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End or Beginning?

"WE, the people of the United Nations, determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war..." (United Nations Charter, 1945).

Three years ago today, the mighty "Mo" rode gently at anchor in the calm waters of Tokyo Bay. On the vast decks of the Missouri all was ready, for that was THE day. Japanese Foreign Minister Shigemitsu clambered wearily up the battleship's side. Topside clustered Americans, English, Russians and French. General Douglas MacArthur poised himself before a microphone stand; facing him, seated at a long table, Shigemitsu glanced furtively through a large bunch of papers, then for the Emperor of Japan, Son of Heaven and so forth, he signed away bloodshed, horror, and misery. World War II rumbled to its grisly end at 9:08 a.m. that September morning and the world looked about to start the count of costs.

The United States could tick off more than a million casualties. The British Empire wept for 357,116 dead—over 1,200,000 total casualties. Russia's losses in killed and wounded, though never precisely counted, appeared at 15,000,000. A survey showed possibly 1,500,000 civilians killed in air raids which pocked the torn surface of our earth. So went this count of costs to civilization.

The counting had begun, but men still died in the crack of rifle bullets and the thud of mortar shells. Indo-China, Dutch East Indies, India, Palestine, Greece, and China's vast civil war still blazed. As fast as man could count, men died.

This is the third year of our "peace," but peace is ever precarious. A quick count shows a listing of more than 180 of only the "most important" peace treaties negotiated by the various nations of the world. What place in history will Shigemitsu's signature take?

TOURIST INDUSTRY

A PROMINENT young author and newspaper writer from New York reminds us again of the No. 1 industrial potential of the tourist business for Canada. The business is there for the taking but it is, as Horace Sutton senses, hardly appreciated in this part of Canada as yet. No place, certainly, has more to offer than Prince Rupert and no place is doing less to merchandise it.

That Canada should look upon highway development from the standpoint of a highly potentially profitable investment rather than a hard-times stop gap is nothing new for us to advocate. Long too have we pounded on the necessity of equipping ourselves for the accommodation and entertainment of our visitors so they will have a memorable time with us and go home talking about it and advertising for others to come.

All these things we have often said but it is interesting and convincing to have someone from outside come and emphasize them.

NEED OF COASTGUARD

NO FEWER than six schooners have been lost in a single week-end not long ago off the coasts of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Some of the crews were rescued by the United States Coastguard for the reason that Canada maintains no coastguard there. Similar is the situation along British Columbia shores. Winter approaches and it may be taken for granted that, between now and spring, there will be shipping hazards. Nothing appears known as to what may be contemplated in the way of establishing a coastguard, but there is no sign of any change that could mean a greater security than what now exists.

The matter has often been brought to the attention of the government. Recognition is given the fine services of the American Coastguard. But, nothing has yet been accomplished by the responsible authorities. Members from maritime constituencies have introduced the subject in Parliament more than once, but, apparently, as yet, with little or no result although unorganized assistance is sometimes given ships in distress in Canadian waters by the R.C.M.P. and fisheries department patrol craft and the R.C.A.F. This, of course, has its value, but it cannot give what a properly equipped, manned and based coastguard would provide.

FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE ATTEND ANNUAL FAIR AT FRANCOIS LAKE

FRANCOIS LAKE—Five hundred people attended the fifth annual Fall Fair at the Institute Hall and grounds at Francois Lake Landing. It was a beautiful day of sunshine with a holiday spirit all through the Lakes district. Special ferries enabled those from the south side of the lake to go home later than by schedule.

The hall and grounds were gay with decorations. The stalls were busy selling hot dogs, soft drinks, ice cream, and there were games at the other stalls. More than four hundred exhibits were judged in the hall by Mr. and Mrs. K. Jamieson, Miss Oulton and J. Walsh doing the judging.

There were fewer entries of grains and seeds than formerly but in all other divisions the entries were numerous with a high standard of quality and workmanship. Livestock judging commenced on Wednesday afternoon, saddle horse events following under capable management of Clarence Snyder.

The baseball game at 4:30 between Vanderhoof and Francois Lake was an even, fast game, with many double plays resulting in a score of 9 to 7 in favor of Francois Lake. In the evening Cecil Steele showed a picture show in the hall to a full house. A dance followed with music by the Wistaria Orchestra, until 3 o'clock.

