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Socreds Getting Mandate

WHETHER one is pleased or not with the developing results of the provincial election, there is this single overriding consideration—B.C. appears at last to be on its way to having a government in firm control.

As the dramatic story unfolds, it becomes evident that the people meant what they said at the last election and are now underlining it. Barring some strange development in the mechanics of the alternative vote, they are giving the Social Crediters a definite mandate which will oblige that party to settle down without more ado to the tough and demanding business at hand. The fair chance which Premier Bennett asked for is being provided. The public can now expect action of the most emphatic and useful sort.

Locally it is apparent that the voters felt less generous. If the present trend is sufficient indication, this riding will again be represented in the opposition. No doubt there are a number of reasons for this, but we suggest one is that the Social Credit government of the past did not show itself particularly impressed with our potentialities up here. Certainly not much attention was turned in our direction.

If the Social Crediters are returned, we earnestly hope that this will be corrected. Our progress will contribute to the whole province's.

Meanwhile, without forfeiting their right of censure, the constituencies of this area will assuredly give the new government their full support whether they are represented in it or not. Right now leadership is needed far more than abuse.

Good Neighborliness

A PLEASANT instance of good neighborliness between our friends in Alaska and ourselves was provided with inauguration yesterday of a new service by Queen Charlotte Airlines between Prince Rupert and Ketchikan.

Those who were on the special trip to Ketchikan were somehow made to feel they were the most welcome visitors to be received in the city for a long time. There was genuine enthusiasm that another communication link was being forged between the two cities and a real hope that the citizens of each would spend more time exchanging visits.

Good neighborliness not only featured the trip but made the whole service possible, for the air route is being pioneered jointly by QCA and Ellis Air Lines, of Ketchikan, who combined their efforts to start the operation and are sharing their facilities. Rarely does one find a competitive situation handled in such a friendly manner.

A fine international spirit is being shown up here on the coast, and it is hoped that we neighbors will get to know each other still better.

LETTERBOX

CAMERA TELLS ALL
The Editor,
The Daily News:

There was a letter in Tuesday's letterbox column headed "Flags Have Meaning" which was signed by Jean Aird.

The letter states, in part, "... out of step sailors and the absence of the White Ensign

"May I suggest that Miss Aird, and all other persons whose observation is not up to par, take a good look at the picture in the top right-hand corner of the left hand panel of photographs taken of the Coronation Day parade which are on display in Van Meer Studio window?"

This photograph shows no evidence of the color party being out of step, or the absence of the White Ensign.

When one stops to consider that in this photograph which was taken with an American camera, on film made to an American formula, and printed on paper made to an American formula, and that the Stars and Stripes (if you can see it) was closer to the camera than the White Ensign, one is forced to realize that our naval ensign must have been most prominent in the parade to offset the preponderance of Americanism connected with the photograph.

On closer inspection of the photograph it will be noted that the White Ensign, owing to the

slope of the staff, is actually ahead of the Stars and Stripes in the parade. And if you are not too blind, you will notice that all seven of the naval personnel in the color party are most perfectly in step—look at their left feet just leaving the ground in perfect unison!

I think that if you take the trouble to inquire you will find that in Queen's Regulations the place in a parade for the flag of a visiting unit from a foreign service is to the left of the flag of our own service unit.

BOB CHADWICK.

Fire Threatened Indian Village

CREEKSIDE, B.C. —Arrival of fire fighting equipment from Pemberton, seven miles away, saved this Indian village from destruction.

