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'Vivat Elizabetha Regina'

WITH PRIDE The Daily News today presents its special Coronation issue in honor of an occasion which will go down in history as long as man inhabits the earth.

Within a few hours after this appears a lovely young woman will be crowned Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith. Throughout that realm bells will ring, guns will roar and her subjects will go slightly hysterical with jubilation.

As first sovereign to ascend the throne as Head of the Commonwealth, Elizabeth II is likely to have closer ties with her domain abroad than any other previous ruler. God granting her a long life, she is likely also to see some members of her Commonwealth become major powers in the world. Already Canada is close to attaining such rank and it is almost certain that within the century she will realize it.

For these reasons the second Elizabethan era could be as brilliant as the first for the British Empire, as it was once called. The principal difference will be that Britain herself will be not so much head of a family as partner in an association. That is not to say that she will become less, but that her dominions will become more.

Thus it is probable that the reign of Elizabeth II will be written into history in bold type. Those who speculate on the dissolution of the Commonwealth are failing entirely to assess its real strength. Together its members represent one of the greatest forces influencing the affairs of the world today. Their association takes on added power because it is a voluntary one. Separately these countries would be reduced in importance.

So we have much to celebrate tomorrow. But however great the historical significance of the occasion, our thoughts will be primarily with the Queen herself as a human with a leading part in an extraordinary drama. We wish her well as one person would another who is taking on a tremendous responsibility.

As the Queen's Scholars of Westminster School will shout tomorrow in the Abbey, "Vivat Elizabetha Regina! Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!"

POLITICAL ROUNDUP

... by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA.—In last June election it was the candidate with the least money to spend wooing the voters who won.

The big spenders—the Liberals and Conservatives—came out on the better of the heap; those with least money—Social Credit and CCFers—came out on top.

Total expenses reached about \$1,000,000. Extra, of course, was the \$750,000 the election cost to operate, the taxpayers footing that bill.

This campaign money doesn't seem to be so plentiful. All parties—even Liberals and Conservatives—are passing the hat at public meetings to help pay election costs. Campaign funds have a way of drying up when a party is down.

It was just about the same in the ridings of the north as elsewhere—the big spenders lost out.

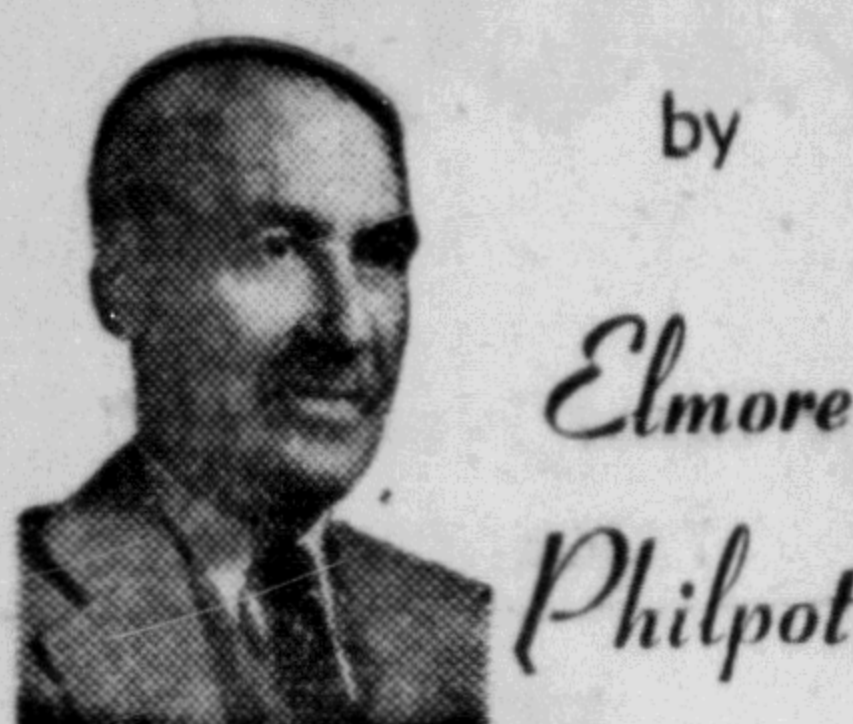
In Prince Rupert, the Liberals spent \$1,225 trying to hold the seat for John McRae. The Conservatives wanted Prince Rupert riding so badly they put out \$4,033 on T. M. Christie. Social Credit Arthur Murray spent \$333. George Hills won Prince Rupert for the CCF with expenses of \$780.

