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February's Light

THE GREAT FACT of February is the increasing light. Mornings start sooner. This in itself would not be an advantage; but, when one has to get up anyway, it is less severe to get up in the morning than in a continuance of the night in which one went to bed. Besides having more morning, February also has more afternoon. The three preceding months have no evenings. February brings the promise of evenings.

Sharers of the loop of increasing light, the peoples of North America and Russia and Britain feel a renewal of primitive hopes. They peer out of their dwellings much as their ancestors peered out of caves, speculating on the brightening prospect of the land and on the vast stirrings of nature.

Sharers in the strengthening sun, these Northern people are also sharers in the awful decision of what man may become, whether an adequate being competent to survive and flourish in his environment of earth and the other planets, or an uncertain creature peering again from the cave.

Let the free world not be too much beguiled by February"s quickening light. Whatever effect it may have on millions of Russians, little of the light gets into the Kremlin. Let the free peoples use February's renewed surge of spirit to bring themselves closer together in the purpose of peace with an end to bickering and a great leap forward in mutual aceord. Then they will be too strong to lose the world, and some future February's light may begin to filter even into the Kremlin.

## RAILWAYS IN WINTER

THE PRINCE RUPERT LINE of the Canadian National Railways, which in recent years for some time previous has not had such experiences, is having a real taste this year of snow conditions and is getting an idea of what some parts of the country have to contend with almost every year.

"No element, economic or physical, can disrupt the nation's transportation service more effectively than old man winter," says a timely brochure which has been issued by Canadian National Railways.

"To keep a continent-wide rail system operating smoothly is a man-sized job at any time, but when winter comes, the railroader has a real fight on his hands. For example he has to contend with drifting, hard-packed snow, exceedingly low temperatures with severe drifting, heavy snowslides. It is a cold war if ever there was one and, in spite of the best that engineering skill and science can do, winter still succeeds in slowing down operations and, during severe storms, in causing partial paralysis of

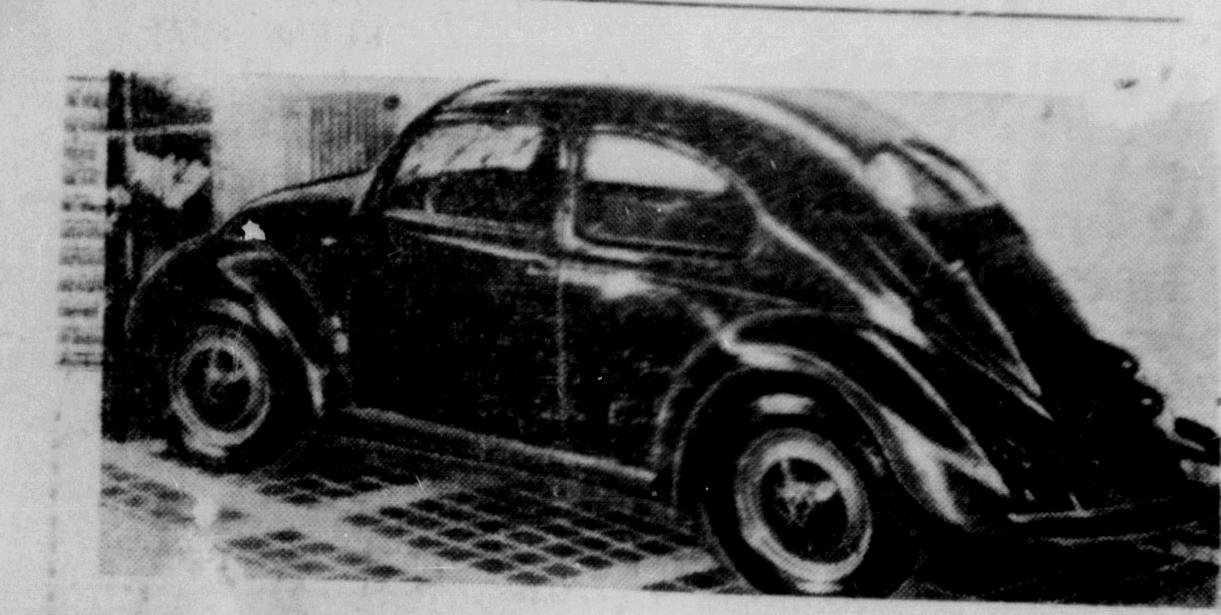
"Heavy snowfall is not the only difficulty the railways face in winter. There are many others. Trains are built of steel, and are hauled by steel locomotives on steel rails. Because steel is such a dominant factor in train operations, the sub-zero temperatures of a Canadian winter present the railway with serious problems even in the absence of snow. For example, it is hard to maintain a full head of steam during the winter. Frost has an adverse effect on bearings and rails. Lubricants freeze and below zero temperatures make it difficult to keep the air pressure for brakes at the desirable standard.