Prize winners were:
Dairy calf—J. Hickey.
Beef calf—J. Partington, L. Snyder.
Beef heifer, 2 years—Shaffer & Routley, E. Deeder.
Beef bull—E. Deeder, Shaffer & Routley.
Ewes and lamb—Neil Kelly, Lee Cooper.
Registered ram—Lee Cooper.
Two hens, light breed—Lee Cooper.
Two hens, heavy breed, E. Deeder.
Rooster, over 1 year—J. Hickey.
Rooster, any breed, under 1 year—Lee Cooper, W. Wiley.
Two pullets—Lee Cooper.
Special beef calf—J. Partington, Louis Snyder.
A special prize was awarded K. Olsen for twin heifer calves a week old.

Horses: work team in harness—W. Wiley.
Sheaf of oats—Lee Cooper.
Sheaf of barley—K. Routley.
Sheaf of wheat—J. Keefe.
Timothy hay—James Hickey.
Clover hay—James Hickey.
Alsike clover seed—Lee Cooper.
Timothy hay—Miss K. Boyd.

Vegetables
Vegetable marrows—K. Chapelle, Mrs. J. Keefe.
Green tomatoes—Mrs. Roy Pratt.
Corn on the cob—B. Durban, Mrs. Roy Pratt.
Cucumbers—Mrs. K. Chapelle.
Head-lettuce—B. Durban.
Cos-lettuce—B. Durban, Mrs. E. Deeder.
Peas in pod—Mrs. A. Wileyto, W. McKenna.

Onions grown from seed—Mrs. Lee Cooper, W. McKenna.
Onions grown from sets—Mrs. A. Wileyto, T. Allin.
Cauliflower—Mrs. Lee Cooper, Mrs. A. Wileyto.
Cabbage (late)—Mrs. A. Wileyto, Mrs. F. Harrison.
Cabbage (early)—Mrs. A. Wileyto, W. McKenna.
Beets—Mrs. F. Harrison, Mrs. A. Wileyto.

Swede turnips—Mrs. F. Harrison.
Carrots—Mrs. K. Chappelle, Mrs. F. Harrison.
Potatoes (early)—W. H. Linton, Mrs. F. Harrison.
Potatoes (late)—W. H. Linton, Mrs. F. Harrison.
Pumpkin—S. B. Calder.
Collection of vegetables—B. Durban, Mrs. R. Partington.

Fruits
Crabapples—Mrs. Lee Cooper, Mrs. J. Keefe.
Apples—Mrs. J. Keefe.
Black currants—Mrs. Wileyto.
Red currants—Neil Kelly.
White currants—Mrs. Lee Cooper.
Raspberries—Mrs. J. Keefe, Mrs. E. Deeder.
Collection of fruits—Mrs. Lee Cooper.

Dairy Products
Butter—Mrs. A. Wileyto, Mrs. R. Partington.
Eggs—W. H. Linton, Del Cassidy.
Cream—Mrs. Partington, Mrs. Deeder.
Milk—Mrs. Partington, Sonia Olson.
Cottage cheese—Mrs. E. Deeder, Mrs. A. Wileyto.
White bread—Mrs. A. Wileyto, Mrs. G. Funnell.
Whole wheat—Mrs. J. Keefe, Mrs. L. Saunders.
Light rolls—Mrs. E. Glans, Mrs. L. Saunders.
Doughnuts—Mrs. A. Wileyto, Mrs. E. Glans.
Bran muffins—Mrs. J. Keefe, Mrs. McKenna.
Cinnamon rolls—Mrs. E. Glans, Mrs. A. Wileyto.

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LETTERBOX

Editor, Daily News:

May I express the view of many visitors to Prince Rupert concerning your Port Day of this year? We drove many miles. The only thing keeping our spirits up was the belief that it would be worth while to be in attendance at Port Day as the program for the day certainly promised a wonderful show. The weather was good, the water calm, boats galore, but where was the action, the contestants or the display? There seemed to be no organization to the sports, whatever. We suggest that Prince Rupert scrap the Port Day if they cannot do better than that rather than send out programs filled to the brim with exciting events which only lure out-of-town people in, to be disappointed greatly. Have you ever thought of getting the contestants entered before Port Day?

Yours for a better Port Day,
MARVIN FIELDSTROM,
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Reminiscences By W.I. and Reflections

Why must United Nations statesmen always have to go to Moscow? What is wrong with having Stalin go to London or Paris to talk over the situation? Chamberlain always went to Hitler somewhere in the heart of Germany. It's a cinch Hitler never went to London. He never travelled anywhere and Stalin's world appears to be restricted to Russia. It seems to be that, the more a dictator becomes dictatorial, the more he feels a becoming finger is all that's needed.

