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Civic Interest

IT IS still only November 1, yet already more candidates are offering than are required for the number of aldermanic vacancies in the civic election next month. As many more may still enter the field. This is a gratifying sign of active interest in civic affairs and bodes well for a good number of candidates from whom to choose when election comes around.

With no apparent dearth of aldermanic candidates for the pay jobs (there is no mayoralty election this year) it should not be lost sight of that good material is also required for three vacancies on each of the school board and the parks board. Complying with a plebiscite that was approved at the 1949 election, the parks board is now an elective body.

Education involves a big portion of the municipal spending, particularly at this time when big jobs are on in new school construction and will be followed by considerable new organization and policy-making during the coming year. If the retiring members of the school board, who have proven themselves competent, conscientious and hard-working, decide to carry on, it will be well and good although there might be other candidates who would do an equally good job.

The first elective parks board will also have a job of work to do and has plenty of scope for action and imagination. At long last, something may be really accomplished in the way of city beautification along planned lines. In fact this is long due in Prince Rupert and it is to be hoped that good men and women will also be offering themselves for service in this sphere.

A GOOD HALLOWE'EN

IT WAS a good, wholesome Hallowe'en in Prince Rupert with activities of the evening being kept in due bounds and few untoward incidents such as have occurred on occasion in the past, although the removal of the Junior Chamber of Commerce signs, the erection of which was a real public service, was a rather stupid thing. Of course, it is to be expected that there will be always among us people who may think such acts as that are smart.

Bodies and groups might be named who contributed to this satisfactory state of affairs. The police were vigilant and watchful and undoubtedly played their part in the satisfactory outcome. But it was the young people themselves—and possibly they are sometimes unduly blamed—who, by their conduct, really kept Prince Rupert safe and without serious harm. They are the ones who are to be most commended for keeping their activities confined to, on the whole, reasonable limits.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine."
— Titus 2:1.

Employment Steady Here

Mining Helps To Keep Picture Bright—Strong Demand for Loggers

Mining is a bright spot in the employment outlook as November opens. Near Smithers it is better than it has been for many years. A few placer mining men have moved into the area from the Yukon and have found employment. Silbak-Premier at Portland Canal district is operating steadily as is also Silver Standard at Hazelton. Glacier Gulch mine near Smithers is expected to be in production in the near future. Silver Standard is also operating the old Duthie mine. Columbia Cellulose Company will be drawing its coal supplies from Telkwa and is expected to start stockpiling in the near future.

Fishing is nearly finished for the year but the strain on the employment situation has not been great. The claims load has been about normal. The reduction plant at Port Edward is working intermittently. There are a few black cod and flat-

fish being landed. Herring fishing will start after the new year.

There is a strong demand for loggers on the Queen Charlotte Islands. Some river men have been transferred in from Quebec to handle log booms from Terrace down to Watson Island. There is a strong demand for tie and pole makers from Smithers. It is expected with weather conditions normal, logging will be generally good.

There is still a shortage of good office help.

There is a considerable amount of local building in sight, more than last year. The Columbia Cellulose dam and pipeline from Prudhomme Lake are nearly finished but, in spite of that, the construction outlook for the winter is good.

In all, the picture has not changed from the optimistic outlook of previous months.

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As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT
GILBERT McALLISTER, M.P.

WHAT IS THE difference between a Canadian burdock and a Scots thistle?

The former won't let you get away.

Although Gilbert McAllister has a burr on his voice as Scottish as the poems of Robert Burns, he is very definitely more like the Canadian burdock than the Scots thistle. For the Labor M.P. for the constituency of Rutherglen clings like a burdock to the idea of world government. He is the chairman of the group of 44 British Members of Parliament who believe that we can never get peace between the nations, except by the same method that we got peace within the individual nations—that is, by setting up a world democratic parliament with real power to make law.

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EVEN ON HIS PRESENT TRIP to New Zealand, where he will act as deputy leader of the British delegation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Mr. McAllister is telling his main story on Canadian stop-overs.

That story is very simple and very big. It is the same as has been told over and over again in this column for twelve years:

There can be no certainty of peace till we establish responsible democratic government on the world level.

The 44 M.P.'s call themselves "The British Parliamentary Committee for World Government." In addition to the elected members of the House of Commons they include also several noted peers, like Lord Boyd Orr (Nobel Peace Prize winner) and Lord Haden Guest.

