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Long Overdue

V/E ARE happy to hear that, after our many W representations, the provincial department of public works intends to start next year with the paving of Highway 16 eastward from Prince Rupert. There is no occasion to get too sentimentally appreciative, however, for this is work that is long overdue not only in Skeena Valley between Prince Rupert and Terrace but in many other country parts of British Columbia.

Too long has the government concentrated its road favors on Vancouver Island, particularly around Victoria, and around Vancouver. That there should be some change of policy, as indicated by the new announcement received by the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce is therefore timely.

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. We hope it will be different this time. But now the undertaking has been made, we have something to hold the department to which we should surely do if there is tardiness or failure in implementing it.

Remember the kettle which, up to its neck in hot water, still continues to sing.

PEACE AT ANY PRICE?

A DISTINCT modification of attitude towards / Communist China seems to be developing in United States. A considerable about-face is also to be noted in a statement made last night by Canada's minister of external affairs, Hon. L. B. Pearson, in advocating a speedy settlement along what he bravely suggests can still be "honorable" lines.

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. It will be a point to be debated for a long time whether any peace that may be negotiated now could not have been reached two weeks ago under more happy and graceful circumstances before MacArthur's offensive to end the war went into reverse and turned out to be a debacle.

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

WE COULD USE THE RIGHT SORT

A GAIN 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? The same can apply to all parts of the Dominion. Canada receives a few-but nothing to compare with Australia's record. There, in 1948 it was 48,500, in 1949 about 150,000 and in 1950 it will be certain to reach 200,000. What's wrong with Canada? Suffering from supercaution? Plenty of people are not Sons of Freedom.

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 (P)—There's a stray

THOSE BEARDS

CANTERBURY, England ()bird hostel in' the Hamstead A Canterbury firm is offering a district. The guests, mostly gold watch to the owner of the brought by police or boys, are best beard grown for the local trains with two-way radio would well cared for by the manager, celebrations of the 1951 festival be considerable. But who would



"I still say the bacon is overdone"



MASTODON TUSK-A mastodon tusk weighing nearly 200 pounds is held by Calgary Zoo attendants Jimmie Pringle, left, and Stewart Sluth. The tusk, estimated to be 10,000 to 25,000 years old, was found in Alaska by J. A. Phillips of Kimberley, Ala., a water exploration expert for the U.S. government. Mr. Phillips usually gives such fossils to American colleges and museums, but presented this one to the Calgary Zoo. The now-extinct mastodon was a forerunner of the modern elephant. (CP PHOTO)

By ELMORE PHILPOTT RADIO FOR TRAINS?

A PROFESSOR writes urging two-way radio pacific equipment for all trains: Pacific

"The recent tragic collision on the CNR north Cities Worried Kamloops draws attention to the antiquated means bitles such as Los Angeles appear of communication used by the to be more worried about attack railroads. The next day the ter- in an imminent war than do the rible wreck on the Long Island neonle of Honolulu who experiline reinforced the message.

out of contact with their con- nia and the Hawaiian Islands.

says, several aircraft receiver- the situation realistic enough. transmitters, obtained from war Los Angeles and such cities surplus. These are primitive actively organizing their airilians compared with later models. But defences. In Los Angeles it averted the tragedy of the CNR Haris.

THE PROFESSOR delves at some length into the technical Prince George this morning. questions involved. He shows two-way radio could not operate locomotive is going the way that from and to trains. Every train the wood-burner went-out. to be so equipped the cost should munications - called radio -

My friend makes it clear he tion, is not urging abolition of the present system of written com-

munications. "Printed instructions should still be given to train crews, as, is current practice. But in addition despatchers should, short intervals, make regular radio contact with all trains in their divisions."

EVERY TIME the railroads ask for higher rates howls of opposition go up from coast to coast. We all know what happened when the recent national railroad strike took place. That hinged around the question, "What can the railroads afford

seriously argue that such cost overbalances the saving of life and limb and property?

The real question for the railroads must surely be: "Would modern two-way radio communication make for safer, better railroad service?"

If the answer to that question is "yes" then surely a strong, rich country like Canada is not going to haggle or quibble about the initial cost.

