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Railway To Alaska

TALKS on the subject of a railway through British Columbia to Alaska are on the tapis for Ottawa this week. Prince Rupert can well be very interested. Time was when a subject would command much attention here as we discussed and promoted the advantages of coming as far west as possible so as Prince Rupert's strategic position as an outlet for the great north country could be used to the fullest advantage. Of course when it is a matter of connecting Alaska with the United States through British Columbia, the Prince Rupert aspect may not be of such prime significance.

However, such a railway would be of the utmost importance to the whole central interior country and could not help but redound to the benefit and development of this port as well as all this area.

So the talks at Ottawa, even though they are of a "pretty preliminary" character, will be watched with much interest.

SAFETY IN DRIVING

CANADIANS visiting in Britain have been impressed by the courtesy of the British driver, whether it is of passenger car, bicycle, bus or truck. Incidence of mishap is remarkably low under the conditions of crowded roads, especially now that petrol is no longer rationed.

The secret is in driving knowledge plus courtesy. They help one another instead of all trying to beat one another. A "Courtesy" Week or Month, which is sometimes tried out in Canada is not good enough. We need motorists who will resolve always to be courteous, keep the rules of the road, make room for another driver in trouble, and never blow the horn through impatience. If the other driver happens to be a fool, suffer him gladly and give him a wide berth. Canadian drivers too could set a new standard of courtesy.

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TORONTO (C)—Meat prices dropped slightly during the past week in many cities across Canada. A Canadian Press survey showed the greatest decline in the price of beef—as much as six cents a pound in some centres. Several cities reported lamb and pork prices down as much as two or three cents. Many wholesalers regarded the price change as a seasonal one, marking the coming of fall. Others considered it a reflection on weakening U.S. markets for beef and the freeing of the Canadian dollar.

Delhi Has Big Blaze

NEW DELHI (C)—Nearly 500 shops were destroyed in an all night fire which raged until early Tuesday through old Delhi's downtown bazaar district. Some women and children may have perished in the blaze. Property loss is placed at \$2,000,000.

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Victoria Report

... by J. K. Nesbitt

Herb Anscomb Wins the Day — Now Undisputed Tory Boss

VICTORIA—Herb Anscomb is now undisputed boss of the British Columbia Tory party. He waded in at the recent convention, defied those who said he shouldn't have booze interests as long as he's a cabinet minister—and he won all down the line, whipping Bill Bennett, a highly organized group of younger Tories, and Howard Green, M.P. for Vancouver-Quedra now slipping badly as a Tory star.

Green accused Anscomb of trying to be a dictator. Anscomb said Green wants to take control of the B.C. Tory party to Ottawa and that, said Anscomb, would be a disaster of the first magnitude.

He even succeeded in getting his good friend and faithful supporter, Maj.-Gen. George Pearkes, V.C., M.P. for Nanaimo, elected president of the association. These two will now work hand in glove, with no bickering, for they see eye to eye on most political matters.

It was somehow a touching scene when it was announced Anscomb had whipped Bill Bennett 433 to 167. He went to the platform in the midst of a tremendous outburst of applause. He seemed taken aback—went on platform and went into the hall to get his wife. She went with him to the platform and she was in tears. Anscomb stood before the microphone and his voice was choked as he said his thanks and his eyes were moist.

Herb Anscomb is painted as a big, hard-boiled individual—but underneath is a strong core of the sentimental. He's always astonished at any show of affection for him, largely because he never expects it.

It was an Anscomb convention and so this should be an Anscomb column. He always makes a first class political speech. This observer thinks he's the finest political speaker in British Columbia. He's vigorous, forthright, deliberate, humorous, whimsical. The words flow out in a torrent and yet they're never lost. They are clear and crisp.

He drives home a serious point and then he leans forward with a joke. He was telling the convention how B.C. has grown in recent years, how the population has increased. He grinned then, knapsack grin of his and said, "And ladies and gentlemen, I had nothing to do with that."

Bill Bennett had been handing around Okanagan apples. Anscomb said he had no apples to give away. "You can buy us a drink," shouted someone from the audience. "No, my friend," he said, "I can't even give you a drink of wine."