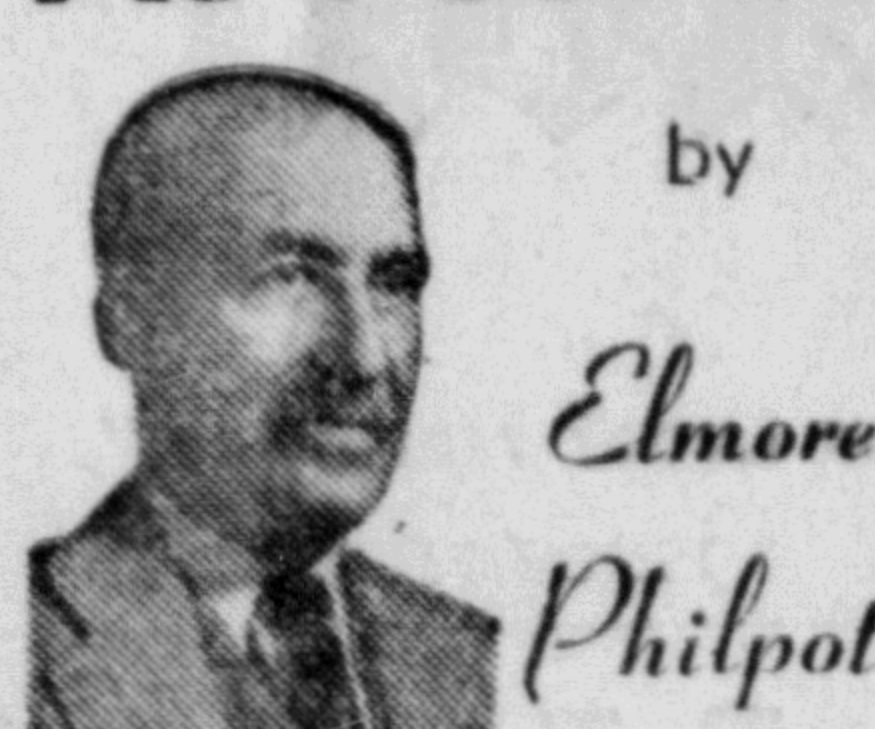
Fire destroyed the mission church and community hall and one home before it was controlled. There were no injuries.

Creekside is 62 miles north of Squamish on the PGE railway. It has a population of 500.

More than 50 homes were threatened by the fire.

Trinidad, most southerly of the West Indies, lies only seven miles from Venezuela.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

This Year See B.C.

IT IS STRANGE but true that when the people of British Columbia go away on their summer vacations they pour south across the border, hell-bent for Hollywood.

Yet B.C. itself is one of the finest lands in all the world to travel in.

In B.C. you can get just about any kind of holiday fun you want. If you want a nice relaxing sea trip, with a sure-fire guarantee that you won't get more than one or two hours' rough water on the entire journey, there is the voyage to Prince Rupert. The whole Skeena is a wonderful country to explore.

If you want to travel by boat, bus or train you can pick any one of a hundred wonderful places for a holiday. Vancouver Island sea-bathing is unequaled anywhere in the world.

Our family holds out points—the majority holding out for the Cariboo country, around Lake Canim. But I am an unshakable Rocky Mountain fan myself—Radium Hot Springs being my favorite spot, especially in early or late summer, when the crowds are not too dense.

THERE are dude ranches galore in B.C. for those who like dude ranches. You can be as lazy or as energetic as you choose.

There are camps for millionaires. But one grand thing about holidaying in B.C. is that you can stretch just about any size of purse into a really grand holiday.

B.C. has a whole network of government-run picnic spots and camping grounds. You can spend two weeks or two months travelling by car throughout B.C. If you carry your own family tent with you, and stop at the government-provided spots, you will not need to spend a cent for hotel accommodation. For the grand outdoors there is ready and waiting. And there is no spot on all the earth finer than B.C. in summertime.

PEOPLE go to Switzerland from the ends of the earth, in wintertime.

Kashmir is held by many experts to be the loveliest beauty spot on earth, especially when the lotus is in bloom.

But with all due respect to those magnificent places, neither one of them has any greater natural beauty than has our own B.C.

The difference that I see between Switzerland or Kashmir and B.C. is that in those famous European and Asia beauty spots the natives themselves are acutely aware that they are living in a place specially favored by Old Mother Nature.

Here in B.C. we take it all too much for granted. We don't look at those mountains often enough and say, how lucky we are.

IF THE Americans (and not the Canadians) owned Vancouver they would transform it into a summer resort far more magnetic than, say, Atlantic City. We have the finest (undeveloped) beaches on earth.

It is a fact that the Americans are swarming up to B.C. while the people of B.C. are swarming to get away from B.C. We all know it is true that a change is as good as a rest.

