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No Holiday Matter

V/E CANNOT blame the children of the schools VV 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. That is why we fail to see the point of the Department of Education, in its wisdom or lack thereof, of precipitately calling it a day and sending the children home as soon as possible after hearing the King had died-even though school was already in session.

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 Joday

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 sylable-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.

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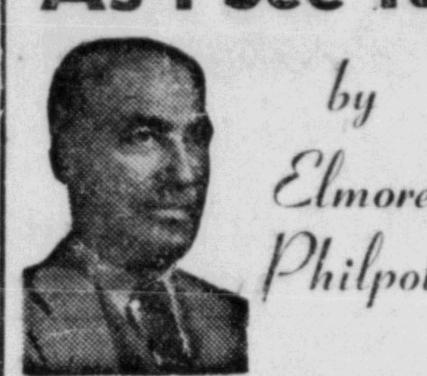
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COMMON AILMENT Curling "stones" made of iron, There were about 180,000 known instead of granite, are usually diabetic sufferers in Canada in heavier but smaller than the 1951, plus an estimated 70,000 unlisted persons.



We're In Berties Bag?

SO FAR as I could find, plan to buy Canada from King George, got a pretty poor press in this country. enough letters to editors, But Alaska.

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 speech es of May 19 and June 9 1951.

* * * THE PUBLISHER of the Chicago in the upper house. Tribune waxed wroth in those broadcasts at our own Minister of External Affairs, Lester Pear-

suggest that American-Canadian tive in Congress. 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 McComick "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 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 Qubec Act is no longer in force but the Church of England ha been disestablished."

It will certainly be news our Prime Minister, Cardinals Archbishops and the 42% o 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. Mc-Cormick.

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 ote 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 whoie

"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. Wan't 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 and other concerns whose own-W. McFarland (D) of Arizona, ers fear a bigger tax bill. Majority Leader, and Senator Outside Alaska, opposition Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D) of found in Republicans who would Congressman Sheenan's Wyoming, chairman of the In- not welcome the two Democratic terior and Insular Affairs Com- senators Alaska would surely

Fresident Truman has repeat- who are opposed to admitting edly urged statehood for Alaska states whose senators would not and Hawaii. Many newspapers, take the deep-South view on fili-Maybe I did not look in fraternal, civic, and other organi- busters and civil rights. enough papers, or read zations throughout the country have endorsed statehood for

I could not find any support Yet there is doubt that the aska. Theoretically they still do, (in Canada) for the Chicago measure will become law this but when the western confer-

PRIORITY STATUS

The Senate Democratic Pol Committee has given priority status to statehood measures for both Hawaii and Alaska; but th Alaska bill is thought to have only a fighting chance of passas

Arguments in favor of Alaska statehood are as forceful today as ever. With statehood, Alaska would have the valuable legis-Col. McCormick declared that lative leverage that comes with it was ridiculous for Pearson to two senators and a representa

POLITICAL TRADITION

This advantage, Alaskans point son (D) of Washington recently out, is only what each of the 48 declared: "Alaska is entitled to states enjoys - but it is much statehood and I will press for more than Alaska enjoys.

There is very real opposition to Proposals from some quarters Alaska statehood. It takes an that an elective governor for the oblique form: "Statehood, course; but not now-later.'

In Alaska this opposition stem principally from fishing, mining



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.

Quick Canadian Quiz

In area, is British Columbia larger or smaller than On-

How does western Canadian oil reach eastern Canadian markets?

What animal is taken in greatest numbers by Canadian fur trappers? How many people receive

money each month from Ottawa through Family Allowance payments and universal Old Age pensions?

Will Ottawaa's tax revenue this year be more or less than the wartime high? ANSWERS ON PAGE 6

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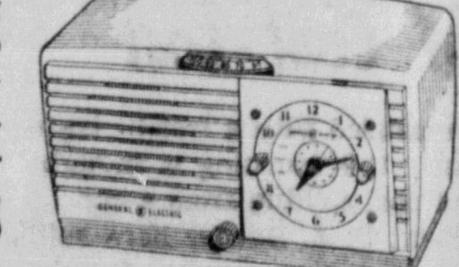
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quietly pried the Alaska-state-

They favored immediate state-

hood for Hawaii, whence two

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Some people thought the King was ambidextrous, but actually he was not. In other sportssuch as golf, shooting and polo in Sample Canadian food prices his younger days-he was rightin 1836 were: Meat at five to handed. He wrote with his right

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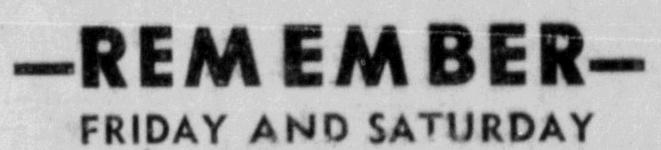
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