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#### St. Valentine's

TOMORROW Dan Cupid will be on the wing, Justice a question, the shooting out his arrows which are known for their stimulating effect on the heart.

Everyone likes to have little Dan around. He is not asking us to celebrate anything, but just to feel a little sentimental. He starts with the very young and goes right along to the very old. He has found that the common denominator of all is the wish to love and be loved.

Just how the occasion of his visit came to be called St. Valentine's Day remains a mystery. Historians have tried in vain to trace it to one of the many holy men by that name. The only conclusion they have reached is that it was accidental. Somehow a St. Valentine became associated with the medieval belief that birds began to mate at the start of the second fortnight of the second month.

"For this was on seynt Valentynes day," wrote Chaucer in the Parlement of Foules, "when every foul cometh ther to chese his make."

But the origin doesn't much matter. The important thing is to have someone to whom you can say, "Be my Valentine."

### Public Ownership

VIHEN an industry is taken over by a govern-W ment, it is said to be owned by the public, which means that the public will pay for any losses but will not necessarily share in any profits. In most cases, the public's newly acquired property is put beyond the reach of the elected representatives of the public on the theory that it should be free from political influence—in other words, the elected representatives can't be trusted not to mess around with it.

How this can work out was, shown a couple of weeks ago in the House of Commons when a member of Parliament asked the Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier, for some information about Canadian National Railways. Mr. Chevrier said he couldn't give it because CNR officials thought the information could be collected "only at considerable clerical expense and great inconvenience to themselves." The hapless member had to be satisfied with that as an answer-it was just too much trouble for the officials of the publicly-owned railway to produce certain figures requested by a spokesman for the

If boredom threatens during one of these long winter evenings, we can spend a pleasant hour or two figuring out who got railroaded in this instance.—Saturday Night.

### REFLECTS THE REAL PROPERTY.

The British barmaid was a

went out to buy a paper, she

monplace. The only sensation

was early one evening when a

On the Fulton Street hillside

City Hall stands a small, new-y

Rupert's totem poles. Canada f

has few to equal them, and their

Saint Valentine's Day is Febru- in June. Attractions will include ary 4th and while this ancient a specially-built acquarium and and distinguished figure of the display of boats and types of Roman calendar is said to have equipment from the earliest been martyred, juveniles of both days. Canada has vast fisheries sexes manage to extract no small and has staged ambitious exdegree of humor from the an- hibits, but nothing to approach nual celebration. There used to this. be the mailing of alleged poems. Anyway they were robust.

#### SOME OTHER COLOR

According to a style expert pursed her lips and leaned over gray hair is really very becom- the bar toward the shy young ing observes the Chatham News | private, whispering: "Now's your It so happens that with a lot of chance, darling." The private men, gray hair is not be coming looked around the empty room. -itwhe going? "So it is," he remarked—and promptly drank the corporal's

Experience is what you have beer when you are too old to get a

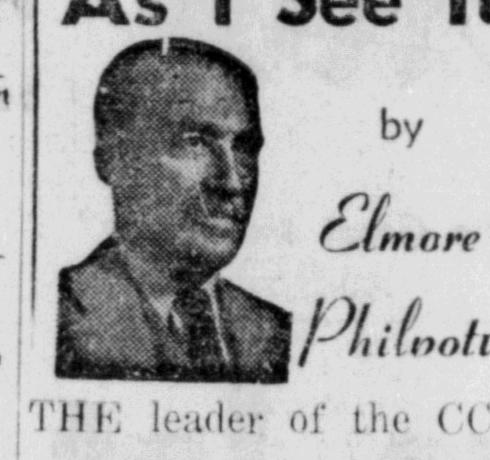
Mrs. Joseph DiMaggio says she lafter day, so much of the new has never seen a ball game. Now. bridge. Of course it's first class it is up to Mr. Joseph DiMaggio and has not been built too soon, to say he has never seen a movie. but this daily bridge business

Next to being shot at and only a couple at Prince Rupertmissed, there is nothing quite Hays Creek and Morse Creekas satisfying as an income tax and the history of each com-

Plenty of us are reading where | ight-seeing car broke through 75 per cent of Canadian homes | the guard rail and dropped sheer have a washing machine, 60 per o the railway tracks below. Lady cent have a refrigerator, 50 per and boy friend escaped without cent a vacuum cleaner and 3. | 'he slightest injury or conseper cent an electric stove. And quence. yet the housewife is just as busy as great-grandmother who had OUR TOTEMS none of these conveniences, and is just as tired at the end of the among the trees, just along from

built shed or shack to provide It has been truly said that shelter for those entrusted with kindness is a language which the improving the appearance and blind can see and the deaf can lengthening the life of Prince

For the first time in the na- preservation is well worth while. tion's history, a national fisher- The cost is light, compared with ies fair will be held in Norway what is gained.



