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The Link is Missing

JUST 23 years ago today the now deceased Empire News put out a special edition carrying eulogies of the north and Prince Rupert's part in it.

W. A. Mackenzie, then provincial minister of mines, wrote the leading article in which he saw the imminent development of mineral resources in areas contiguous to the northwest coast.

It was all very convincing, all very heartening, and all identical to what we are still saying today.

Following is a passage from one article in that edition speculating on construction of a railway into the Peace River country which would serve Prince Rupert:

"This is the short route. Here is a great harbor where ice is unknown. Here is a modern grain elevator, wharves, shipping facilities, shipyards, drydock, nearness to the open sea, and beyond the expanding markets of the Orient, which Prince Rupert is closer to by more than 500 miles than any other railway terminus in America.

"No one can tell how soon it will be decided to proceed with the Peace River railway construction. But phenomenal development in the rich wheat growing and mixed farming areas of the Peace makes it self evident that a decision cannot be long delayed."

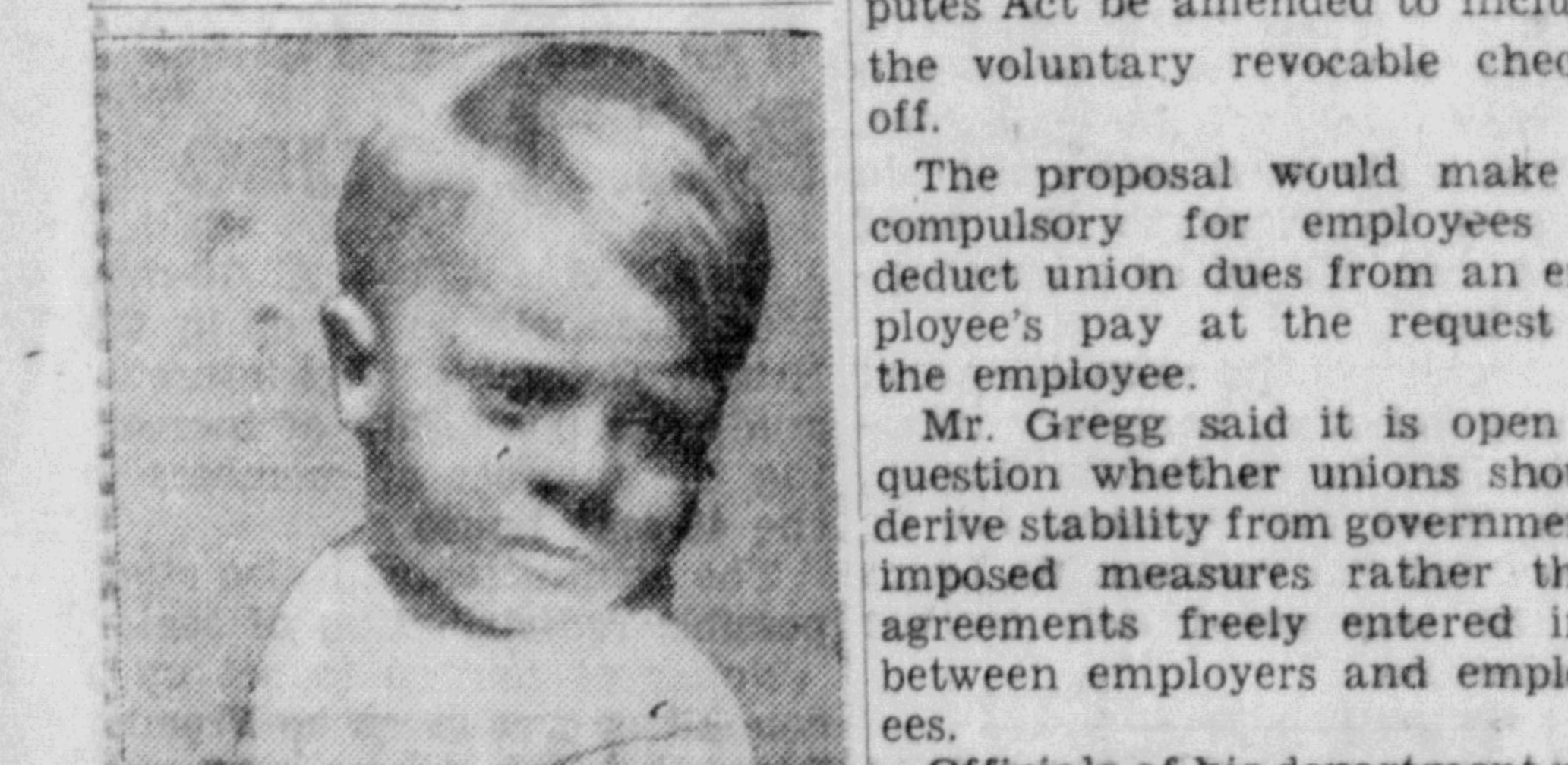
How is it we are able to cling to a vision which others seem to regard with such indifference? At this moment the Chamber of Commerce here is making its third or fourth attempt to gain support for the railway proposal at Ottawa and Victoria.

