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Highway Opens

DRINGE RUPERT MOTORISTS were suddenly thrilled with the unexpected arrival yesterday afternoon of the first car of the season to be driven through from Terrace. The announcement that the Skeena River Highway will be officially open for the year next Tuesday is welcome.

When we looked at the huge snows that buried the road for many miles back in January, we had thought that it might be much later than this before we would be driving to the interior this year. As it is, it is only a day or so later than in 1948 and, in spite of the heavy weight of snow which lay over the road in the dead of winter, the highway, it is stated, has not been severely damaged.

More maintenance equipment, including a large new gravel crusher which will make it possible to spread crushed rock over the road for the first time, has been installed. Motorists and tourists alike will be able to enjoy better driving conditions than ever before existed, it is anticipated.

ARCHIBALD CLEARS HIMSELF

N 10 MATTER whether they agree with him N politically or not, the people of his riding of will feel gratified at Harry Archibald, the Socialist Member of Parliament, having made his position clear in regard to the Atlantic Pact. No little alarm had been felt by the loyal people of Skeena at the reports, which now appear to have been misleading if not entirely erroneous, that the local member had been opposed to the pact. Certainly such a stand would have been inconsistent with views of all shades of political color, with the exception of the Red Communists. It is a relief to know that all the B.C. members, including Mr. Archibald, approved the pact when it came up for the vote as Parliament last night concluded its business prior to dissolution and the holding of the general election.

INTERESTING CANDIDATE

IF THE NATIVES are entitled to the franchise, which they have been awarded in the province of British Columbia, there is no reason why they should not have a candidate and so it is both fitting and interesting that Frank Calder, young Indian University graduate, should be nominated in Atlin riding. The Indian vote will be an important factor in the election, particularly in some of these northern ridings ridings where there is such a large proportion of native population, and it may prove to be right smart politics on the part of the Socialists in having secured a member of the race to be their candidate. The reactions to Mr. Calder's nomination will be followed with interest.

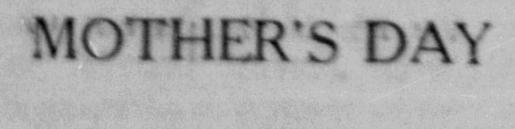
THE BALANCE OF POWER

CIGNING of the Atlantic Pact, by which Britain,) the United States, Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France and Norway pledge assistance to one another in the event of attack by an aggressor, will provide the first effective check to the Soviet plan for conquering the world: The pact will do much to revive confidence and to reestablish faith—since the end of the war so close to extinction.

Once again there is a balance of power. The democratic nations can show a population and an armed strength almost equal to the known resources of the Russian war bloc. So long as this balance can be retained there will be peace in the

The maintenance of strong military forces will be a drain upon our democratic economies, but the costs of peace are never so high as the terrible costs of modern war. Behind the protection of the Atlantic Pact the democratic nations can set their minds and productive strengths to furthering the progress of mankind.

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WORKING WOMAN

GRITS AND TORIES Editor, Daily News:

What with all these time talks pertaining to politics recall that years ago, if were not a good Liberal, he downright Conservative.

Regarding married women adj.: pertaining to Conserva- In brief, who is to say? (Perwork and there will still be read as follows: 'The principles won't win! more when school breaks up. In of the Tories or Conservatives." my opinion it should only be Incidentally it didn't enumerwidows who work. As it is even ate the principles . . . which was women whose husbands have rather characteristic of politics. Editor, Daily News: Mrs. Nora Livingstone. way, my grandfather was STRONG Conservative . . . in more ways than one . . . for he lived to be 83 years of age On the other hand: for years

and years my father was STRONG Liberal, in fact he still a Grit. If one were to ask me, he certainly has a whole If a Liberal, he called him- some philosophy.

self a Grit. If a Conservative, politics strongly, hence I don't The term Grit, is self-explan- mind saying: I find this new all laundry and actual dry elean- only to the benefit of our many atory. But having pondered party, The Coalition, a some- ing being processed at Pioneer- customers, but also with a great the term Tory, I decided to look what thought provocative addi- Canadian Laundry. up its definition . . . in an old tion. Visualizing it as I do, it May I also take this oppor- sponsibilities towards the benedictionary. The following is might be summed up this way: tunity to draw your attention fit and welfare of four employees.

"If you're not a good Grit you can't get far as a Conservative , so why not combine the best that's in both and become Coal-

what I found: "Tory: in today are The Grits of yester-

working, it seems a shame tives." Actually, I wasn't fur- haps a little stammeringly) "By

LAUNDRIES

aurants and grocery stores dark, we can the more readily paper last night with reference Relations Board. when they ought to be home see the light." Or, it might be: to signing of agreements with This agreement has been ne- for this letter. looking after their children. Where there is yet a little light, laundries is misleading as far gotiated on the basis of the Thank you for your space. we cannot fear the dark." Any- as reference to "laundry" is complete 1948 agreement with

There are actually only two Workers' Union (A.F. of L.). laundries operating in Prince Besides increases in wages up Rupert, which are Ideal Clean- to ten cents an hour employees ers and Laundry and Pioneer- have been put on a profit-shar-Canadian Laundry. ing basis operating a "Co-opera-

Dean's have neither laundry tive plant." nor dry cleaning equipment but It has always been our deare operating their shop mere- sire, and we say with a measure Needless to say, I don't take ly as a spotting and press-shop of pride, that we have succedand as an agency for laundry, ed in managing our plant not

the International Laundry

measure of success as to our re-

FAIRBANKS P - Reports nied the rumor that dozens of that the Alaska Highway is automobiles were stranded at It must needs take two . . . sprinkled with stranded motor- Tok and said that checking station figures there failed to to put up a winning "fight" ists out of funds and jobs were confirm an Anchorage report against the C.C.F. party, who branded as "sob stories" by that southbound traffic out of Lieut. A. P. Brandt of the ter- Alaska was almost as heavy as

there should be so many doing ther enlightened . . . so I read the living Tories, "C.C.F." the between the am agreement most of whom have been with so when others are looking for the meaning of Toryism. Which ones with the more GRITS between the employees and us for many years and thus, by management of our firm has their experience and acquired VIOLET INGALLS, been signed entirely according skill, have successfully assisted to the wishes of our employees in serving and pleasing the as emphasized by a recent gov- people of Prince Rupert and ernment-supervised secret bal- district. good jobs are working in rest- "Perhaps by keeping us in the An item appearing in your lot and approved by the Labor, Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for

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> From a statement by William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor

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In British Columbia the previous voters list has been scrapped and an entirely new one is being compiled. You will want to vote. To make sure you CAN vote, be sure you're on the Voters list. If an enumerator did not call and register you during the past year, you are probably NOT on the list. In that case, check with your nearest registrar. He will tell you your status.

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