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Providing Housing

HOUSING is now posing a vexing problem to Columbia Cellulose Company as it prepares for the opening of its great new pulp mill plant at near-by Watson Island for operation early next year. An official of the company has stated to the Daily News that good men are turning down jobs and refusing to come to Prince Rupert for the reason that the company cannot offer them housing. The company feels that it has kept a bargain in bringing this industry to Prince Rupert and that the community, itself, should be assuming some responsibility in doing its utmost to encourage the provision of housing facilities which will be urgently needed within the next two months as staff is being organized for the going into production. Twenty-five flats is given as a minimum immediate requirement.

With this urgent need of housing to get a new industry into smooth operation, the old United States Army administration building on First Avenue still stands, apparently, inactive although announcement was made many months ago that it would be available for occupancy long ere this. Here it is estimated that 75 to 80 good flats could be provided and, if the building could even be opened as it is, it could provide accommodation vastly better than some that is already being utilized in Prince Rupert. At least a portion of the building could be used for single occupancy accommodation with little, if any, alteration.

The housing situation being such as it is, it would appear that local authorities, while promoting the government housing scheme which cannot be ready, at the best progress it can make, for several months, might be well advised to interest themselves in the administration building situation and see what can be done about making it available to help a housing situation which is every day becoming more critical and driving people and business away from the city.

It is obvious that, in the case of Columbia Cellulose, accommodation must be found for the staff there and, if Prince Rupert cannot fill the need, it may be met outside the city.

THE HOME FRONT

THE PEOPLE of the United Nations are using war as a last desperate expedient to resist aggression. They hate the destruction of lives, homes and the means of livelihood.

The civilization we cherish and are defending ceases to exist for those who glory in destruction.

When the hearts of any at home fail to feel a deep sympathy in the death of one member of the United Nations forces, the war for them has been lost on the home front. When human suffering fails to rouse the determination that it must end as soon as the best efforts of free peoples can end it, the purpose for which we are fighting has died in our hearts.

Most of the press and radio in North America reflects the true humanity of this continent, but it is to be hoped our people will not be led unwittingly to seek their own safety through the sacrifices in suffering of others.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

One always has his little worries—but there is no need now to count the remaining Christmas-shopping time by days, or even hours.

Some are suggesting that, instead of Boxing Day, the twenty-sixth of December should be known as Cold Turkey Day. In some ways it does appear appropriate. Why Boxing Day? Few appear able to give a correct and comprehensive explanation. Certainly, it has nothing to do with sport. A more reasonable view is the opening of boxes to discover what Yuletide gifts consist of. But there is no doubt as to the why and wherefore of Cold Turkey Day. There's plenty everywhere, waiting to be given respectful attention. And there's no disappointment.

An American Army band struck up "O Canada" when a troop ship with the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry aboard docked at Yokohama. There was cheering. It's a time in history when it is indeed necessary for the nations of the west to stand on guard.

The new King of Sweden has lost no time in giving his moral support to Labor. His Majesty has been on the throne barely a month and he's asking Parliament for a raise of \$38,000 annually. I submitting his request, he did not see sight of calling attention to the devalued rate of currency. Apparently Gustav VI knows all the answers.

An American who worked with Russian agents to get them information on atomic weapons has been sent to prison for thirty years. That should be an example to any others with such notions.—Ottawa Journal.

More people to dwell in Canada is something to think about, as the New Year dawns. Years ago, there was logic to the argument that immigrants could not be absorbed because of lack of employment for those already

Christmas at St. Paul's Lutheran

A special program featuring the Norwegian carol "A Joyous Christmas Song" was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Christmas Day Service Monday morning.

Fifteen minutes before the service began, the senior choir, directed by Mrs. A. L. Wudel, sang popular carols. During the service, which started at 11:00 a.m., Mrs. Earl Soland's junior choir combined with the senior for the musical numbers.

Prominent Mason, Washington, Here

John I. Preissner, former banker and cold storage plant operator of Yakima, Washington, and now grand secretary of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Washington State, was a visitor in Prince Rupert during the Christmas holiday. He was making the round trip for a quiet holiday aboard the steamer Camosun, accompanied by Mrs. Preissner and their friends, J. W. A. Busch, Tacoma, job printer, and Mrs. Busch. They were delighted with their northern cruise and were particularly interested in Prince Rupert.

Average temperatures range from 45 to 63 degrees in Tasmania, Australia.

Living here. But it's far from a situation like that today. Immigration is a trickle. Yet, priceless discoveries of iron and ore, huge investments in capital goods and many other enterprises mean that newcomers willing to work will be able to do so for years to come. What efforts are taking place to bring them here?

There ought to be stories of outstanding newspaper importance next year. From what is gathered, as 1951 approaches, there seems small doubt of it. The Chronicle-Herald and Mail Star of Halifax, smarting from the effects of repeated increases in the cost of news print, have evidently been thinking things over. Both will charge more next year. Subscriptions will jump from 24 to 30 cents weekly. More than one group of producers can do a bit of leaping.



As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT THE QUIZ FOR 1950

EVERY New Year's Eve we go to a little party where the meanest cuss in the crowd is assigned to write a list of the hardest questions to answer for the next year.

I usually grab the job of custodian of the answers which I hold till the next year—for the answers provide grist for my newspaper mill.

