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Lesson Of Sandspit

THE FACT seems apparent that, had there been more adequate life saving facilities at Sandspit air station, which, in the meantime at least, is becoming increasingly used as a commercial air centre, a great many more lives would have been saved from the crash of the Korean airlift DC4 which overshot the air strip and crashed into the sea three-quarters of a mile from shore.

A tiny vessel little more than a skiff with outboard motor, due to the valiant work of its two operators, succeeded in saving seven lives, bringing them ashore from the freezing sea two at a time.

Almost certainly it is to be anticipated that, as a result of the investigation into this shocking and close to home tragedy, such better rescue facilities will be recommended and provided.

It so happened that American soldiers and transport crew were the victims of this simple error or judgment. It might have happened to our own aircraft, with our relatives and our friends, which use the same air strip every day and often at night.

Dollar At Par

IT IS very satisfactory, yet there is nothing so very surprising about the fact, that the Canadian dollar, released sixteen months ago to seek its own level on the money market of the world, should have reached par on the New York exchange.

In fact, Canada and the United States, in business and trade, are growing closer and closer together and, as time goes on, there may be further disappearance of the barriers which have separated them but are constantly diminishing.

To Save Sterling

LONDON (C)—The countries of the British Commonwealth which deal in sterling have pledged to cut their world trade losses by late this year in an all-out drive to save the pound sterling.

A statement issued after a week-long conference announced that the Commonwealth partners agreed to spend less, earn more and work harder to give back to sterling "the strength it needs to continue as a widely-used currency."

Canada, as a dollar country, was the only member which did not make the pledge. She was represented by Finance Minister Abbott.

Decisions reached by the Commonwealth finance ministers' conference were outlined in general terms because in most cases budgetary action will be needed to implement them.

Nevertheless, there were signs that the sterling area partners were ready to put their 500,000,000 citizens on austerity rations if necessary to get their money system back into the black.

Outlining longer-term measures designed to prevent future crises, the ministers promised to work progressively towards their "definite objective to make sterling convertible."

If that goal is reached, it would mean sterling would be so strong and stable that other countries would want it as much as they today want American dollars and Swiss francs.

Nine countries took part in the talks. They were Britain, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, South Africa, Canada and South Rhodesia.

R. A. Butler, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, who presided over the conference, told a press conference the talks gave "a new lease of life to the sterling area."

ray... Reflects and Reminisces

People who say they sleep like a baby usually don't have one.

CAPITAL IS CALM

Vice in Juneau is increasing and no one appears to feel distressed. Juneau has nineteen churches and sixteen denominations. Police blandly repeat they continue a reasonable supervision over the general situation.

Last year came word that Prince Rupert might expect to receive a postal delivery service. Something similar was heard in 1950. This is 1952. We're merely mentioning it.

MAY SEE ELIZABETH!

A band of Crow Indians from Alberta, wearing the style they were accustomed to about 75 years ago, will visit England this summer. They will sport the latest in High River buckskin and may prefer pemmican to bacon.

THE MASTER FALSEHOOD!

Cold weather yarns are coming from all parts of the west and Prince Rupert, as usual, can only report that yesterday was sunny and clear, with good sleighing. It was winter, with not an exaggeration in sight.

UNUSUAL EGG

A hen here laid an egg weighing 17 1/2 ounces. Inside was a soft-shelled smaller egg with two yolks.

MARINE DIET

Most large ocean fish and sea birds live to a large extent on capelin, a close relative of the smelt.



BACK TO SERVICE—Viscount Alexander reported going to post of minister of defence in Britain.

THE LETTERBOX

COAL DELIVERIES

Daily News.

I would appreciate a few lines in the Letterbox so that I may explain to "Honest" and other interested readers the policy of Albert and McCaffery, Limited, on the matter of coal deliveries.

During the past year, four complaints have been reported to me. One was to the effect that sacks were short weight, the other three that the total number of sacks charged for was not delivered.

