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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Ghost towns linger in British Columbia. There are more in the south than up north. That, no doubt, is explained by the fact of camps appearing earlier, nearer the United States border. Phoenix was one of these. A broadcast, the other evening, recited some of its luster, if limited, history. There are thousands of old timers still in the province who can recall the Kootenays. They can see again the days when times were indeed flush and to whom the story of Phoenix could not come as news, but to this generation, it might be of rare interest. No town lacked "characters." Each camp had its day of fond expectations, its boom, and its lush glory. And then, the slow but inescapable declining years, inaction and finally little else, other than a return to wilderness silence.

Phoenix must have been the home of super-optimists, who would tell freely why they had become that way. If there were any pessimists they might have become discouraged. Surely, here was the wrong atmosphere. Yet there was one man who, above all others, clearly perceived, or thought he did, a coming city.

Adam Forepaugh, or so he called himself, is said to have had an ambition that would not languish. He wished to be the mayor, and there he remained until the desire of his heart was gratified. He became, indeed, His Worship, the mayor, the board of aldermen, the city solicitor, the clerk and the janitor, as well as any other minor office holder it was necessary to find. By this time Phoenix was becoming shy on population. Forepaugh was the sole resident. Yet a mere detail, such as people, never worried the brisk first magistrate. Tourists and other visitors might make casual inquiries as to local conditions and replies were prompt and informing.

There must be almost countless ghost towns, scattered from the Arctic to the Gulf of California, and many have a long history. It cannot be said of some, as years multiplied that they actually expired. They have been the home of colorful ancients whose faith could not weaken, and who liked to stick around, anyway. They seem, in a mysterious way, to be alive more in the past than in the present.

Northern British Columbians need go no further than Cariboo to hear worth-while tales, and ponder diverting scenes. The story of Barkerville goes back to the beginning of things—to days when railroads were unknown, and Confederation hadn't been heard of. Barkerville must be able to look back over a century of history, at times memorable, and often as not, quiet enough. P. don't call Barkerville a ghost town. She is still alive, and on occasions, kicking.

Closest of all the ghost towns to Prince Rupert is the famous mining and smelter camp of Anyox which, in its heyday a quarter of a century ago and more, was as modern a community could be found in B.C.'s swank restaurant, well appointed theatre, fine recreation hall, it had all the civilized amenities and had a population which was definitely of what was known as the "fast type." Today, Anyox, largely burned out and dismantled of its multi-million dollars' worth of machinery and equipment, except for its power house, is as sad a scene of desolation and nostalgic memories as any town in British Columbia. There was a relationship in a way between Phoenix and Anyox. Both were Granby towns and, when Phoenix died, many people went from there to Anyox. In Prince Rupert are survivors of both towns who remember such colorful figures as F. M. Sylvester, "Wake" Williams, O. B. Smith, the Wing boys and others.

Yet another ghost town in these parts is Sovarson Bay, which for a few years was a thriving pulp manufacturing centre. However, it never attained the fame or affluence of Anyox.

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London Salon Closing Down

By MURIEL NARRAWAY

Canadian Press Staff Writer
LONDON — Captain Edward Molyneux, British born dress designer of Paris and London fame is closing his London salon.

Molyneux, who made his name in Paris after the first world war—holding his own among such names as Dior, Fath, Paquin and Balmain—has shops in Paris, Biarritz, Cannes and Monte Carlo. The London premises were opened in 1932.

After 18 years in Grosvenor Street, the Molyneux doors will finally close in mid-November. No further orders are being taken but the workshop is completing all outstanding commitments.

The designer, who lost an eye

in the 1914-18 war, has recently been experiencing trouble with the remaining eye. He finally accepted his doctors' advice against the strain of maintaining premises in both countries. For many years he has travelled monthly between Paris and London, giving seasonal fashion shows in both cities.

FIRST BREAK

His first break with London came this July when he found himself unable to contribute to the fall shows presented by London's big ten fashion designers.

His first trip to England since May was made for the sole purpose of personally conveying the bad news to his London staff of 350, many of whom have been with him for the full 18 years.

"He was terribly upset and returned to Paris immediately," said his sister, who has been his assistant from the start.

