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Unemployment

THE SERIOUSNESS OF AN unemployment situation can be judged from various standpoints and with particular reference to circumstances. The federal government has reiterated its opinion that 375,000 persons in Canada is not to be regarded too seriously since it is to a large extent seasonal. However, it is quite a chunk of unemployment. We would not like to see it get any greater and it is reassuring that the figure is now beginning to decrease.

The Prime Minister says that the unemployment situation is far from depression levels, indeed, he does not believe that a depression is imminent. However a more serious view is taken by the C. C. F. and some of the trades unions people whose opinions are also entitled to respect and who, in fact, are in a position to be as intimate with the lot of the people who suffer from unemployment as might be the Prime Minister himself or some of the government officials.

If the total number of unemployment were levelled out over Canada, some of the more serious pictures, such as that in Vancouver, would not be so apparent. If not Prince Rupert because there is so much more activity in this area owing to the increased tempo of development from an industrial and construction standpoint, British Columbia has been having a rough winter from the unemployment standpoint.

Nevertheless while there may be particular problems and some cases of genuine misfortune, generally speaking there would still appear to be a pretty good prospect for steady employment of capable people who are ready and willing to do a good day's work for a reasonable day's pay.

As for really skilled workers, we still seem to hear more of shortages than abundance of availability.

IMMIGRANTS AND JOBS

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS has heard some extraordinary economic theories during the years, but seldom has it heard a more extraordinary charge than that 375,000 Canadian are listed as unemployed today because 360,000 immigrants were brought into the country since the war ended, observes the Edmonton Journal. The accusation was made by P. E. Gagnon, an Independent representing the Quebec riding of Chicoutimi. The similarity of the totals must surely have swept Mr. Gagnon off his mental feet.

Far from the 360,000 "new Canadian" putting old Canadian out of jobs, they created more work for all.

Their arrival in the country meant 360,000 more consumers of Canadian foods, clothing, shelter and services. The 360,000 meant that many more buyers of goods and services, which in itself is a considerable market.

It is demonstrable fact that in the years before 1914 when the tides of immigration flowed most strongly into the dominion, the country prospered greatly.

Every immigrant capable of doing a day's work is another mouth to feed, hence another "market" for farm products.

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"What about unemployment? It is true we have had more unemployment in Canada this winter than at any time since early in the war."

"And I don't think there are any Canadians who have not been sorry to see the unemployment figures increasing. They do bring back memories—and fears—none of us likes."

"But before we decide the country is already on the road to another depression, let us look at the other side of the picture. Employment has been at as high a level as it was last year. And our experts advise us that they expect unemployment all through 1950 to be at levels very close to those of 1949—which was the highest in our history."

"Now, this hardly looks like a depression. Of course, our population is growing every year, and we want to see more employment each year than there was the year before. What is more we intend to do everything we believe the federal government can do effectively to keep up employment in Canada. But we do not intend to do things we do not believe would be effective."

"Apparently there are some

people in Canada who expect the government to find a job on a public works project for every man or woman who becomes unemployed for any reason at any season of the year.

"Now the present government believes that public works and development projects should be used to keep up employment. And we intend to use them for that purpose."

"But we have never claimed that public works could be a cure-all for unemployment whatever its cause or its character."

"Every sensible person knows public works are not much use to provide jobs for stenographers or waitresses who happen to be out of work."

"The effective way to use public works is for the purpose of keeping up employment in the construction industry. That industry in turn provides a lot of employment in other industries and services."

"And nearly everybody in Canada knows the construction industry has been going full blast ever since the war. The prospects for construction in 1950 look just as good as for any previous year."

Quadruplets Are Costly

Sault Ste. Marie Father Finding it Difficult to Finance Family

SAULT STE. MARIE (C.—C. E. Hargreaves father of quadruplet girls born October 13 says that the financial situation of his family is "becoming critical and we may have to consider the possibility of offering the four girls for adoption."

After the birth of the quadruplets, first in Sault Ste. Marie's civic history, a committee was organized to raise funds for new home and to educate the children. Local service clubs undertook to pay nurses to care for the children until the end of the year and the city paid the nurses in January.

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LETTERBOX

JAP PROBLEM

Editor Daily News:
I have just read an editorial of yours, dated February 27, entitled "Japs in Fisheries." Every word seems in logical order until it is asked (in the words of J. D. McRae, M.L.A.): "Are we going to let the Japanese replace in our canneries the natives who were loyal during times of peril?" "Are we going to permit the unresisted issuing of fishing licences to Japanese so they can replace our own natives in the fishing industry?"

This policy of pitting one racial problem against another racial problem multiplies the number of problems, not reduces them.

