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At Last Some Action

\\//ITHOUT the slightest sign of fuss or fury, W there has been announced in city council a project infinitely more worthwhile than past proposals which have consumed hours and days of useless debate.

It is the five-year public works program for roads and sidewalks made known by Alderman Krueger, chairman of the board of works committee.

At last there is hope that the mincing, peevish approach to civic improvements is being abandoned. Had this policy continued—as yet it may, unless the cue is taken—our thoroughfares and other neglected property would certainly have suffered complete disintegration while the city fathers glared hotly, but inertly, at each other.

Perhaps optimism is premature, but it is also forgivable. After months of much talk and no action, the citizens of Prince Rupert were forced to the sad realization that at the city hall they had a good comic opera but little administration. While a few council members did their best, the hammy dialogue of the character parts was too much for them.

Although admittedly Alderman Krueger's plan has not yet progressed far enough to excite any dramatics, there is a businesslike intent in the proposal which has a pleasant effect on ratepayers' jaded nerves and gives rise to the encouraging thought that the worst is over.

The proposal also centres attention on the important duties of the works superintendent who is making a study of the repairs and improvements needed. In all such cases the success of a project depends primarily on the recommendations of the expert who conducts the original survey. If the recommendations are not made with thoroughness and intelligence, there is no hope that the project will fare any better. In this particular instance we are confident that the work will be capably carried

Announcement of the plan is a hopeful introduction to the council's new term. We look forward to the rest of the show being just as good.

Mr. Gordon Scores a Point

W/HY CANNOT Canadians have spectacular W streamlined trains like the Americans do?

The question, which is a pertinent one, is often | hospital regions, complete with asked of any railwayman unfortunate enough to get caught in a crowd intent on comparing transportation systems.

If he is at loss for an answer, one has just been supplied by the Canadian National Railways' chairman and president, Donald Gordon. The answer is \$680 million.

Mr. Gordon did not put it so briefly but he did state that was the loss to American railroads in their passenger operations last year. While the figure, as he explained, is an overall one brought about by many factors which make the U.S. passenger business a losing game, the dramatic appearance of the American trains must be considered as one of the important expenses involved.

To put streamliners on the road, trains must be purchased in whole sets in the same way that toy trains are bought. To use the technical wording, they are articulated units. If their individual coaches or sleepers are mixed with standard equipment, the phole dazzling effect is lost.

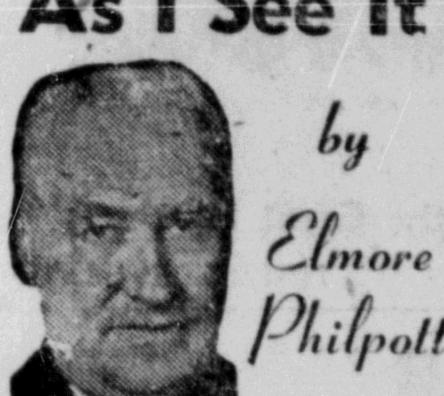
In operations over broad areas, the arrangement has costly disadvantages. Segregating the standard equipment from the streamlined units at every marshalling point on the system would become a nightmarish problem without doing much one way or another for the passengers who, if they are comfortable inside the train, could not care less what it looks like outside.

It seems that in the case of Mr. Gordon vs. the "Super Chief," Mr. Gordon has scored a good point.

Scripture Passage for Joday

"Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus."-Col. 3:17.

Locks of the Panama Canal The Grand Banks, ancient bardment, unhampered by any a small boat for the ship was were designed by Alexander Eif- fishing grounds off Canada's At- atmospheric shield, has been to sinking, he does not search more fel, who built the famed Eiffel lantic coast, cover an area about 36,000 square miles. Tower in Paris.



Danger-Invisible Man at Work

IF THE political situation in B.C. were not so important to all Canada would be downright funny.

Since the days when knights on horseback wore iron suits. and dismounted at their peril, the expression "caught with their pants down" has told its own story.

But now for the first time in political history we see the once mighty Liberal party in B.C. 'caught with its pants down because its own most influential supporters are holding the Liberal pants down so that the Liberal party can be caught.

The same elements that com pelled the Liberals to stay in coalition with the Tories long after the rank and file detested the suicidal folly of that course are now moving heaven and earth to have the Liberals and Conservatives abdicate in the pending provincial election.

election to be fixed-in-advance, a sham battle-a straight twoway fight between Social Credit and CCF. The idea of course to annihilate the CCF in B.C.

MEANWHILE there is an eve funnier aspect to the goingson at Victoria.

even temporary Premier Bennett, who obtained office as head of a party which got 26 per cent of the votes as against 31 per cent for the CCF and 24 per cent for the Liberals.

