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Take Pride In Canada

It is increasingly evident that as Canadians we need a good deal more pride and faith than we seem to possess at the present time. As we step forward to meet the problems of this reconversion period, we should be bolstered by a strong feeling of pride in our accomplishments of the past few years and by a serene confidence in our ability to overcome the difficulties of the future. Instead there is a tendency in certain quarters to hesitate and falter and to grasp at any illusion of security rather than to stride forward.

Too many people point to the political and economic swing to the left in European countries and suggest that we do likewise. Let us clear that poisonous fog of inferiority and lack of faith from our thinking. Economic and political hospitalization may suit some of the wounded, torn, battered and weakened countries of the world, but certainly that is no prescription for a young vibrant healthy country just taking its place among the great countries of the world.

Let us here develop the way of life which made us strong, let us take pride in our strength and have faith in our courage, initiative, ability and enterprise to build an even better Canada.

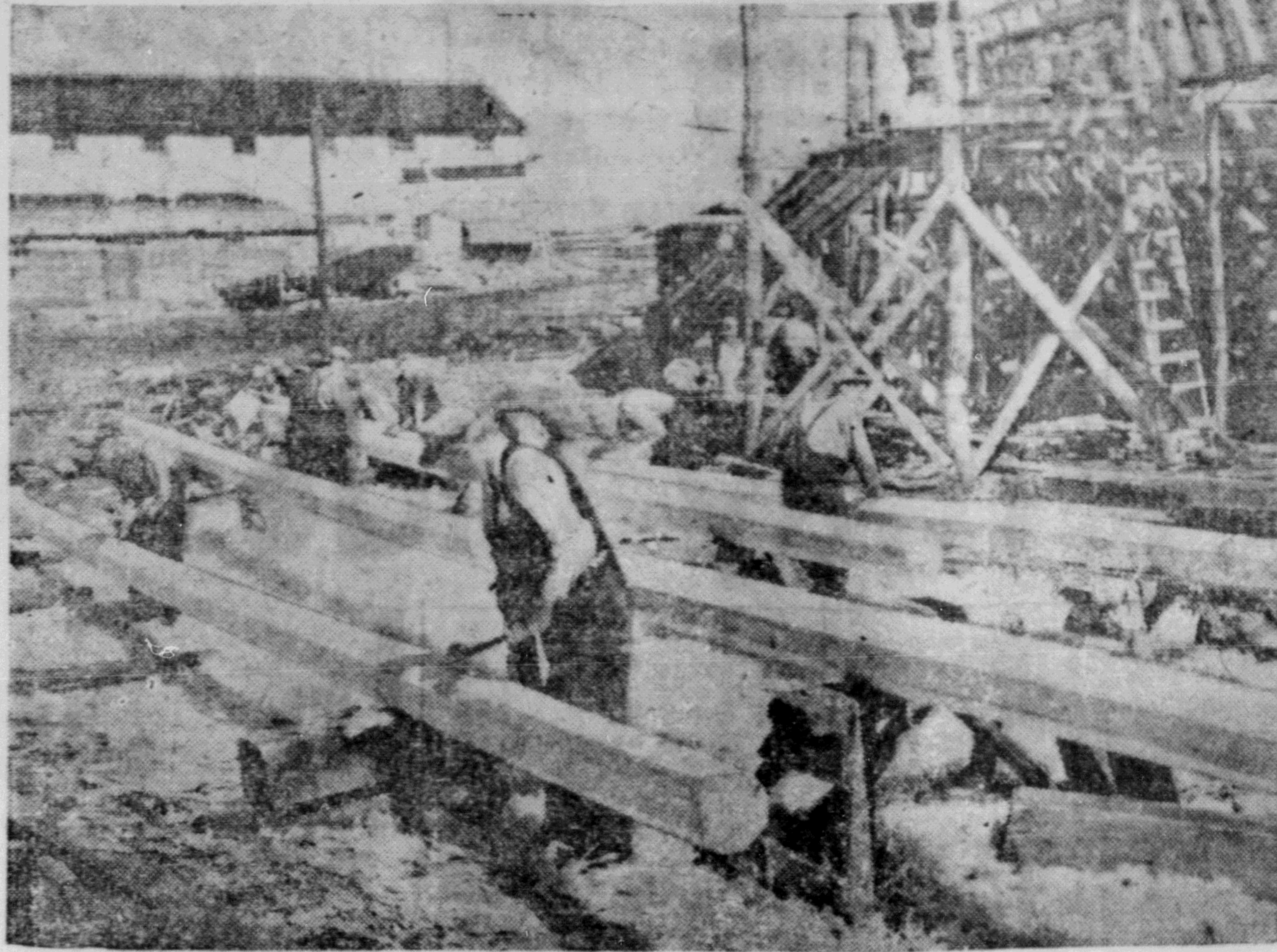
RUSSIA AND NORWAY

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT made a very unwise move when it offered Norway a non-aggression pact if she would refuse to join an Atlantic Union. For the immediate effect—and that not only in Norway—was to recall the unhappy experience of such pacts in the years between the wars.

The offer of individual non-aggression pacts had been one of Hitler's favorite devices for preventing the formation of defensive security groups which might thwart his plans. And not only that, there were the Soviet Union's own famous series of non-aggression pacts with all her immediate neighbors—Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Rumania. The three Baltic States have been swallowed. Poland and Finland were invaded. Rumania was forced to cede a province. The very words "non-aggression" pact have been a salutary reminder of the Russian aggressions of 1939 and of Stalin's entente with Hitler.

It may, of course, be that the Soviet leaders had realized the impression which the "offer" would create in the Western world and had realized also that there was no chance of luring Norway into acceptance, but that they thought the gesture necessary for other reasons.

