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## Count Our Blessings

**M**OST OF US ordinary folk fail to appreciate our blessings until we lose them and that might be said of our railway, our highway, our telegraph service and even our own CBC radio network. We rant and we rail about the shortcomings and the infirmities of them all as long as they go on functioning in their normal way. But let us lose them for a few days, such as the Skeena River floods have done for us right now, and do we ever miss them? So, in absence of these services for the time being at least, let us reflect on how much we really do rely upon them as they carry on from day to day, doing the best they can, even if more bricks than bouquets may come their way. Here's to them, therefore, and may we soon have them back!

And let us also think how much worse things might be for us. What if we had no faithful steamships to fall back on? What if we had no air services? What if we had no radio, telegraphs or telephones? So let us consider ourselves blessed in this age of modern invention. Back in the early days the pioneers had none of these things. They got along very happily and well too. And, if we remember aright, there was not much beefing about it. They did not even gripe about the weather which was not that balmy, sunny type which these last few years we have also come to take a little for granted.

Yes, floods and their inconveniences notwithstanding, Prince Rupert is still blessed in a multiplicity of ways. In fact we would not have to travel far to fare a good deal worse, even in our own immediate hinterland which is having its inconveniences and its hardships under these unusual conditions. To the interior communities we might well extend our sympathy and proffer any aid within our power to give.

### TELEGRAPH SERVICE

**W**HILE HARD-PRESSED OFFICIALS of railway, telegraphs and highway looked despairingly at the rampaging flood waters of the Skeena River which had wrecked their services, the radio station still gave forth merrily with its uninterrupted network programs for a couple of days later until the final and complete breakdown of land lines came yesterday.

Flood conditions and widespread inconvenience to the public notwithstanding, the radio was still getting through and, fortunately enough, the long distance telephone service was also being maintained.

For two days, however, normal commercial telegraph services had been somewhat curtailed. The situation was reflected in the Daily News telegraphic news service which was forced to resort to emergency measures to keep in touch with the outside world.

There is no quarrel whatever with the radio and the long distance communications being maintained to the fullest efficiency under all conditions. The thought, however, occurs that the commercial telegraph service is equally as important and, if its facilities for coping with emergencies are not equal to those which service the radio and long distance, they should be made so with a minimum of further delay. Harried local officials were, doubtless, doing their best.

The commercial telegraph situation may have been merely a co-incidence. Possibly, the shoe might just as well have been on another foot. It certainly should not however, be regarded, either in general set-up or in emergency, as of secondary importance. If its land line facilities are inferior or less modern than those of the radio or long distance, something should be done about it.