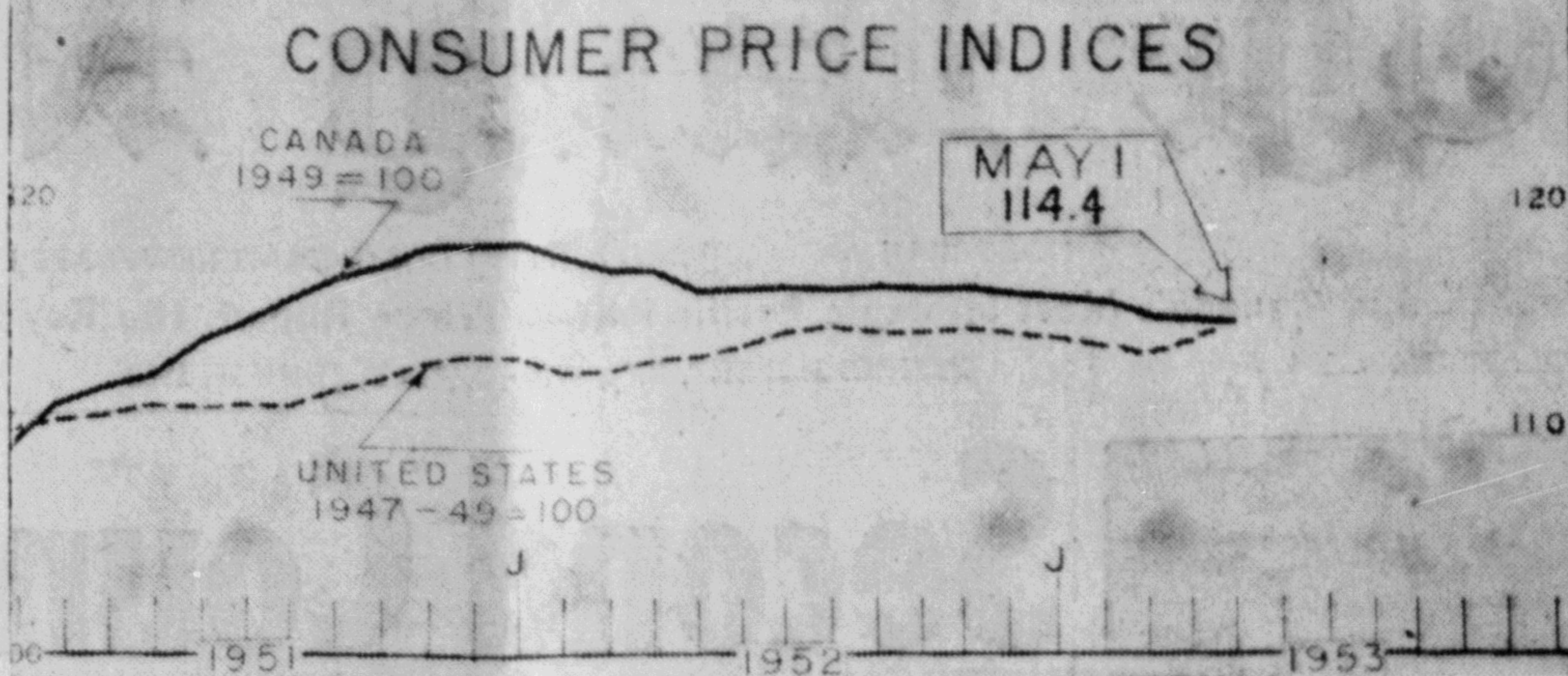
But this year, for a change—see your own country—above all see B.C.

See the Kelowna regatta. See both kinds of Kelowna peaches—the kind they grow on the trees, and the kind that pick other kind of peaches. See Nelson—where they run a wonderful figure skating school every summer.

Fish in any one of ten thousand lakes. Take the wonderful trip on the Arrow Lakes, and if you can visit the grand old gentleman and physician who runs the Halcyon Hot Springs—and who doggedly refuses to raise his rates—inflation or no inflation.

IF YOU WANT to combine a holiday with work that is fun and pays pretty well, why not try the Okanagan in fruit picking season, especially apple picking time? But for work or play—try B.C. this year!