The real Premier pro-tem is The Daily News. the INVISIBLE MAN who tells the B.C. government what the Alberta bosses want done in B.C Day by day the evidence pile: up that the INVISIBLE MAN from Alberta is getting things done his way.

Alberta has no full time Labor Relations Board-so B.C. must scrap its full time board which saved this province score of millions of dollars in wage earned and goods produced because unnecessary strikes were prevented. A new, part-time board is to be set up-that is. if the INVISIBLE MAN can find conciliators to work for the daily allowance-which is twothirds what a good plumber now gets.

Alberta has no province-wide hospital insurance-so B.C. must scrap its own plan (endorsed by 55 per cent of the voters) and adopt a variation of the hit and-miss Alberta plan-even including a whole new scheme of brand new extra taxes. The IN-VISIBLE MAN has whispered.

WE CAN GET a good idea what by all. the INVISIBLE MAN has in January. store for B.C. tomorrow by examining what some of the Alberta rulers were saying a few weeks back. At Kingsville, On tario, Mr. Solon Low told church group:

"The people of Alberta bene fited 12 times more from a gross revenue of \$89 millions from oil and gas than did the people of British Columbia from a lumber industry with a gross revenue of \$525 millions." (Windsor Daily

Star report, December 6.) Only a fool could fail to see the significance of that. INVISIBLE MAN is grabbing the axe to do to forestry-the basic enough to keep it indefinitely. industry of B.C.—what has al- Nowhere else in Canada—or the ready been done to hospitals labor relations.

Space Experts Debunk Moon Dust Theories

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)-Writers of love songs take note: the

sicists have backed the song- has said a word about coa. writers in the theory that the Where do we get off at, con moon was covered with a thick cerning John L. Lewis? layer of dust. However, Dr. Konrad J. Buettner, space expert, told the American Physical So- in an hour than others can in ciety that his observations show a week. that instead of dust, the surface of the moon is covered with a ONCE WAS ENOUGH spongy honeycomb of rock and

and distant stars bombarding timate. Well, when a fellow fine honeycomb,



CARTOONIST ARCHIE DALE of the Winnipeg Free Press has been poking fun at the foibles of mankind-particularly politicians-for more than a half-century. The Scottish-born veteran newspaper man, now 70, started cartooning on the Courier of Dundee in his native city. The cartoon has him at his drawing board with some of the well-known personalities and characters who have been his favorite subjects. They are, left to right: former Prime Minister R. B. Bennett; John Bracken, former premier of Mani oba; the late J. S. Woodsworth, founder of the CCF party; the late William Aberhart, first Social Credit premier of Alberta; former Prime Minister Mackenzie King. Second row, left to right: Lord Haw Haw; Big Business; Old Man Manitoba, and The Little Fellow. Around Archie are two sprites he calls the Doo Dads.

They want the provincial Cartoonist, Now 70, Still Enjoys Poking Fun at Foibles of Mankind

"Thank you!"

helpful to us.

public support which was so

PROTESTS MAYOR'S

STATEMENT

shall not be unchallenged and

to the attention of both

too late for contradicting before

the election day, unfair as well.

In conclusion, we wish to state

that, although this Council did

not nominate any candidates in

the recent civic election, the four

men running who are labor men,

ministrators of this city will have

enough dignity to refrain from

such accusations against other

citizens who may wish to take

Trades and Labor Council

interest in civic affairs.

A. WALLIN.

Vice President,

Prince Rupert

Deputy Postmaster General.

W. J. TURNBULL.

Editor, Daily News:

WINNIPEG O - Cartoonist gained by outlasting almost all Now 70, he gives no indication ing system Archibald Dale is known around the characters which have sprung of ever quitting the Canadian cient to be an efficient arm the Winnipeg Free Press as "the from his acrid pen and drawing political scene from which most government economic policy indestructible man," a title board.

L'ETTER BOX

GOOD CO-OPERATION

masters of Canada and the postal again the case this year, when who first appeared in the staffs generally, express our ap- more than 250,000,000 individual Grain Growers' Guide. preciation of the very great items were handled. Careful A WITTY SCOT assistance extended to us by the planning and greatly augmented public in mailing early during staffs are, of course, necessary to the Christmas season which has cope with such a flood of mail in an atmosphere of cigarette

According to reports already received from many of the offices across Canada, the co-operation given by the public was greater than ever before, and as result most offices were able to complete their deliveries by Christmas Eve

There is great satisfaction in

Reflects and Reminisces

'A jug of wine, an outboard, 60 days, and thou."-Newspaper headline. A good time was had! But it was June, not

