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No Holiday Matter

WE CANNOT blame the children of the schools of Prince Rupert if they accepted lightheartedly and with little, if any, appreciation of the occasion the sudden holiday they were granted Wednesday soon after the sessions for the day opened because the King had died.

If we had been children ourselves we would, doubtless, have felt just as happy about the unexpected break. After all, a holiday is a holiday, no matter how it may come about.

So it was the day of the King's death became just a period of carefree relaxation with little thought or concern of what it was all about although teachers had explained the reason.

Much better it would have been, in our opinion, if schools had been left in session and the teachers permitted to give a lesson under quiet and appropriate circumstances in current history and social studies, emphasizing the significance of the Crown, the things for which it stands and the symbol which it is of democracy and good citizenship in the highest sense of the word.

In fact we think it was almost a disrespectful action on the part of the authorities (the holiday order came direct from the Department of Education) and a most obtuse and inept method of observing an occasion which most of thinking citizens were accepting with a sense of shock and sorrow.

The only thing we can hope for now is that the Department of Education, when the day of the King's funeral and national mourning comes, will see to it that provision is made for a fitting and mandatory observance of rites which will effectively bring home to the young people the lesson and moral which might have been taught yesterday but was allowed to be missed by granting precipitate surcease from a day's study and work.

The death of the King, we think, was far too symbolic an event than to be merely an occasion for the young folk, as they did, to "go on the town."

If the schools were to be dismissed, there might have been other institutions that could have also been closed if we were really meaning to effect a solemn tribute of esteem and respect to a beloved monarch.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord."—Eph. 6:1.

BRAUNPOINULM

(It may be timely to give some definition of the term "BraunPoinUlm." It is a coined word, defined thus—Braun, is my name; Poin, is an abbreviation of point; Ulm, is the name of a home town of mine in the old country. It is pronounced thus: "Brownpoinulm," with the accent on the last syllable—on ulm. Mr. Braun is a pioneer of this district, having homesteaded for years at Kitimat before coming to Digby Island.)

My abode I named the BraunPoinUlm, On fair Digby Island's shore; It was so named to memorialize Some soul who trod before.

Across the strait of BraunPoinUlm, Grand city lights galore; Sure sparke bright, throughout the night, From Prince Rupert's shore.

When morning dawns at BraunPoinUlm, Now, there behold a sight; When the sky is red a scarlet hue, And a new day begins to light.

When the robins arrive at BraunPoinUlm, And myriad birds are on the wing; And the place quivers with our feathered friends, It's a sure harbinger of Spring.

When the day is bright at BraunPoinUlm, And the sea is calm once more; It's a thrill to observe all the boats ply by, To and from Prince Rupert's shore.

When the lilacs bloom at BraunPoinUlm, With its perfume I so adore; It all adds up to love the place, For ever—ever more.

When night descends at BraunPoinUlm, And the day ends with varied chores; I sure enjoy a peaceful rest, On Digby Island shores.

—RUDOLF BRAUN.

DIFFERENT STYLES Curling "stones" made of iron, instead of granite, are usually heavier but smaller than the granite stones.

COMMON AILMENT There were about 180,000 known diabetic sufferers in Canada in 1951, plus an estimated 70,000 unlisted persons.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

We're In Berties Bag?

SO FAR as I could find, Congressman Sheenan's plan to buy Canada from King George, got a pretty poor press in this country. Maybe I did not look in enough papers, or read enough letters to editors. But I could not find any support (in Canada) for the Chicago Congressman's plan.

My own mail produced only one letter in favor of the idea. It came from a man who sends me on printed scripts of Colonel Bertie McCormick's radio speeches of May 19 and June 9 1951.

THE PUBLISHER of the Chicago Tribune waxed wroth in those broadcasts at our own Minister of External Affairs, Lester Pearson.

Col. McCormick declared that it was ridiculous for Pearson to suggest that American-Canadian relations were "difficult and delicate" for, said Bertie, "Mr. Acheson, the American Secretary of State, and Mr. Pearson, the Canadian Minister of External Affairs both get their instructions from London."

"The question of an amalgamation of the United States of America and Canada has never been difficult for me," says Col. Bertie McCormick "because my grandfather was born in Canada and, as a child, accompanied his father looking for the greater opportunities in the Republic. I have also engaged in business in Canada for forty years and have found no appreciable difference between ourselves and the Canadians, either English speaking or French speaking."

But one wonders if the above fully qualifies Bertie for his claim to be an expert on Canada when one reads this in the same broadcast:

"The old right to practice the Catholic religion granted in the Quebec Act is no longer in force, but the Church of England has been disestablished."

It will certainly be news to our Prime Minister, Cardinals, Archbishops and the 42% or more of the Canadian people who are Roman Catholics to learn, from the publisher of the Chicago Tribune, that "the old right to practice the Catholic religion is no longer in force."