In Atlin, the Conservatives put out \$4,000 on expenses for Thomas Sutherland MacKay; the Liberals spent \$1,938 trying to get W. D. Smith elected, but Frank Calder won for the CCF with expenses of \$128—just about the lowest of any candidate in the province.

To the west of Prince Rupert riding, in Skeena riding, the big spender, E. T. Kenney of the Liberals, with expenses of \$3,338 kept the seat. The Conservatives spent \$2,801 on Frederick Macklin and the CCF \$478 on Frank Howard.

East again, in Omineca, the Conservatives were the big spenders—\$3,870 on George Ogston. The Liberals spent \$2,500 trying to keep the seat for R. C. Steele. The CCF spent \$229 on W. R. Taylor—but the low

As I See It



by

Elmore
Philpott

God Save the Queen

THE BRITISH world kingdom defies successful explanation or even definition.

Anybody can half-explain how it grew to be the greatest world power that ever existed on this earth. But at best it is a mere half-explanation.

And nobody can explain why the British world kingdom has not long since broken up, and fallen apart into bits and pieces.

Churchill, the most memorable phrasemaker of this great age of change, tossed off the wisest and wittiest comment on the strange paradox that I have seen yet:

"We lost half of it trying to keep it, and we made it infinitely greater trying to give it away."

He was of course referring to the loss of the revolting American colonies in the first part of his oup, and to the growth of the free overseas associated nations in the second.

WHEN the crown is placed upon the head of young Queen Elizabeth, she will reign over more human beings than have ever owed allegiance to any other monarch in all history.

But apart altogether from that mathematical fact, the young Queen's position is quite unique. She will reign, but she will not rule, over a single inch of the one fifth of this earth over which she holds sway.

There is not a single free nation in the British world kingdom of nations which is not free to declare itself a republic, and to cut clean loose from the Commonwealth, if it so chooses by free lawful process. Even more important, there is not one remaining non-self-governing colony within the Queen's overseas realm that does not know that it can attain full nationhood as soon as it is really ready for it.

TO ME, the British world kingdom is the finest proof in all history of the majestic truth taught by Saint John when he said, "In the beginning was the word."

Take Magna Charta. A gang of rich nobles and bishops were tired of paying such heavy taxes to a rotten, crooked king.

They ganged up on him. They got up a petition which they made the wicked king sign—for the alternative to signing was in plain sight. It was certainly to lose his throne, and probably also to lose his head.

They meant to no rich nobles like us should the king deny justice. But that is not what they said—not what they wrote.

In century after century more and more classes in Britain demanded and got themselves the "justice" and equal rights which the nobles had wrung from an unwilling king. Always they harked back to Magna Charta.

THE British world kingdom freed the slaves a full half century before slaves were freed in the U.S.A. so the British did so without shedding a single drop of blood—and with fairness to all.

You could cite dozens of examples of similar evolution.

That is why our Queen is the world's Queen of Hearts.

Jet Airliner Flies Pacific

OTTAWA.—The RCAF's first jet airliner, a \$3,000,000 Comet, touched down at Uplands Airport Friday afternoon, completing a flight from London that is believed to be the fastest trans-Atlantic crossing any transport plane has made.

The airliner took 10 hours of flying time compared with an average of 18 hours for such 3,545-mile flights by the RCAF's North Stars and 16 hours, 15 minutes by TCA planes on regular flights.

