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Energy Going to Waste

IT IS UNFORTUNATE that the energy expended in debating Prince Rupert's power question cannot be used for production of the power we seek.

At the same time, none will deny that here is a problem which demands our complete attention.

Assuming that the latter course is not the general wish, we must decide what new businesses the city can attract.

As the transportation terminus of a region rich in timber and minerals, Prince Rupert has much to offer a broad class of industry.

In spite of its mountainous setting, the Prince Rupert area is not blessed with great potential sources of hydro power.

Perhaps this, or something less, should be the limit of our ambitions.

On the other hand, we might raise our sights to the fact that only slightly more distant is the embryo of one of the mightiest hydro-electric developments in the world.

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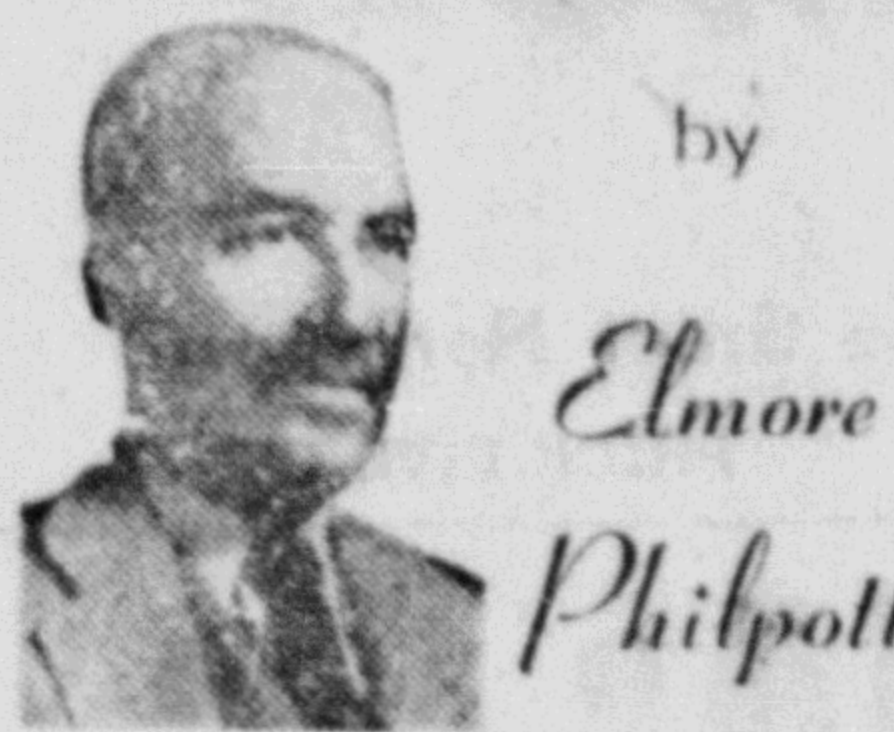
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As I See It



Those Love Letters SPRING is here on the coast. No doubt the balmy air mellowed one of my fans to write this ardent love letter:

Sir—With due respect for your age, I never heard a man who was so frustrated in all my life.

You should take a few lessons in Hindu philosophy, a man of your age certainly should have accepted a few ideas foreign to your own.

A Disgusted Canadian. Thanks and I will see George Drew gets a marked copy of this. He will be surprised to hear I am such a consistent supporter of his party.

Another bad tempered gentleman writes the paper calling me "the cretin's Kalsbrenner."

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Parliament Hill. Two or three days ago, by the merest chance met the chairman of the Wheat Board. As soon as he heard where I was from, the conversation turned to the Prince Rupert elevator.

WOMEN HANG BABIES IN CAGES OUTSIDE WINDOW

LONDON — British mothers are putting their babies in cages and hanging them outside the window.

It sounds sadistic to say the least, but the infant is placed in a sort of exaggerated position about three feet from the window and is fastened to the window sill with metal ports, and the child blithely down on the floor.

Keeping babies in cages is the idea of the Chain Club, a private organization founded 25 years ago.

Parents who use the baby plenty of fresh air, mother gets on with the work.

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