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Our Changing Weather

PRINCE RUPERT gets a nice and somewhat unexpected compliment in a new book about the weather. Written by an American economist, William J. Baxter, and called "Today's Revolution in Weather," the book submits evidence that the climate of the world is changing. Its theme is that the northern hemisphere's cold zones are becoming much warmer and that this trend will change the economic map of the world, especially North America.

Getting down to cases, Mr. Baxter then selects three ports in North America as having above all a great future in the years ahead. They are Prince Rupert, Vancouver and Seattle.

This is a very discerning observation on the part of Mr. Baxter. Sometimes we who live here are accused of romancing when we get optimistic about our own locality. We are handed the old argument that all the arrows on the map always seem to point to your own home town.

But the same criticism cannot apply to Mr. Baxter. He has made a detached scientific deduction from a new angle. It is becoming more evident all the time that the arrows on the map do, after all, point this way.

Thank You

Santa Claus,
The North Pole.
Dear Santa:
On behalf of the patients at Miller Bay Hospital I wish to thank you most cordially for the visit you paid to us on Christmas Day.
Your visit was a joyous occasion, especially for the children here. Everyone appreciated your greetings and good cheer.
During your journey through the hospital wards, your lively spirits never flagged, or if they did at times no one noticed. You scored a triumph. Members of the staff, in particular the doctors, marvelled at your exuberant metabolism and robust muscle tone after that long and chilly ride behind reindeer all the way from the North Pole!
All of us look forward to your visit next Christmas. Happily, a great many of our patients will be well and at home by that time, but then Santa visits homes as well as hospitals.
You forgot no one at Miller Bay Hospital. We are more than grateful to you.
Yours very truly,
G. R. HOWELL, M.D.,
Medical Superintendent.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeoc

Officials of Canada's external affairs department who are primarily concerned with Soviet policy and the cold war of nerves between East and West—which takes in just about everybody in the department—have been getting a new slant on life as it is lived behind the iron curtain. This is particularly true since the Kremlin has moved towards lifting some of the restrictions on the movements of Westerners inside the Soviet Union.
Reports from Canadian and other diplomatic as well as news correspondents in Moscow, have re-emphasized aspects of Communist culture which appear to have been otherwise clouded or forgotten in the flood of propaganda and back-biting that has been going on at the top levels of East and West governments.
At the moment the department is perusing a report described as quite a lengthy document, filed by the Canadian charge d'affaires in Moscow, Robert Ford, son of veteran London Free Press editor Arthur R. Ford. It is a description, down to the last de-

Chemical Industry Spends Millions

By STEVEN V. DAVID
NEW YORK (AP)—The U.S. chemical industry channelled a record \$1,600,000,000 into new plant and equipment in 1953 and saw production rise to a post-war high.
The investment in new facilities was 25 per cent higher than in 1952 and made 1953 the fourth year in a row in which the industry broke previous records. Only the petroleum and primary metals industries have invested more in plant.

The Manufacturing Chemists' Association, representing more than 90 per cent of the industry, estimated that between 10 and 20 per cent of the 1953 investment went into plants for manufacturing new products. These were developed through research on which the industry spends an estimated \$300,000,000 a year.
There was no single outstanding characteristic of new product development in 1953.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

No Prophet's Beards

FOR the second year in a row, nobody has won my prize—the beard of the prophet—for making a perfect score in predictions of things to come.

One lady in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and one gentleman in North Vancouver each missed out on only one question—the order in which the political parties would finish in the election. However, lest anybody felt too badly at not having won that beard, may I point out that many contestants did far better than I did myself.

HERE are the actual questions and percentages of answers:

- Will there be a real cease-fire in Korea in 1953?
Yes—4%
No—96%
- Will there be a world war in 1953 involving U.S. versus Russia in 1953?
Yes—4%
No—96%
- Will the western powers be joined in the defense alliance by actual organized German military units in 1953?
Yes—60%
No—40%
- Will Russia still be a UN member in good standing by end of 1953?
Yes—80%
No—20%
- Name the order in which political parties will finish in there is a B.C. election.
It is impossible to print the priorities by percentages. But here is how contestants picked the first choice party:
Social Credit—74%
Liberals—18%
CCF—8%
- Who will be Prime Minister of Canada at end of 1953?
St. Laurent—64%
Drew—24%
Pearson—8%
Others—4%
- Name order in which political parties will finish in federal election of 1953.
Here again it is impossible to classify the answers, but here are the percentages as to which party was expected to finish first:
Liberal—78%
Conservative—16%
Social Credit—6%

HERE are my own incorrect guesses for 1953:

I did not think there would be a cease-fire in Korea. I did think German military units would be in the western line-up. I thought the Liberals would come first in the B.C. election.
Many people who answered the quiz for 1953 added remarks. One predictor claimed that flying saucers would be a common sight in 1953 (actually there were many fewer than in 1952). He also claimed the atom bomb would cause snow in midsummer.