THE IMPORTANT POINT

A feminine columnist observe that "no girl should accept her first proposal." It's quite poscil this year. sible the former neglected know something about her fiance's finances. Bradstreet's rating, for example. Anyway

There's a prospect of Casa Loma, Toronto's \$1,700,000 castle being destroyed unless certain The repairs to cost \$75,000 are made Toronto is large and rich continer.t-is there any place of the things which have relike this. Multitudes of tourists cently transpired that we have and others rejoice in wandering an element in the council and through it. Casa Loma is mag- presently running for office that nificent. But why should it he represents a group which the razed because of gradeur? Let's whole of Canada-and the westkeep something worth looking ern world-at this time is fightat even in the face of a nation- ing against." wide housing shortage.

WHAT'S JOHN L. SAY? Most American cities are re- Mayor and the public that the quiring landlords to maintain Trades and Labor Council conminimum temperatures in moon is not covered with moon- apartments. It should be 68 and be between September or Octo-Many astronomers and geophy- ber until May or June. No on

The hundreds of passengers aboard the SS Princess Kathleen This, he explained, is caused by are claiming losses, the total of heavy cosmic rays from the sun which exceeds the company esthe moon for a million or more told, around daybreak hour on years. The effect of the bom- a wet morning to hustle into turn the moon surface into a than once, to see if he's leaving anything behind, -

and is called Archie. being able to record such a re- member his work from their the New Deal policies which the will leave for Prince Rupen sult. For many years, the volume | chilhood, especially Doc Saw- Roosevelt administration was January 24. of Christmas mail has been bones. Old Man Grouch and pioneering. Some of them, he May I, on behalf of the post- steadily increasing and this was other immortals of the Doo Dads knew, would have to be adopted

would have counted for little if have centred on Western Can-

Most of his cartoons, conceived

(CP PHOTO)

the public had not co-operated ada, by observing the suggested mail- A short, thick-set man with ing dates. The public, therefore, spectacles and green eyeshade deserves the credit for what we he started his cartooning at 17 have been able to accomplish on the Courier of Dundee, his To one and all I wish to say birthplace in Scotland

In 1908, after a spell on The heip also generously ac- Glasgow paper, he left for Cancorded, as in other years, by the ada and a homestead in the Cabinet approval. But it has newspapers is also deeply appre- Touchwood Hills of Saskatcheciated. By publicizing the various wan

mailing dates and other pertinent Hands blistered by the plow icies which ultimately become information, the newspapers handle changed his mind about translated into terms of taxes to assisted greatly in assuring the homesteading. He came to Win- be paid by the people have or nipeg and worked for two years | iginated. on the Grain Growers' Guide. then moved to the Free Press

TRIP HOME

boom of 1910 provided a trip trol by experts which had been home where he worked for the built up within the Finance De-Manchester Guardian.

It is the wish of the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council War he left for the United mean more control by the polthat Mayor Whalen's statements States and put his Doo Dads into iticians, less by the experts. But on the eve of the civic election years he returned to Winnipeg ceivably will suggest what the motion to this effect was passed and moved his drawing board answer is going to be. at the first meeting of said coun- into the Free Press. He has been there ever since. The Mayor in his statements

Of all the political figures to instructed the voters of Prince appear in Archie's cartoons, he Rupert whom to elect and also liked best to draw the late R. B. whom they must not elect. The Bennett. Another favorite w names of those desirable in the Mackenzie King.

eyes of the Mayor were named Agriculture Minister James while those not desirable were Gardiner still is one of the mostnot named. Nevertheless, the caricatured figures on the Free readers were not left in doubt Press editorial page. But Archie as to those undesirables' identity. has never forgiven the person who "did him in" on one Gar-"It is quite evident from some diner cartoon.

MECHANICAL MIX-UP

Archie showed Mr. Gardiner in the cartoon standing on his head when all around him was right side up. Through some quirk, the cartoon got in the paper upside down, indicating that Mr. Gardiner was right and This protest is a bit delayed everyone else wrong. but it is not too late to bring it

Desite an occasional ferocity in his cartoons, Archie peaceful man. It always surprises \$5,000,000 from the federal govhim when someone reacts vio- ernment for Trans-Canada siders such statements ill ad- lently and starts calling him Highway work. vised and erroneous, and, coming names over the telephone. So far he hasn't been harmed physically but he's had some close calls.

Long experience has given him an effective technique for dealing with callers. As soon as the caller-who usually refuses to Some visitors can stay longer are known respectfully in the Archie reminds him at least he council and are certainly not had the courage to put his name known as enemies of this coun- on the cartoon.

