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## Need Facts About Cemetery

IT IS with concern that we notice it has been found necessary to engage a new caretaker for the cemetery. Although the duties there are of a limited nature, the position has its own special importance. A well-kept cemetery is a visual pleasure as well as being a source of gratification for those whose memories it holds.

The caretaker who is being replaced is a young man named F. G. Pritchard. He is not well known about town but, to judge from the appearance of the cemetery, he is a diligent and competent worker. Recently, for reasons of his own, he had a part in a police case which led to the sentencing of two taxi-drivers for unlawfully keeping liquor for sale. While this is somewhat unexpected for one whose duties and domicile are so far removed from the centre of activity, we cannot see that it would have any bearing on whether or not his work was satisfactory.

Although it is not reasonable to suppose that a full report must be made every time a city employee submits his resignation, a change in the position of cemetery caretaker raises questions of public interest. Is the pay sufficient for a capable man? Are the conditions of work satisfactory? If the answers to these are in the negative, what is needed to improve the situation?

If there are difficulties in connection with this particular job, they should be made known. The intimate associations which the cemetery has for so many make this a matter of considerable importance.

## Tourist Service Week

THIS week every community in Canada which believes it has a special attraction for visitors will have something to say about it because the period is being celebrated as Tourist Service Week. Sponsored by the Canadian Tourist Association, the occasion is so named to emphasize that tourism is one of Canada's most important industries.

Locally the week is well timed as it comes just when the recently organized Prince Rupert Tourist Bureau has opened its bright new office at the museum where a full-time receptionist and secretary, Mrs. Jocelyn Bolton, is in charge. This step to show more interest in visitors, and attract others, is already bringing results. Mrs. Bolton reports that her brochures and travel folders are going like popcorn at a circus. The museum visitors' book (Mrs. Bolton is also curator for the museum) is taking on a well used look and, even at this early stage of the tourist season, visitors from as far away as Ireland and Norway have added their names.

Developing interest in the museum, and the plans for a new one, are an important part of the local tourist program. But the city and its surrounding area have many other attractions to offer. If everyone makes it a personal responsibility to see that Prince Rupert is enjoyed by its visitors, these attractions will not go unsung.

## Health Minister Urges U.S. Not To Restrict World Trade

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Hon. Paul Martin, Canadian health minister, today urged the United States not to place restrictions on international trade.

He expressed the hope for more Canadian exports to the U.S. in an address prepared for delivery before the annual convention of Kiwanis International.

But he added that Canadians are "naturally disturbed" when those we do business with raise tariff barriers, impose import quotas or subsidize domestic industries for the purpose of keeping competitive products out of the country.

Mr. Martin said Canada hopes the new joint U.S.-Canadian economic committee will be able to iron out any economic difficulties between the two countries and encourage the flow of trade across the border.

Dealing with international tensions, Mr. Martin said NATO forces now are strong enough to make an aggressor think twice about taking them on.

"Of course," he added, "the resulting relaxation of tension has itself been a danger to maintaining the necessary defence preparations."

"We must realize that we cannot afford, either financially or

## As I See It



by  
**Elmore  
Philbott**

### Our Big Neighbor

NOT LONG ago I received a letter from a long-time lady reader who said she was grieved to see "anti-Americanism" corroding my writings.

I think I am pretty hard boiled. Having spent most of my life in the field of controversial writing; and having done my deliberate bit to get a rise out of a good many folks on various questions, I have never objected when anybody took a good crack at me.

But that particular criticism really cut me to the quick. For it was clear evidence that I had fallen down badly in making myself clear.

IF I HAD to name one world cause which I think more important than any other cause, whatsoever, I would surely place at the top of the list the free growth of unity between all the democratic countries of the world. That cause must begin with the U.S.A. and the British world commonwealth.

The only real grievance that I have against the U.S.A. is that she is not moving toward that type of world order as quickly as I think she might.

