendants Jimmie Pringle, left, and Stewart Smith.



As I See It By ELMORE PHILPOTT

RADIO FOR TRAINS?

A PROFESSOR writes urging two-way radio equipment for all trains: "The recent tragic collision on the CNR north of Kamloops draws attention to the antiquated means of communication used by the railroads."

THE PROFESSOR is an expert on such means of communication. He has in his own lab, he says, several aircraft receiver-transmitters, obtained from war surplus.

THE PROFESSOR delves to some length into the technical questions involved. He shows that there is no real reason why two-way radio could not operate from and to trains.

My friend makes it clear he is not urging abolition of the present system of written communications. "Printed instructions should still be given to train crews, as is current practice."

EVERY TIME the railroads ask for higher rates howls of opposition go up from coast to coast.

THE REAL QUESTION is one of time. I think the professor is right in saying "Now."

WHEN Sir Henry Thornton began to experiment with diesel engines in Canada, some of the papers lambasted him as a speedthrift.

LETTERBOX

Editor, Daily News: Regarding your report in Monday's paper that I was fined \$5 and costs for illegal parking, I did not pay the fine but served two days in jail.

Pacific Coast Cities Worried

People of the large California cities such as Los Angeles appear to be more worried about attack in an imminent war than do the people of Honolulu who experienced such an attack at Pearl Harbor just nine years ago.

Los Angeles and such cities are actively organizing their own defences. In Los Angeles it is being organized on a block by block basis.

Mr. Robins was accompanied by Mrs. Robins and daughter Shirley, who returned on the Prince George this morning.

As between train wrecks and train radios there is only one answer.

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Herring Run Started

Herring fishing is off to an early start this year with 15,000 tons caught up to December 2 in the central sub-district.

In the northern sub-district 700 tons have been caught in Eddy Pass in the vicinity of Butler's Cove.

PUBLIC COOPERATION VITAL IN INFLATION FIGHT—B.C. GARDNER

Bank of Montreal President Reviews Anti-inflation Responsibilities of Business, Public and Government—Strong Action Needed

While 1950 has been a year of continued progress in Canada's business and industrial life, inflationary pressures of growing proportion are becoming a matter of grave concern, according to H. C. Gardner, president of the Bank of Montreal.

The bank's 1950 operations were reviewed by Gordon R. Ball, general manager, who reported resources at the year-end of \$2,196,000,000. This was a record figure for an annual report, as was also the amount for deposits — \$2,063,000,000.

Quick assets, with investment holdings of more than a billion dollars were reported at \$1,602,000,000—an amount equal to 76.2 per cent of all the bank's liabilities to the public.

Reasoned Confidence Summing up the 1950 economic picture in Canada, Mr. Gardner said that the year's developments "have once again confirmed the views of those, at home and abroad, who have maintained a reasoned confidence in the Canadian business outlook and in this country's impressive long-run potentialities."

But there were shadows across the picture, too, the president said. "We live today in an eerie twilight, not between peace and war but between cold war and an all-out struggle," he commented.

The claims of the increased defence program upon manpower and materials, Mr. Gardner said, had come when civilian demand for consumer and capital goods was already "pressing heavily upon the ceiling of available supply."

Drawbacks of Controls The anti-inflationary methods of complete mobilization appeared inappropriate at present, the president continued.

However, national security at this critical stage could not, he said, be maintained "on the cheap."

Public Cooperation Vital Intelligent public cooperation was "vitally necessary" to provide a smooth transmission from a peacetime economy to partial mobilization, the speaker maintained.

Mr. Ball said 1950 had been "another year of superb performance by the men and women of our staff."

Staff training continued to receive special consideration at all levels, Mr. Ball stated.

"Putting the matter in its levels."

New Drug For Burns

CLEVELAND — An almost skinless man—seventy percent of his skin burned away by gasoline—has been saved from death by the wonder hormone ACTH, the American Medical Association was told today by Dr. James

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