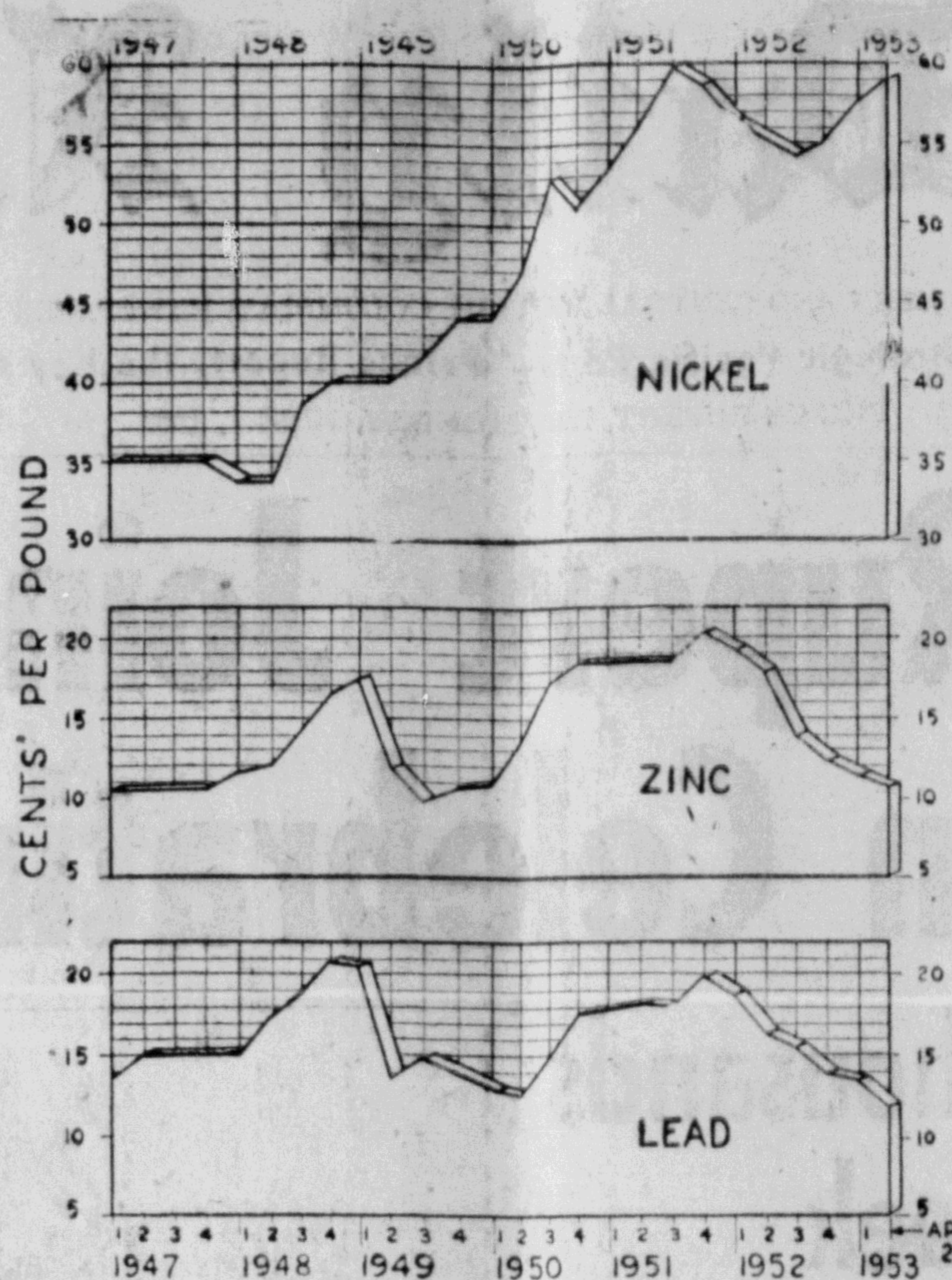
In the 1953 British Coronation service the two royal sceptres are designated sceptre with cross and rod with dove.