The answer lies in a human reluctance to be sold down the river—in this case, the Fraser. If the Peace River block is entered by an extension of the Pacific Great Eastern from Prince George, that is where the birthright of people in the north will go.

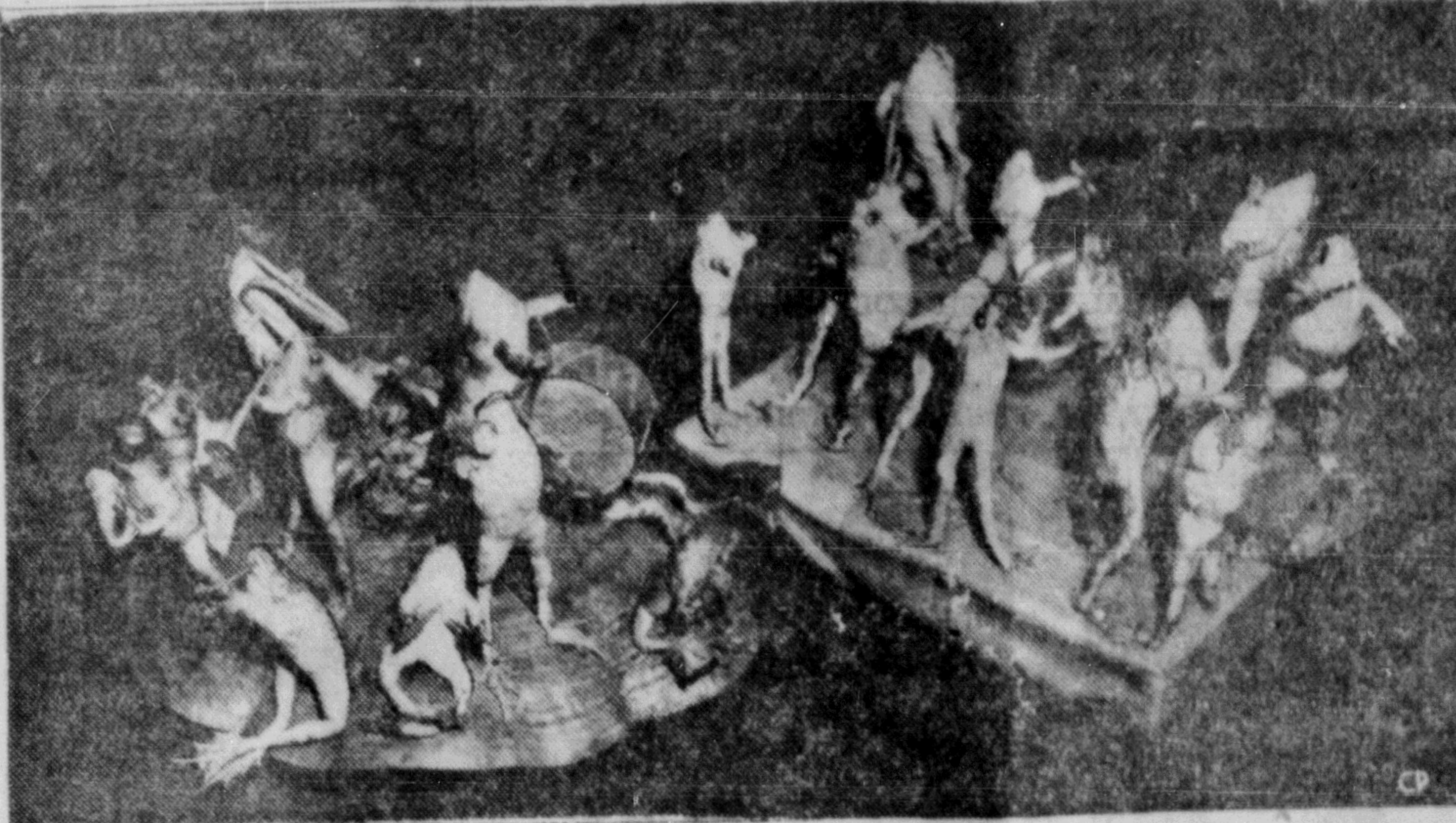
Peace River and Prince Rupert belong together, but the link is missing. It is the third P.R.—the Practical Railway.

Inclusion of Check-off System In Labor Laws Now Being Studied

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons has adopted a suggestion by Labor Minister Gregg that a committee study the question of putting the voluntary revocable check-off into labor legislation.



