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### A Growing Country

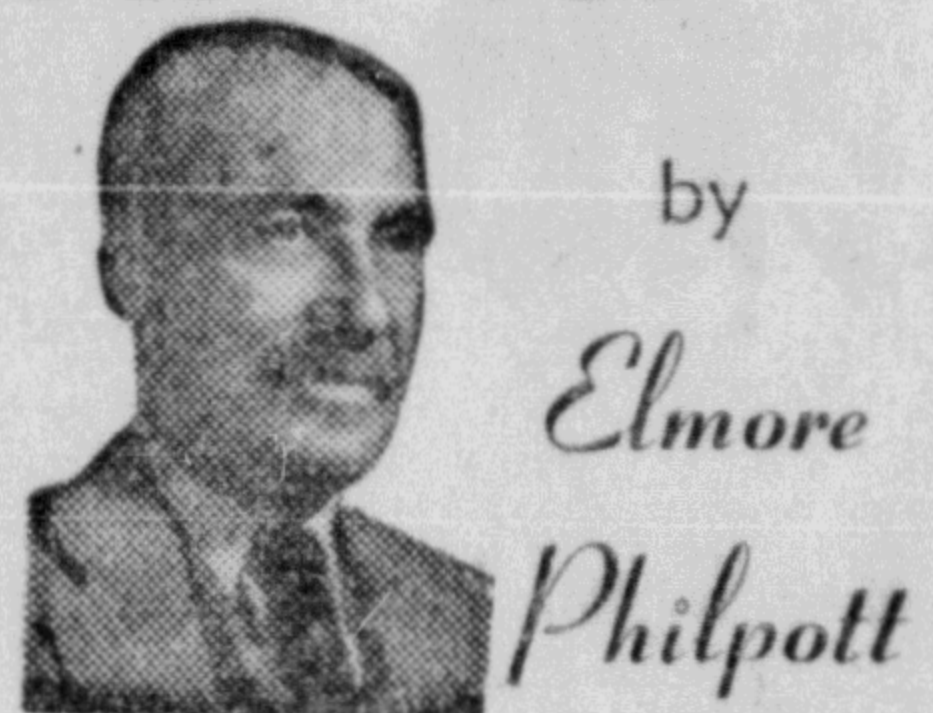
HOW BIG is Canada going to get? Not many years ago authorities on the subject thought that the country's population would probably stop growing before the end of the century and stabilize at less than 20 million. Lately, however, a new surge of growth has greatly altered the outlook. Twelve years of high employment, high marriage rates and high birth rates, and a renewed flow of immigration since the war have boosted the population by more than 20 per cent. If the pace continues, it is estimated that in a quarter-century the number living in this country will be 25 million. Speculating along these lines, the monthly review of the Bank of Nova Scotia makes some interesting deductions. On the assumption that population growth will be accompanied by technological improvements, it anticipates that in the next 25 years the total production of the country will be almost three times the present level. If that happens, it points out, the Canadian per capita production and standard of living will be above that now prevailing in the United States.

Although the changes would come too gradually to make a distinct impression, a quick jump ahead into 1980 or thereabouts would find Canadians living in conditions considerably more plush than at present. It is calculated there would be about seven million cars on the road, or one for a little more than every three persons, compared to the present one for every seven. There would be many more laundries, beauty parlors and restaurants and, with the gradual increase in leisure, more ball parks and libraries, more theatres and resort hotels.

Needless to say, there would also have to be more food. Providing meat for 10,000,000 more Canadians at the present rate of consumption would require an additional 900,000 head of cattle, twice as many as have ever been exported to the States in a single year. Production of milk and eggs would have to be nearly half as large again as during the years of peak wartime and postwar cheese and egg exports to Britain.

All this means that Canadian children today can probably expect a life of ample material comfort. It is to be hoped, however, that this will not take the edge off the spirit of exploration and new settlement which is currently doing so much to make a bigger and better country possible. If Canadian initiative is softened by easy living, it would be better that the improved standards of 1980 never materialize.

### As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

**Not in Vain**  
NOW THAT the war in Korea is over, there will be people who will ask, "What good did it do?"

They will argue that the line is back exactly where it was when the fighting began. They will point to the fact that the whole of Korea is a ruin, that millions of people have been killed or maimed. All this will be true—but it will be entirely beside the main point. The main point is that by fighting a relatively small war in Korea the United Nations, led by the U.S.A., avoided the certainty that they would have to fight all around the rim of Russia.