Nobody (including me) guessed that I would be an MP by the end of 1953. One fellow wrote:

"I predict that your column will become more old-fashioned and out-of-date religious, more Scotch, and that you will write on more subjects, with less knowledge of them, than ever before. Since your trip to India when you deplored the famine but gave your readers scant information regarding the sacred cows in that country, thereby depriving the human beings of that much added acreage for human consumption, your column seems to have deteriorated."

WATCH for my quiz for 1954 which should be out some day next week.

Pioneer Mark Goss Dies in South

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mark Goss, pioneer of the B.C. fishing industry, died here Saturday at the age of 88. Mr. Goss came to Vancouver in 1887 from Newfoundland and was associated with a number of cannery operations before he retired just prior to the start of the Second World War.

MOOSE CALVES 'COST' HUNTER \$100 APIECE

PRINCE GEORGE (CP)—Moose calves were rated at \$100 a head when Ronald E. Manson was fined \$200 or 30 days for shooting two of them. He told stipendiary magistrate G. H. Hallett that he didn't realize the bull moose he was shooting at was under one year and that the female ran into his line of fire as he pulled the trigger.



THREE'S A CROWD—By Charles A. Grassick in Toronto Telegram.

VICTORIA REPORT By J. K. Nesbitt

An outstanding event of recent days was the potlatch at the new Indian house in Thunderbird Park. Next time you're in Victoria you should make a point of seeing this house.

I was fortunate enough to see the potlatch, and it was indeed memorable. I shall not soon forget the setting, and the scene—the bonfire in the centre of the house, no chimney, the smoke being drawn up to an opening in the roof, and there was smoke in our eyes, too.

On the bare earth floor, cold and damp, around the fire, in the flickering light, with the sparks soaring upwards, the Indians, in native costume, did their dances, while four old Chiefs beat time with sticks on a bench, and chanted, to give a fine background of music that was somehow true. There was movement, there were rhythm and color.

One was able to sense something of the excitement of the Indian people at potlatch time, one felt the mysticism of these dances, and the ritual was somehow beautiful. It was fascinating to watch one old lady, a spectator. Her face was almost bronze, and heavily lined—a strong fine face. She sat impassively at first and then, as the rhythm increased, as the chanting became louder, as the dancers swayed, she appeared carried away and her mind no doubt went long, long back to when she was a girl, and suddenly she commenced beating time with her hands, oblivious to all around her except the dancers and the fire and the chanting of the old chiefs.

The new Indian house is part of the government's plan of remodeling Thunderbird Park, which now has become a tremendous tourist attraction. It has, too, important, historical value; anthropologists never tire of studying this park. The public is now definitely interested in Indian history, after years scoffing at it. On the third night of the potlatch nearly 2,000 people lined up two and three deep for hours, but couldn't get in, for the house only holds about 250.

The potlatch was, in effect, a house warming. To the Indians of coastal B.C. the completion of a new house was a most important event, that called for great ceremonies and feasting.

Several things are accomplished at such house warmings. The owner must prove his hereditary right to use the carved and painted crests on the house posts, and house-front, by relating his family traditions and accomplishments. He is expected to "potlatch" gifts to those who helped him build the house, and to the important guests who have come to witness the ceremony. He usually takes the opportunity to bestow important, inherited names upon members of his family, and to display the masked dances and other performances which belong to himself or members of his family, by virtue of inheritance or marriage.

More than all other tribes of the B.C. coast, the Kwakiutl are famous for their masked dances, and it was these dances that visitors to the Victoria potlatch were privileged to see.
And they were performed in an authentic Kwakiutl Indian house. The style of construction, the carved houseposts, the huge adzed beams, the adzed cedar timbers and planks, the house-front paintings, all are similar to those of houses built during the nineteenth century by the Kwakiutl tribes of northern Vancouver Island and the adjacent mainland.
The house in Thunderbird Park here is a copy of one built at Fort Rupert about a century ago. The carved posts are exact replicas. The back posts have

the mythical bird Ho'hoq at the top and the Grizzly Bear at the bottom, holding a child. The front posts show the giantess Dsonoqua (one of Emily Carr's most famous paintings) at the top, with Grizzly Bear holding a copper below.

The Grizzly Bear is the crest of a Kwakiutl clan. One of the figures on the new house is Tsosona, the Thunderbird, a crest of the Tsosotsuna clan of the Awaitsa tribe of Knight Inlet.

Thunderbird Park is owned by the Provincial Government. It is one of many advantages Victoria has in being the capital, but it belongs to all the people of British Columbia.

Try Daily News Classified

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Politics is about the only profession to which a man will devote forty years, and then be insulted if somebody says he's good at it.