THE leader of the CCF

asked the Minister of other day, which sounded simple.

It was whether the government of Canada would refer to the Supreme Court the validity of the recent legislation passed by the Legislature of Quebec, and which concerned distribution of printed matter on the streets.

The Minister did not exactly sidestep the query. But his answer was of the diplomatic varlety which conceals the gravity of what was mentioned. Mr Garson said that the Jehovah's Witnesses were contesting the validity of the legislation before the courts right now, and hence, he implied, the question of intervention by the federal government did not yet arise. NEARLY every newspaper

Canada has written on importance of the Jehovah's Witnesses issue. This sect which opposes war, and all organized religion, has carried on a militant campaign against the Roman Catholic Church in the Province of Quebec. The present government of Quebec has used all of the legal powers it possesses to suppress the activities of the Jehovah's Wit nesses -- whose activities are clearly offensive to the substantial majority of the Roman Catholics of Quebec.

In the famous decision the Supreme Court of Canada held that the provincial statutes, which had been used to arrest and imprison certain Witnesses did not give the provincial authorities the extreme powers they had used. However, the running a word-factory? Duplessis government was quick to remedy that situation. It weather forecasting that turns sponsored a new law which a man's head, it seems. Once clearly does restrict the power he starts hob-nobbing with of the Jehovan's Witnesses to warm fronts and mixing with distribute its printed matter isobars on equal terms, he on the streets of Quebec, un- gets feelings of superiority less licensed in advance by the He thinks he's an expert on local authorities. The Legisla- everything, including the lanture voted for the new law guage. unanimously.

shows by what a narrow mar- a swivel chair and looking gin the Supreme Court ruled smogly - beg pardon, smugthat the province had any such ly - at his assistant over the power to pass such drastic laws | tops of his horn-rimmed It is true that four Supreme glasses. Court Justices, of the nine on "Well, Henry," he says, "I the bench, have ruled that the think I'll invent a new word province has no right to inter- today." fere with the distribution of printed matter. But by a slender replies. "It'll take people's majority the present court minds off those lousy forecasts seems to have decided-rather we've been issuing lately. ambiguously and in a confused What's the new word, chief? and contradictory manner it is true-that the province, and not the federal authorities, does have the power to say what printed matter may and may not be distributed on the public highways.

Naturally every intelligent Canadian will watch the outcome of the legal battle which | fog. is now shaping up with more than mere interest in a struggle between clever lawyers. What is boss? Or maybe 'ig'?" at stake is whether or not every Canadian from coast to coast is to be guaranteed certain fundamental rights of free expression; or whether any proy- dination here." ince which so chooses may limit! the freedom of the press, as its boss. It was only an idea. own legislature may enact.

me as sound as it is powerful, I | you keep this up you'll have cannot agree that the remedy whole new language." for the really grave situation is as the Manitoba paper sug- dialogue will give you an idea

flirt, and when the corporal case than is made out by the words. They are getting out judgment . . ." says the Winni- of control, that's all. peg paper. But the real catch is that the Parliament of Canada writers and newspapermen could not of its own authority started trying to make their enact such a Bill of Rights own weather? I have a good which would take away one mind to pack my bag with a whit of the legal powers which | couple of Polar air masses, a

the provinces now possess. It's a relief to behold the Van-In other words, if the Par- isotherms and a bundle of couver press without seeing, day liament of Canada were to pass | cumulonimbus clouds, take the a Bill of Rights, without prior next plane for Regina, and agreement with the provinces, including Quebec, the courts could rule the Bill of Rights in- That will teach you to medvas becoming tiresome. We've valid to the extent that it trespased on provincial jurisdiction. know nothing about.

RECORDS

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#### Arctic archipelago. The islands include some 130,000 square miles of territory inhabited by fewer than 200 persons scattered among seven tiny communities. All Aboard Kootenays Expecting "New Era" By G. E. MORTIMORE

The makers of compound words are at their nasty work again. First they invented "smog" (mixed smoke and fog and then "smaze" (smoky haze). I lodged a sharp protest with Webster over the last one. It did no good, of

NORTHERN CANADA

LIZABETH

SLANDS

Now we have "smice." "Until the word was coined by a weather forecaster in Regina, smice was called ice fog," a news story says. And as far as I'm concerned, still is called ice fog.

