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The Dirtiest City

PIONEERS, it is suggested some times, are inclined to be the most complacent and the last to realize or admit backward and reactionary conditions within a community but it has remained for a pioneer citizen to return from a trip around the world and tell us quite emphatically that his home town is the dirtiest and most untidy of all the places he has seen. That is quite a statement and it is one which should not go unheeded.

Maybe some of us have become a little weary and feel somewhat frustrated after long complaint about the pot-hole ridden main streets, the clouds of dust that so often swirl down the principal thoroughfare, the broken sidewalks, the open ditches and the smelly drains.

Nevertheless, these unkempt and dirty conditions make impression upon our visitors who tell abroad of what they see. Just how damaging and widespread the effects can be of the dissemination of unfavorable descriptions of a community is hard to estimate.

But it is not only the effect that dirty and disagreeable conditions may have on the visitors. They also affect the health and morale of the people who live here.

Taking the lead in improving the city and making it clean, interesting and attractive should be the civic authorities themselves. Their resources and their facilities may not be great but it is certainly important that the most should be made of what there are.

ANOTHER ALUMINUM PLANT

THE possibility of another aluminum plant—a great multi-million dollar industry—being established on this coast is mentioned. As far as can be learned, the reported project of the Aluminum Corporation of America is separate from that of the Aluminum Co. of Canada and will have no effect upon the latter project which appears to be moving favorably toward fruition in the immediate vicinity of Prince Rupert.

There may be questions arising as to the exporting of Canadian power for an industry located and giving employment in United States territory. It may be that the whole deal is not very far advanced. Nevertheless, it is another clear indication of the tendency of big industry and business to cast its attention to this new and fertile area of natural resources and, in this case, latent power.

Northern British Columbia is in an important position in connection with the aluminum industry since it is the power resources of this area—and that factor alone—which attract the industry to these parts. In the case of any aluminum industry in south-eastern Alaska, it would be the power of British Columbia that would be the actuating factor in bringing it here—just as in the case of the currently very live project involving central British Columbia water power with a projected mill site at Kitimaat.



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By ELMORE PHILPOTT WHO UPS PRICES?

ONE OF THE KEENEST business men in Canada returned to his home in Vancouver recently after a world cruise. Newspapermen asked him if he had anything to say about rising prices. He stated quite frankly that there was some mystery about them and that, in his opinion, they were probably due to deliberate government policies—secretly applied. That statement by the head of one of Canada's greatest merchandising establishments substantiates what I have been writing for years back in this column.

AT A TIME WHEN THE governments should have been working night and day to keep the cost of living from going up they have been doing the very opposite. Starting in 1946 I showed how this worked out with the world's wool surplus. There was the greatest surplus in the history of the world. But five interested governments combined to "rig the markets." They actually disposed of the supposed 20 years supply in five years. And so successfully did they side-step the so-called "law of supply and demand" that wool reached the highest price in history, when it should have been helping to bring cost-of-living down.

THE SOCIAL WORKERS OF Canada are meeting in Vancouver as this is written. Looking over their week's program, I am duly impressed by the breadth of the subjects covered. But what would be the net gain for Canada if we devised and adopted the most advanced kind of Social Welfare program if prices are going to keep on rising, faster than wages ever can? What good is a contributory old age pension plan if a worker pays in a whole life time—say from 18 to 65—only to find that the purchasing power of the pension when received is a mere fraction of what it was supposed to be when the premiums were collected?

ON MY DESK ARE LETTERS from superannuated school teachers and civil servants telling of their desperate struggle to pay their way. All their lives they chipped in so much per month to provide for a retirement allowance. Now they find that the dollar they get back is worth less than half as much as it was when they paid it in.

That comes pretty close to swindling if—as charged—prices are being kept up by deliberate but secret government policies.

HERE IN B.C. WE ARE WAITING to see whether 32,000 woodworkers will strike to get an increase of something between 9 and 19 cents per hour.

The real argument is whether or not the cost of living has increased more than the margin of the requested increase.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

The latest development in Prince Rupert newspaper affairs took place in the spring of 1947 when the plant and business of The Empire was sold to H. G. Perry of Prince George. The property became incorporated with The Daily News and since then the enlargement and general expansion and improvement of the premises may be said to be reaching the point of completion. Mr. Perry long active in provincial public life and in the Prince George publishing field, is a former Minister of Education.

WE'RE OFF Giving considerable attention to the policy and various meetings of the early city councils was found to be much to the advantage of the local press. Readers wanted to keep in touch with what the mayor and aldermen were saying to one another, if unable to know what they were thinking about. Council sittings, at first, were once a week. Quite frequently there were special and committee meetings. All in all, there were plenty to do—sometimes all day and half the night. The first general sitting of the full council after incorporation in 1910 was in the old court house, now used as a museum. The acting clerk was named Tattersall, and after him, came E. A. Woods who served as clerk for many a year.

CENSORED? During both wars, local papers remained cautious. There was no choice. The press knew to a nicety how far it could go and what would happen should it go too far. There were meetings between publishers and military and naval officers, this being most helpful in gaining a thorough understanding of the situation. Once, a correspondent with more zeal than prudence filed a despatch, reporting arrival of a certain important warship, with an admiral aboard. There was a prompt rapping on knuckles. How come? Ships movements strictly forbidden by censor. Kindly explain. It took a bit of explaining, too!

ORDER IN COURT An assize, or police court could, as a rule, be depended on for live copy. It had to be written fast and, unless dramatic, unique or startling, kept within the minimum space. One morning, a man whose wife sat in the front row of spectators, was called as a witness. As he was doing his best to answer questions, his wife kept her eyes on him. Plainly, the witness was becoming nervous. When, obviously to his relief, it was all over, he turned impulsively to the magistrate saying he wished to ask a favor. There was no objection, providing the magistrate had the power. "I would like," he said in effect, "for you to send me to jail."

WHEN WE GOT CHILDRENS' Allowances in Canada we were told that it was an epoch-marking forward advance. But as one desperate housewife writes me, the increase in the price of milk alone has since more than wiped out the entire Childrens' Allowance grants.

Incidentally, too, War Veterans' Pensions are now worth less than 50% of what they were when granted after World War One.

for a month. I'm afraid of my wife. In jail, there would be some rest. For a month, anyway." The local press, that day, printed a story coming within the classification of "unique."

As the series of recollections concerning early newspapers in Prince Rupert draws to the end it is a pleasure to acknowledge the aid and co-operation always so promptly given where ever possible.

The daily making of a paper involves, also the probability of errors, but few were known to arouse real resentment, all being taken in good part. Another point to remember and avow is how much easier the routine grind becomes when there is harmony between typographical and editorial depart-

ments. It has been the good fortune of the writer to experience this. If the search for worthwhile copy and its preparation for the composing room is not free of perplexities and problems, the same is true of handling a linotype or press, or wrestling with makeup or try to dismiss from thoughts, the spectre of the deadline.

Gordon Temple of Terrace arrived in the city by car Tuesday night from the interior and proceeded by plane today to Vancouver where he has been called on account of family illness. Accompanying Mr. Temple to the city were Emil Haugland, Stewart Campbell, Colin Sargent and James Kohny who returned to the interior yesterday afternoon.

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