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Meat From Peace River

EVERY CLOUD has a silver lining. It's an ill wind that blows no one good. These and other time-worn sayings come to mind as the city papers exaggerate and twist the facts so as to fan the foot-and-mouth story into a national calamity.

After all, there were on March 1 exactly 24 head of cattle known to have the dread disease. When we consider that the Cariboo ships as much as 30,000 head in one season, this is a small number.

Be that as it may, the country has already suffered great losses and cattle owners have been hard hit in all parts of Canada.

The silver lining to us in Central British Columbia and the Peace River Block is simply this: with reduced prices, it is now possible for small operators to get a start in the cattle business.

There are tons of succulent feed in the Peace River Block which will be wasted in the next few months if not fed to animals some place on the map. Some millions of bushels of grain are still in the fields west of the B.C. border. In all northern B.C. and Alberta there are vast quantities of feed, and there are few places on the C.N.R. between the mountains and the sea where there are not surpluses of hay at this moment.

There are not enough beef cattle being fed in Central B.C. Beef or dairy cattle are a natural part of any farm program in the fertile valleys of the Fraser, Nechako and Bulkley Rivers.

No one wishes to make a profit out of another's misfortune. But here, nature has provided that good can be brought out of evil, profit out of disaster.

The foot-and-mouth sensation will die away in due course and agriculture in western Canada will go along its accustomed way. Of course, some speculators will make millions out of the panic they have caused by overstating the facts from Saskatchewan.

In the country of which Prince George is the centre the time is ripe to take the pressure off some of the older livestock communities and place the cattle on the land near feed. With so much natural fodder in this country, a sane profitable economy would be beef-milk-lumber. It is not too much to say that local business men, bankers and others should assist in a campaign to get breeding stock into the lush grazing grounds of Central B.C.

While the bonanza market for beef has been broken, beef will always be in demand. In British Columbia we produce little more than 10 per cent of the meat we consume. Prince George imports about 95 per cent of its meat supplies from Edmonton.

Sane development of the northland will change all this. Opening of the Hart Highway this summer and the construction of a rail line into the Peace River will give us a farming area where we can produce 100 per cent of the meats we consume and the bulk of our other food supplies, and then we have a surplus to ship to our less fortunate neighbors in the Pacific countries where food is scarce.

We could not strike a better blow for our future security, economically and militarily, than to make B.C. self-supporting in farm products as soon as it can possibly be done.

The barrier placed against Alberta beef over the foot-and-mouth panic should be lifted at once, otherwise the profiteers will move in and price meat off the tables of all but the opulent. There are already quantities of beef ready for the market north of Prince George. If the ban is not lifted, then the Peace River Block beef should be hustled into Prince George over the Pine Pass at once.

Bulldozers could be placed on the Hart Highway tomorrow and there would be little trouble getting cattle of the Parsnip River. Trucks could haul Peace River beef and cattle to this market and at once relieve some of the pressure and certainly help to keep meat prices in check.

—Prince George Citizen.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Jesus . . . went about doing good."—Acts 10:38.

Woman Trapper Bags Big Wolf

TERRACE—Miss Dorothy Egan, while working her trap line at Kalum Lake, sighted a couple of

wolves and shot one, large and black. The other one disappeared. She used a .22 calibre gun. Miss Egan, in Terrace, collected a \$25 bounty. She is niece of Matt Allard the well known hunter and trapper.

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Report From . . .

Parliament Hill

By Edward T. Applewhaite, M.P., Skeena

Illustration Station South of Burns Lake—
Favors Double Holiday and Union Check-off

Once again your member is back in Ottawa—and this time it looks to me as though we may be here until well on into July. I shall try to keep you informed, once a week, on matters which may be of interest and which perhaps do not make daily press headlines or radio news.

It is the intention of the government to establish an Illustration Station under the Department of Agriculture in the area south of Burns Lake. I am hopeful we can get this under way this year. It is an acknowledgment, I think, of two facts: the productive possibility of that district, and the rapidly increasing market in Central British Columbia.

It is always a pleasure to me to come back to the opening of a new session and meet all one's friends (of all political parties) again. I get a kick out of the tans which some members proudly display, after a holiday in the South. Again this year I think Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe should have taken a prize. "C. D." appeared in the Chamber, a rich mahogany.

The Department of Fisheries has given the details of an event which I think should be of interest to many in Skeena. A 3,200-mile fish haul by truck, believed to have established a long-distance record, was made recently from Hay River, Northwest Territories, to New York City. The trip, made by refrigerator truck, was carried out on an experimental basis by the Trans-Canada Auto Transport Company. The shipment left Hay River in the late evening of January 3 and arrived in New York in the evening of January 8, and was unloaded and sold by eight o'clock the next morning.