They meet every second Tuesday at 5 o'clock. That seems to me a grand omen. For just as ancient sages, beware of the Greeks when they come bearing gifts, or as Kipling warned, beware of the Russian when he tucks in his shirt; so also you might say:

Beware of British M.P.'s, when members of all three parties are willing to get together for a constructive purpose over the almighty pot of tea.

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NOT LONG AGO in the British parliament they had an historic debate on this question of world government. A Conservative M.P. pointed to the historic resolution just previously passed by our own Canadian Senate. This called for a convention of representatives of the North Atlantic allies to consider ways and means of transforming the present alliance into an out and out federation.

All the British M.P.'s who spoke hailed the Canadian move as a distinct step forward. Several of the speakers also referred to the resolutions still pending in both houses of the U.S. Congress along this same line.

The world is certainly moving massively towards what Tennyson called "the parliament of man, the federation of the world."

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Service ribbons, shining boots, large size packs and general air of fitness and experience were quickly noticed when the Canadian advance party for Korea paraded at Fort Lewis. Later, aboard ship, Yanks and Canucks were playing poker. Sometimes, becoming acquainted is a simple affair.

Victoria announces the wettest October in forty-four years. The total may be more, this figure having been quoted Sunday. Then, it was five inches. Previously, no monthly rainfall had been much in excess of two or three inches. Victoria accepts the situation with calmness. Anyway, what's a little extra moisture? We'll be broad-minded and add—"Prince Rupert should know."

Increased outlay for newsprint should be passed on to the newspaper reader and advertiser, says E. H. Thompson, president of the Canadian Daily Newspapers Association, Toronto. The general rise in newsprint cannot be absorbed by publishers. Mr. Thompson made reference, as well to the advancing costs in zinc, mats, labor, ink and other requirements. Does a reader ever stop to think that for a few cents a day, he's getting what represents millions in investments and tax charges, and armies of men and women whose technical toil and talent find expression day and night, all over the earth, year after year without ceasing?

It's looking like a long term development program for the Silver Standard Mines Ltd., something that is much to the liking of the people of Hazelton (or should it be New Hazelton, South Hazelton and Hazelton?) Anyway, it all means work and wages. Silver Standard was first heard of when the Grand Trunk Pacific was building through the region and for a while there was exploitation of the property. For a lengthy spell, after this, the Hazeltons were flat enough. Some

made what seemed to me the finest speech in the British debate. He pointed to the racks, with hanging tapes, where in earlier centuries M.P.'s parked their swords before they entered the House. Just as civilized men had "surrendered" their right to fight with swords, he said, so nations are now compelled to "surrender" their right to make war on other nations. This necessitates two things—a change of mind by individuals, and inauguration of the reign of law on the world level.

folks were sufficiently sincere to suggest that if there was not much else, there was no lack of scenery. Which, in a way, was not inaccurate.

Eisenhower is expected to become supreme commander. A formidable army is coming into being, as Britain, United States and France increase their divisions. The same can be said for naval and air strength. Casualties in Korea and French China are already heavy. Canada is sending enough equipment for a war division in the Netherlands, has three destroyers in Korea, a ten thousand men special brigade at home, and an advance party about to land in Korea. There's going to be peace if there has to be war. At least, it looks that way.

The Seattle Times, among the most important dailies in the American northwest, says one of the biggest industrial developments on the Pacific Coast is taking form several hundred miles north of Seattle. This is the Celanese plant at Prince Rupert. The Times then goes on to describe the enterprise. There could not be a better boost for this city and appearing in the Times, as it does, will not lessen its value and effectiveness.

Work has begun in Moose Jaw on a school for mental defectives. It will house a thousand patients, with a staff of 350. The cost will of \$2,400,000. A thousand patients cared for in a province with a small population. We'd hate like — to think they all hail from Saskatchewan.

SAW STRANGER
YORK, England — Motorists returning to parked motorcars on the Yorkshire moors were puzzled to find dents in the fenders. Damage was believed caused by a sheep butting at its own reflection.

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Canadians who have been in Australia since the end of the war were included among the passengers on the RMS Aorangi, which arrived in Vancouver last week-end. They had married Australians.

They say that times in Australia are not so good and they are ready to remain in Canada and the United States.

If rents in Australia are low, so are wages.