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

Now everyone in this country

LETTERBOX

Editor, Daily News: Regarding your report in Monday's paper that I was fined \$ and costs for illegal parking. did not pay the fine but served two days in jail. If it is no disgrace for the city to charge \$7.50 for infringement of traffic regulations under the circumstance in which I was parked, it is disgrace for me to go to jail. FRED HILL

People of the large Californi enned such an attack at Dann "In this time when ships, air- Harbor just nine years ago tocraft, state patrol cars and even morrow, according to H. F. Robtaxis use two-way radio com- ins, manager of Nelson Bros. munication, what excuse is there wi heries Ltd., plant at Port Edfor trains, carrying several hun- ward, who returned to the city by dred passengers or millions of air Monday from a holiday trip dollars worth of freight, being which took him to both Califortrol centres for long periods of "Fvervwhere." said Mr. Rob

ins. "the American neonla ora concerned about the grave possi-THE PROFESSOR is an expert bility of war but they seem more on such means of communicat wormied in the big Pacific Coast tion. He has in his own lab, he rities. The call-un of men makes

even the ones he has could have bring arranized on a block by Mr Robins was accompanie he Mrs. Robins and daughter

demand for consumer and capi- businessmen against making Shirley, who returned on the tal goods was already "pressing commitments solely in anticipaheavily upon the ceiling of avail- tion of price increases, adding, able supply." Thus, the require- too, that they might well scrutthat there is no real reason why knows that the coal-burning ments of partial mobilization, inize their policies as to inven-

while relatively small, made for tory, credit extension and plant inflation to a degree far out of expansion in the light of capital should carry a radio "shack," Surely anyone who looks ahead proportion to their size. he argues. If it is economic for a few years must realize that an aircraft with 20 passengers the great revolution in comof complete mobilization appear-

is ed inappropriate at present, the not be considered prohibitive. going to affect railroad operapresident continued. To control price also meant regulating sup-Nobody believes that we will ply; restricting demand through indefinitely ride to train sta-stern fiscal measures and tions in taxicabs equipped with through wage and salary ceilings;

protecting domestic prices two-way radio - then board against increases in import costs; trains still using only nineteenth plus obtaining public acceptance century communication. The real question is one of the regimentation involved. To attempt all this now could time. I think the professor introduce "serious elements

right in saying "Now." As between train wrecks and train radios there is only one this critical stage could not, he

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policy for government.

The pank's 1950 operations

were reviewed by Gordon R. Ball,

resources at the year-end of

\$2,190,000,000. This was a record

figure for an annual report, as

current accounts, he said, now

totalled more than 1.800,900 in

half-a-million in the past six

holdings of more than a billion

000,000—an amount equal to 76.2

per cent of all the bank's liabili-

ties to the public. Current loans,

at the record year-end figure of

\$528,000,000, were up \$41 million

Reasoned Confidence

picture in Canada, Mr. Gardner

said that the year's developments

"nave once again confirmed the

views of those, at home and

abread, who have maintained a

reasoned confidence in the Can-

this country's impressive long-

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.

Even white we long for peace

and work for peace we must meet

the exigencies of the present

moment and, as best we may,

Drawbacks of Controls

friction" into the economy

However, national security a

said, be maintained "on the

power and materials for defence

cheap." Increased use of man-

adjustment of living standards

To avoid the strains and injus-

tices of inflation, this readjust-

ment would mean enlisting the

understanding, level-headedness

and cooperation of people in all

walks of life behind wise and

forthright governmental policy.

strict "pay as you go" program

ould require the courage to cut

of the frills of governmental

sent an uncompromising front to

demands from any quarter for

Public Cooperation Vital

was "vitally necessary" to provide

peacetime economy to partial

mobilization, the speaker main-

tained. Hoarding, or panic-buy-

ing by producers and consumers

omy. However, national security

could only be achieved if those

concerned with collective bar-

'Putting the matter in its levels.'

could not but weaken the econ-

a smooth transmission from a

Intelligent public cooperation

unnecessary additions.

one could win.

nevitably demanded some

adian business outlook and

run potentialities."

Summing up the 1950 economic

over the year.

dollars were reported at \$1,602,

Canada—an increase of over

\$2,063,000,000. Savings and

was also the amount for deposits for us."