He said the Tory party must be made strong in this province, so it can hold up its end of Coalition. "If we're not strong, the Grits will swallow us up."

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As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT
MORE BOB EDWARDS

THE TIMES OF HIGH RIVER, Alberta, has been looking up some of the earlier work of the famous humorist and prankster, Bob Edwards.

I recently reported in this column why and how Bob had to leave High River in a hurry—with an irate church congregation hot on his heels. That was after Bob substituted the records to be used on the new church

photograph. Instead of the expected hymn the machine came out with "Just Because She Made Them Get-Goo Eyes at Me."

That was the last straw for High River.

JUST BEFORE he left High River Bob printed this masterpiece of diplomacy. It was about one James Clancy, who had just been hanged. Some kind soul wanted to notify Clancy's friends in Ireland about his passing—but without giving any details which lower the prestige of the departed.

this one in the High River Eye Opener, October 18, 1902:

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The regulation covering the use of Form H for the export of currency is a safeguard against the export of capital sums where such export would not be permitted through other channels.

Authority has been given to banks and other agents of the Foreign Exchange Control Board to approve applications for U.S. travel funds without reference to the Board for amounts up to:

1. \$500 per trip for bona fide business travel.
2. \$500 per person in the calendar year for other travel.
3. \$2,000 Canadian per year, or its equivalent, for attendance during a full academic year at a university, college or boarding school in the United States.

Applications in excess of these amounts may be referred to the Board and will be approved for reasonable amounts, having regard to the duration of the proposed journeys.

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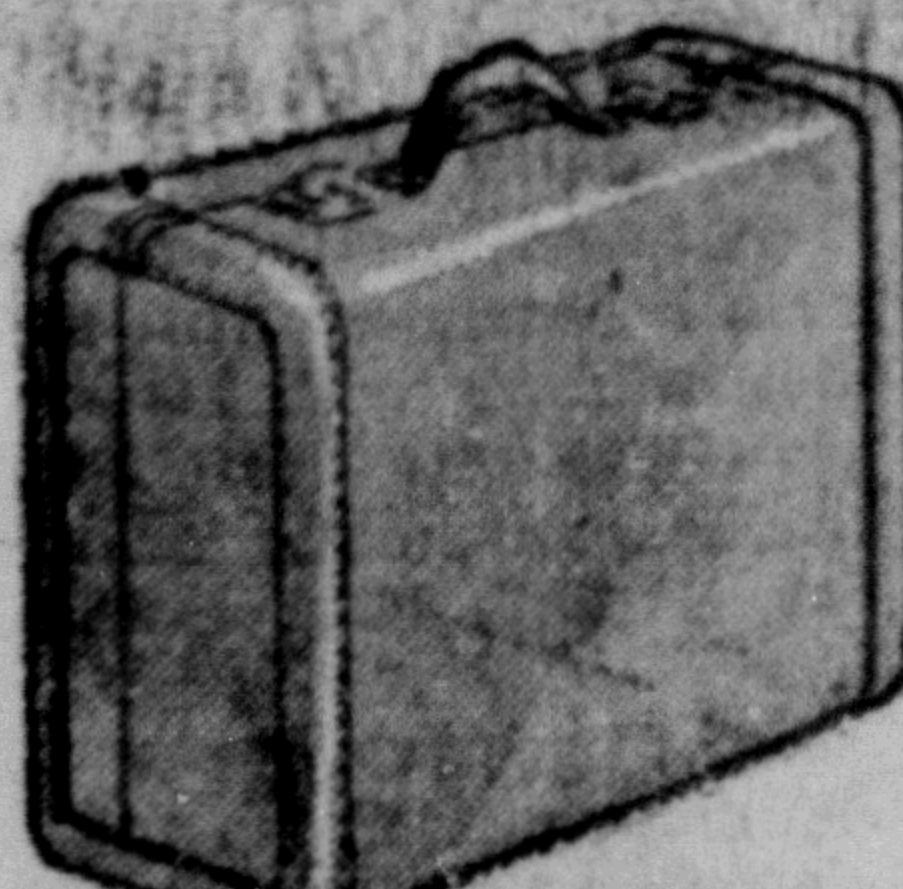
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