Quite a few bills have already been introduced—mostly private members bills. The first of these was Jack MacDougall's bill to amend the Dominion Day and Victoria Day Acts, to provide that these days be celebrated by statutory holidays on a Monday in each case. I intend to support this measure but I am not going to speak on it. My experience is that the best way to help a measure of this kind is to keep quiet and hope it comes to a vote. It is my opinion that if this bill comes to a vote it will be carried.

FAVORS CHECK-OFF

Another bill I shall vote for is Stanley Knowles' (C.C.F.) bill to provide for the voluntary revocable check-off of union dues; although I am afraid that the House will defeat it, as it has done on several previous occasions.

Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, did a fine job when he piloted through the House the bill for control and extermination of Foot-and-Mouth Disease. He answered many questions during the two-and-a-half days the bill took to get through. I was of the opinion that the Opposition made great efforts to make political capital out of the Foot-and-Mouth disaster.

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Reflects and
Reminisces

W. A. C. Bennett tells the Liberals and Progressive Conservatives they will be licked in next summer's election and won't be back for fifty years. By that time, each will be around a century old. It will be just as well to take good care of that forty a month by the time they make seventy.

NOT EVEN JARRED

The cost of living index this month declined seven-tenths of a point, according to the Bureau of Statistics. We had to be told to know there was any difference. A bowl of mush, this morning, cost exactly what it did a week ago.

A contractor sailed a few weeks ago for the island of St. Helena, to repair and brighten up the building in which Napoleon died 131 years ago. Wonder how Bonaparte would have handled the overtime question?

Increase Canadian highways by spending Canadian cash, instead of using millions to help Europe become more than ever an armed camp which it's always been anyway. This is urged by Leo Nimsick, member for Cranbrook. Well, there has never been a time when B.C. couldn't do with a few more roads.

FROM ON HIGH!

Second Avenue has a tourist attraction but no one suspects (Continued on page 3)

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

When Peace Breaks Out

IF YOU ARE by nature a person who sees only the dark side of things you can find plenty of excuse for gloom these days.

The world is engaged in the greatest armament race of all time, and no previous such race has ever ended in anything but war.

In this armament race the nations are spending such vast sums that the human mind can hardly comprehend them. We are told that the NATO allies will spend over \$100 billions a year for the next three years. Can we realize what that means?

We get a better idea when we learn that seven countries (U.S.A., Britain, Canada, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Netherlands) are spending on arms, etc., over FIVE TIMES AS MUCH AS THE ENTIRE WORLD SPENT IN 1938. THE LAST YEAR BEFORE THE HITLER WAR.

SURELY the CCF party at Otta-

wa deserves the gratitude of all Canada for its clear call to Stop, Look, and Listen about this whole business.

But, quite frankly, I am not hopeful that their call will have much immediate effect. Nor am I even sure that we shall escape that third world war.

The purpose of this piece is to show that the very technique and magnitude of the armament race will itself lead to the greatest social change in history. The vast industrial machine must have an outlet—war or peace. The day will come, and not far hence, when the long suffering people of all the world will as the Bible puts it, compel their governments to beat their swords into plowshares, their spears into pruning hooks. We might call it, in 1952 terms, changing their tanks into tractors, their trenches into irrigation ditches.

TAKE OUR own situation right here in Canada. Can we ever forget those appalling years, those terrible thirties, when a million Canadians were on the dole in a land with "too much of everything"? Can we forget the scores of thousands of homeless, jobless boys who roamed the country? Can we forget how they "rode the rods," how they were chased from pillar to post, bounded from town to town?

We had our first chance in Canada to show the whole world how "depressions" could be fought and beaten. All we needed to do then was what we did the minute Hitler shot us into war. All we needed to do then was what we are doing now—that is, create full employment

for everybody by using public money to put everybody on the public payroll who could not find a job in private enterprise. There were hundreds, thousands of things needing to be done.

DON'T SAY the world has learned nothing from the two world wars, and from the present armament race. The common people of all the world know the utter hypocrisy of the 1930 cry "where is the money going to come from?"

No, the Canadian people never again need to fear a great depression like that of the thirties. The city folks can have jobs and the farmers can have markets. We can give every man and woman, who wants and needs one, a job at fair pay. We can do that by building homes, where we now build planes, by employ-

ing whole "armies" of men to make life better here in Canada. Moreover, we can do exactly as we have done in wars, and are doing in armament race. By a public and private enterprise, a commonsense business, that it can and will do public service to do the in-the-manger.

THAT is the silver lining to dark clouds I see. Government could do a month that ever tried to take again in the thirties. Now that is unnecessary.

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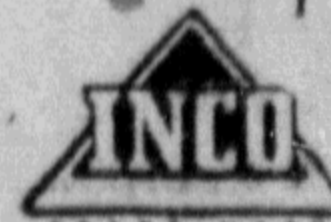
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