### NEW MARITIME PROVINCE?

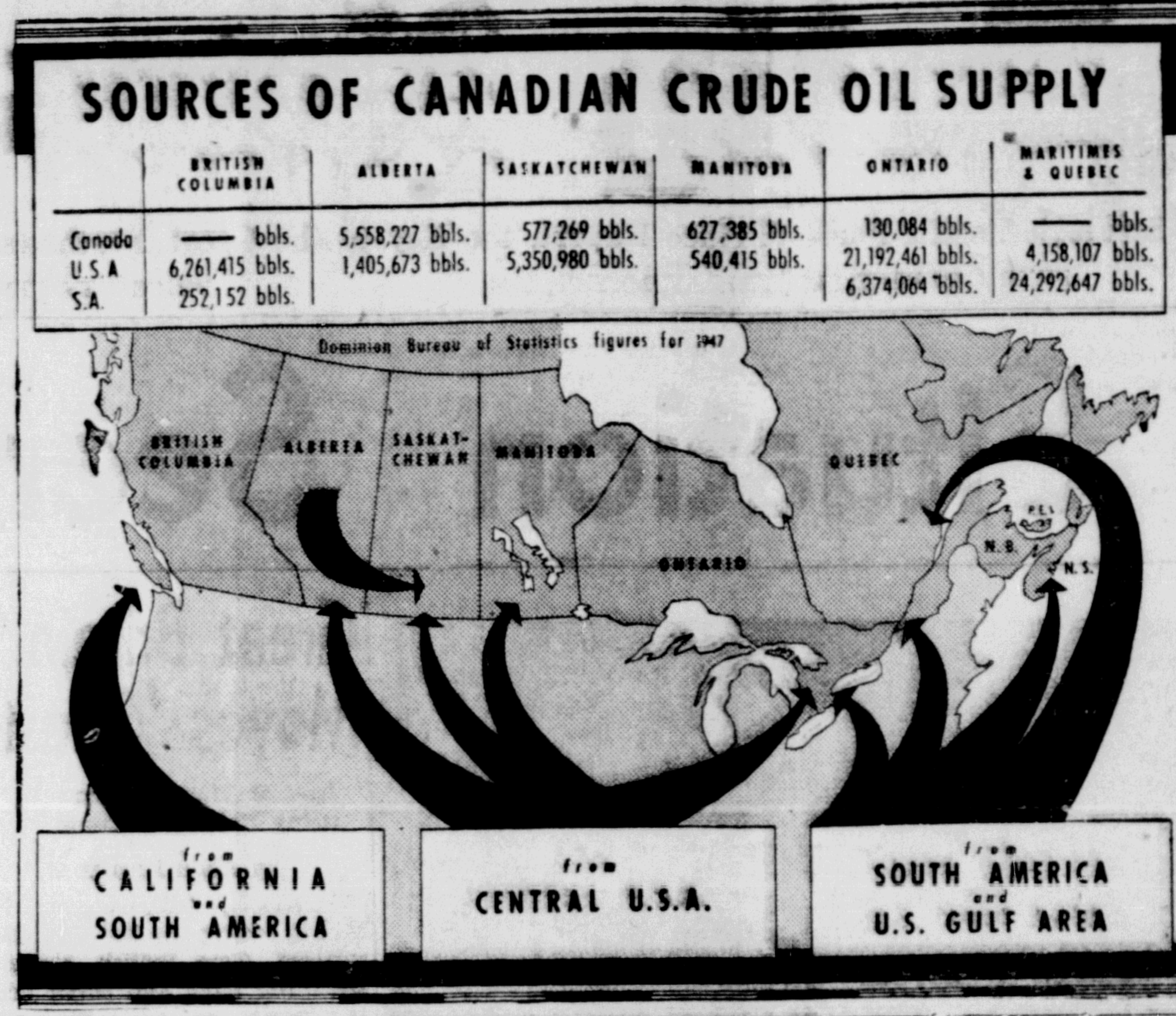
**T**HAT LITTLE GROUP known as the Maritime family will increase by one if Newfoundland decides to join Confederation in the June 3 referendum.

The terms of agreement proposed to Newfoundland for entry into the Dominion provide specifically that Newfoundland—which would be the name of the new province—would be one of the Maritimes.

While the island may not be referred to as one of the "Maritime Provinces"—that undoubtedly would come with usage—Canada's proposed arrangements provide that it would be brought within the scope of the maritime region concerning regulation of freight rates.

Thus Newfoundland would come under the Maritime Freight Rates Act of 1927. The act says that railway freight traffic moving solely within the Maritimes, and certain other traffic in that area, gets a 20 per cent reduction from normal charges.

Acceptance of the Newfoundlander as a true Maritimer will be up to the Maritimer himself. Both are disgusted by a man who doesn't know the difference between a cod and a herring. So the Newfoundlander probably will be "in."



## LETTERBOX

CHLORINATION  
Editor, Daily News:

This letter of protest at the action of the city council at their last meeting in disregarding the advice of the Provincial Health Officer and the local Medical Association that our water be chlorinated is not addressed to the city council as it is realized that the three aldermen who voted for continuation of chlorination did everything possible to convince those aldermen who were opposed to it. It is addressed to the general public and in particular, to the parents of our city whose children may be exposed to water-borne diseases as a result of the discontinuation of water purification.

The arguments against chlorination are that it costs money and that it makes the water taste. To my mind the cost is very negligible item when it is compared to the health of our children. It is also offset by the cost to the city should there be an outbreak of contagious water-borne disease and the consequent isolation and treatment of patients. As for the taste—if anyone had asked me at any time during the past two years if our water was chlorinated, I would have truthfully answered that I did not know.

The council, whose actions, it would appear, are influenced mainly by the cost to the city, have seen fit to disregard the advice of the Provincial Health Officer, a man especially trained in such matters, and also that of our local doctors, that our water supply is dangerous. As a parent of small children, I much prefer to place their health in the hands of the medical profession than in our local city council, no matter how sincere our aldermen may be in their convictions or how capable they may be in other matters. I am sure most parents in our city feel the same way.

