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## Housing Opportunity

TWENTY-THREE is not a great number to be responding to the invitation of the city to prospective local home builders to express their interest in availing themselves of the new federal-provincial scheme for assistance to such home building. There must be many more people in the city who are so interested but for some reason or other are not expressing such interest.

Now that preliminary advertising has established the groundwork of the survey, something might be done to follow up and clinch the matter. At the last meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, it was suggested that a committee consisting of representatives of such organizations as the city, Chamber of Commerce and Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council might conduct such a follow-up.

Meantime it may not be quite clear that the federal-provincial housing scheme of 1949 goes a good deal further than merely providing for a generous measure of financial support for individual home building. The new government plan also contains machinery for the setting up of rental projects. This, too, is something that might be considered in Prince Rupert to take care of the needs of people who for some reason or another are not in a position to build for their personal ownership.

As a matter of fact the new housing scheme of 1949 is a very versatile instrument and is worthy of the fullest study particularly in a community such as Prince Rupert where the need of housing is already so pressing and promises to become even more acute.

The making of the survey of individual interest is only a beginning. Yet it is still desirable that all those interested in obtaining or improving housing take such means as are available of indicating that interest if for no other reason than to definitely establish the need.

### WHY NO SPLIT SEASON

THERE has been a good deal of talk in Ottawa lately on the convention in regard to the extension of the halibut treaty, which was approved, providing reciprocal port privileges between Canada and the United States. That is all very well and everyone is agreed on the desirability of same.

However, Prince Rupert, principal halibut port of this coast, is still awaiting for some sort of action which may result in a fuller exploitation of the halibut fishery compatible with the scientific conservation aspects.

A satisfactory answer is still awaited, in spite of the explanation that there is disagreement on the matter, as to why the proposed split season cannot be effected and a late summer fishery, which is completely separate from the earlier run, made use of.

There is a feeling developing in Prince Rupert, rightly or wrongly, that there are some quarters in Ottawa that should present some clarification on certain phases of the halibut fishery on this coast.

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## Victoria Report

... by J. K. Nesbitt

### Tours Vancouver Island—Likes Douks—Visits "Goat Lady"

VICTORIA—Having just returned from a brief visit up Vancouver Island, I thought you might be interested in a few observations.

The Island never looked lovelier, bathed in warm sunshine. I never saw such blues—sea, mountains, hills. Things seemed prosperous—every little village

busting out at the seams with new houses and stores going up everywhere.

At Qualicum Beach stopped to call on Bert Welch, M.L.A. for Comox. He took me miles into the woods to see his logging operation. He's a crank on natural regeneration of the forests as all logging operators should be. He says the government should insist that every logging operator regenerate his land, rather than leave it bare, for the government to reforest by planting seed trees. That's what the government seems to want now, he says. Other logging operators agree—that the government of B.C., which says it upholds free enterprise, is insisting on socialized forests. Mr. Welch does his regeneration by leaving seed trees—says it's easier and far more economical than planting small trees, as the government is trying to do.

At Hilliers called on the Doukhobor colony. Got a warm reception. Was a little afraid at first to enter, thinking somehow I'd be set afire or someone would disrobe in front of me. Came away convinced the Doukhobors, with the exception of the Sons of Freedom, want to

be good citizens. Found them friendly, intelligent, hard-workers, happy and bright. The older ones, of course, can't speak English. Saw old women in bright kerchiefs and shawls leaving for the distant fields in an old-fashioned farm cart, pulled by a team of heavy brown horses. It was a scene from peasant Europe. One youngish woman wasn't Doukhobor at all. She said she got fed up with the outside world of selfishness and fighting and has found peace with the Doukhobors, much as one might find in a convent or monastery. This woman was cook for the day—and was baking 20 loaves of the finest-smelling bread in a huge Dutch oven. Had tea and pie with the Doukhobors and petted 16-month old Gabriel, first baby born in the new colony. He's a fine, sturdy youngster, blue-eyed and blonde, kept sparklingly clean and he seems to be the baby of the whole community.