"Old man winter is hard to beat. His attacks are sudden and unpredictable. Even railwayc cannot change Nature or defeat physical laws."

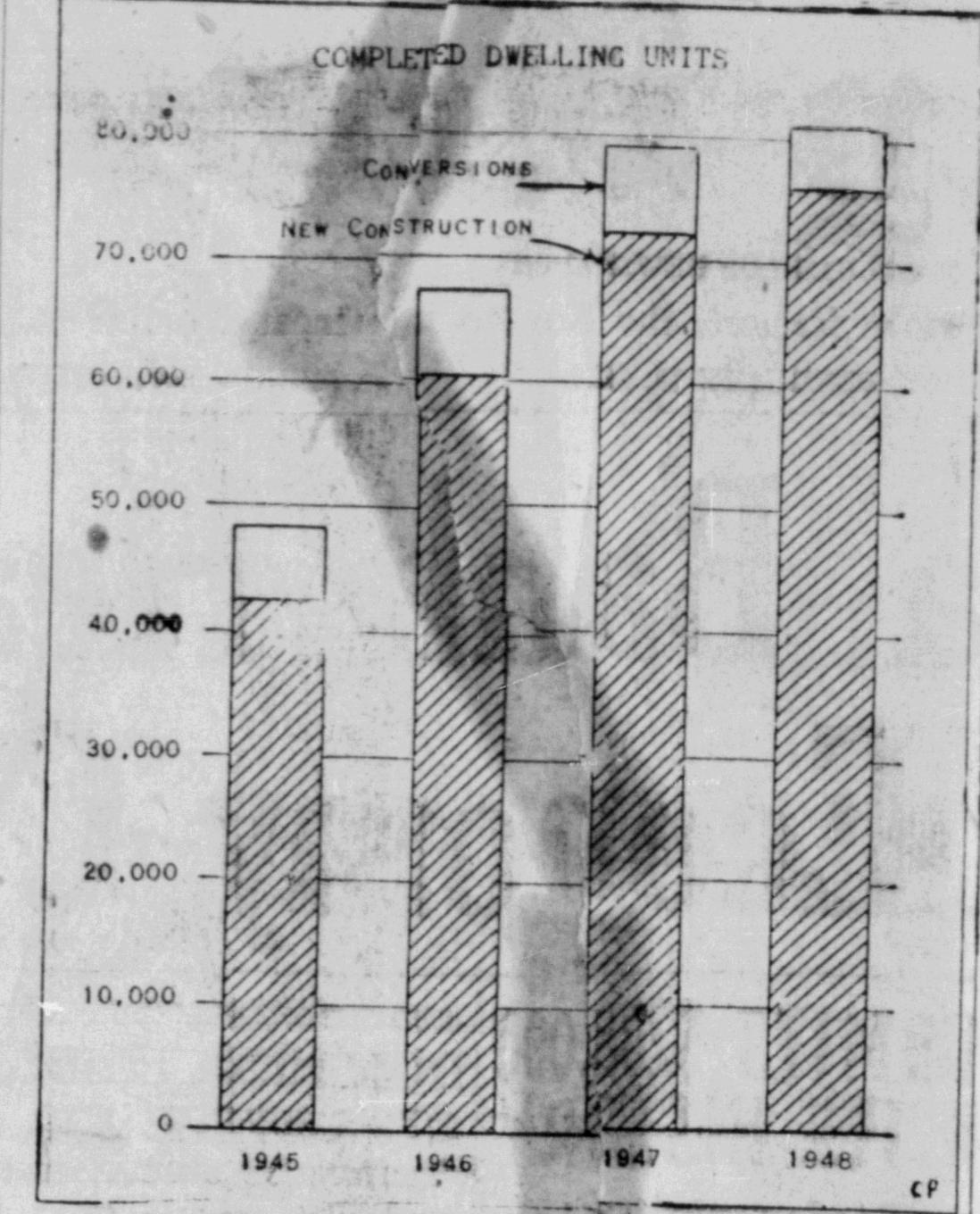
### BUTTER SIDE DOWN

- W/HY DO THE STAMP SELLERS in post offi-W ces almost invariably shove stamps out through the wicket with the sticky side down? The answer is that it is handier for them to do it this way, as they can check on the price of the stamp by looking at it again for a last time. But it means the mixer at a cost of \$500 and that fairs. purchaser has to remember to lick the envelope, not \* the stamp, unless he has a hankering for post office

This little complaint about the butter-side-down business will probably change nothing but writers and taxpayers never learn to quit hoping.



LOW-PRICED GERMAN CAR HITS MARKET-A new model of the famous German car, the Volkswagen, is shown above in a Berlin showroom. The all-out production of the car is rapidly flooding the European small car market and has aroused sharp ated on Fourth Avenue East. critical comment from British and French manufacturers who are worried about this new competitor, which has already made serious inroads into several European countries. The cars are - sold for export priced at about \$1,100.



MORE HOUSES BUILT - Figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics show more than \$0,000 dwelling units were converted during 1948 while over 77,000,000 new units were constructed. This represented an increase of nearly 3,000 conversions and 4,000 new units over 1947. (CP Photo)

of Fire Chief H. T. Lock for biniere Street, be sold at public an automatic. The committee 1948 which revealed city fire auotion. Several tenders have did prepare figures on the cost losses as \$18,500 for the year, been received for purchase. Two large fires made up the bulk of the losses, the Three Sisters Cafe at \$13,000 and a boat ancient wooden wagon' wheel

age estimates were computed on Centre for \$1. replacement values and were therefore high, he stated.

spent on alterations to the liv- project in the city. ing quarters of the fire chief in the fire hall and that \$339 for installation of a new engine in schools secretary, advanced \$15,the ambulance be paid.

