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Right Kind of Interest

IT IS with pride that we learn Prince Rupert's J. T. Harvey has been elected first vice-president of the B.C. Chamber of Commerce.

In recent months Prince Rupert has not been fortunate in the type of publicity it has received. Whether man or the elements were to blame, our misadventures always seemed to take on particularly large proportions.

Our true place in the provincial scene cannot be judged on the basis of occasional poor publicity. The future of Prince Rupert is far more secure than that. Nevertheless, it is a gratifying experience when one of our citizens goes forth and gains favorable recognition for the city.

Mr. Harvey's new position is one of considerable importance and will do much to attract the right sort of interest to this part of the province. He is to be congratulated that his trip to Vancouver was rewarded with such success.

As Others See It

DRUGGISTS, we noticed by a news story a short time ago, have indicated that they prefer to be called pharmacists, or something like that. We wish them luck but we suspect for the average man on the street they will remain druggists and their place of business a drugstore, not a pharmacy, or a pharmaceutical dispensary.

It illustrates a current trend to give everyone a fancy handle, if possible. Junkmen in some quarters are called secondary products purveyors, we understand. Some big companies which had difficulty getting applications for file clerks got on much better when they advertised for a records attendant, custodian, administrator, etc. Some went the whole hog and called the job director of records.

The same thing held true for a city that wanted a rat catcher, and couldn't find one. But it was easy to find a Rodent Extermination Officer.

People are funny, but if it makes them feel any better to have their jobs graced with grandiloquent title, we suppose it doesn't do any harm.

—Cornwall Daily Standard.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Modern version: A new groom sweeps clean, and also does the dishes.

Americans, who had been prisoners of war in Korea were subjected to torture, according to Dr. Mayo. One man was asked 1,800 questions, which, in the main, came pretty fast and were not easy to answer. He was exhausted. We'll say so.

COWARDLY?

Pat Lydon, a British soldier charged with cowardice, has been given a year in the clink, then dismissal with ignominy. He had been caught cowering in a Korean trench, while comrades fought desperately. Lydon testified he had wanted to fight but felt helpless. And from what the public keep talking about there is sympathy felt for the soldier. It is claimed there were hundreds of similar cases during the Great Wars.

When both mates think they got better than they deserved, behold a happy marriage.—(G B S).

Creation's ancient fruit—the apple—was hailed again in Prince Rupert a few days back when Gyro was right royally heard from. Ever since Eden, mankind has in some way or other been performing his part. Where, the world o'er, one might almost say, have fragrant orchards not been blessing the land, and they that dwell thereon. The apple, through long years, has kept pleasing the eye and nourishing the body.

For the first time in 25 years a new newspaper is announced for London, this being on the air Tuesday. It will be called the Recorder and devote itself chiefly to business and sports. The Recorder should flourish, for it will have an initial circu-

lation of a hundred thousand. Wonder how they do it. This might be a trick worth knowing.

CAPTURING HOLLYWOOD

The west is hearing there's a strong chance of Hollywood playing it up again next year in the Jasper and Banff regions. It is said the screen barons admit that south of the border, there is nothing to compare, in a scenic sense, with what is found north—that is, motion picture scenery. Real Indians last summer out in the hills drew two bucks an hour, and board.

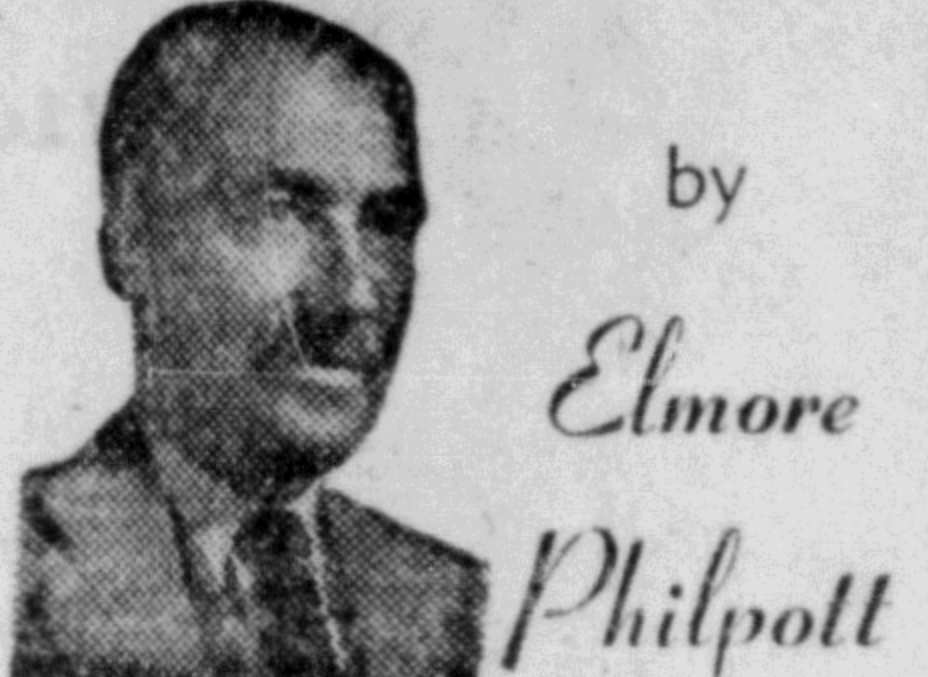
All canned goods, states a broadcast concerning the trend of commerce over the Atlantic, will be accompanied by can-openers. At least, some folks are not plotting another war, or staging a new strike.