THE North Korean Communists came within a hair's breadth of conquering the entire country. Had President Truman hesitated even a few more days the South Korean army would probably have disintegrated beyond all possibility of recovery. As it was, it was nip and tuck. But because the United States did fight a brilliant campaign, and because the hard core of loyal members of the UN did rally to the support of the U.S., the situation was saved. Russia and Communist China were taught that open aggression would be met with resolute counter-action. By fighting a reasonably small-scale war in Korea the U.S. in particular and the whole western alliance in general probably averted the certainty that they would have to fight in Burma, in Iran, and especially in Yugoslavia and Germany.

HAD the Communist armies succeeded in getting away with the carefully planned attack in Korea; and had the UN run away from the challenge as it ran away from similar challenges in the days of Mussolini's attack on Ethiopia, the third world war would probably have been on already.

Or possibly a situation even more menacing than a third world war would have been on us. Had the west stood aside while Korea went down, Yugoslavia would certainly have been the next main item on the list.

Moreover, the fact that the west had stood aside in Korea would have convinced Yugoslavs and Germans who might have been inclined to stand with the west that resistance was useless.

THE KOREAN WAR has been a bitter pill for the United States to swallow. It has been the third most costly foreign war ever fought by the U.S.A. The American newspapers these days are saying that it is the first war the U.S.A. ever fought which did not end in victory for U.S.A.

Canadians might smile in a friendly way at that claim, which hardly stands examination—for the War of 1812 also ended as a draw just as the war in Korea is ending in a draw. The British were not able to keep the territories that they tried to grab from the new American republic. But the United States was not able to annex Canada, in spite of the fact that its armies invaded and ravaged all western Ontario.

THE WAR OF 1812 taught the British and Americans the folly of fighting each other—and the Korean war may do the same thing for the two world blocs.



LITTLE KAREN FULLER, 5, seems to be contemplating the quality of her grandfather's wheat crop as it is trucked in to the new Buchanan, Mich., grain elevator. While drought conditions have hit crops in the Southwest and the East Coast areas, some spots, like Berrien County, Mich., are enjoying magnificent weather and record crops are expected.

### VICTORIA REPORT

by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—The annual mid-summer tourist rush to this capital is in full flood and the Legislative Buildings are alive with visitors, mostly from the United States.

This year there are conducted tours of the Buildings—a splendid idea. Each hour, on the hour, a uniformed Commissioner takes the visitors around. About 300 people a day make the conducted tours; at least as many more wander around by themselves.

The Commissioner shows the visitors the legislative chamber, the library and archives, and other points of interest, telling them something of B.C.'s history, and that the Queen doesn't live in Victoria, but in London, and that British Columbia is a province of Canada, not a county of England.

Hundreds of visitors, too, pour through the museum and historic Helmsken House. It would be interesting to know how many pictures are snapped each summer on the lawns of the Buildings; cameras are clicking all day long.

British Columbians can get in on these tours, too. It would be a good idea next time you're in your capital to go along. You'll thoroughly enjoy it, if you've never been in the Buildings. The way it's now, even per capita, more Americans than British Columbians have been in our Buildings. It's the old story of distant pastures looking greener.

The other day I sat on a white bench on the terrace of the Buildings. The two vast lawns were being cut. My curiosity got the better of me, so I asked the man with the power mower how long it takes him. A full eight hours, he said, and would I like to know something? Well, he walks 17 miles every time he cuts the lawns, each Friday. That includes frequent trips with grass cuttings to a central heap. I said to the grass-cutting man it appeared to me a very pleasant way of working, what with scenery and flowers. He grunted and kept on cutting.

Well, that's the outside of the Buildings for this week. Inside, plans were stirring for the opening of the session on September 5. The five Greater Victoria Social Crediters—Mrs. Arsens, Mr. Wright and Mr. Chant of Victoria City; Mr. Bruch of Esquimalt and Mr. John Douglas Tisdale of Saanich were sworn into legislative office by Clerk of the House Ned deBeck. They can now put the initials MLA to their names—and everybody loves to be able to do that. It's almost as important as the \$3,000 a year, though that's important, too.