... Approved the granting of February. the following business licenses as reported by the licensing

committee: Miss Charlotte Balagno, retail mission to hold its annual meet-

Kenneth F. Wilmot, radio on the evening of Friday, Febservice and electrical goods. Northern Machinery L.t d.,

S. G. Olsen, tools agency.

approved for transfer to the fol- GET TOGETHER lowing by the licensing committee and adopted by council: John Four of Prince Rupert's real T. Knowles, Robert Sylvester, oldtimers who for many years Alfred W. Dyer, Boyd A. Tel- have resided in the south

annual membership dues to the other day about early recollec-Central B.C. Municipal Associa- tions up north. They were Wiltion. A resolutions committee to liam Manson, J. A. Kirkpatrick, prepare briefs for presentation George Naden and George Morto the Association will be an- row. nounced by Mayor Arnold on With the exception of Mr. February 28.

report authorizing the City En- advancing years, continue acgineer to prepare plans for a tive. proposed sewer system to serve Long ago Mr. Manson was the easterly part of Second and Government Agent, M.L.A., and Third Avenues.

an air cooled engine and clutch ernment service. be purchased to replace one Mr. Kirkpatrick was active in an asphalt spreader be purchased at a cost of \$1,300.

George Rudderham and the was before the beginning of City Engineer to inspect a used Prince Rupert. steam boiler at the dry dock and make an offer for purchase if it is found suitable for use with the asphalt plant.

Approved the sale of the ollowing city-ownde lots as reprovided by the finance commit-

Lots 15, 16, 17, and 18, block section 2 to R. E. Montador for \$1,300 on behalf of a client. Lot 8, block 12, section 1, Stiles Place, to Ross Bros. for its assessed value of \$300 and that provision regarding the advertising of the sale of section 1 lots be waived in this instance, The lot already is occupied by the purchasers.

Lot 6 and the westerly half of lot 7, block 7, section 6 to P. L. LeRoss for \$675. The lot is situ-

\* \* \* \* ... Adopted a recommendation by the finance committee that lots 13 and 14, block 33,

Heard the annual report section 5. Ninth Avenue at Lot- se installed at half the cost of life.

