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Newfoundland in Defence

IN THE INCLUSION of Newfoundland as part of Canada, something outstanding in the way of defence, not only of the Dominion but also of the United States, has taken place.

It is, of course, entirely possible the spending of enormous sums on armament need never be required. The prayers of all peace-loving peoples supplement the world-wide efforts to preserve goodwill on earth. But at the same time, unpleasant facts must be faced. There are disturbing elements with a lust for power at almost any cost which cannot be ignored.

It is not essential to have ever studied military science to see how neatly Newfoundland fits into the picture, when viewed from the standpoint of national security. There would not have been the same significance years ago. But there is a world of meaning in this age of aviation, under sea navigation, bases, radio, wireless and other devices of vital moment in the event of war. This roomy, rugged island shields the ports of the Maritimes. Its general position is such that the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Canada's front doorway, could be made impregnable.

Back of Newfoundland are the Maritimes and Great Lakes regions, New England and New York westerly. Here is a concentration of huge cities, long-established industries, manufacturing, the heart of transportation, prestige, influence, culture. To all this in days of possible emergency and grave concern, Newfoundland could conceivably be an ocean citadel, capable of and ready to serve.

DESIRABLE BUT IMPRACTICABLE

THE PEOPLE of California not so long ago voted for a new pension law at an annual cost of $125,000,000. This meant every unmarried individual would receive $75 monthly and every couple $150.

Anyone entering the State and enjoying the advantages of such a life would be required first of all to prove he had been a resident five years and also prove he would never become a public charge. With these little formalities adjusted the pie in the sky door would automatically open—a most comforting sight.

Sufficient time has passed since the ruling became effective to all to allow Californians opportunity to study their action and reflect on just how far it would be workable. The belief is gaining ground that putting the retiring allowance into actual effect would be close to impossible.

Nevertheless, the pension as it stands is the visible expression of the will of the people. It has points which unqustionably make powerful appeals.

For example, parents in their declining years, in the event of it becoming necessary, need no longer look to their offspring for assistance. Pension law payments become a first lien on money in the State treasury. All very attractive but will it work? It sounds so seductive, but has California bitten off a larger mouthful of orange that California can chew?

Canadian Directs Ethiopian Schools

OTTAWA—Frank G. Patton, business administrator of the Ottawa Collegiate Board, will leave in May for Ethiopia to take over the key post of Deputy Director General of the Department of Education in Ethiopia. Mrs. Patton and two sons, thirteen and nine, will accompany Mr. Patton to the land of "the King of Kings, Lion of Judah, and the Elect of God." The family will return home in 1951.

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CONVENTION OF NATIVES

Scores of natives from all parts of the coast and many parts of the interior will gather at Bella Coola next week for the nineteenth annual convention of the Native Brotherhood of B.C. They are buoyed by the knowledge of their impending provincial enfranchisement.

Among them will be almost 30 delegates from the northern district, including the Prince Rupert area, the Naas River, Queen Charlotte Islands, upper Skeena and the Babine country. The Babine Indians were brought into the Native Brotherhood last fall during an organizing campaign.

High on the order list will be discussion of salmon prices for the coming season. The Brotherhood negotiating committee later will join a committee from the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union in bargaining with the fish companies this spring.

Plans also will be discussed regarding the organization of native millhands and loggers under the Brotherhood banner. The Brotherhood, which, on the north coast at least, is primarily composed of fishermen, is authorized to represent all native economic groups as bargaining agent.

Delegates to the convention will meet with the feeling that some of their major aims are nearing accomplishment. The recent move by the provincial legislature to give Indians a vote in provincial politics is seen as a major step toward what will ultimately be their complete enfranchisement and elevation to citizenship.

Rescued Purse In Fire But Lost It

HAVELOCK, Ont.—When Mrs. Wesley Petherick's house caught fire, she tried to save what was in the pantry but, suddenly thinking of her purse with $1,300 in it, upstairs, she dashed away to get it, and succeeded. Returning to the pantry, she lost the purse and contents, as well as most of what was in the pantry. The money was never seen again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mathie were arrivals at Prince Rupert on the Princess Norah from Vancouver this morning.

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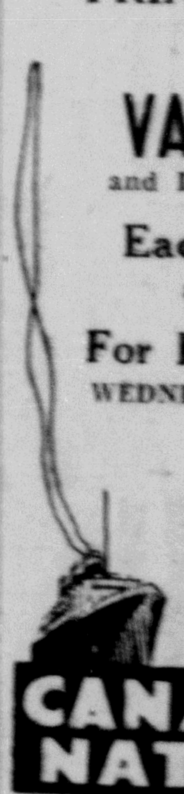

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO PURCHASE LAND

Take notice that George Roy Stothert Turner of Atlin, B.C., occupation, Store Manager, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted on west bank of Atlinto River, approximately one quarter mile south of White Pass Wharf, at Scotia Bay on Atlin Lake, thence west twenty chains, thence south twenty chains, thence east twenty chains or more to river bank, thence north twenty chains using river bank as natural boundary and containing forty acres, more or less.

Dated March 24th, 1949.

GEORGE ROY STOTHERT TURNER
Name of Applicant in full.
(A 2-9-16-23-30)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
IN PROBATE
In the Matter of the "Administration Act"
And
In the Matter of the Estate of Ernest Johnson, otherwise known as Arne Johnson Myllä, Deceased, Intestate.