CCF Mr. Strachan of Cowichan-Newcastle came calling, too, on business for his constituents. He said he was going to see Public Works Minister Gagliardi, and he probably howled about the state of the roads in Cowichan-Newcastle. Every MLA, especially an oppositionist, says the roads in his riding are terrible, just terrible, the worst in the whole province.

Mr. Thomas Irwin of Delta has been bustling about the Buildings, too. He's not the Speaker, but he uses the Speaker's suite, as he plans for the session. It's up to the Legislature to elect a Speaker on opening day, but everyone knows that Mr. Irwin will be the one, because the Premier has picked him out. Election of a Speaker is one of those curious, quite harmless bits of make-believe that have fastened themselves on our parliamentary system.

There's already discussion about MLA's getting a full \$3,000 indemnity for the autumn session. There's no reason they shouldn't. When a session is only three or four days, and called for one specific purpose, the full indemnity isn't taken—MLA's vote themselves about \$50 a day. But the one coming up will be a full session so the full indemnity will be paid.

Of those who sat in the last Legislature, and attended the spring session, 31 have been re-elected, and so they may well get \$6,000 this year—not bad!

Payment from the taxes to elected representatives is always a touchy subject. The representatives say they don't get enough; the public frowns on what it insists on calling salary-grabs from those it elects to run its business.

### Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

For many a year, Prince Rupert police affairs were administered under provincial authority. W. H. Vickers took over as Chief, although for some time previous the job was handled by J. C. Carvell. Vickers hailed originally from Plymouth, England, but most of his stirring life was spent in the west. He saw the Klondike during its most flush periods and was familiar with Atlin, as well. In early middle life he was well equipped for his Prince Rupert office. He had good judgment and a cool head.

The turn of the century saw a change along the north coast. The gold strike declined. While it was still there, there was no stirring in the hearts of men as they thought of Dawson and the Yukon. However, there was something else and this was railroad building. It would span a continent, with the terminus at Prince Rupert about mid-way between Skagway and Vancouver. Here, there would be something doing surely.

FIRST FINGER PRINTS  
The new city's new constables had plenty to do. They wore helmets, long blue coats and managed to discharge responsibilities capably. Under some circumstances they used a car but were also observed on the streets. One

of the officers, whose official cognomen was Warden Baillie, discovered finger printing, so far as this city was concerned, in the early stages. He gave plenty of time and study to what he was developing and it not infrequently brought results. Baillie is believed to be still living in Victoria where Vickers is at rest.

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### LETTERBOX

ANSWER TO SAM  
The Editor,  
The Daily News,  
Dear Silent Sam:  
Re—crude law enforcement. I can very well see why you wish to remain silent. I am wondering how you would make out in a uniform of the law, with your methods of enforcing law and order. You seem quite well informed about how it should be done. I think after a Saturday night like last, you would be quite happy to sit at home in an easy chair and leave policing to the proper authorities.  
And as for people being pushed around on "skid road" or down town sidewalks, all I can say is: if that's how they enjoy an evening's entertainment someone should be around to collect on the floor show. It should prove quite profitable as you have lots of company.  
And as far as a few personalities being mixed with plain ordinary water, quite possibly had that been all to begin with they would not have been in the position they were.  
Myself, I think our local RCMP are doing a very good job and apparently a thankless one at that. With a bit more help instead of hindrance they could improve our fair city.

But there are always a few who "cry wolf" and also learn the hard way. Yes Sam, it is quite easy to say but often hard to do. But I think any new ideas you should encounter you should pass on to the proper authorities. That is if you think they would pass. I still think you would lose.

Sincerely,  
CONTRADICTION.

WANTS 'REAL' POLICE  
The Editor,  
The Daily News:  
I read Jungle Jim's reply to Silent Sam's letter and I sure feel sorry for him, that they had to let him out of his jungle home. I thought that we only have civilized people here. But it seems that he is so used to the skid roads that he don't know how real police do act.  
Sure it takes guts to be a policeman but it takes guts to be a real decent one. So if we sent some of the children home to their mothers and get some real men on our police force we would be better off for it.  
TAXPAYER.

The Stanhope Medal is awarded annually by the Royal Humane Society for the greatest example of gallantry that year.

City of Prince Rupert  
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H. M. Foote  
COLLECTOR

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