First of all the publications to print in the new terminal city was "The Empire" founded by John Houston. Frequent inquiries have sought to find the reason, and as far as known this is given in Houston's admiration of the virgin Skeena region—its immensity, natural wealth and beauty.

Young Woman Tries To Take Life in Jail

VANCOUVER (CP)—A 27-year-old woman was thwarted by the Vancouver city jail matron in two attempts to take her own life in jail during the week-end. Police matron J. M. Heath-erine discovered the first attempt Sunday morning when the woman tried to hang herself with her girdle. The woman made the second attempt later, using another article of her own clothing.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Frank Beswick, MP

A FEW days ago I wrote about the humiliating riddle of the world-wide British Commonwealth.

That while we include within our own borders nearly a quarter of all the human beings; and have within our own lands every known resource to produce abundance for all—yet we have more and more fallen to the status of poor relations of Uncle Sam. We have learned that those who take handouts also take orders.

With three or four times the population of either the U.S.A. or U.S.S.R. we are ourselves disoriented and hence unable to compete with either of those two giants.

I re-stated my own conviction that the British world realm could only regain its old place of world leadership if it did so on a moral and spiritual basis by vitalizing UN.

A FEW HOURS after that article appeared in print I had a phone call from a British Labour MP—Frank Beswick, who sits for Uxbridge, just outside London.

I had never met Mr. Beswick, but had heard about his magnificent one man crusade. He is a sort of Ross Thatcher in British Labour.

In a nutshell, the Labour MP from Britain stands anew for a very old cause—the federation of as many free and self-governing British nations as care to join. He is now enroute home from Australia and New Zealand where he has made scores of speeches to all parties, and all types of audiences. They have listened, with respect.

After hearing Frank Beswick's story I suggested that he was about half a century too late. Had there been enough statesmen of his vision in what we used to call the British Empire, back around 1900, we would already have had established a working British Commonwealth advance model of that "parliament of mankind."

MR. BESWICK (who in the typical British tradition pronounces his name "Besick") directly challenges my reasoning. He says that all the countries like Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Ceylon and all the rest had to go through the stage of nationalism before there could be any hope of forming a true federation.

This was for two reasons, he says. A nation, like Australia or Canada has to demonstrate to all the world that it is a nation, fully free and of equal legal status with all other nations. But it has to do so before it can itself fully realize and freely decide that separate nationalism is not enough.

(I thought of Edith Cavell's historic phrase "Patriotism is not enough" and wondered how many people ever stopped to figure out what the gallant British nurse, who was executed by the Kaiser's men in World War one, really meant.)

MR. BESWICK recognizes my point that Canada has a unique relationship with the U.S.A. which would make it impossible that this country would ever join any federation which did not include both Britain and the United States.

His immediate aim is to get Britain, Australia and New Zealand to federate. That is, he wants them to have one completely free trade area, one area where people would be free to migrate as they chose, as we now do within Canada, say. He believes that if those three countries all used the same money, with the consequence of wiping out all the present exchange restrictions—great mutual benefit and prosperity would result.

Long Summer OSHAWA Ont. (CP)—Fine large raspberries were another proof of the unusually fine autumn weather. They were picked in mid-October from big clusters in a garden on the Lake Ontario shore near here.

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OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

The curtain of silence which has descended upon the government's recently announced housing policy is beginning to give rise to a wave of speculation amongst Parliament Hill observers.

Usually when governments come up with a solution for a problem as important as the national housing situation has become they are understandably flamboyant about it.

But in the present instance, after its first announcement of its scheme to lower down payments by lengthening the term of housing loans, the government has said no more on the subject. It has simply "clammed up," suspiciously as though on second thoughts it wasn't too sold on its own scheme.

While informed sources say that the government intends to carry through the alterations in loan policy which it announced, they acknowledge that the public reaction to the changes was far less favorable than had been expected. Furthermore, the soundness of much of the criticism is being conceded by the Cabinet's economic advisers.

Particularly do Federal economists admit that the urgent need of the moment isn't so much for more houses as for cheaper houses. The truth is that at the present time houses are being built at a rate which represents close to the maximum which the availability of labor and materials permits. The trouble is that building costs have risen so high that the average individual of moderate middle-class income cannot afford to enter the market.

Retiring Lockmaster To Start Search Of Rideau Canal for Buried Treasure

OTTAWA (CP)—Allan Moses, retiring after 31 years of locking boats through the Rideau Canal here, is planning to search the canal area for buried treasure.

The 60-year-old lockmaster says he won't have to go outside the city limits to look for money stolen when the canal was being built back in the 1820s. He thinks he knows where some of it lies. But he claims there is also buried treasure at other points along the old canal which links Ottawa and Kingston.