. . . Approved the sale of two fire at Cow Bay, \$4,500. Dam- from the city stores to the Civic

. . . Received a memo from J. A. Jones, representative of Cen-Approved recommenda- tral Mortgage and Housing Coritons by the utilities committee poration ,that he would be in that the ambulance, telephone the city on February 25 to meet truck and fire trucks receive the council regarding its proregular checks by the city mech- posal that the Corporation emanic ,that an estimated \$325 be bark on a permanent housing

> . . . At the request of the 000 to the School Board to meet salary and other expenses for

Granted the Prince Rupert Hospital Association pering in the city council chamber

# FOUR PIONEERS

chanced to meet in Vancouver . . . Approved payment of \$15 and have a pleasant chat the

Morrow, who remains at home a good deal, all are enjoying ... Approved a board of works good health and, considering

mayor here.

Mr. Naden, who was in the . . . Approved recommenda+ realty business; later became a tions of the board of works that member of the provincial gov-

stolen from the city asphalt merchandising and local af-

Mr. Morrow, prior to establishing himself here in trade and the hotel line, served as In-- Authorized Alderman dian Agent at Metlakatla, This

> OLD ANTARCTIC DEPOT LONDON O-A depot left by the Swedish explorer, Nordanskjold in 1903, has been found by a survey party from Hope Bay, northeast Graham Land, of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey. The depot was found four miles west of Cape

## City Merchants \

City merchants are asked in future to have copy for all } display advertisements into the Daily News office by 4 p.m. of the day previous to their publication.

This co-operation will greatly assist the mechanical department in keeping to the regular hour for publication.

PHONE ARGUMENT (Continued from Page 1)

Cost figures, as outlined by Alderman Casey, were attacked in a round of comment which found his colleagues in agreement that installation of a manual system would be \$455,000, as against an estimated \$550,000 for automatic service.

Major part of the installation cost of any type of system would be in poles, cables and outside lines, the aldermen felt. According to figures provided by telephone engineers and incorporatd in a report submitted last July this would amount to less than \$400,000.

Cost of installing an automatic exchange would be an additional \$150,000, while that of a manual exchange would be estimated \$85,000. An automatic system would require purchase of a greater number of new tele-

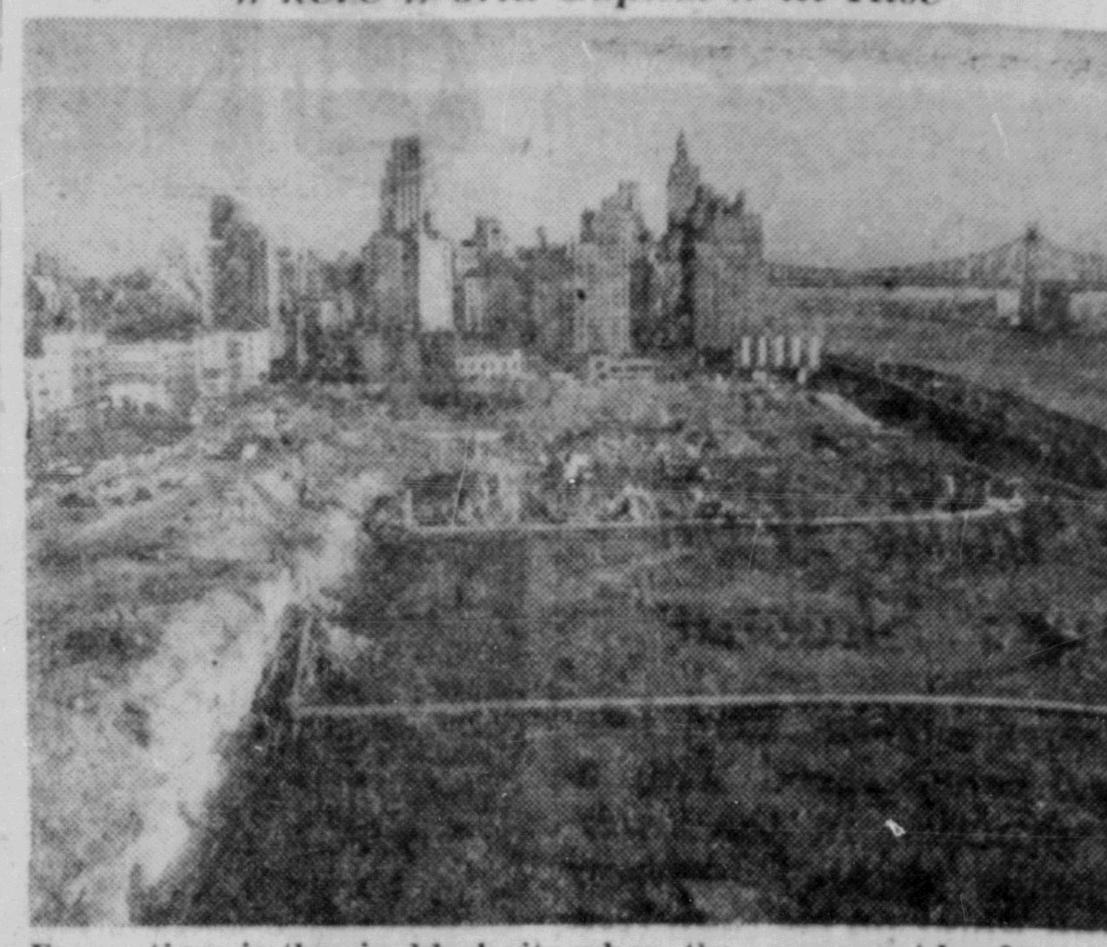
Alderman Casey told the meeting that "I cannot agree with he principle of building an automatic system for \$550,000 which vill absorb 'the entire revenue of the system for 20 years. We system a load that the traffic will not bear."