TAKE NOTICE that by Order of His Honor Judge Fulton, dated the 14th day of March, 1949, I was appointed Administrator of the Estate of the late Ernest Johnson, otherwise known as Arne Johnson Myllä, formerly of Sunnyside Cannery, British Columbia, who died on or about the 13th day of September, 1948. All persons having claims against the said estate are required to forward them to me on or before April 30th, 1949, properly verified, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay to me the amount of their indebtedness forthwith.

DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C. this 17th day of March, 1949.

GORDON FRASER FORBES
Official Administrator
Prince Rupert, B.C.

Customs Revenue High In March

Customs and excise revenues collected at the port of Prince Rupert in March were greater than those for January and February combined, totalling $62,737, while collections for the previous two months were $60,492. Total for the three-month period was $123,229. Revenues for the first three months of 1948 totalled $139,008. Importations for the new cellulose mill at Port Edward are largely accountable for the increased customs revenue.

NINE FIRE CALLS DURING MARCH

City fire department responded to nine fire calls during March, none of which resulted in notable fires. Total fire calls received at the fire hall so far this year is 22, the lowest number in the first three months of any of the last three years. Dry weather early in the month was responsible for a number of grass fires, none of which did any damage. Total fire damage for the month was negligible.

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KETCHIKAN IS COMING

An international touch will be added to Prince Rupert's Music and Drama Festival by the inclusion of participants from Alaska. At a meeting of the Festival Association held in the Civic Centre Wednesday night President R. D. Cleland announced the Ketchikan Boys' Band, consisting of 24 members, and the Ketchikan High School Choir as well as two participants in solo classes are planning to be here for the May cultural event.

Armine Boas, chairman of ticket committee, anticipates a total attendance of some 4000 during the two-day program. Although details of the program have not been completed indications are that morning as well as afternoons and evenings may be needed in order to present the entire program in two days.

H. S. Hurn, director of the Drama Branch, Department of Education, has notified Mr. Cleland that he will be in Prince Rupert next Wednesday and, if it is possible, members of the Festival Association will meet with him and discuss matters relating to the forthcoming festival.

Fairbanks Poultry Farm Is Destroyed

FAIRBANKS— Several years of hard work went up in smoke when the poultry farm of Henry and Tilly Brockman burned here. They lost 1400 laying hens and numerous chicken houses and equipment. Starting from scratch, they had built up a good business, and fellow citizens, realizing the heartbreaking adversity, are helping them make a fresh start.

You Saw It in The News.

FIGURE IN PROBE—A probe into the administration of Windsor's city-owned Metropolitan Hospital is pending following rumors of hotel bedroom parties involving nurses and civic officials. The rumors started following the resignation of Miss Mildred Maybee, left, as superintendent of nurses at the institution a month ago. She has reported receiving telephone calls telling her to keep out of the affair. The consultant and active staffs of the hospital have expressed a lack of confidence in business superintendent Horace E. Atkin, right, and have requested the resignation of the hospital board. (CP Photo)

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Trade Unionists Report From Soviet Russia . . .

A Norwegian trade union delegation which visited Soviet Russia last summer makes the following report:* "It is clear that the ordinary wage is barely sufficient for the purchase of those things which are most necessary for subsistence . . . The average family can hardly live on the income of the husband and . . . the women are driven into the labor market to an extent which is quite unusual among us (Norwegians). Many of them work in road gangs, as unskilled construction workers, as dock workers and in factories.

"These people undoubtedly get the necessary nourishment in the simple foods such as bread, potatoes and vegetables. But the prices of meat, . . . butter, cheese, fish, canned goods, etc., are so high in relation to wages that only a very few are able to add such goods to their daily food. Little is left over for clothing and shoes, and such goods especially are very expensive. This is clearly shown in the appearance of the people everywhere. They seem to be in good condition, with sufficient food, but they are poorly dressed and the footwear is consistently very poor.

"The housing shortage is terrible, so that most of the people have no actual benefits from low rents. . . . Masses of overcrowded, old, half-dilapidated houses, and houses kept in poor repair . . . are seen everywhere." In Stalingrad and Leningrad "important factories . . . have also been rebuilt. . . . Little has been done in building residences. People live in ruins and very primitive temporary houses—sometimes . . . in mere dugouts.

"The Russian trade union organization cannot carry on any wage fights, since the entire wage basis is regulated by the economic planning of the state. . . . The large funds of the trade union organization will therefore to a great extent be centered around social, health and cultural work. . . . The total number of accommodations at the convalescent homes this season was 512,000, in the vacation homes at least 1,000,000, while the number of members of trade union organizations is 25,000,000. . . . Places are preferably given to those who are regarded as the most valuable workers — that is, Stakhanovite workers,* managers and scientists."

*Most of this report was published in the Washington Post, February 20, Section II.
*Stakhanovites are the speed-up men or pace-setters.

The foregoing is reprinted from a report published in the February issue of the American Federation of Labor's publication, "Labor's Monthly Survey."

Increasingly aware that they don't like the Russian Soviet Socialist system, workers here are entitled to doubt if they want a Canadian Socialist system and all-powerful "economic planning of the state" as urged on trades unionists in Canada by Socialists

In this country the state exists to serve the people, not to dominate and regiment them. We can . . . and will . . . carry our Canadian living standards and our individual security under the Freedom System much higher still. Team work of all interests in the community will do it.

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