A GLANCE BACKWARD

How Seattle looked and felt around the turn of the century is described in a current Ohio periodical. America's present metropolis of the northwest is called "that sleepy fishing village." The northwest experiences drizzly and foggy weather eight months out of the twelve. Seattle rainfall measured by hours and days would make it one of the highest in the country. Check your statistics for percentages of sunshine and you will find Seattle near the bottom of the list. The writer says he speaks from experience.

"Father," said the infant terrible to his mature parent, "I can do something you can't."
"Indeed? And what is that, my son?"
"Grow."

It would seem that in Vancouver, the more elderly you happen to be, the more you need a job. Not long ago, there were 504 applicants for one \$180 a month position. Of these, 324 were aged beyond 40. The oldest was 72. As a rule, the normal number is anywhere from 10 to 20. Life isn't precisely what it used to be.

SO UNLIKE TODAY

A firm in Georgia stamps this on their statements: "Pay us so we can pay them, and then they can pay him and he can pay you."

The average man can read a woman like a book—if the book is printed in Sanskrit and comprises lessons in differential calculus.—Kingston Whig Standard.

QUITE THOUGHTFUL

While I was visiting my aunt, my date and I lingered on the

front doorstep. Finally my slipped gently to us: "If you knew how pleasant it is in you wouldn't be standing there in the cold."—Continued

One never knows her like that's how you style it. Evey, Vancouver nurse, plans to become a medical mission went to Ethiopia, and first she she knew she was nursing grandson of Emperor Haile Selassie. Now she has a husband and often enjoys jeep drives through wild frontiers. The better than Hastings Street.

GOING THE LIMIT

When Oscar Wilde was sent to Yvette Guilbert, great little woman asked her inimitable twinkle: "Don't you think, Madam France?"
Kissing her hand a second Wilde enchanted her by saying: "In the world, Madame, it world."

ANCIENT SEA
The Sea of Japan, dividing Japan from Korea, is a tideless for most of the year.

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ASSETS

Notes of and deposits with Bank of Canada	\$ 226,402,343.82
Other cash and bank balances	181,033,444.16
Notes of and cheques on other banks	193,484,323.76
Government and other public securities, not exceeding market value	972,141,264.96
Other bonds and stocks, not exceeding market value	101,301,756.80
Call and short loans, fully secured	149,280,473.79
Total quick assets	\$1,823,643,607.29

Other loans and discounts, after full provision for bad and doubtful debts	994,865,750.13
Bank premises	20,871,991.94
Liabilities of customers under acceptances and letters of credit	51,213,786.75
Other assets	5,261,053.05
Total	\$2,895,856,189.16

LIABILITIES

Notes in circulation	\$ 83,335.04
Deposits	2,734,644,076.93
Acceptances and letters of credit outstanding	51,213,786.75
Other liabilities	1,615,814.82
Total liabilities to the public	\$2,787,557,013.54
Capital	35,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	70,000,000.00
Dividends payable	1,783,800.83
Balance of Profit and Loss Account	1,515,374.79
Total	\$2,895,856,189.16

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Profits for the year ended 30th November, 1953, after making appropriations to Contingency Reserves, out of which full provision for bad and doubtful debts has been made	\$18,952,608.56
Provision for depreciation of bank premises	1,365,472.39
Provision for income taxes	8,952,000.00
Total	\$17,585,136.17
Dividends at the rate of \$1.20 per share	4,200,000.00
Extra distribution at the rate of 20¢ per share	700,000.00
Total	\$4,900,000.00
Amount carried forward	\$ 3,735,136.17
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 29th November, 1952	780,238.62
Total	\$ 4,515,374.79
Transferred to Reserve Fund	3,000,000.00
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1953	\$ 1,515,374.79

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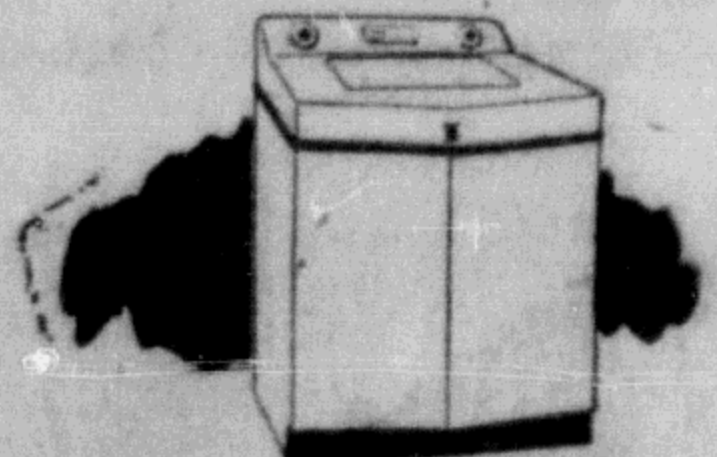
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