When the ancient Greeks and Romans stopped warring in pursuit of peace, wonders of the ancient world were collected and shown at fairs, including works of art, literature and culture.



CANADA'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX declined by one-fifth of a point during April to 114.4 from 114.6, the sixth month in a row that living costs have dropped. The decline reflected lower prices for a number of food items, gasoline, and seasonal price drops for coal in Ontario and Quebec. The peak was 118.2—with 1949 prices equalling 100—was reached in December, 1951. The dotted line shows the United States consumer price index which advanced between mid-March and mid-April to 113.7 of the 1947-49 average. Living costs there now are near the peak set last November when the index was 114.3. These indices measure percentage changes in prices in each country but should not be used to compare actual levels of prices between the two countries.

POLITICAL ROUNDUP

by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA.—Out of the catcalls, the cries of liar, the personal abuse, the wild promises, the scandals and smears that have deluged B.C. the last six weeks, the poor voters, holding their heads, went to the polls yesterday to try and sort out the confusion and come up with some kind of an answer.

When historians a century from now look up the newspapers of today, they'll insist that B.C. in 1953 was inhabited by a race of madmen who screamed and ranted in the streets in the dark of midnight, trying to get elected to the Legislature, at \$3,000 a year. They'll decide that everybody kept talking and talking for weeks and weeks, and it didn't matter much what they said, as long as they said something, anything, in a Herculean wooing of the voters.

Last year but 68 per cent of the registered voters bothered turning out at the polls. Yesterday there were 229 candidates, of all parties and political beliefs, fighting for election, and all but 48 will be bitterly disappointed.

The political eyes of all Canada were on this province for the second time within a year. Not for 50 years have two general elections come so close together. The rest of the country eyed this province for, as B.C. goes, so could well go the rest of the west in the federal election in the late summer.

B.C. has often shown the way, and the bandwagon idea quickly catches on. It was this province that gave the CCF its first great strength, but now what?

If Social Credit wins it'll be in power for at least eight years—two legislative terms. If it goes down that will be the end of it. That's why Liberals and CCFers were so desperately anxious for victory. They know it's now, or not for a long time. Social Crediters know it's now, or never.

Take a last look at some of the election promises:
CCF—More for the taxpayers from development of natural resources; socialization (government control) of the B.C. Electric, breweries, in time the \$500,000,000 aluminum industry at Kitimat.

Conservatives—A glass of milk every day for all B.C.'s public school children; equal pay for equal work, regardless of the sex of the worker.

Liberals—\$10-a-year motor licence fees; restaurant meals of any price exempt from the sales tax; no sales tax on articles under 30 cents; abolition of co-insurance.

Social Credit—10-per-cent reduction in auto licences; sales tax off restaurant meals up to \$1; removal of milk price control above the producer level; extra taxes on logging and mining profits; cocktail bars, not many, rigidly supervised, with bright lighting, as recommended by the Stevens liquor inquiry commission.

That's a bunch of fancy

promises, isn't it? Some of them are so wild they'll never be implemented.

And the party leaders:
Arnold Webster of the CCF, 53, native of Vancouver.

Deane Finlayson of the Conservatives, 33, native of Vancouver.

Arthur Laing of the Liberals, 49, native of Vancouver.

W. A. C. Bennett of Social Credit, 52, native of New Brunswick.

Only a foolish man—or perhaps a brave one—would have tried to predict the outcome of this one. But for those who liked predicting, here's what happened last year: Social Credit, 19; CCF, 18; Liberals, six; Conservatives, four; Labor, one.

Unions Urge WCTU to Adopt Peace Program

VANCOUVER.—Adoption of a peace program will be recommended to all national unions affiliated with the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The peace program was outlined here to the 1,500 delegates from 32 countries now attending the world WCTU conference.

The recommendations include maintenance of personal attitude of universal goodwill; support of peaceful negotiations in every international dispute; support of long-range policy for peace by combating poverty, ignorance and disease by the United Nations.

Other clauses include aid to refugees, stateless persons and immigrants; fostering informed public opinion on constructive work of U.N., and a vigilant watch on press and cinema to relieve tension between nations.

