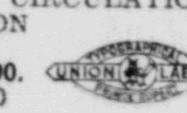
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## Life is Safer

IFE is much safer in today's era of airplanes and L speeding motor cars than it was some four decades ago when the country was emerging from the horse-and-buggy age, the statisticians of a life insurance company report.

As evidence it is pointed out that during the per-iod of 1911-1915 deaths from accidents were occurring at the age-adjusted rate of 81 per 100,000, whereas in 1946-1948 the incidence was only a little more than half as frequent—43 per 100,000.

Only two major classifications of fatal accidents have shown an increase among the insured-automobile mishaps, which are more than 31/2 times as frequent, and deaths in burning buildings and other fires, which have increased in frequency by 50 per cent. Drownings have declined 57 per cent and fatal falls by 60 per cent. Fatalities due to burns and scalds are only about one-fifth as frequent.

The improvement in the accident fatality record is due in part, according to the statisticians, to the modernization of homes, the introduction of new industrial products to supplant old ones, changes in industrial methods, and shifts in means of transportation, with the over-all result that many former accident hazards have been eliminated, although some new ones have come into being. Safety engineering and safety education also are considered to have played important parts.

"The organized safety movement got its start in industry around 1911," the statisticians note. "Since then it has broadened to cover all phases of highway hand home safety. Active support should be given to organizations devoting their time and energy to protect life and limb."

#### CANADIAN COASTGUARD

THE ANNOUNCED INTENTION of the Dominion government to expand its sea rescue services on the two coasts has been received with general approbation and nowhere with more gratification and approval than at Prince Rupert. The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and the Daily News have long advocated the need for such a service. Incidents occurring day after day have illustrated that need.

The Victoria Times comments editorially as fol-

While spokesmen have indicated that there is little likelihood "at present" of establishing a Coast Guard similar to that of the United States, the arrangements suggested for closer cooperation between vessels in the government service, coupled with the facilities of the three defence forces and R. C. M. P. promises a reasonably good stand-by. While the popular concept of the most effective rescue service is one patterned on the excellent United States system, it is quite conceivable that Canadian needs might be better served by a modification of the American type. A rescue service, like a fire department, is not in continual use. But when it is needed, it is needed urgently. In view of the fact that many government vessels now ply the coast on routine duties connected with fisheries and lighthouse requirements, it seems logical to assume that they might be employed immediately a call is sounded.

With the technical requirements of such craft we are not familiar. To a layman, however, it would appear that relatively infinor equipment might be installed on them to assist in the discharge of life-saving duties. Adequate towing facilities might be listed as an example.

Whatever action Ottawa may take to improve facilities on Canada's coasts, its efforts along this line should stimulate enthusiastic support. In British Columbia, apart from non-official groups which are on record in favor of more efficient protective service, all parties represented n the Legislature have endorsed the idea.

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Alcan, who recently flew over the area, said that no definite decision on the choice of a location will be made for at least a year.

After that, it probably will be a decade before there are any "spectacular developments." It might be between 10 and 20 years before production of aluminum

While the Nechako damsite will be the eastern key to the project, the western key will be a 10-mile tunnel to carry water from Tahtsa Lake to the Kemano River 2,400 feet below or near tidewater. Here lies a potential 1,500,000 horsepower of electrical energy.

To provide a backlog of water, the Nechako dam would raise the level of Naalkuz Lake 171 feet Ootsa Lake 140 feet, Whitesail Lake 121 feet and Tahtsa Lake 32 feet.

On the south fork of the cir cuitous chain of lakes, Euchu Lake would be raised 169 feet and Tetachuck Lake 20 feet. Eutsuk Lake, one of the largest in the chain would remain at its present level if the Nechako dam is constructed.

#### KITIMAAT ADEQUATE

Kitimaat is described as the only adequate area where a townsite could be built in the proposed Nechako River set-up. Available are adequate domestic opment of the site being investiwater supplies as well as suitability for deep-sea shipping.

absorb surplus power is antici- hydro reservoir in the world. pated if the project continues to Residents of the whole provcompletion, Mr. Dubose said in ince, and particularly those of a Vancouver interview. Of the central British Columbia who 1,500,000 horsepower developed, have waited more than a generathe company would require about tion for the natural wealth of two-thirds, leaving the rest avail- their territory to be discovered able for other industries.

Professor Karl Terzaghi geol- ing the slow progress. ogist and expert on soil mechan- It will, they know, be the right ics from Harvard University, who answer to many of the problems

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# Costs Are Cut

Canada Enters Into New International Agreement

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A spokesman for the Department of Transport disclosed that Canada is one of sixty-cight countries expected to ratify the agreement. It will cut by twee tyfive percent full rates charges on overseas cables.

The reality of a prosperous! Rent control is fading out British Empire is feit all over the Tenants will pay higher costs. earth. There may be an object That much can be taken for lesson next year where Canada is granted. And of course, there is concerned. Sixty million dollars something to be said for both worth of eggs, bacon and news- sdes of the picture. No one print to stay unsold is a jolt. Be- wishes to pay the major part ing financially short is nuisance of his salary for shelter. Every landlord has to think about maintenance, upkeep insurance, and several other little responsidilities that insist on being recog-

Retired mounties, some of whom are receiving less than old age pensioners, are trying to have an increase granted But to suggest that this should be easy does not ment designed to simplify com- mean it will, despite the fact that munications traffic and sharply for more than seventy years they reduce the full rate charged for have been giving Canada an A-1 sending overseas cables and tele- service and an enduring fame.

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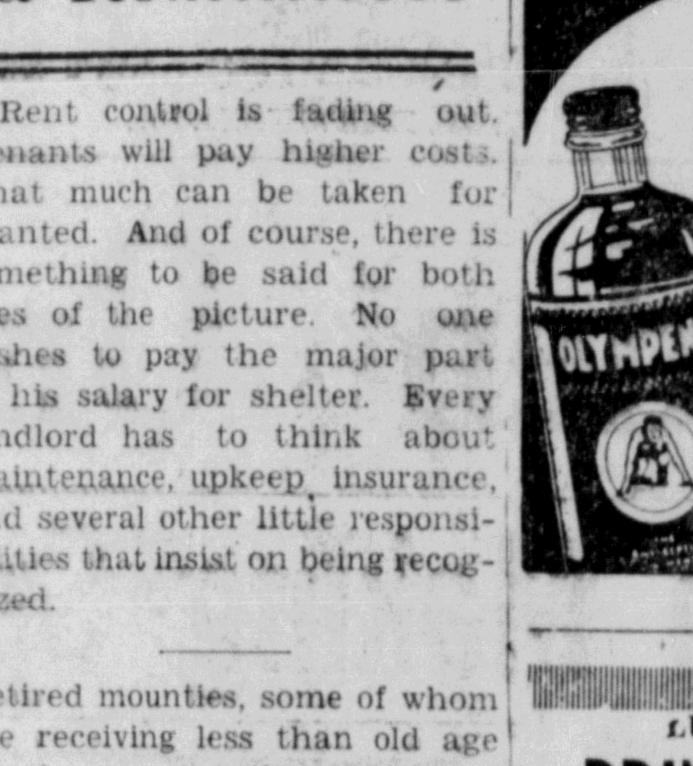
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