THERE IS no doubt that American foreign policy prestige reached an all time low point at about the time when John Foster Dulles left Geneva for Washington.

There is also no doubt that such a low point was reached because the general attitudes of the present American government are such that they make such disastrous losses of prestige highly probable.

The United States, under Dulles, has been flying right in the face of all the lessons learned over a long period of years by the British Commonwealth. The main lesson, ignored by Dulles, is that, if you wish free nations to agree to a common course of action in international affairs, you have to consult constantly with those free nations.

If you "shoot" drastic new proposals at your own allies—especially when those proposals call for participation in wars, then you can expect rebuffs and rejections. If Mr. Dulles feels chagrined because his proposal for a ten power intervention in Indo-China fell flat, he might well recall what happened to Lloyd George and Churchill back in 1922. They tried to get the free members of the British Commonwealth to give them a blank cheque to go to war with Turkey over Chanak. They were turned down flat as was Mr. Dulles 22 years later.

BUT NEVER let us confuse two different things. Many Canadians, like the people of many other countries, are impatient with some of the American techniques. We resent being high-pressed or hi-jacked.

We want exactly the same type of world as does the U.S.A.—a world where every people on earth will be free to live its own life in its own way, provided only that it is willing that others are allowed to do so too.

We will not go along with Uncle Sam in any new style colonial war, in Indo-China or any place else. But if it comes to the worst—war between the U.S.A. and Russia caused by Russian aggression, Canada and all the other free democracies of the west will be in there from the start.

The facts of life have tied us to the U.S.A. If we chafe at the bonds now and again—let us think back to those awful days when Britain stood alone; and let us thank our lucky stars that the U.S.A. has forever abandoned the idea of every-man-for-himself and devil take the hindmost.

Let us never forget what this world of 1954 would be like if, instead of trying to run too much of the world, the Americans were refusing to run any of it.



**FOUR-YEAR-OLD BRIAN FUDGE** puckered up in fine style to say goodbye to his father, L/Cpl. G. A. Fudge, of Sydney, N.S., and Petawawa, Ont., when Cpl. Fudge's unit, "Dog" Squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons left for overseas earlier this week. Trained at Petawawa, the squadron will serve for a year in Korea as part of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade. Daughter Trudy, 5, and Mrs. Fudge, wait their turn to say goodbye. (National Defence Photo)

## OTTAWA DIARY

The faces of the top brass around the air force—including Defence Minister Brooke Claxton—are a little bit red these days. It's the result of a high-class snafu which occurred over the week-end.

The RCAF had invited a group of Parliamentarians to take a quick flight up to Churchill to see first-hand just how the peoples' defence dollars are being spent up in the Arctic Circle. A good proportion of the money is going there for radar screen and other protective installations. Some 50 of the MPs accepted the invitation. The idea of a first-hand glimpse of the costly Defence Department in operation appealed to them. They thought it should be an impressive sight.

Come the scheduled morning, the MPs bolted an early breakfast in the Parliamentary restaurant and were whisked out to Rockliffe Airport in Defence Department buses. The first half of the party were air-borne on schedule. The remainder waited expectantly, but nothing happened at all for an hour or more.

Then they were told that the plane which was to fly them had just arrived from Europe and would require "routine servicing." Would the MPs like to while away a half hour or so drinking morning coffee in the officers' mess?

The MPs took the hint. Their pleasure was to have the Defence Department buses come around to the door and whisk them back to the offices they had left so hopefully in the early a.m. There was no lack of conversation in the buses on the trip back to Parliament Hill. It centred mainly on the fact that, in spite of the scores of millions voted annually for the RCAF, it apparently had had to wait for the arrival of a plane from overseas to complete the modest movement planned for that day to Churchill. Many of the MPs wondered what the answer of the RCAF would be to the movement needs that actual warfare would raise.

