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Cost of Living

THE cost of living index in Canada has probably had its final upward fling with its spectacular advance of almost an entire point between the first of May and the first of June. Signs are not lacking that there should be an early levelling off, one of these signs being the trend of recent months in the United States in line with which it is to be expected, owing to the close economic relationship, Canada may before long fall.

While a continued climb might be viewed with some alarm, a too sharp decline might be equally undesirable. The desirable thing now would be a gradual recession of living costs, always keeping in mind the necessity of an accompanying easing of production costs with possible greater efficiencies. Such must eventually come and the sooner the better.

LET'S FLY THE FLAG

IT DOES NOT always follow that, because the date is the First of July, every Prince Rupert staff has a flag flying. Last Friday there appeared to be a scarcity of the national colors. Bare poles were common enough. And while on the subject, why is it so frequently the case that in Canada, Canadian and American flags appear together? United States visitors are not impressed. When tourists come here they want to feel that they are really away from home. That's why they come. They are, of course, very welcome. But they want to find Canada "as is."

HALIFAX AND RUPERT

THE MAYOR will send a congratulatory message to Halifax on the occasion of that city's bi-centennial and also give pertinent facts concerning the developing port of the far west—Prince Rupert. That's all to the good for plenty of worthy, though misguided, folk down east still have weird notions. For example, they feel Halifax harbor is Canada's best. A cruise off Prince Rupert might start an argument.

BRITAIN WARNED

SOCIALISTS IN BRITAIN and apologists for the Labor government are very much worried about strikes and slowdowns and the trend to slackness and laziness. They are calling for an intensive campaign of education to impress upon the workers the ideals and principles of Socialism. There is a feeling among the milder Socialists that perhaps social services have gone too far and that nationalization should be slowed up. They insist that moral incentives must be created, that the people must be imbued with a sense of personal responsibility and public duty if Socialism is to be "made to work." They suggest that, for the time being, there should be a combination of Socialism and Capitalism, and that free enterprise should be encouraged. Sir Stafford Cripps demands "greater efficiency in production" and Herbert Morrison warns against the illusion that the State can give things away without the people earning them.

Mother of James Lee Passes Away

James L. Lee, city pioneer and manager of the Atlin Fisheries here, received word today of the death in Fraserburgh, Scotland, of his aged mother, Mrs. Georgina Lee. Besides Mr. Lee here, there is another son, William Lee, in St. Andrew's Scot-

land, and two daughters, Mrs. J. Matheson of Aberdeen, Scotland, and Mrs. L. B. Lambly of Naramata. There are four grand-children.

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man — A scarecrow is the last word in tailoring compared with London postmen, said S. Franklin, London delegate to a Union of Post Office workers' conference.

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LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER—Believed to be the only father and daughter team seeking election in the House of Commons in the recent federal campaign were Patrice Brunet, running under the Social Credit banner in Ottawa East, and his daughter, Cecile Brunet, who was contesting Hull for the same party. (C. P. Photo.)

Jeanne Thompson Shower Honoree

Mrs. J. R. Carr Hostess at Delightful Pre-Nuptial Affair

A bridal shower of much interest was held at the home of Mrs. J. R. Carr, Borden Street, in honor of Miss Jeanne Thompson, R.N., bride-elect of George Perdue of Vancouver.

The early evening was spent in playing games which proved highly amusing to all present. Then the bride-elect was seated in a chair beneath a canopy of pink and white streamers and a large white wedding bell. A large humpty dumpty pie was carried in and placed before the guest of honor. On removing Humpty Dumpty's face, many beautiful gifts with colorful wrappings were revealed.

After the opening of the gifts, Miss Thompson thanked every-

one for their good wishes and the delightful presents.

Those present at the shower, besides the hostess, were the Misses Jeanne Thompson, Gladys Foster, Agnes McIntosh, Sheila McRae, Margaret McLeod, D. Sharpe, Mesdames Thompson, Foster, Macdonald, O. K. Faught, W. Faught, Hapala, Webber, Ciccone, Santurane, Petroff, Penoff, Scherk, Skinner, Skogmo, Clapp, R. G. Large, R. W. Large, Chell, Barclay, Olson, Irvine, McCrae Rorie, McClintock, Moore, Young, Harding, Howe, Greene, Humphrey, Whitaker, Nickerson and Stone.

STARVED ON BEAUTY SYDNEY, Australia. — Although their food was worth about \$5 a mouthful it failed to keep alive two mice received here in a basket from India. The mice had been unwittingly shut in with a consignment of choice orchids and had tried to survive by eating the plants.