As a taxpayer, I am writing a letter of protest to the council about this matter and suggest that anyone feeling as I do do likewise. Should this not change the attitude of the council, then it should be brought before the electors of our city by plebiscite. Our health is certainly of more importance than some of the matters on which we have voted in past civic elections.

Thanking you Mr. Editor, for the use of your valuable space,  
EARL R. GORDON.

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### Ottawa Haircut Is Now Fifty Cents

**OTTAWA**—The cost of a haircut in Ottawa has been increased from forty to fifty cents. More than a hundred barbers met here to confer with an officer of the Ontario Department of Labor to take the formal legal steps to provide for the change.

### Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Mrs. Johnson is a widow woman."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "pseudonym?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Gasoline, kerosene, discipline.
4. What does the word "abstemious" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with imp that means "troublesomely urgent?"

### Answers

1. Say, "Mrs. Johnson is a widow." A widow is always a woman.
2. Pronounce pseudonym, u s i n cube, o as in no unstressed, i as in him, accent first syllable.
3. Kerosene.
4. Sparing in use of food and drink. (Pronounce t h e e as in tea). "He was abstemious at all times."

### PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

May 28, 1913

Among passengers arriving on the Prince Rupert were Mr. and Mrs. T. Robinson of Grimsby, England, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Campbell and two children. Mr. Robinson, who had 45-years of experience in the fishing industry, was a director of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

Gilbert Fortune, who had been employed as a chef at the G.T. P. Inn, was admitted to hospital suffering from paralysis. Shortly before being taken ill, Mr. Fortune had left the city with the intention of taking up land in the interior.

The new public reading room on Fulton Street was expected to be formally opened shortly. Bishop F. H. Du Vernet and Principal J. C. Brady of the High School were to give the principal addresses.

May 28, 1923

Harry W. Birch, accountant at the City Hall, was appointed secretary of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Association. He was to take over his duties on June 1, succeeding Major George E. Gibson.

## TELLS ABOUT ATLIN RIDING

Background and potentialities of Atlin provincial riding were outlined to the Prince Rupert Rotary Club Thursday afternoon by W. D. Smith, M.L.A. for the northern constituency. Mr. Smith revealed a wide knowledge of and a healthy faith in the far-flung, sparsely-populated area which extends from just north of Port Simpson to the Yukon boundary and from the Alaska Panhandle eastward to a line parallel with Hazelton.

His knowledge of the beginnings of such settlements as Dease Lake, Glenora, Atlin, Telegraph Creek, Stewart, Anyox and Alice Arm was indicated by references to early happenings and characters.

The wealth of the territory—mineral, fur, timber and water-power—inspired him to a great faith in its future as Canada develops. Utilization of the Groundhog coal field will necessitate railway construction with the logical entry line running eastward from Stewart.

The Haynes cut-off, joining the Alaska Highway to the coast, should be promoted by Prince Rupert, he declared, because its expanded use as a trade artery for Alaska and the Yukon could "eventually bring a large amount of business to this city."

Mr. Smith was thanked for his address by Club President L. M. Gordon.

### GYPSIES UNPOPULAR

Edicts were issued in many countries from the end of the 15th century onward, sentencing the "gypsies" or "Clani" or "Egyptians" to exile under pain of death.

In spite of its nearness to earth, practically nothing can be seen on the surface of the planet Venus because of a thick layer of clouds surrounding the planet.

An increase in interest in mining development on the Queen Charlotte Islands was shown since the introduction of the lumber industry; George Clothier, resident mining engineer, said following a trip to the Islands.

Fred Stork, M.P., advised W. E. Williams that County Court Judge F. McB. Young was to be appointed surrogate judge in admiralty for this district. There also was to be a deputy registrar of the court here.

## MORE BOXES AT POST OFFICE

Three hundred more Post Office boxes will be made available by alterations now being carried out by Mitchell & Currie in the box lobby. The present end of the panel cases will be swung around with additional cases at the east end of the lobby and in the front. The size of the lobby will be thereby reduced but it is felt that it will still be sufficiently spacious. For some time the Post Office has been unable to keep up with the demand for private boxes.

## Home of Nelson Under Hammer

**SALISBURY, Eng.**—The Trafalgar estate, home of the Nelson family since the battle of Trafalgar will be sold by auction next month. The original property, bought in 1806 for \$360,000 now comprises 3,415 acres with 14 farms, 55 cottages and houses and 500 acres of timber.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Thain sailed last night on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver. They will spend a holiday visiting at Trail and Nelson.

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