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HERE WERE the questions and answers in percentages for 1950:

1. Will there be a world war starting in 1950, involving Russia versus U.S.A.?
No 100%
2. Will there be a serious business depression in Canada in 1950?
No 87%
3. Who will win the British election?
Labor 83%
4. Will Tito still be leader of the government of Yugoslavia one year from today?
Yes 91%
5. Will Stalin still be leader of the government of Russia one year from today?
Yes 96%
6. Will the Chinese Communists be in control of Formosa one year from today?
Yes 83%
7. Will France relinquish control of Indo-China, otherwise called Viet-Nam, by this time next year?
No 56%
8. Will there be war between India and Pakistan?
No 96%
9. Will the UN succeed in internationalizing Jerusalem?
No 65%

10. Will any other European nation go Communist in 1950?
No 78%
11. Will any nation now having a Communist government overturn that government and go non-Communist in 1950?
No 56%
12. Will Franco still be in power in Spain one year hence?
Yes 92%
13. Will the new Communist government of China be admitted to the United Nations as the recognized representative of that country?
Yes 92%

A SMART YOUNG fellow was helping me go over the individual answers the other night. He remarked "before the end of the year a world war could break out. Stalin, Tito and Franco could all die, and the correct answers be changed in twelve out of the thirteen questions."

But assuming that there are no last minute upsets, it is interesting to note how close to the truth most of the answers were.

Nobody at our party got all the answers right this year. One fellow who collects taxes got just one wrong—so did a public accountant, who is Scottish. I was wrong twice, for I guessed the Chinese Communists would take over Formosa and also be admitted to UN.

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Churches Lead 'Xmas Observance

Once again people are back at work today after celebrating Christendom's greatest festival.

Services Christmas day and Sunday marked observance by all churches of the city with large congregations, special music and sermons and beautiful decorations.

The Church of the Annunciation celebrated at midnight Christmas Eve with the singing of Mass by Bishop Anthony Jordan, O.M.I. The mass, Regina Paels, was rendered by the three part choir under direction of Charles P. Balagno. Masses were also sung Christmas Day at 8:30, 9 and 10 a.m. and benediction at 3 p.m. Father Morrissey preached the sermon and Father Mohan led community singing of carols. The church was filled to overflowing.

The First United Church marked its observance with its two Sunday services devoted to unfolding the Christmas message in word and music.

St. Andrew's Cathedral Sunday, beside the morning services at 8:30 and 11 o'clock, had the Nativity play presented by the Sunday School in the afternoon and a Christmas Eve service was held at 11 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church devoted their Sunday service to Christmas and featured the senior choir in the music.

The Full Gospel Tabernacle devoted Sunday to the Christmas story. Church services were held at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday School at noon.

The Regular Baptist Church, Pastor Leonard Thorpe, presented Christmas sermons at both the morning and evening services. The Salvation Army held Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and a Christmas morning service at 10:30.

The First Presbyterian Church's choral evening service Sunday was beautifully presented. The morning service was devoted to the Christmas theme.

Both morning and evening services at First Baptist Church were devoted to the Christmas message.

The delights of Christmas were to be found in hundreds of homes throughout the city. In addition, there were numerous entertainments for those not fortunate enough to have their own homes. The hearts of the citizens of Prince Rupert were opened to their fellow men.

All over the city people were "at home" and kept their doors open to acquaintances and friends who cared to drop in.

Very few dark spots appeared during the week-end to spoil the beautiful pictures as parents and children gave themselves over to celebrating the arrival of the Saviour into this world.



THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA General Statement

30th November, 1950

ASSETS

Notes of and deposits with Bank of Canada	\$ 197,717,112.98
Other cash and bank balances	162,064,438.29
Notes of and cheques on other banks	111,331,531.73
Government and other public securities, not exceeding market value	1,042,365,803.19
Other bonds and stocks, not exceeding market value	104,282,016.90
Call and short loans, fully secured	100,004,499.11
Total quick assets	\$1,717,765,402.20

Other loans and discounts, after full provision for bad and doubtful debts	688,725,564.27
Bank premises	17,068,704.59
Liabilities of customers under acceptances and letters of credit	69,437,689.31
Other assets	4,378,982.00
	\$2,497,376,342.37

LIABILITIES

Notes in circulation	\$ 249,989.10
Deposits	2,337,503,468.93
Acceptances and letters of credit outstanding	69,437,689.31
Other liabilities	3,349,328.08
Total liabilities to the public	\$2,410,540,475.42

Capital	35,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	50,000,000.00
Dividends payable	915,827.91
Balance of Profit and Loss Account	920,039.04
	\$2,497,376,342.37

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Profits for the year ended 30th November, 1950, after making appropriations to Contingency Reserves, out of which Reserves full provision for bad and doubtful debts has been made	\$11,845,138.94
Provision for Dominion and provincial government taxes	\$4,012,000.00
Provision for depreciation of bank premises	1,273,413.83
	5,285,413.83
Dividends at the rate of \$1.00 per share	\$ 6,559,725.11
Amount carried forward	3,059,725.11
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1949	3,860,313.93
	\$ 6,920,039.04
Transferred to Reserve Fund	6,000,000.00
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1950	\$ 920,039.04

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