"I am not casting any reflections on the committe declared, holding up the report drawn up by a special commitcee last year "But I am taking rigures supplied by Mr. Love who of an automatic system, but it on a manual one."

the saving in salaries which than the automatic." manual system, either.

lenged by Alderman T. B. Black matic equipment.

Where World Capital Will Rise



Excavations in the six-block site where the permanent headquarters of the United Nations are to be built in New York City are nearly complete. Meanwhile, U.N. signed a contract for \$23,802.573 for the construction of the 39-story office building which will house its staff. The building is to be completed in the autumn of 1950.

automatic operation.

formed is entirely the same. ex- system. \*

did not give comparative costs manual system. The manual equipment, unless second-hand, Alderman Casey argued that could not be delivered earlier

would be included in the savings Alderman Black declared that of the automatic system could no extra maintenance would be also be included in a manual required for an automatic sysone because there would be no tem. On the contrary, he said, high maintenance in a new the Bell Telephone Co. regards manual equipment more expen-This was immediately chal- sive to maintain than auto-

who said that, if the system ex- Information and prices on panded according to present in- automatic installation were not dications, sixteen more switch- obtained from one source, he board operators , would be re- asserted, rebutting an argument

PERSONALITIES AT PARLIAMENT OPENING-Official open-

ing of parliament in Ottawa saw the galleries crowded and the

ladies all wearing their finery. Here George Drew, new leader of

the Progressive Conservative party, Hon. Thomas Kennedy, pre-

mier of Ontario, and John Bracken, former leader of the Pro-

gressive Conservatives, are shown on their way to the opening.

CEREMONIAL-Symbol of authority in the House of Com-

mons. The mace was carried as traditional ceremony was observ-

ed in the opening of parliament.

quired than would be needed for by Alderman Casey. Both Bell Telephone and Northern Elec-"A manual switchboard will tric engineers concurred in all are imposing on our telephone cast approximately \$85,000, the equipment lists, plans and speciautomatic. \$150,000. The bal- fications which had already been a more atternoons ance of the work to be per- prepared for a new telephone

cept for the amount allowed for "I see no reason why we which prepared this report," he new instruments, replacements should move in a retrogressive of which is \$51,486," Alderman manner as the people have al-Black declared. "Of the new in- ready favored the proposed new struments, at least one-half are telephone systm," said Alderman needed, as the older telephone Black. The provincial governsays that a manual system can sets have outlived their useful ment is considering an enabling bylaw and a recognized tele-"I contend that the difference phone engineer must be engaged would, therefore, be only \$95,500 to approve the final plans and between an automatic and a specifications for the new sys-

> Aldermen Rudderham, Daggett, Stone, Whalen, Forman of the automatic system, sup-

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