Mr. Gregg said members should not take hasty action on a proposal by Stanley Knowles (CCF-Winnipeg North Centre) that the Industrial Relations and Disputes Act be amended to include the voluntary revocable check-off.



A NUMBER OF STUFFED FROGS, mounted in different positions, carrying musical instruments and arranged as an orchestra, is a feature of the natural-history collection owned by Dr. O. E. Morehouse of Fredericton, N.B.

OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

Just how did the nation, in those critical hours of last Thursday, avoid the threatened and apparently inevitable disaster of a railway strike?

Gradually the full story of the happenings behind the closed conference doors during those fateful Thursday hours is being pieced together. Government, labor, and railway management sources are variously supplying the information pieces.

What stands revealed is the drama of one of the greatest gambles undertaken by a government of party leader in Canadian political history—the gamble, namely, that Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent took when he summoned to Ottawa the railway and labor heads so solidly decked that a strike seemed inevitable.

As events proved, it was a gamble that paid off. DANGEROUS MOOD

The summons to Ottawa didn't improve the critical temper of the Montreal talks, so far as the labor representatives were concerned. Almost from the start of negotiations they had sensed that management representatives were relying on government intervention along the lines of the legislation used in 1950.

This prospect made labor leaders feel that their strike threat was largely empty, so far as railway management was concerned, and that the cards were stacked against them.

U.N. Security Council Met 42 Times in '52

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.—The 11 members of the United Nations Security Council met 42 times during 1952, the seventh year of the body's life.

Number of meetings last year, records show, was five more than in 1951, when the Council set a low record for the number of sessions.

Fourteen meetings, the largest number on any one question, were devoted to the admission of new members. Ten meetings were held on the subject of Kashmir.

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Numerous aircraft flew in and out of Prince Rupert today carrying men to reinforce the police force at Anxox owing to the strike in progress there.

10 Years Ago Today

Mrs. D. C. Stuart was again elected regent at the annual meeting of the Queen Mary Chapter IOOE with Mrs. J. A. Teng appointed honorary regent.

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Hunter Kills Moose by Using Knife and Fork

FREDERICTON (CP)—This is the story of a moose that was shot with a knife and fork, a frog orchestra and other strange events in the life of the late Dr. O. E. Morehouse.

His son, Dr. O. E. Morehouse, has an extensive array of natural history exhibits collected by his father.

Few specimens of Canadian wild life fail to find a place among the stuffed and mounted items in the Morehouse collection.

One of the prize trophies is a mounted caribou head, one of the last killed before that species of wild life vanished from New Brunswick.

Another set of moose antlers carries the tale of the knife-and-fork shooting. Dr. Morehouse and several friends, so the story goes, had a hunting camp not far from the home of a shrewd hunter who happened to be out for game birds, armed with shotgun and bird-shot ammunition.

He spotted a moose, which didn't spot him, giving time to plan his course of action. First he emptied the small shot from the shell, broke off the blade of his jack-knife and rammed it into the casing.

He fired from 20 yards and the moose fell, wounded but still full of life. This time the hunter used a piece of iron fork from his ration kit. That shot did the trick.

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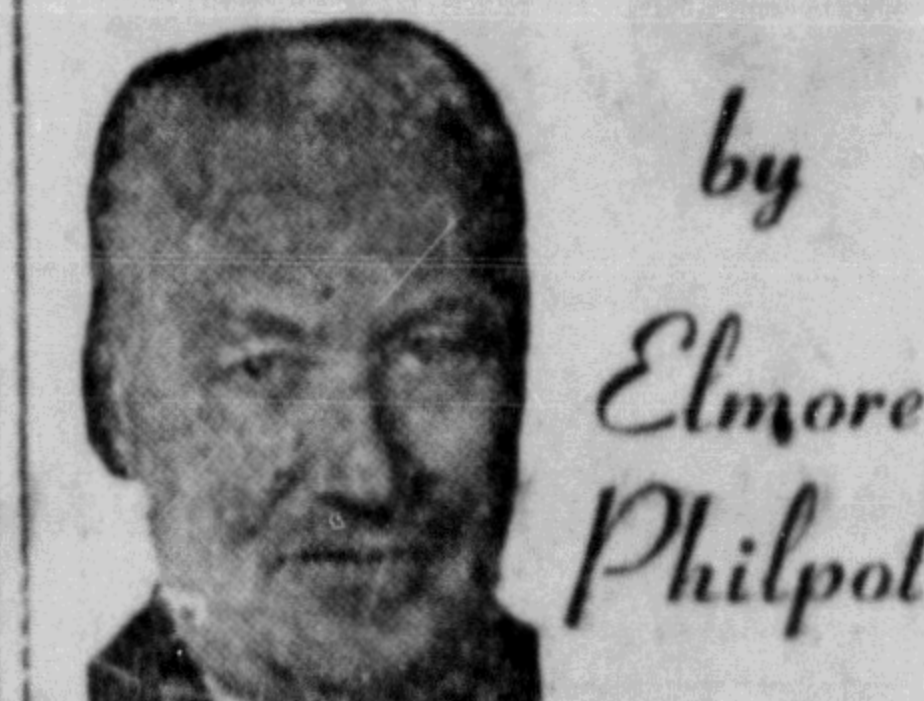
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As I See It by Elmore Philpott