Who does this weather forecaster think he is, anyway? Where is his license for run-

There is something about

I can see that Regina wea-The Winning Free Press therman now, leaning back in

"Sure, boss," his assistant I sure liked the last two words you invented - 'smog' and 'smaze'. They've got every dictionary publisher from here to Nome after your blood.'

"Thank you, Henry. The new worde is 'smice.' " "Smice, boss?"

"That's right. It means ice

"But if it's a mixture of ice and fog, shouldn't it be 'fice

"One more crack like that and you turn in your anemometer and get your pay There's no room for insubor-

I didn't mean any harm think the new word is terri-WHILE the argument of the fic, honestly. It should cause Winnipeg Free Press seems to no end of confusion. Why, it

The foregoing fragment o how these weathermen oper-"There could be no stronger ate, when they start making

How would you like it if tropical hurricane, a few dump the whole lot in your weather office, or weaffice. dle with matters that you

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# After Record Construction Year

Mining and Smelting Company forest district. operations, is gearing itself for a large-scale industrial expansion in the face of slumping metal prices.

THE NORTHERNMOST group of Arctic islands in Canada, shown in the dotted circle, has been

named the Queen Elizabeth islands. Northern Affairs Minister Lesage announced in the Com-

mons that the Queen has allowed her name to be given to the northern half of the Canadian

Disclosure that Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, Ltd., of Canada Cominco profits dropped in 1953 for the second straight year has coincided with reports of construction projects recently completed or under

the fact that the value of total production of agricultural, for- and Saco Railroad Company still estry and mining industries in operates on a five-cent fare. the area continued near the in lead and zinc prices.

\$9,000,000 fertilizer plant near east of here.

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED Other construction saw the Crowe's Nest Pass Coal Com-

pany's \$650,000 briquette plant go into operation at Michel, near the Alberta--B.C. boundary; completion of the \$1,500, 000 Canadian Pacific Railway's diesel maintenance plant here and East Kootenay Power Company's \$1,200,000 power and storage project on Fall River.

The construction boom was reflected in nearly every municipality in the 20,000-square-mile area with new buildings, tourist resorts, housing subdivisions and churches springing up.

The fall in base metal prices hit mining hard in the district The number of mines in operaa resultant drop from 1,500 to 650 in the number of men em-

ly offset by discovery of new from January, 1953.

ployed.

NELSON, B.C. (CP) - British | year in the face of a three Columbia's interior Kootenays month strike which shut many district, home of Consolidated of the 327 mills in the Nelson

## Railway Retains Five-Cent Fare

NEW YORK (A) Got a nickel Want to go somewhere? You still Business men are confidently can-provided you want to trapredicting "opening" of a new | vel from Biddeford, Me., to Saco, Me., or even vice versa,

This optimism is based on a The nickel fare is a memory booming construction program in most cities. Transit companthat saw more than \$42,000,000 ies tell you, and offer statistics worth of major projects started if you question them, that operor completed during 1953 and ating costs are way up yonder. But in Maine, the Biddeford

"The only one left in the \$200,000,000-mark despite a drop country," says president J. Burton Stride.

Cominco sparked the construction It started 67 years ago with tion drive with completion of a two-horse, open-car, four-wheeied conveyances. In 1891 Kimberley and a 210,000-horse- changed to electric trams, and power hydro-electric plant at in 1939 to buses. But all that Waneta, about 50 miles south- time it has stayed loyal to the lowly nickel.

WORKERS MAIN CUSTOMERS

The transit line's customers along its 20-mile route are mainly textile workers from the plants of Bates, Pepperrell and Saco-Lowell.