The Canadian Japanese loyalty has passed some impossibly severe tests with very high marks. Questioning of local loyalty is prejudiced and ridiculous in face of the records.

Should any group be favored in any industry or should unrestricted licences be issued anybody in any industry? Aye, 'tis a good question, but there is little reason to splatter the mud all over a race of people separated from their homeland.

Don't forget the fisherman is a fisherman above all else. To eliminate the Jap tradesman from his trade on basis of race prejudice creates only another problem of unemployment.

Don't forget the Canadian Jap had torn from him his home his living, his possessions and his freedom during the war years. For some of this he received a little cash which he has since spent on keeping body, soul and family together waiting for nothing more nor less than another chance to earn his own livelihood.

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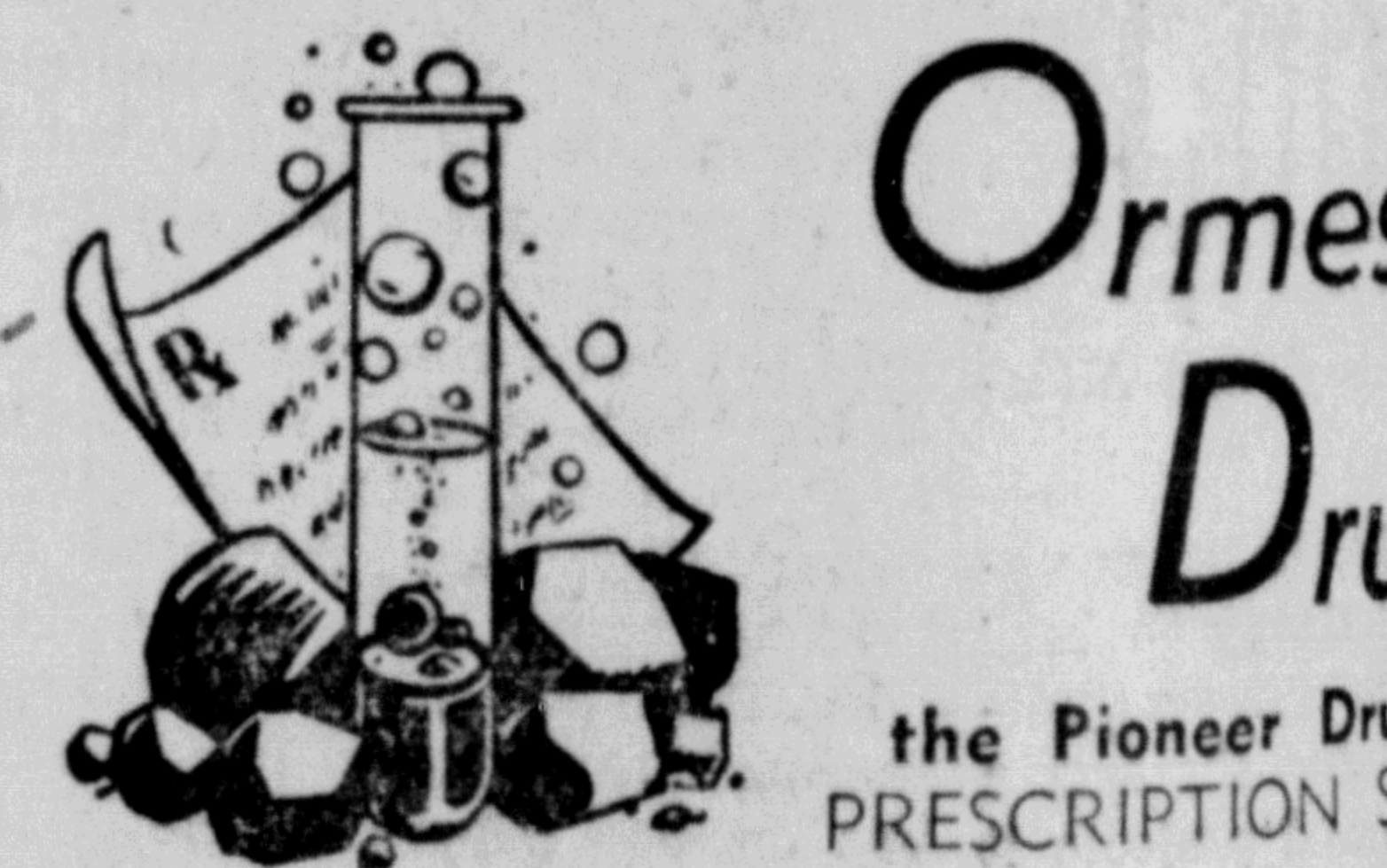
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