Then he hangs up, rolls a cig-We hope that the chief ad- arette and goes back to the ministrator as well as future ad- drawing board.

Fred E. Dowdie

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OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Compared with the usually controversial and frequently spectacular Department of National Defence, the Department of Finance is a drab operation at best. But that doesn't prevent it from being currently the focal spot of attention for some of Parliament Hill's most experienced and competent observers. They sense shrewdly that no other activity in the entire realm of government is of equ long-range importance to the taxpayers, businessmen, and workers of the nation. The issue of immediate in

terest is whether, with the dramatic passing of the late Dr. W Clifford Clark as Deputy Minister, the Finance Ministry will through the past two decades for mounting bureaucracy? Unshy, and only moderately assertive Kenneth W. Taylor will the at Winnipeg. department experts continue to hold the reins of policy? Or will before managed currencies, involved central banking techforeign exchange con international monetary created the economic mysterie which raised the experts to

BEGAN WITH "R. B." Comparatively early in the de-

decided that the Canadian bankof his themes are taken. For an emergency. So he created the house at Lake Kathlyn for more than 50 years, government Bank of Canada and raided the Booth Fisheries Compa officials, their foibles and poli- Royal Bank for its most promis- Prince Rupert. cies have been the subjects of ing rising executive - Graham his lampooning. He signs Arch Towers-to be its head. At the The formal opening of the same time, he realized the so-| Court House has been postpa Some older Canadians will re- cial and political implications of for one week and T. D. Pa correlate Ottawa and Washing- the timbering industry ton economic policies in such 2, looked for in the district. way as to evolve a blend that All of our own efforts, however, smoke and sharp Scottish wit, would meet distinctive Canadian

pointment of Messrs Towers and financing for the pulp m Clark the experts have held Prince Rupert. sway over the Finance Ministry. True, they have been subject to a the limitation that their recomwith the Cabinet, that the pol-

WAS KEY FIGURE

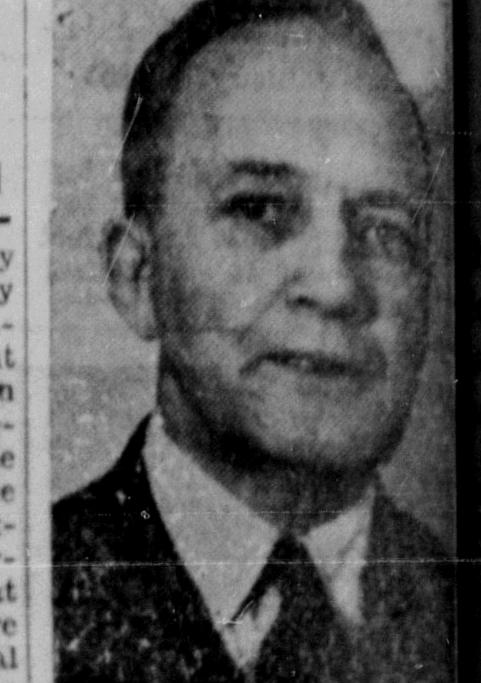
At all times the late Dr. Clark | connaissance and photogra was recognized as figuratively UN technical assistance A windfall from the real estate | the keystone of the arch of conpartment. His tragic death could At the end of the First World make a big difference. It could a syndicated strip. After five will it? The coming budget con-

Socreds Plan Biggest Road Work Program

VICTORIA (CP) - The biggest highway development program in the history of the province is being planned by the provincial government, an authoritagovernment source said

The road program, to which government experts now are putting final touches, is said to exceed the 1952-53 allotment of \$12,500,000 for capital projects.

The government also received Dibb Printing Co. 5,000,000 from the federal gov-



agent for the Canadian Pass Railway Company since B has been named general cisagent for the Company's P cific region with headquag at Vancouver. The apointm was effective January 1 Cormack's appointment e almost 42 years after he menced service with the Ca dian Pacific as a junior

40 Years Ago Today Considerable damage was last night to the stock and tures in Martin O'Reilly's ing store through water flowing from a tap which been left running all night

According to barometer cations milder weather pression thirties Conservative sight. Today's temperature

30 Years Ago Today

20 Years Ago Today A. E. Parlow, district for

Word has been received city from Frank L. Buckley ! he is just as confident as ever being able to arrange for

10 Years Ago Today

Hills, trustees, advise School Board last nigh King Edward and Seal Schools are overcrowded Booth Memorial is fairly the permissable range

pupils per room. EAST SURVEY

TEHRAN (CP)—Using have been able to survey po development of Iran's water sources in only two months result of the experts'

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