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DRASTIC DECLINES in lead and zinc prices during the past year are shown in this graph prepared by the Mining Association of British Columbia. These price drops have had particular significance in B.C. where lead and zinc are the most important products of the mining industry. The graph for nickel offers a dramatic contrast, since the price of that metal has continued to rise.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

There must be a thousand correspondents in London, with each trying to outdo one another in filing tiresome paeans of praise. So a story sent by a Vancouver man comes as a contrast and is refreshing. He reminds the coronation that in September, 1870, Trafalgar Square was packed with great public meetings, called by some of the nation's foremost leaders, demanding the "Republic of England"—a feeling that had long been growing. But it couldn't kill the miracle of Victoria's reign.

The other day a woman gave birth to a baby in a telephone booth. What some people will do rather than end a conversation!—Ex.

Any number of persons have long held the idea that it costs more to eat in a restaurant than aboard a dining car. Not having travelled much in recent years, we're commencing to doubt it, yet there is no substitute for fine food graciously served. The latest says breakfast 65c to \$1.75c to \$1.25 for luncheon and \$1 to \$1.50 for dinners. It even makes one think of Third Avenue.

Fifty years ago, in Eastern Canada, carpenters were on strike for a wage of 35 cents an hour. Laborers were out for 30. One did not have to go far to see a similar situation at Prince Rupert.

"PLEASE DO" For a change, Canada's 46 mounties at the coronation are being hunted. They are doing no hunting. Instead, they are wondering what to do with the flood of invitations and requests coming in from all over Britain. They are wanted for musical rides, for parties, for riding displays, for social contacts for the next few weeks. All are tied up until the end of June, at least.

A physician says that work startles children. They are some folks who never get over the scare. Nothing is harder on a woman's clothes than her enemies. —Brandon Sun.

Wm. Oatis, newspaperman, sentenced to 10 years in a Czech court, served two years and is now back home in New York. The U.S. declare the sentence a travesty on justice. Oatis looks pale, and states he'd rather talk a little later on. As for the wife, she says she is "grateful, de-

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OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

One of the situations that is giving pause to the Capital's politicians these days is the noticeable reluctance on the part of correspondents in the Parliamentary Press Gallery to court journalistic fame by picking the winner of the coming general election.

The newsmen and commentators just don't want to stick their necks out by predicting the victory of a party leader whom events may prove to be only an also-ran.

This is a rare evidence of restraint on the part of the usually enterprising Parliament Hill newsmen. Ordinarily they are less noted for their discretion in the hazardous field of political speculation than for the vigor of their opinions—which in the majority of cases have a disturbing faculty to the politicians of proving right.

At the present moment the politicians are finding the unusual neutrality of opinion amongst the correspondents more than a little disturbing. They'd give a lot—speaking, of course, in a wholly figurative sense—to know just what the new journalistic caution portends.

It's as plain as day to the high

commands of all the political parties that it's a development of major significance. As recently as six months ago the press gallery correspondents were prophesying the victory of the St. Laurent government with almost unanimous abandon. It is true that none of them today is predicting a sweeping victory for PC Leader George Drew. But the former note of expectation of triumph for the Liberals is notably absent from current despatches. The correspondents, when they write gingerly on the subject of election prospects, are showing an interesting disposition to play it safe by hinting darkly that no individual party may win—that the next government may have to be formed by some process of coalition after the election.

Experienced party strategists have learned to have a whole respect for press gallery reactions on the grounds that they generally have been found to reflect public psychology to a degree that, for practical purposes, is highly accurate. Nature

ally, therefore, the Liberals are more disturbed than they admit publicly over the increasing premonitions of a minority result. They don't relish the possibility of a coalition to stay in power. Long years of a steamroller majority have developed a distaste for compromise of any kind.

The result down in Nova Scotia furthermore, wasn't sufficiently clear-cut to be reassured to federal Liberal majority. The PQ gains against the strong Angus L. Macdonald regime obviously don't suggest that cause that is generally conceded to be considerably weaker should become optimistic.

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