He says records of the early canal builders show a great deal of money was stolen in a payroll robbery. The money was in coin shipped from England in iron-bound barrels.

Mr. Moses hints about certain evidence he has found but says that until recently he couldn't do much about it. He adds there probably isn't as much money hidden as some people think because he believes the packers of the barrels in England were an untrustworthy lot.

The Rideau Canal was built at a cost of about \$4,200,000 to provide a safe water route between Montreal and the Great Lakes in the event of war with the United States. The War of 1812 proved the more-direct St. Lawrence River route a dangerous and expensive transportation artery.

Numerous boatloads of supplies heading up the lakes were captured by the Americans. Some 2,000 laborers were employed annually on the big project. Nowadays only pleasure boats and the occasional commercial craft travel the picturesque route. Nevertheless the canal serves as a storage place for 255,000-acre-feet of water from the Rideau River watershed. It is regarded as one of the biggest such storage areas in Eastern Canada and the transport department values it at nearly \$13,000,000.

Leander Manley, secretary-manager of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, said it would also "be favorable to increased sale of sulphites to the Japanese textile market." Dissolving pulps are used in the manufacture of textiles, customs duties on which would be cut under the proposed pact. "If the agreement is negotiated," Mr. Manley said, "it will have a stimulating effect on Canadian production of dissolving sulphites."

THE LETTERBOX

NOT THE FACTS

The Editor, The Daily News—

The article appearing in your paper October 24 over the signature of M. M. Stephens, entitled "Old Council Facts," was not fact at all. It compels me to revert to 1913 when T. D. Pattullo was mayor of Prince Rupert and the all-important question at that time was power.

Mr. Pattullo staked his political future with a group of citizens purporting to be directors of a power company with considerable land holdings at Port Edward and capable of delivering power to the city gate.

The scheme was strongly opposed by S. M. Newton who contested and defeated Mr. Pattullo for the mayoralty on the power issue.

He therefore became father and founder of the city hydro plant at Woodward Lake that was immediately installed after the election in January, 1914.

Victor Basso Bert was a member of that council that Mr. Newton presided over and W. J. Raymond was reporter on the Evening Empire. Apparently Mr. Stephens was having a long sleep at that period.

Next Mr. Stephens tells us Col. McMordie was not connected with the city council in 1926 when the exchange in police force was made. What a blundering statement to be published as a fact. McMordie, Stephens and myself were all members of the 1926 city council. And well I remember that, under McMordie's pressure, I reluctantly accepted chairmanship of the finance committee that enabled McMordie to become chairman of the utility committee, 1926—Again we are given a false fact when we are told that the provincial police cleaned up or closed Comox Avenue. That job was performed by the Army authorities during the war, five years after the provincial police took over.

I have no idea what temptations Mr. Stephens encountered while serving as a police commissioner, but I do know there are a number of police commissions in the province and the cities they are connected with appear to be doing all right. I think Mr. Merrick and Stephens would be well advised to leave that red-bait stuff to Senator McCarthy.

GEORGE B. CASEY

Mother Asserts Children's Deaths Brought Her Peace

DETROIT (AP)—A slight, 27-year-old mother accused of strangling her two children says the act brought her "peace of mind."

She has been confined to hospital under guard.

Police chief Charles Deplanche of suburban Inkster said Mrs. Boyd told him she strangled 18-month-old Mark Richard and choked the life out of seven-year-old Terry Robert because "the Bible told me to do it."

"I loved my children but today I saw Satan in their eyes," the woman was quoted as saying. "I've been in hell all my life. I feel wonderful. I have peace of mind."

Her husband, Claude, 29-year-old factory worker, was not at home when the tragedy happened.

Mrs. Boyd called a Detroit doctor who had delivered both children and told his nurse of having killed them.

Assistant prosecutor John Mowatt quoted the woman as saying she "knew the Devil was in the baby" because he had hissed at her, and that she knew the Devil was in Terry Robert, too, "otherwise he couldn't have fought against me so hard."

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Britain Still Refuses After 37 Years To Let Remains of Irish 'Hero' Go

DUBLIN (Reuters)—Britain has refused once again, as she has during 37 years, to let the remains of Sir Roger Casement go home for burial at Murlough Bay in County Antrim.

The London government's latest refusal was made known in the Dail Eireann by Concha O'Brien, spokesman for Prime Minister Eamon de Valera.

Persistently since Aug. 3, 1916, when Casement was hanged in England as a traitor, Irish Nationalists have pleaded that the bones be laid in a grave made ready for him 37 years ago in the tiny cemetery at Murlough Bay.

De Valera made the latest appeal to Britain during a recent visit to London.

MAKES PLEA Before the bearded, fiery-eyed Casement was hanged at Pentonville Prison, he said: "When they've done with me, don't let my bones lie in this dreadful place. Take me back to Murlough to lie there."

But when his body was cut down from the gallows it was buried in the prison yard beside scores of murderers in unmarked graves, for it is an English law that condemned men's bodies shall rest where they are hanged.

British officials, through the years, have insisted that removal of Casement's bones would set a "difficult precedent." But many have argued that the remains should be

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