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Canada's Oil Situation

ANADA has the globe's greatest oil reserves and remains dependent for oil on outside sources.

This country produces perhaps eleven percent of her total consumption. It is necessary to turn elsewhere for the rest. This has come from United States fields and in tankers from South America.

The situation is unsafe and certainly unsatisfactory. There is the dollar aspect. While Canada is draining off American petroleum reserves, the U.S. oil companies are putting a heavy drain on Canada's U.S. dollar reserves to pay for the oil.

This is what Canada Year Book for 1947 says:

"Alberta, in its bituminous sands deposit at McMurray, has the greatest oil reserves on the face of the earth. Estimates vary between that of Canadian geologists at 100,000,000,000 tons and that of the United States Bureau of Mines at 250,000,000,-000 tons. The yield is about one barrel of oil per ton of sands."

Tests of tar sands made in Chicago reveal they are capable of producing 55.5 per cent of bitumin from which petroleum products can be obtained. Costs of transportation from McMurray can be overcome by volume of output.

Because of the general world situation, and uncertainty as to oil availability, the United States Secretary of the Interior, J. A. Krug, has recommended large expenditures for the extraction of petroleum from coal.

The time has come it seems when any country with oil must make the most of it and cultivate thrift. It is not at all improbable that Washington, alive to the situation, will suggest to Canada that she develop the vast and proven oil resources of her own which would be a timely challenge.

One may well wonder why, before this, Canada has not been cashing in on what she possesses.

There is a history of attempted exploitation.

The commercial recovery of oil from the saturated sands has not yet been achieved. During the war, no less than half a million dollars was spent in experiments. Twice, testing buildings of importance have been destroyed by fire, along with costly equipment.

The oil, in super-abundance, is there. The trick is separate it from the sands.

CHILD'S RIGHTS DENIED

IITHE PAST 50 YEARS of what we call civilization have ruined urban childhood," declares

Philip Wylie in The Readers' Digest for March. "The automobile, restricting children to vard or block, has conditioned their very impulse to chase a ball. Parents, trying to barricade their children from perils, have fenced in schoolyards and hired more cops at corners, more counselors at camp. As soon as he can crawl, the child is impounded in a playpen which frustrates his every vital instinct."

In an article condensed from The Atlantic Monthly, Wylie holds that only through "a process of adventure, experience and exploit" can a child become an emotionally mature and self-reliant adult. But fearful parents, instead of aiding this process, inhibit its development by over-protection.

Many parents, in the artificial life of our urban centres, are themselves lacking in basic experience, Wylie contends. "They join welfare and hygiene societies, but have never seen a chicken killed or a kitten born. They cross the Atlantic, but they cannot swim. They have slept in hotels in Cairo and Bombay, but never in the woods. They drive to the top of Pike's Peak, but they have never shinnied a tree."

Without such basic experience, adults lack selfreliance, the author maintains. Adult fears, ranging from an anxiety about crossing the street to panic over the possibility of another war, are projected upon children, in the shape of parental tabus and restrictions of the vary activities essential to youngsters.

The one discipline which a child must have, he asserts, is the natural discipline of cause and effect -"the perfect honesty of nature and the inviolability of its laws. Children have the right to observe and experience every fact of nature in environs where they can dig. pluck, build, walk, swim or

chon without let or hindrance." But in modern urban life such expressions of a child's instincts are necessarily illegal. "If a boy peels the bark off a tree to make a tov boat to float on a pool, he destroys somebody's birch his dad has to pay, and the old lady who owns the goldfish pond has him chased by policemen."

A CLASSIFIED AD IN THE DAILY NEWS WILL BRING RESULTS

LETTERBOX

LIKED SERMON Editor, Daily News:

I would like to express my appreciation for Rev. Basil S. Prockter's article titled "Funerals" in Saturday's Sermon in Febrauary 20 issue of Daily

out of place. And most particularly at church, where their requisite and desirability readi-

magnitude of anothers sorrow follow the construction trade it is gratifying to know that we day when he will be a fullcan show our deepest sympathy fledged carpenter. by our sincerest consideration.

I may, to Rev. Prockter's constructive criticism, the following, as being a veritable blessing: "When (at long last) the time will have come when all members of funeral processions --whether out of sincere sympathy or merely as an act of courtesy to the bereaved ones and out of respect to the deceased, shall refrain from smiling broadly and pleasurably-consciously or unconsciouly-as on a pleasurable observation tour--that are visible almost a block away.