His departure will make it difficult for British clients to continue as patrons. The British

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Among his London clients, two of the most famous are the Duchess of Kent and Princess Margaret. The Duchess has been a firm patron for many years in both Paris and London. Her wedding dress and trousseau were designed by Molyneux.

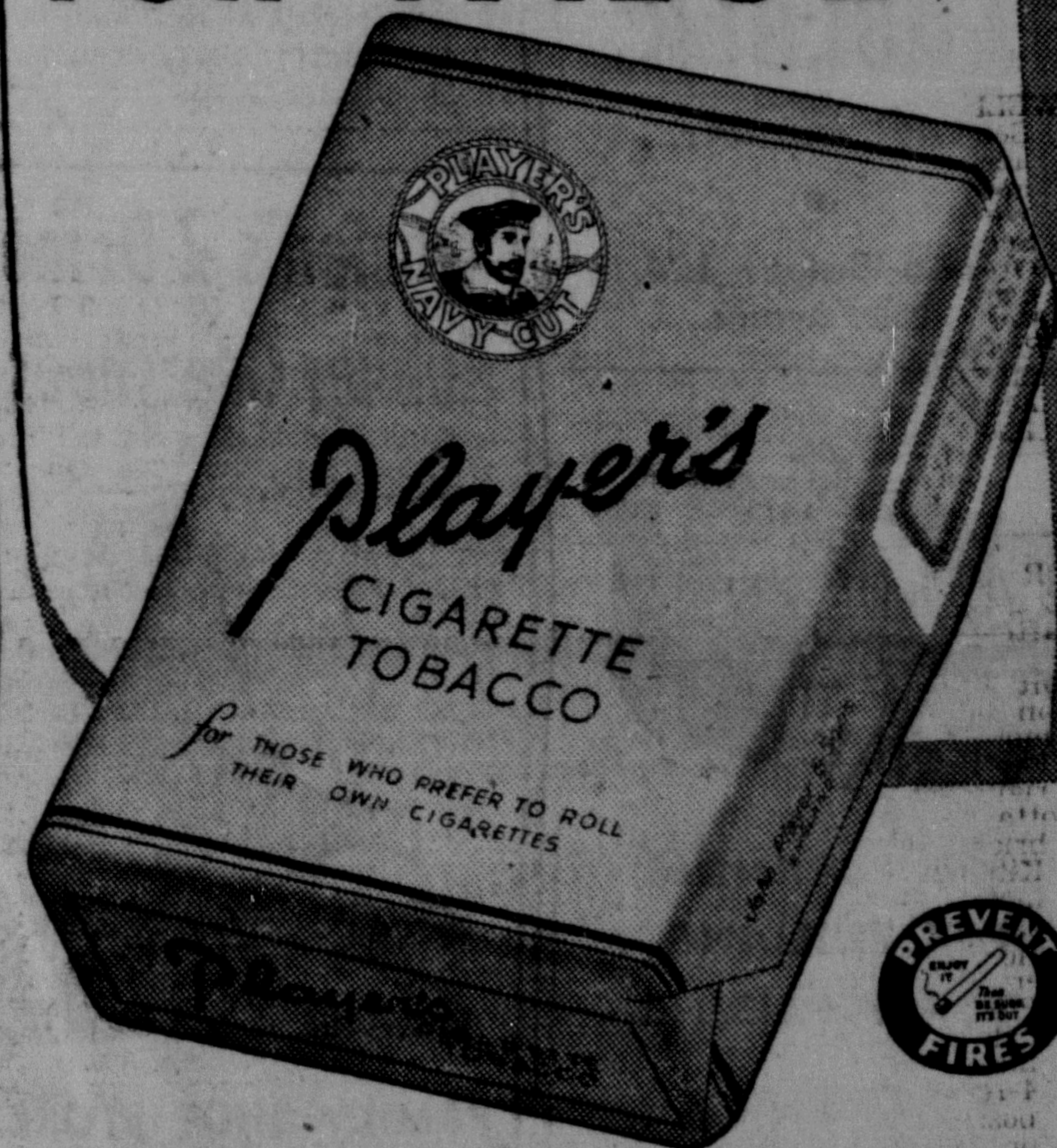
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