They are plainly trying to create both in Russia and in the satellite states the picture of Stalin making peace offer after peace offer and of each offer being rejected by the Western "warmongers." That may be in order to counter a certain uneasiness and disquiet at home. It may be intended to reconcile the Czechs and Poles (and probably the Hungarians) to a new purge and a tightening of Communist control on the plea that iron discipline is essential in the face of danger from without. It is, by the way, notable that the Soviet press now talks of endeavours to "encircle Russia"—another phrase which is unfortunately reminiscent of Hitler and Goebbels.



SHIP BUILDING—During the war Newfoundland shipyards were busy turning out small vessels. Now the government-built yards have been sold to private interests who are building small ships for the fishing and coastal trade, as well as many fine yachts. This photo of the Clarendville yards shows workmen shaping the wooden beams for a vessel shown in the background. (CP Photo)

HOSPITAL ASKS FOR SUPPORT

Despite the increased aid given by the province to the Prince Rupert General Hospital under the last year's hospitalization service legislation, the institution still remains under local control and requires support and interest by Prince Rupert citizens. Hospital Secretary D. C. Stevenson declared at the week-end.

He made the comment in reference to the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Hospital General Association which will take place next Friday when reports of the year's service to the community will be reviewed and 1949 officers and directors elected.

"Some people are of the opinion that since the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service has taken an interest in hospitals, the local associations, through their boards of directors, no longer have any power," he commented. "Such an opinion is erroneous."

"Although the hospital service is primarily interested in seeing that adequate hospitalization is provided to the public at a minimum cost, it is still important that the public accept membership in the local Hospital Association and to choose a board of directors who are competent to see that their hospital provides equipment and facilities."

While a constant decrease in public interest in hospital management affairs over the last decade might be construed as a compliment to the type of management and administration provided, Mr. Stevenson sees this as no reason for the institution to be "forgotten" by the people served.

At present, there are only 20 paid-up members, entitled to a voice in the Association's affairs, a number much too small for the size of the community. In addition there are a dozen life members, but only three of these are at present in the city. They are D. C. Stuart, M. M. Stephens and James H. Thompson.

"That is a small interest in the hospital," Mr. Stevenson said, "considering that the public must elect a board which must determine the policies of

the institution in its relation with the community.

"The board has to provide safe administration of present assets of the association and plan for its future service."

IS BIG BUSINESS

That the hospital is "big business" can be seen from the fact that the 1948 operating expenses were about \$150,000 and that its current assets total almost \$60,000, capital assets at depreciated value, \$200,000 and sinking fund assets \$19,800.

Problems faced by the Board may be seen by the relative increase in costs of 1948 operation over the previous year. And financial problems have not disappeared entirely as a result of the hospitalization scheme.

"It looks as if the \$7.75 a day allowed by the government for insured patients may not be quite adequate for our needs," Mr. Stevenson said.

Last year, dietary costs for patients and staff rose to \$22,600 from \$18,200 in 1947, a direct reflection of the increase basic living cost. Medical and surgical supplies rose to \$14,200 last year from \$10,300 the previous year and salaries and wages increased from \$65,100 in 1947 to \$79,100 in 1948 with approximately no increase in staff.

While much of these higher costs were offset by increased ward rates last year, it appears that this year, revenues will be less fluid. Therefore, it is the Board's hope that there will be no continuing rise in costs.

"These matters and the appointment of a competent board of management are directly the interest of the public," Mr. Stevenson said. "They mean something to every member of the community."

LODGE HAS ROLL CALL

Members of Prince Rupert Oddfellows and Centennial Rebekah Lodges held their annual roll call in the Oddfellows' Hall last week, enjoying a social evening attended by 90 members of both groups. Congratulatory messages were received from many members who were unable to attend.

Music was the major order of the evening, with community singing being enjoyed. Mrs. J. W. McKinley accompanied the singing on the piano. Mrs. J. Delorme also sang several solos.

A cake, presented by Mrs. S. V. Cox was raffled, Chinese fashion, and brought \$22 which was used to defray expenses of the gathering.

Mrs. J. Delorme, representing the Rebekahs and Len L. Garner, representing the Oddfellows, were chairmen of the joint committee which arranged the function.

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KIN CELEBRATE FOUNDERS' NIGHT

It was 29 years ago that Hal Rogers, a veteran of the first World War with ideas for a young man's service club, founded the first Kinsmen Club and Saturday night 80 Kinsmen, their wives and guests gathered at the Oddfellows' Hall to celebrate the anniversary.

The assembly sat down to candle-lit tables and enjoyed a chow mein and cold-plate supper served by members of the Hollywood Cafe staff. Following the supper President George Dibb supervised the introduction of guests and introduced William Bremner who briefly outlined the progress of the Kinsmen Association since it was organized by Hal Rogers in Toronto, February 1920.

Dancing commenced at 9:15 and continued until the early hours. During intermissions R. E. Montador entertained with impersonations of a radio announcer and a woman celebrating her twentieth wedding anniversary. Recording arrangements by W. S. Noble and piano accompaniments by Russell Cameron provided music for the dancers.

Arrangements for the party were in the hands of Russell Cameron, James Thompson and John Christensen.

NEW ENGLAND IN COMIC BOOK WAR

BOSTON—New England, which has been known to make bonfires of doubtful novels, now turns a scorching glare on comic books because it is believed some are filthy. Church leaders and police officials have blasted certain of the comics as juvenile crime-breeder, equally bad for children and adults.

William Jefferson left by air today on a trip to Vancouver.



TONIGHT

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 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "charlotte russe"?
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 4. What does the word "diminutive" mean?
- Answers
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