COL. BERTIE points out that all Canada would have to do to be admitted to the U.S.A. (presumably to enjoy rights such as have made Chicago world famous) would be to get rid of our king. Only republics are eligible, he says. HOWEVER, "The Articles of Confederation provided especially that Canada might join the (U.S.) Confederation, but no other colony should be admitted."

"It is my impression that, if referendums were held in the two countries, Amalgamation Would be Carried by a Large Majority" So says Col. McCormick.

I read that whopper through several times before I understood the point—for I knew not even the publisher of the Chicago Tribune would have the barefaced nerve to suggest that a majority of Canadians would vote that way. Obviously what he means is that if the 150 million Americans and the 14 million Canadians were to vote jointly on whether we should amalgamate the combined majority vote might say "yes."

NOW COMES the pay-off—which is the point of the whole speech.

"I doubt if there will be any change in our relations unless war or threat of war compels it, as in the case of Texas."

In other words if U.S.A. fights Russia, Col. Bertie is saying that U.S.A. has Canada in the bag for keeps.

Want to bet on that, Bertie?

Statehood for Alaska In 1952 Is Doubtful

ANCHORAGE, Alaska.—Will this session of Congress grant statehood to Alaska? Maybe—but don't count on it. "If the bill is brought to a vote early in the session, I think it will pass," says E. L. Bartlett (D), the territory's delegate to Congress.

The measure has powerful friends, including Senator Ernest W. McFarland (D) of Arizona, Majority Leader, and Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D) of Wyoming, chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

President Truman has repeatedly urged statehood for Alaska and Hawaii. Many newspapers, fraternal, civic, and other organizations throughout the country have endorsed statehood for Alaska.

Yet there is doubt that the measure will become law this session.

PRIORITY STATUS The Senate Democratic Policy Committee has given priority status to statehood measures for both Hawaii and Alaska; but the Alaska bill is thought to have only a fighting chance of passage in the upper house.

Arguments in favor of Alaska statehood are as forceful today as ever. With statehood, Alaska would have the valuable legislative leverage that comes with two senators and a representative in Congress.

POLITICAL TRADITION This advantage, Alaskans point out, is only what each of the 48 states enjoys—but it is much more than Alaska enjoys.

There is very real opposition to Alaska statehood. It takes an oblique form: "Statehood, of course; but not now—later."

In Alaska this opposition stems principally from fishing, mining, and other concerns whose owners fear a bigger tax bill.

Outside Alaska, opposition is found in Republicans who would not welcome the two Democratic senators Alaska would surely elect, and in southern Democrats who are opposed to admitting states whose senators would not take the deep-South view on filibusters and civil rights.

Until last fall the national platforms of both political parties endorsed statehood for Alaska. Theoretically they still do, but when the western conference of Republicans met in Seattle in October, GOP leaders quietly pried the Alaska-statehood plank up.

They favored immediate statehood for Hawaii, whence two Republican senators would be returned to Congress with entry into the Union.

For Alaska, however, they urged only "a wider measure of self-government" and the right to elect the territorial governor "until such time as honorable statehood is obtained."

Straight out of Seattle, however, Senator Warren G. Magnuson (D) of Washington recently declared: "Alaska is entitled to statehood and I will press for that objective until it is achieved. Proposals from some quarters that an elective governor for the territory be authorized miss the mark completely."

TAX PROGRAM "Alaskans are American citizens and they are capable of self-government. Merely electing



GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S COUSIN—Denton Massey, 51-year-old Toronto business executive, is a cousin of Canada's new governor-general Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey. Denton Massey is a former Conservative Member of Parliament for Toronto-Greenwood. (CP Photo)

Quick Canadian Quiz

- 1. In area, is British Columbia larger or smaller than Ontario?
2. How does western Canadian oil reach eastern Canadian markets?
3. What animal is taken in greatest numbers by Canadian fur trappers?
4. How many people receive money each month from Ottawa through Family Allowance payments and universal Old Age pensions?
5. Will Ottawa's tax revenue this year be more or less than the wartime high?
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their own governor will not give them the representation in the Congress to which they are entitled."

The elective-governor device is identified by statehood proponents as a shaft directed at Alaska's Liberal Gov. Ernest Gruening, under whose leadership the first basic tax program was established in the northland.

It was this that deprived statehood opponents of their most telling argument—that Alaska could not afford statehood.

PIONEER PRICES

Sample Canadian food prices in 1936 were: Meat at five to eight cents a pound, butter 25 cents, milk five cents a quart.

King Southpaw as Player of Tennis

A right-hander in everything else, the late King George was a southpaw on the tennis courts. The explanation, those who knew him longest said, was simply that he found it easier to play tennis that way.

Some people thought the King was ambidextrous, but actually he was not. In other sports—such as golf, shooting and polo in his younger days—he was right-handed. He wrote with his right hand, too.

"Consequently," one of the

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