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Calling All Xmas Cards

HERE is an urgent call for used Christmas cards, picture books, story books, magazines, puzzles and games, painting sets, crayons.

Patients at the TB hospitals at Nanaimo and Sardis, B.C., are native Indians, mostly children or young adults. They are thankful for the books, etc., which readers of this column send a couple of years ago—but they need more—much more—now.

The Indian youngsters have a lot of fun re-making those old Christmas cards into something new and beautiful. The doctors say that this kind of enjoyment is half the battle in beating the once-dread killer, TB.

Simply mail them to either hospital, or care The Indian Times, Post Office Box 241, Vancouver.

IT OFTEN amuses me to hear North Americans damn the South African government up hill and down dale for its race segregation policies. I know how immoral and impractical they are. When the white South Africans put signs on benches "For Europeans Only" they signed their own political death warrant.

The inevitable reaction to that cry was what is now coming up over all Africa, that is "Africa for the Africans"—Europeans for Europe.

But what we forget over here is that white North Americans are the beneficiaries of the most successful racial aggression ever carried out in history. In a recent issue of "The Native Voice" Newell Collins writes: "During Harrison's administration fifteen treaties had reduced the Indians' hunting grounds by 33 million acres, leaving about one-fifth their original area."

Treaty after treaty was made, and broken. THE recent controversy over the various translations of the Bible raises the question—has the world moved forward morally? We have read a good many comments about which is the precise translation of how the children of Israel captured the walled city of Jericho.

Jack O'Brien asks me to take a look at Joshua verse 6:21 which says: "And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword."

Jack says: "I served three terrible winters in the 1914-1918 trench warfare. We went after the men in mortal combat, but if the ladies got hurt it wasn't our doing. How Joshua figured that the Lord told him to conduct a war of that kind is a little hard to believe."

HOW RIGHT you are, Jack! The way I read the Bible is this. Better than any other book or books ever written, it shows the enlarging consciousness of man about God's will. In the early books of the Bible they commit all sorts of bloody crimes—all in the name of God's orders.

But step by step man learns. Abraham makes a revolutionary change—he refuses to murder his son, in the name of religion. So on all down the line.

But, Jack, are we really any better than the slaughterers at Jericho? It took the Germans six years of bombing to kill 60,000 British civilians, men, women and children. It took the British six hours of concentrated bombing to do that in Hamburg. It took the Americans six seconds to burn to death 60,000 civilians at Hiroshima.

Harvesting machinery sold in Canada in 1951 reached a total of \$58,641,000.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Most parents look forward to the day when their teenage daughter will marry and have a phone of her own.

Good judgment comes from experience, and experience comes from poor judgment.

CONCERNING COMFORT Home is as comfortable as its furniture, says an interior decorator. A husband should buy his wife a comfortable chair for him to sit in?

Vancouver does not hesitate to admit that on 21 days out of 25, the weather was wet. But then, we all know that in whatever that city turns its hand to, she simply must excel.

TO BE ENCOURAGED "God said, 'Increase and multiply.' If I were a priest in Ireland, a clerical confrere told Father O'Brien, who is a member of the faculty of Notre Dame University, 'I would preach that in season and out of season.' Our bachelors, he added, are not totally devoid of the mating impulse, but they have nearly strangled it.

An English teacher, checking up on birthdays, announced that usually those born between June and December are dull mentally. A student, to determine the accuracy of this, discovered that Churchill, Stalin, Eisenhower, Eden and Truman were all born in August.

There runs a strange law through the length of human history—that men are continually tending to undervalue their environment, to undervalue their happiness, and to undervalue themselves. The great sin of mankind, the sin typified by the fall of Adam, is

Just how Frank Vickers, Maplethorpe on the east of England, is faring is something friends in Prince Rupert would like to know about. The local pioneer and long-time city service, returned to home overseas 12 years ago, town, in the path of his storms, has, of course, suffered losses, but as yet details have not been received here.

HAPPY REUNION FERNIE, B.C. (CP)—A woman she had not seen for years visited Miss S. E. West, William West of Kuper, had not seen his sister left Ireland at the start of the century.

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