Some of the men carry two and on occasion three sacks at a time and it is sometimes found that people that have been checking on the amount of coal going into their bins have counted trips rather than sacks.

As a matter of interest, and for record, the inventory of Albert and McCaffery, Limited, was short at the year ending March 31, 1950, by 188 tons and by 60 tons March 31, 1951. While in terms of percentage on the volume handled, this is a small loss, it does support any argument that might be put up by the staff when replying to complaints on the amount of coal in each sack.

As far as the matter of customers being short delivered is concerned, I have implicit faith in the honesty of the drivers. That is one of the main reasons that they are driving for the firm. People, however, sometimes do make mistakes, and on occasion a driver will report in that he has a sack over and does not know which customer was short.

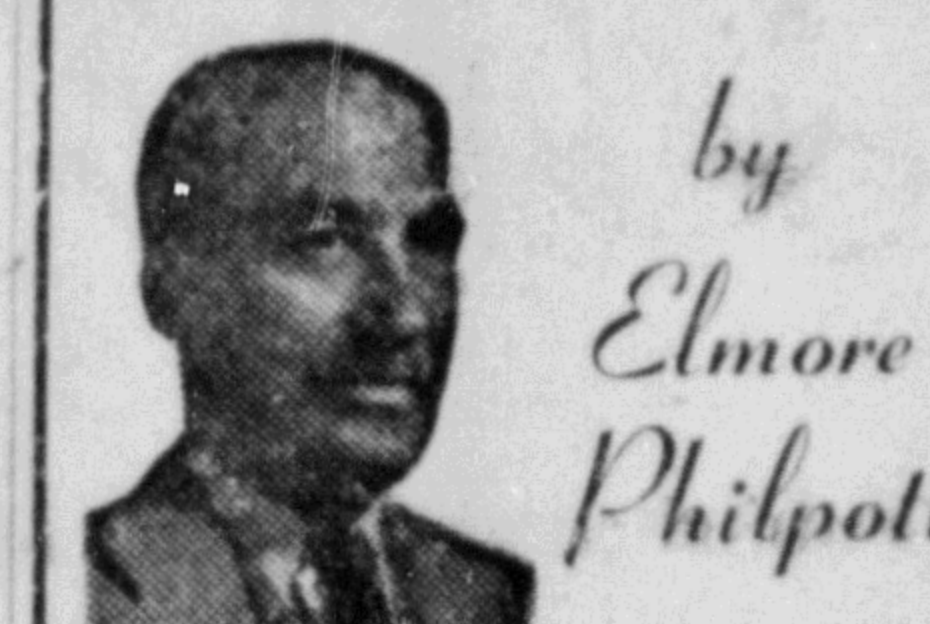
Colonel Cody was the first to ever stage a wild west whoop-cripp, overseas. This must have been all of seventy-five years ago. Buffalo Bill scored. The show was a knockout. Everyone, from Royalty down, saw it with the greatest of satisfaction.

STABILIZATION BUTTER

MONTREAL.—Minister of Agriculture James G. Gardiner told the Canadian Federation of Agriculture here today that a reserve of 18,500,000 pounds was being maintained as a price stabilization measure.

A. D. VANCE, Manager, Albert and McCaffery, Limited.

As I See It



Down Ship's Ladder

HAVE you ever wondered why ships' officers roar out that warning for all non-passengers to get ashore before sailing time?

Well, now I know. Two pert ladies who live in Ocean Falls ignored the double warning over the loud speakers of the good CN ship Prince George. There was great consternation in mid-harbor when it was discovered they were still aboard the Vancouver-bound vessel.

There was a sharp succession of whistle toots. Finally out from shore came a launch. A ladder was lowered and the gals climbed down. In story books the skipper would have been giving out with a string of cuss words which would have made even the watching loggers blush.

THE passengers aboard this ship were sobered and saddened by the news of the crash of a U.S. plane, homebound from Korea. We are just a stone's throw from the tip of the Queen Charlotte Islands, where the plane overshot the landing field.