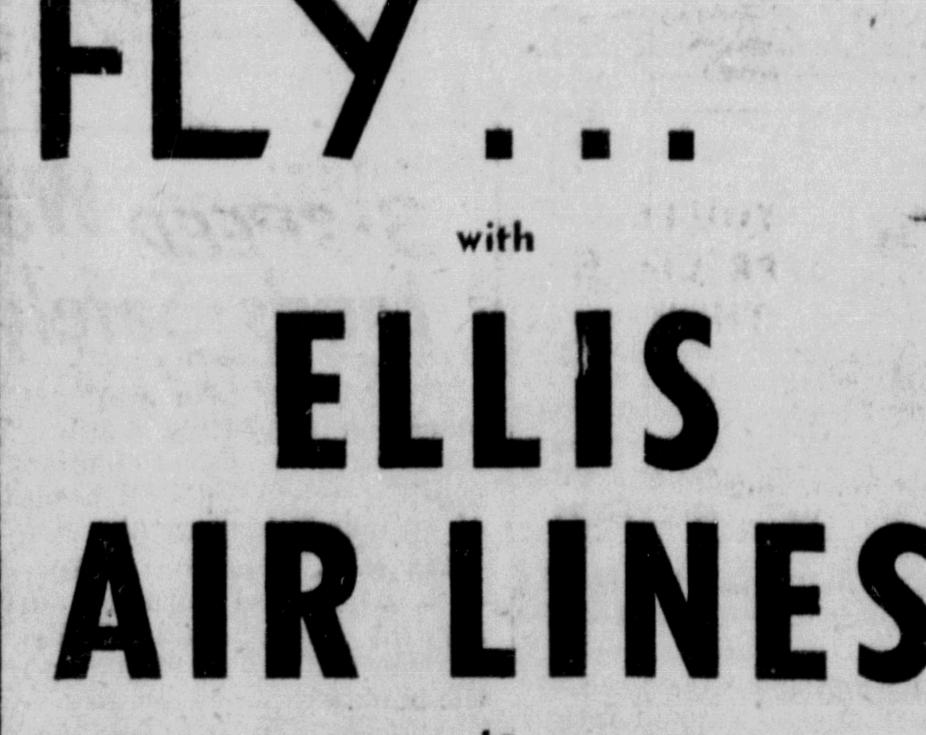
President Stride says his employees have wage scales comparable to those of the larger transport lines. He gives a lot of credit to the use of modern equipment which keeps operating costs down. The company has only two working executives and one secretary,

#### Weather Hits Lumber Industry PORTLAND A Bad weather

tion fell from 75 at the start of played havor with Douglas in 1953 to 30 early this year, with lumber production in January. The West Coast Lumbermen' Association said Thursday the

cutput was the lowest for any However, mining authorities month since 1950 and that say this picture has been large- lumber shipments also fell off

lead-zinc deposits with reserves Production totalled 769,998,000 running into millions of tons. | board feet, compared with near-Lead-zinc production in 1953 ly 876,000,000 feet in the same dropped to \$80,100,000, compar- month last year. Orders, totaled with \$105,126,348 in 1952. ling 813,272,000 feet, and ship-The lumbering industry main- ments of 785,561,000 also were tained a \$25,941,196 pace last down, the association said. Prize for Canadian Beers



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# OTTAWA DIAR

By Norman M. MacLeod

The flow of news across Par- han a little interes liament Hill during the past | LP.'s For at the pa week or so has been emphasiz- lanadian atomic a ing to the M.P.'s in a particu- hesitating a bit he larly forceful and realistic way courses. Hitherto the the new sort of competitive has been targetted. world in which 20th Century military ends, with the Canada is living.

Since Parliament has been cilities. But with the concerned mainly with routine, parent easing of distance most of the interest has been sions, there has been centering in the conference of to direct it towards the Big Four in Berlin, Tabling economic uses, As a of the year's estimates, with fact, the fear has be their increase of more than \$50,- on Parliament Hills 200,000 over fast year's figure, Canada concentrates was a timely reminder of the trial atomic research stake which this country has in find herself outstring a settled world and peaceful industrial field in a

The news from the Berlin placing steam and the meeting wasn't regarded as too a source of chee hopeful by Parliament's experts | power. on foreign affairs. Some satis- So there you have faction was expressed in the fact | neglects military that the four powers at last were search at the risk of a sitting down around the same dustrial atomic research table. But underneath that limited foundation for hope, there was the uneasy fear that they were meeting simply to disagree, And that prospect was faced as a doubtful improvement over the previous situation.

But the most depressing feature of the news in the minds of the M.P.'s during the week was the word from Moscow that Isvestia, the official Soviet news organ, had published two ar- New address: 303 24 ticles dealing with progress in the perfection of atomic weapons. The articles presumably were by way of warning to America. They told of rockets capable of being launched against American cities, of other atomic weapons capable of bein taunched against the American coasts from submarines.

The articles were at least mildly blood-chilling. The minimum inference which they suggested was that the present was no time for the Western powers to relax the intensity of their military atomic research.

With Canada a major partner in Western democracy's atomic, research, this situation has more

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risk of her economics new choice which to state faces between mo industrial competition one fraught with greater than any in tively simple past.

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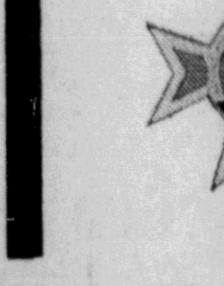


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