Liquor is in short supply. Remark one man:

"I have not seen a bottle of Scotch for sale in two years."

Moratorium On War Talk

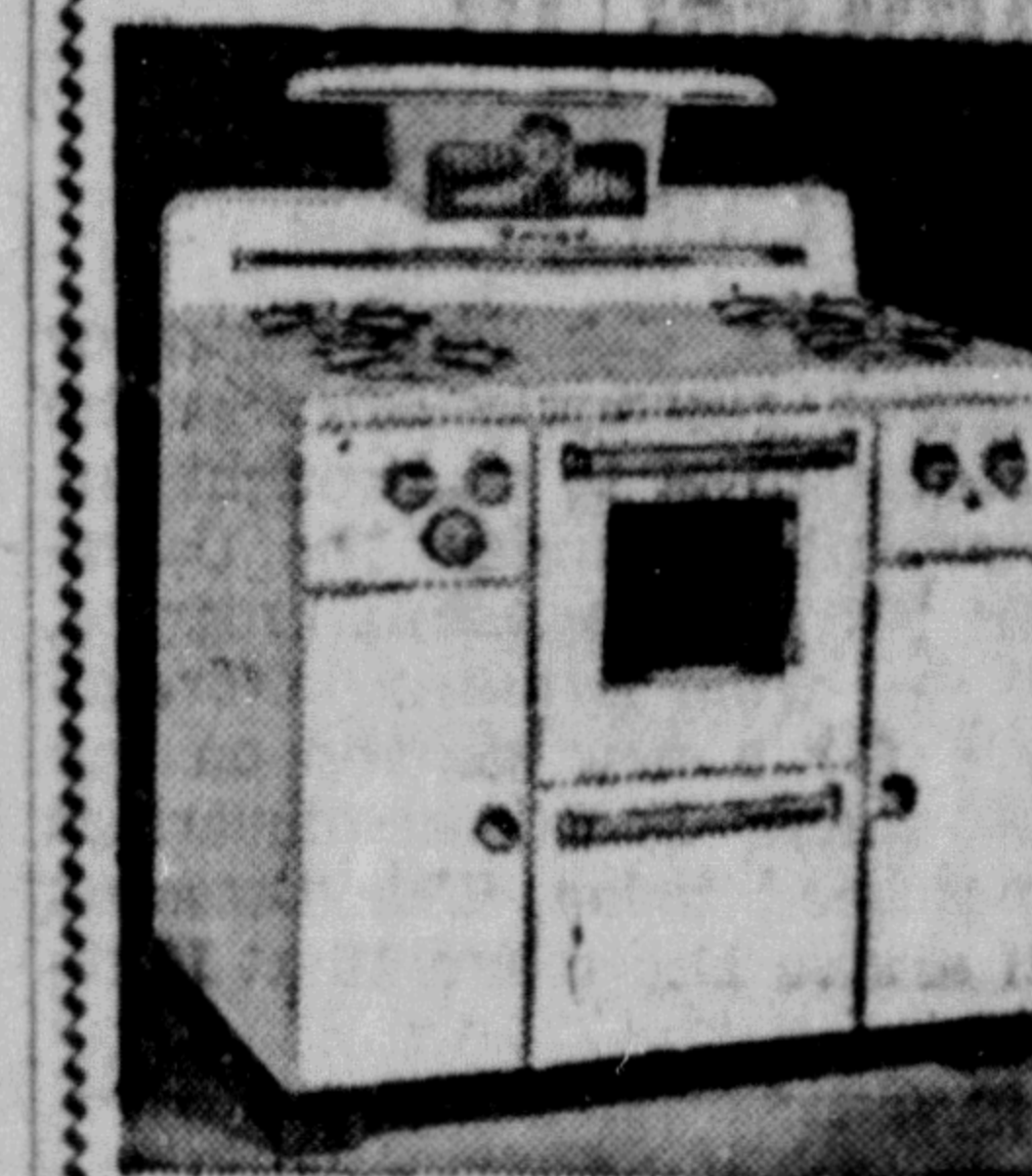
LAKE SUCCESS — Hon. L. B. Pearson, Canada's minister of external affairs, had a new idea for the political committee of the United Nations here. He proposed a two-year moratorium on bellicose speeches and suggested that, instead, something real be done towards bringing about peace.

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