Near Nanaimo visited the English goat lady. She's Mrs. May Stanby who came from England last winter with 20 prize goats. Now she has nearly 50, ships the best ones to the

United States. One, a Nubian, she was preparing to send by air to a big goat farm in New Jersey. She and her daughter Heather, 22, and Ann Rule, also 22, work with their goats and in the fields from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. They're enjoying the life and pleased with their success. When she gets time Heather hustles into Nanaimo and does some amateur dramatic work. In England she was with the famed Canterbury Players. Had my first taste of goat's milk. Always thought it was greasy and heavy. Found it light and tasty. Mrs. Stanby says it's wonderful for arthritis.

Farther down the Island, went into the Fairbridge Farm School in the beautiful Cowichan Valley. Eight Scottish families recently arrived there to become Canadian citizens under a C.P.R. colonization plan. They were happy enough; only trouble was that, being farmers, they thought they'd find farm work, but none was available. So the men went to work in nearby logging camps and sawmills and are finding the work plenty tough. There are three single family dwellings, which rent for \$25 a month and the rest are duplexes for \$20 a month.

### ROOSEVELT LEADS

SAN FRANCISCO — James Roosevelt, son of the late President, took a big lead Wednesday for the Democratic nomination for governor of California, as Governor Earl Warren won a smashing, unprecedented third term Republican nomination. In Wednesday's primary election Roosevelt drew heavily on the state's democratic registration with its 1,000,000 vote edge over Republican.

### Pioneer Local Girl Succumbs

Advice has been received in the city of the death in Seattle, where she had resided since leaving Prince Rupert in 1925, of Mrs. Ole Losnegard who will be remembered as one of the city's pioneer girls. Before her first marriage, she was Miss Jewell Garton, daughter of Fred Garton, who was janitor of King Edward School in the early days.

Mrs. Losnegard's first husband was Robert Haleron who was a railway engineer. He

died in Seattle after they left here in 1926 and deceased remarried.

Mrs. Losnegard completed her schooling in Prince Rupert and was a telephone operator for a time and later a stenographer. In Seattle she had been a long distance telephone operator.

Deceased was 56 years of age and was born in Ontario. Her father died in San Francisco about two years ago. Her mother passed away here before the family left the city.

There is a brother, Maurice Garton in San Francisco.