Actually, RCAF has plenty of transport. But with Canadian troops in both Europe and Asia, the problem of maintaining the normal communications essential to those operations falls just short of being a world-girdling one. Nevertheless, the Air Force brass recognizes that the attempt to handle the movement of the MPs on a shoe-string basis was a major error in public relations. The higher-ups in the force aren't proud of what happened. And they're afraid as well it won't do the Air Force any good in Parliament.

Previous fish were shipped in refrigerator cars and transferred to cold storage before delivery.

The new system speeds up the transfer procedure and enables fresh fish to be shipped to small communities off the rail line.

## Small Bottles For Train, Boats

VICTORIA (AP)—Miniature bottles of liquor will be used on CPR and CNR boats and trains in British Columbia when lounges go into operation on or about May 24, railway officials said Saturday night.

The transportation companies will serve alcoholic beverages from bottles holding approximately 1 2-3 ounces of liquor each. The steward will bring the bottle, break the seal in the presence of the customer, then pour.

## VICTORIA REPORT

By J. K. NESBITT

VICTORIA — Matthew Bailey Begbie, British Columbia's first judge, is frequently called "the hanging judge."

Sydney G. Pettit, associate professor of history at Victoria College, who has dug into the life of Begbie, says the term is wrong, that Begbie was not a hanging judge.

At a recent meeting of B.C. Historical Association, Professor Pettit told how the term "hanging judge" came about.

He said that the Cariboo was populated by hordes of miners, many of them rough, carrying weapons and ready to shoot anyone who got in their way.

Governor Douglas was gravely concerned and asked London for a judge. Sir Edward Lytton picked on Begbie, and it's reported Lytton said that British Columbia needed a man who would take an American gunman and string him to the nearest tree.

That, according to Prof. Pettit was the start of "the hanging judge" business.

Begbie, himself, added to the legend. On one occasion he was trying a man accused of murder; the jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter.

This enraged Begbie, and he's reported to have said: "Prisoner: It is far from a pleasant duty for me to have to sentence you only to imprisonment for life—your crime was unmitigated, diabolical murder. You deserve to be hanged! Had the jury performed their duty I might now have the painful satisfaction of condemning you to death and you, gentlemen of the jury, you are a pack of Dalles horse thieves, and permit me to say it would give me great pleasure to see you hanged, each and every one of you, for declaring a murderer guilty only of manslaughter."

After that, the lawless element called Begbie "the hanging judge," and the name has lived, and been played up by some historians.

However, Prof. Pettit insists Begbie did not rejoice in executions, that there were few in his day, and that he deplored them. Begbie, said Prof. Pettit, may have been a stern judge, and an unorthodox judge, but he was just, and not a hanging judge.

## Scottish Seaman Shot in Montreal

MONTREAL (AP)—A 25-year-old Scottish seaman was shot to death early Sunday in a downtown office building a few blocks from where his ship was docked.

Police identified the victim as David Yeaman, a sailor aboard the freighter Cairnesk which arrived here Friday from Newcastle. Yeaman's home address was not immediately available.

## Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCE

Now and then, earthquakes occur along the Pacific coast. Not infrequently, they are of small consequence. But sometimes, a quake can scare one stiff. A few weeks ago there was a sizeable one not so far south of San Francisco. Tremors were enough to roll some folks out of bed. That's no way to start the day.

Back in April, 1906 we toiled in valorous fashion as a cub reporter on the Morning Telegraph, published in St. John, New Brunswick. One afternoon, a young man with lots of questions called at the office. What could we tell him about San Francisco, his home city? There had been a dreadful earthquake there. Hundreds believed dead. He had people there. He was a travelling man and a stranger down east. And he was anxious about his folks.

**COULDN'T SAY**  
The Morning Telegraph of St. John would have been overjoyed to have given him the latest data, but couldn't. What did the Telegraph have? Hardly anything save the fact of a great city being on fire and its streets. Away down in the Maritimes, in 1906, the glamorous and storied coast of California seemed like the other side of the universe. We couldn't tell the worried stranger anything. "But perhaps you could slip

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