Trading Vessel Runs Aground

VANCOUVER.—The 270-ton motor vessel Fort Ross, former Hudson's Bay vessel trading in the western Arctic, ran aground at low tide in a heavy rainstorm at Bear Point, 75 miles north of here, early Saturday.

No injuries were reported among the crew of 16 and the vessel was refloated, leaking, assisted by the tug Hecate Straits.

After temporary repairs, the Fort Ross headed for Vancouver under her own power.

ray ... Reflects and Reminisces

Canada, including a not insignificant number of British Columbians, scored in Coronation week sweepstakes. But then it is just as well to remember there was a queen among those present whose horse didn't win either.

Nothing is quite so disconcerting as to sit down in the shoe store and then realize that you have forgotten which sock has the hole in it.

HARDLY POSSIBLE

We liked the one that a New York columnist told about a friend who tried to get two tickets to Queen's Elizabeth's Coronation from a Broadway ticket scalper. The scalper said he could let the applicant have two seats for Westminster Abbey—but they were not together.

"Don't miss seeing Newfoundland's fine capital—Halifax," advised a United States magazine the other day. A total of 543 miles of open Atlantic separate St. John's and the Nova Scotia metropolis. But nothing is suggested as to the choice of swimming or walking.

A new vitamin has been found in hash, announces a dietitian. This should not, in the slightest degree, be surprising. If there is anywhere on earth where it ought to be discovered, surely it is there.

The persistence of Himalayan mountain climbers suggests a new exercise in comparison—ever, Everest.—Windsor Star.

GROW OLD ALONG WITH ME!

As we grow older and more decrepit, Dr. R. L. Cecil, in an address to the American Geriatric Society, has almost reconciled us to our own impending old age. He made it sound so attractive. The aged should have their small and amiable vices. Indeed, they should be encouraged to indulge in them. Take occasional little snorts, says the good doctor. It's good for the circulatory system. Eat heartily and what you like. Smoke, if you're used to it. In other words, sin makes the twilight of life seem happier. Let's have our pension cheque and a double martini, if you please!

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OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Federal economists have been looking south of the international boundary line during recent weeks. And what they've seen hasn't been too reassuring. In fact, it's giving them considerable food for long-term reflection.

For one thing, they've noted that in April industrial production in the neighboring Republic registered its first downturn since July, 1952, and that the month of May just ended failed to show any recovery.

If this two-months' marking-time on the part of United States industry should be the signal for the levelling-off movement in the Republic's economy which some of the experts have been predicting for several months past, the repercussions upon Canada's economy could be—indeed, would be—a major nature.

But an even more specific feature of the United States economic scene is rivetting the eye of government experts here. That is the monumental total to which consumer credits there have climbed. They're now well in excess of \$26,000,000,000. To Canadian economists here that figure seems dangerously high.

Recently Canadian consumer credits attracted warning statements from both Department of Finance and Bank of Canada officials by rising from \$467,000,000 to \$818,000,000 in the past year. The corresponding figure to the Canadian total in terms of the economy of the United States would be under \$12,500,000,000. But the actual United States total is more than twice the figure which would be proportionate to the sum which in Canada is regarded as close to the danger point.

Recognizing the extent to which the United States and Canadian economies now are interdependent, government economists here aren't too happy over the long-term outlook.

That the installment purchase system is here to stay government economists aren't foolish enough to question. They recognize the highly useful and essential function which it fulfills. But there's an uneasy feeling amongst them that the system

is being abused by its extent right across the board to the cash or, at most, upon account terms.

The problem that's worried the experts is what happens when virtually the whole of the disposable income of the people is committed to meeting installment payments for which they have contracted? That isn't regarded as wholly sound, is it or too far removed. An uneasy feeling that some must be found in the near future if serious dislocation to both United States and Canadian economies is to be avoided.

The top ones facing the economic authorities of the two countries—as well as facing business itself.

CHMC Take Over Project

VANCOUVER.—The Commercial Mortgage and Housing Corporation has taken over from Vancouver Associated Contractors Ltd. the 91-house uncompleted Fraserview housing project.

T. B. Pickersgill, CHMC vice-president, said in a statement that the company involved "has been experiencing financial difficulties and is unable to proceed with construction."

The contract price was \$77,700.

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