It was as certain as anything can be in this uncertain world. Captain Carlsen's feat in sticking with his water logged ship almost till it sank beneath the waves made more sense than Skipper Bess Johnson's attempt to stick to the coalition ship long after it was clear that more than half the members of his coalition crew had bored big holes in the bottom of the ship, preparatory to finally scuttling her at the precise moment they could bag cash in on the political salvage.

DREW PEARSON has written a blast against Canada which I did not see in any U.S. paper which regularly carries his syndicated column, but which appears in The Nippon Times, Tokio, Japan, December 25, 1951. He complains that Canada cut down on aluminum shipments to U.S.A. in order to get U.S.A. to ship more steel to Britain. Thus: "As proof that this is a cold-blooded squeeze play, Canada

has doubled its aluminum shipments to Australia, Brazil, Uruguay, and even Argentina at a time when it strangled the aluminum flow to this country (U.S.A.). Meanwhile the Canadian squeeze has accomplished its purpose and forced the U.S. to swap American steel for British aluminum."

WELL, even if the above is true—so what? We in the British Commonwealth are learning the hard way that we get on best with Uncle Sam if he learns "we know how to horse trade." Even the best U.S. friend we British ever had, Franklin Roosevelt, drove one of the hardest bargains in history.

In exchange for fifty overage destroyers he got for U.S.A. naval bases in British territory all over the Atlantic. Big nations have fought wars for what Roosevelt got in that sharp swap.

Incidentally, the deal of which Drew Pearson complains is peanuts compared with the one whereby Mr. Churenil was allowed to buy a million tons of steel in return for U.S. right to buy 55,100,000,000 pounds of Canadian aluminum and 20,000 tons of Malay tin.

CHANGING TIMES

SANTIAGO, Chile (Reuters)—Robinson Crusoe would never know his island now. The Isle of Juan Fernandez, commonly known as Crusoe's Island, is getting electricity. A generator with gasoline motor and other equipment has just been shipped to the little island.

Pressing War Against Flu

LONDON (C)—Assistance of family physicians throughout the United Kingdom is being enlisted by the ministry of health in a concerted drive against the scourge of influenza.

In an effort to find out more about the disease which annually exacts a heavy toll of life, the ministry has asked doctors in general practice to act as "spotters" by promptly reporting any abnormal outbreak of influenza. The patients afflicted will then be examined by specialists in an attempt to identify the virus that is active.

Ministry spokesmen said the move was not being made because of any fears that an epidemic was imminent. It was merely part of a plan to build up and improve the information service.

"We are also profiting by the experiences of last winter," he added. "Then two areas, Newcastle and Liverpool, were severely hit but through lack of an organized spotting system we were never able to confirm the actual strain of the virus or check how far it spread to other parts of the country."

In co-operation with the medical research council, a new vaccine, grown in eggs, is to be tried out experimentally this winter. The object is to ascertain whether the injection of this vaccine causes any strengthening of the protective substances in the human blood stream.

Advertisement for a new washer, 'The Inglis Model 4139', priced at \$159.00. Features include automatic pump, porcelain enamel tub, lifetime lubrication, quiet as a whisper, level safety wringer, and year guarantee.

SHERIFF'S SALE notice in the County Court of Prince Rupert, held at Prince Rupert. Between Social Security and Municipal Aid Tax Act and Albert & McCaffery Limited, and P. H. Linzey, Plaintiffs, and Frank Yanitski, Defendant. The sale includes household furniture, tools, and other personal effects.

DOUGHTY SURGEON advertisement for Dr. A. Louw, mentioning his experience in various operations and his location at Steeplechase racing.

Advertisement for bottled beer, featuring 'FREE Delivery COD' and '65¢' price point.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBE advertisement, listing various routes and subscription information.

Large advertisement for 'THESE ARE THE DAILY NEWS LITTLE MERCHANTS', listing numerous routes and subscription details.

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT PUBLIC NOTICE advertisement regarding a critical water shortage and the Savoy Hotel under new management.