The Daily News, in the sporting columns this week, said that in Portugal, athletes all train on wine and fish. Probably port and pilchards.

Mr. Claxton, Minister of Defence, never feels the urge to yawn or indulge in a refreshing stretch. There is a reason. In one week, last month he entertained the American Secretary of Defence, Mr. Forrester, travelled to Ogdensburg (N.Y.) for a border friendship celebration, took part in a Liberal picnic at Brockville, visited Ontario army camps and in seven days made twenty speeches.

The Milwaukee Journal has just issued a 190 page Sunday edition. A single copy weighs three pounds. It printed 430,000 copies. Fancy having one's bedroom invaded by all that reading matter some Sabbath forenoon. There wouldn't be space left for even the radio or ten o'clock coffee.

Henry Wallace, third candidate in the race for the presidency, tried to give an address in North Carolina but was prevented by the unfriendly attitude of the audience. He asked if he "was in America." He might well ask. Everyone may not like what another says, concerning a public policy. But no one should be denied the right to be heard. If he is, he's not in America.

The Medical Health Officer of Vancouver recommends the more frequent use of halibut any time, anywhere. It seems it can be valuable as a substitute for sunshine, which has not been any too plentiful in Vancouver this summer, dogs and rain having come early and remained late. To know that Vancouver, even in a somewhat round about way will continue to enjoy the blessings of sunshine, thereby keeping vigorous and strong, will always be a source of satisfaction as far as we are concerned.

Time marches on! Air travel, in and out of Prince Rupert, is today no more a novelty than car, train or steamer, but it seems only yesterday since the city saw its first plane. The flier was a young fellow named Prest who had flown from Nevada to Edmonton, shipping his machine of the skies from

there, through to Rupert. He didn't fancy risking the lofty ranges. He made a few local flights, and one stormy morning discovered the plane might never fly again. During the night, a southeaster howled over the Acropolis where the little plane lay, seized and shook it, and that was that.

Between the pursuit of tuna swarming to the waters south of the Queen Charlotte Islands and selling the same at profitable prices and the stampede among the mountains of British Columbia to stake uranium in quantity, it looks like a return of flush times on both land and sea. For a while, anyway!

The Civic Centre goes a long long way in making Prince Rupert largely independent of the weather—although it should be admitted the summer has been a fine one. But no matter what the program of enter-

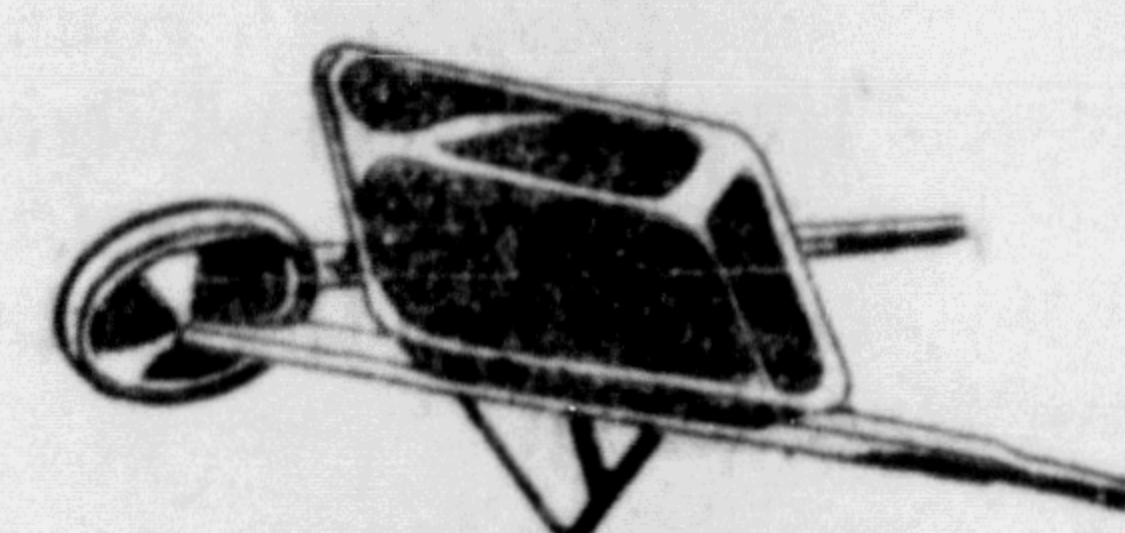
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