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Regional Reciprocity

REV. WILLIAM HILLS, ex-naval padre and considerably travelled vicar of the Anglican Church, who majored at college in political economy as well as theology and who came to the city from Victoria to talk to the Women's Canadian Club, advanced a rather daring suggestion before the Gyro Club here yesterday that regional reciprocity between the Province of British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest States be entertained as a practical legislative possibility. From the defence standpoint, Mr. Hills pointed out, British Columbia is inevitably involved as between the outpost of Alaska and Continental United States. All would be quickly merged in a scheme of practical defence in case of conflict. Why should they not proceed with a measure of that merging even before such conflict might arise?

Mr. Hills, it must be admitted, has a case there even though the word reciprocity might still be anathema to some of us as it was back in 1911 and in spite of the situation between 1942 and 1945 when the Americans practically took us over and we were quite satisfied about it. Here in Prince Rupert we know that sentimentally there might as well be no border between our Alaskan friends and we northern and central British Columbians. The whole thing is artificial and the artificiality is being retained by two factors—a superfluity of national sentiment and sectional commercial interests. We know there is a lot of nonsense which prevents Canadian Prince Rupert being used as it should be as the port of United States Alaska.

Reciprocity as proposed would be a vital factor in the development of Prince Rupert as one of the links in the chains of communication which some day, current artificial barriers and obstacles notwithstanding, will be forged across British Columbia's coast and interior between the main United States and its great northwestern outpost, the implications of which in the international scene are so obviously seen today.

T. L. C. CHANGES MIND

THE EXECUTIVE of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada has admitted the danger of the Communistic menace by its decision to recommend the banning of any of the Red cult from holding union office. That is a considerable turn-about when one considers the lukewarm stand that the Congress convention in Victoria last year took on the matter of communistic influences within its ranks. It is going a long way by T.L.C. towards the out-fight repudiating of communism.

Political parties and leaders, chambers of commerce, big business interests can and do point out the dangers of communism but the case against the Red cult becomes immeasurably emphasized and strengthened when the leading labor organizations of the country come out and take a firm stand on the matter. We are becoming more and more impressed with the danger that exists not only from the infiltration of communistic ideas but in the complacency about them.

HOSPITAL INSURANCE

THERE HAS BEEN a lot of nonsense disseminated recently to the effect that the new provincial hospital plan is a "racket," simply because the payments are compulsory and there is an over-all shortage of hospital beds.

Some people are objecting to the payments on the theory that there might not be a bed available for them if and when they need one. Mostly, these are the same people who find some reason for objecting to every social advance.

To take such a stand is very short-sighted. Hospital insurance is a forward step, to the great advantage of the majority, and those who oppose it are not thinking primarily of the good of the whole community. —Vancouver News Herald.

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PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

Twenty-Five Years Ago
F. G. Dawson, of Prince Rupert, a director of Canadian National Railways, said in Montreal that within five years half the prairie grain crop would be shipped through Pacific ports and that Prince Rupert would be a shipping point for a large portion of it.

C. D. Howe, an elevator expert from Port Arthur, was being sent to Prince Rupert to look into the feasibility of building a terminal grain elevator here, according to a telegram received from Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways.

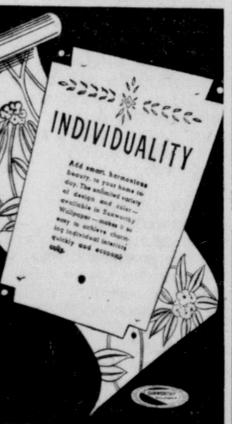
L. W. Patmore, counsel for the Imperial Oil Co., argued that the company's seven oil tanks here would not be classified as real estate. He addressed the civic court of revision in an appeal against a \$70,000 assessment.

Thirty-Five Years Ago
City council passed a motion that "no portion of the hydro-electric undertaking be proceeded with until the city engineer and superintendent of utilities submit estimates, plans and specifications to the city clerk, according to bylaw."

The day's dispatches contained a story of a Montreal editor who said he would make mince-meat out of a critic who said he would beat him up on the street.

Alderman Morrissey, chairman of the civic finance committee, said that the city would save \$25,000 annually for coal and \$18,000 in other expenses by having a hydro-electric plant instead of a steam lighting plant.

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Reminiscences and Reflections

By W.I.

After sinking into restful sleep, one is apt to resent being aroused a few hours after midnight. Yet not always! Last night, for example, it was great to awaken, not because of a shoulder-shake but due to the sound of something outside. It was a steady murmur, with here and there, a faint gurgle, or distant splashes. Rain! Pure and soothing rain! Not since November had there been anything as welcome. It was reducing the heaps of snow and washing clean the patches of smooth, treacherous ice that is, except where scattered ashes made walking safer. But the big fact was snowfalls had ceased, and rainfalls had come. It was grand to feel the musk— even though wet and boggy underfoot. You couldn't slip and go bang on your back—when treading good old musky. Like-wise, wasn't it fine to stride boldly along over bared streets or cement sidewalk, taking every step with a feeling of security and safety? However, have a care! It's only February 24. Before the week-end, there may come a fresh blast from the Horn Mountains (west of Great Slave Lake) and every last puddle will be frozen tight, just as a reminder that this is a tricky, hard-boiled winter.

The Federal Minister of Agriculture says the farmers are making money. Well, after rising at 4:30 every morning to milk cutting cows before breakfast, eight down trees and splitting them into stove-lengths and attending to a few other chores, we do not blame them in the least.

Too old at forty to handle a job! The quicker a pension, the better. He's through! He's no good. And so forth and so on. Old Joe Gravelle, aged 91, healthy and active up to within a year of his death, died this month in his home town of Aymer, Ontario. Let there be rejoicing to know that somewhere in Canada can be found a few he-men still sticking around.

In the 25-35 years ago column in the Daily News appears

ADASKINS IN TORONTO AGAIN

Representing one of Canada's best known and most successful working partnerships of husband and wife, Frances Marr and Harry Adaskin are back in Toronto briefly after three years in Vancouver. Mr. Adaskin is professor of music at the University of British Columbia.

Mrs. Adaskin likes teaching music and playing for her husband's lectures, and she likes going on concert tour, which they do for a month or two each year. This time they went by boat to Ocean Falls and Prince Rupert, then to the Okanagan Valley and by train and plane across the prairies.

Mrs. Adaskin even likes living on the University of B. C. campus in an army hut, as many of the faculty do. The huts look like tool sheds on the outside, she says, but are like fairly modern apartments within.

—Toronto Globe and Mail

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a brief reference to the possibility of oil development in the Queen Charlotte Islands. The silence, ever since, has been profound. What started the "oil in the islands" story, in the first place? Life is a gamble. And oil, like gold is exactly where you find it.

A Vancouver newspaperman, assigned to visit the Employment Service office, posed as a stranger willing to work at anything. He wanted a job. "So do" thirty-five thousand others," replied an office official. "It breaks my heart to see you fellows swarming out here looking for jobs."

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