LUCKY BRIDE—Fred Putt, 37-year-old London, Ont., service station operator, puts the final touches on the four-foot 120-pound cake he baked for his wedding Saturday to Mary Hebb. Fred took up baking as a hobby when he was 10 and has become quite proficient as this cake shows. He values the cake at \$250 and both he and his British-born bride are proud of the finished product. (C. P. Photo.)

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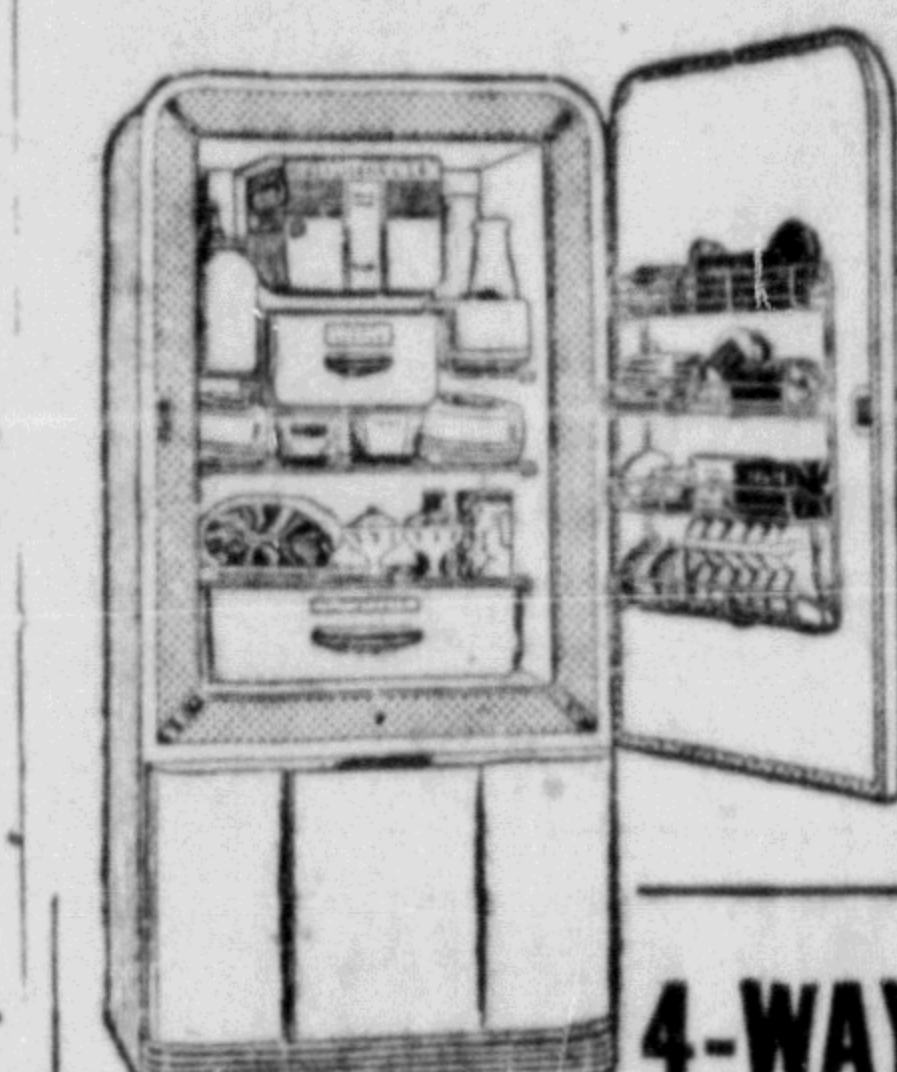
If the route of that red and white striped barrel had led through Kitselas Canyon during a freshet, the canoe escort might have had a tidy job keeping the set-up in mid channel.

Heart attack is given as the cause of the death of a pet pooch, whose owner (living in B. C.) passed on a couple of years ago. The doggie had been left well provided for—even occupancy of a bed chamber and bath every other day. If Towser had slumbered in a kennel, rustled around for his chow, with a bone to chew on now and then, along with an occasional flight, he'd doubtless been alive and flourishing today.

People in Eastern Canada keep insisting there is a golf course in Prince Rupert. There is nothing of the kind, of course, but if more people would get out in the fresh air, and stall

around for a few hours, swinging a stick, instead of living in clubs, cars and beer parlors when not at home, there might be fewer sojourns in hospitals.

A taste for buttercups—harmless and fanciful whim in itself—is said to be gradually growing in some western communities. Practical and vigorous development of this trend along recognized commercial lines is not without possibilities. It might have satisfying business and culinary results. It could also help rid Prince Rupert lawns of the yellow nuisance.



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