Thanking you, Violet Ingalls

WORKING WOMEN Editor, Daily News:

Praise be to you, Citizen, and many more like you- Women of quitts can be tied to bedwould have their equal rights in this century if it were not for ones like "Local Girl" and "Vet" holding us back. No wonder there are wars when one's country is jealous of the other's achievements.

As for "Vet," well I hope that he reads further below his letter, "Over the Fence" by W. L. MacTavish, especially that last column where it states: "the idea of union men and women, they want comfort, security, hap-(Continued on Page 3)

· The Daily News Boys ·

TOMMY SEDGEWICK

INTERESTED IN JOURNALISM AT SCHOOL BUT CARPENTRY IS HIS AMBITION

Tommy Sedgewick, like his brother Matty, has Thanks to Goodness, Cour- one of the largest Daily News delivery routes. tesy and Grace shall never be has 140 customers between the 300 block and Hays Cove Circle on Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Avenue East.

As well as being a delivery boy Tommy, as a mem- lam. ly determine the difference be- ber of his school paper, has learned a little about the

tween our appearing ignorant other end of newspaper proor otherwise in relationship to duction. However he isn't planfunerals and to the funeral pro- ning to make newspaper work cession itself. his career. Very much the out-Although we cannot feel the door type, Tommy intends to and bereavement in his loss- and is looking forward to the

Born in Kinley, Saskatchewan, At this point I would add, if Tommy came to Prince Rupert two years ago at the age of eleven and has been a Daily News carrier for more than a

> In grade 6, Tommy is a student of King Edward School where he is a member of the school basketball team. Besides being keenly interested in basketball, he is fond of fastball. As member of the Civic Centre and the Boy Scouts, Tommy finds plenty of organized activities to provide him with recreation.

> Tommy doesn't have much time to spend on hobbies but he does like to read when h has any leisure.

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The early attempts of Europeans to settle the Solomon Islands were balked by the cannibalism of the natives.

BIG OBSTACLE

Miss Jean Muirhead of Prince Rupert General Hospital nursing staff and Miss Lucille Coulter and Miss Isabel Munro, formerly on the nursing staff, returned to the city on the Coquitlam Tuesday from a week's skiing expedition to Stewart. Miss Coulter and Miss Munro continued south on the Coquit-



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Walk Upstairs in Stone Building

True reports on the work of the Red Cross by leading Canadian writers

by CLAIRE WALLACE

There is a man in Canada who has the • blood of seven total strangers in his veins. Maybe you wince at that idea. He doesn't. Without it, he would be dead.

Two years ago he was seriously injured in a crash. He received desperate head injuries, and a delicate operation was imperative. But shock and loss of blood had so weakened him that he couldn't have survived one. If . . . seven strangers had not stepped in.

They were Canadian men and women who had each given a blood donation to the Canadian Red Cross National Blood Transfusion Service. When the doctors called for blood to save the life of the accident victim, it was the blood of those seven which pulled him through.

"Were you one of them?"

Today, he is a healthy, happy, useful citizen of Victoria, British Columbia. The only thing that marks him as different from the average man is a rather searching look that sometimes comes into his eyes as he walks along the street For he often thinks of the seven who saved his life and wonders who they are. As he looks into a stranger's face, he silently asks: "Were you one of them? If so, I thank you from my heart."

Similarly, the mother who gave birth to twins and would have died except for blood transfusions . . . the baby so anaemic at birth he could be kept alive only by donated blood the maimed . . . the sick . . . the old-all those who owe their lives to blood transfusions say "Thanks, unknown friend."

Free blood for Canadian hospitals

The Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service plans, as soon as possible, to extend whole blood and plasma free to all patients needing it, in hospitals right across Canada. Already two provinces-British Columbia and Albertaprovide this life-saving service. Last year Alberta and British Columbia distributed 21,044 bottles of whole blood and 2,364 bottles of plasma, resulting in the saving of many lives. Remember this, as the Canadian Red Cross appeals to you now for funds. Your money is essential to the Blood Transfusion Service and other phases of Red Cross work. Give generously. A life may depend upon your donation.

Red Cross Services include: Blood Transfusion. Outpost Hospitals, Aid to Sick and Disabled Veterans, Treatment for Crippled Children, Disaster Relief, Nutrition Services, Home Nursing Courses, Swimming and Water Safety, etc.

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