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

GORDON BALL, GENERAL MANAGER, ADVISES

CLOSE SCRUTINY BY BUSINESS OF INVENTORIES,

CREDIT EXTENSION, PLANT EXPANSION IN

RELATION TO CAPITAL RESOURCES

ousiness and industrial life, inflationary pressures of growing

proportions are becoming a matter of grave concern, according

to B. C. Gardner, president of the Bank of Montreal, who addressed

the bank's shareholders at their 133rd annual meeting. The

solution, he said, lies not alone in the hands of government, but

in the conduct of businessmen and of the public as well. He

maintained that Canada's defence program should not be regarded

as a "business as usual" project, and advocated a "pay-as-you-go"

general manager, who reported Gardner added, "If

While 1950 has been a year of continued progress in Canada's

700 tons have been caught in New Drug Eddye Pass in the vicinity of New Drug Butler's Cove.

Sunday a herring run was off For Burns the mouth of the Oona Hiver in For Burns Ogden Channel. There 1,260 tons

Kwakshua Pass off Fitzhugh manager of Nelson Brothers, has the wonder hormone ACTH, the returned to Port Edward to re- American Medical Association In the northern sub-district open the reduction plant.

nation insist on doing less and

less for a dollar, we can hardly

complain if the dollar does less,

General Manager's Address

Mr. Ball commented particularly

on the increase in the number

of savings and current accounts

expressing appreciation of the

confidence reflected by the fig-

ness." he said, "the paramount

considerations continue to be the

safeguarding of the funds placed

with us by our depositors, and

the extension of progressive, effi-

cient and friendly services to the

vast number of Canadians and

others who make use of our

facilities to a steadily increasing

purposes showed a mixed trend.

Mr. Ball commented. In some

lines there were recent evidences

of stock-piling. In many indus-

træs, plant extensions and re-

placements were still proceeding

and the effect on working capi-

tal had, in some cases, increased

the need for bank loans. Greater

demand for consumer credit was

also reflected in some measure by

Warning on Commitments

price pressures appeared general

instability' in specific situations

Mr. Ball noted that upward

The speaker expressed hope

which might be found necessary

would show due regard to the

desirability of building up busi-

ners resources out of profits, "the

soundest of all methods of rais-

ing capital." This applied with

particular force to smaller busi-

The general manager reported

that importers and exporters

throughout the country were

making increased use of the

world-wide facilities of the B of

M Foreign Department, which

enlarged its relationships abroad

manager suggested, to re-exam-

ine the usefulness of exchange

control. While Canada had gone

for in removing barriers to in-

ternational commerce, the "com-

plex and expensive" mechanism

of control remained. With Can-

adian holdings of gold and U.S.

dollars at high levels and with

the need of maintaining a fixed

Canada should give "a vigorous

lead' in eliminating this control

as soon as conditions permitted

High Praise for Staff

"another year of superb perform-

ance by the men and women of

our staff." It had been a period

of great activity, he remarked,

with heavy demands upon all de-

partments, which were met with

'smooth and cheerful efficiency.'

ceive special consideration at all

levels, Mr. Ball stated. Every

endeavour was being made to

reduce working hours by simpli-

fying routine, mechanizing oper-

"The welfare and development

felt by those at the lower salary

ations and improving conditions

Staff training continued to re-

Mr. Ball said 1950 had been

during the present year.

B of M loans and discounts.

prepare for what the future may but there was a "good deal of

The claims of the increased Some prices had risen so rapidly

defence program upon man-that corrective declines might be

power and materials, Mr. Gard- expected and, in fact, had occur-

ner said, had come when civilian red in certain lines. He cautioned

The anti-inflationary methods that any increased taxation

As to governmental responsi- exchange-rate now removed.

gaining and industry-labor rela- of our employees are under con-

tions had a high sense of social tinuous study," he emphasized

esponsibility. Widespread at- "In line with our policy of con-

tempts to obtain "increases in stantly reviewing the problems

income out of proportion to in- of our staff, particularly in re-

creased living costs and without spect of changes in living costs.

corresponding gains in produc- we have instituted a general

tivity' could achieve nothing but salary increase during the year,

a wage-price spiral—a race no of which the greater benefit is

resources.

Commercial loans for inventory

"In the conduct of our busi-

In reviewing the bank's year.

CLEVELAND (P) — An almost ment. His burns began to Herring fishing is off to an were caught in the large state of the pain disappeared by the pain disapp tons caught up to December 2 landed is about 1,200 tons.
in the central sub-district. Most Co-incident with the start of his skin burned away by gasoline was grafted and healing of the fish have been caught in herring catches, H. F. Robins, —has been saved from death by pleted in 92 days. was told today by Dr. James

Whitelaw of Phoenix, An Dr. Whitelaw said the treatment had been given Gains who not only to

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