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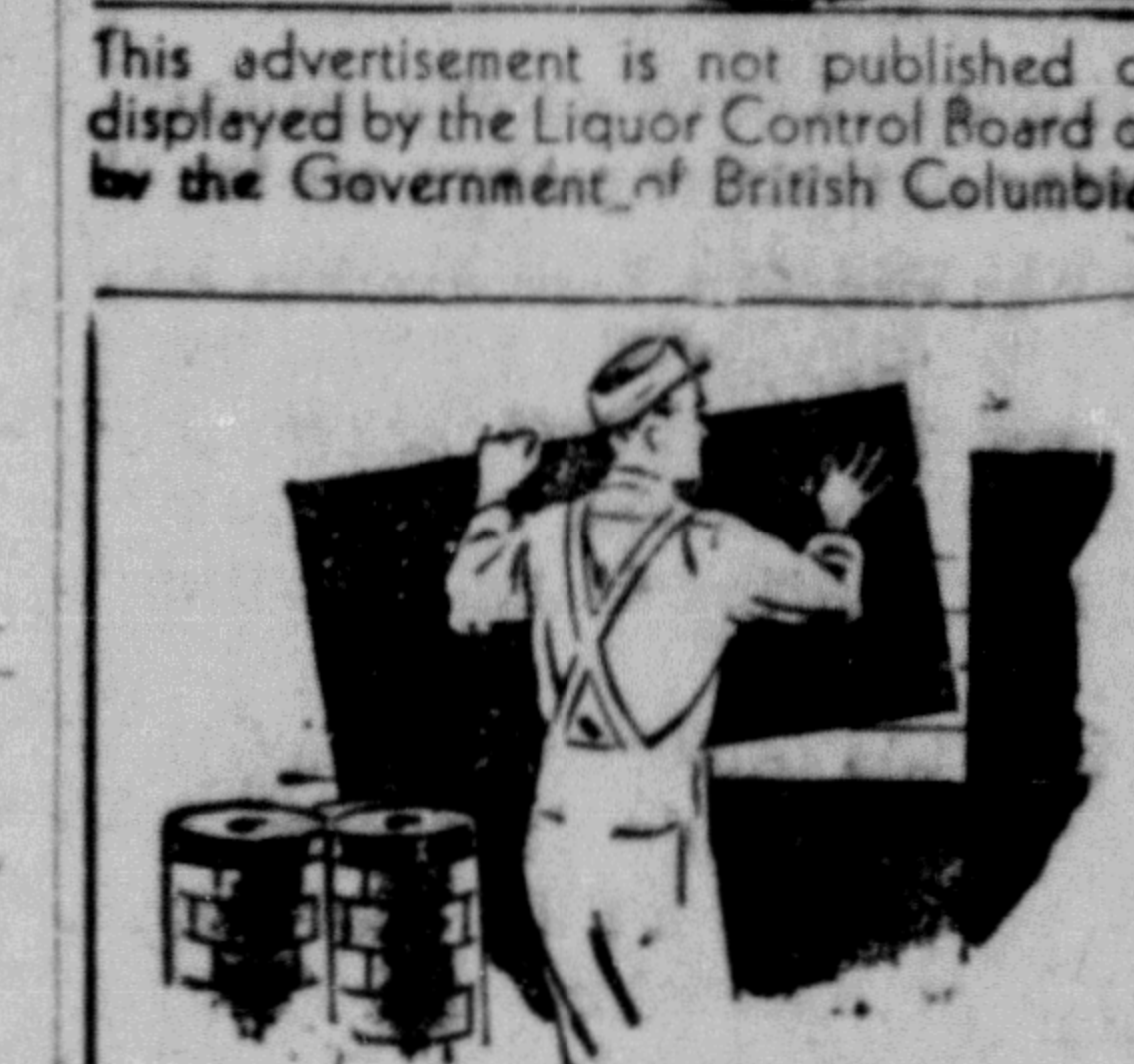
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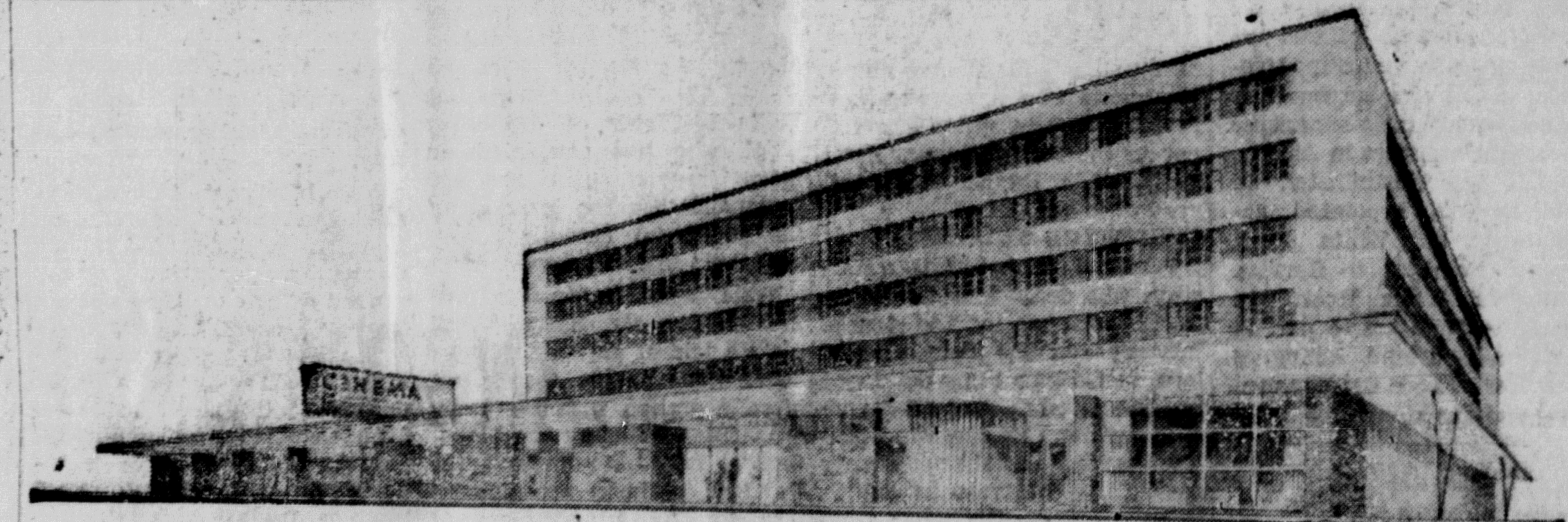
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