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Markets for B.C. Salmon?

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, the huge surplus of canned salmon is still in warehouses, threatening a tremendous loss to the fishing companies.

If markets can be found, this salmon, of course, will be sold to everyone's relief. If it is not, what then?

Fortunately the fishing companies are not sitting back hoping for the best. Sales strategy is being kept secret, but it is understood the companies are anticipating selling more than a million and a half cases.

If the industry can find these orders, the big 1953 salmon catch will become a cash asset instead of a surplus headache.

It is to be hoped that industry spokesmen were correct when they said on their return from the United Kingdom last month that the trip appeared worthwhile.

The delegation had two equally important objectives: that of exploring the possibility of an increase in the purchase of British goods by the fishing industry and, secondly, that of continuing the sale of B.C. canned salmon to Britain.

It was stressed at that time that there were no strings attached to the mission. There was no question of any barter deal.

Regardless of the "deal," it would relieve the minds of fishermen and British Columbians as a whole, to know what progress is being made in the sale of the enormous pack, which has been sitting in warehouses for so many months.

Perhaps the companies are asking too much, but whatever the reason, the fishermen and public are anxiously awaiting an announcement.

The longer that salmon sits in the warehouse, the bigger the headache it becomes.

Watch the Heater

NOW IS THE TIME, as winds become icy and snow is in the offing, when oil stoves and portable oil heaters are coming into heavy use.

Now is the time to note that last year some six thousand fires and 30 deaths were caused in Canada by the careless use and maintenance of such heating units.

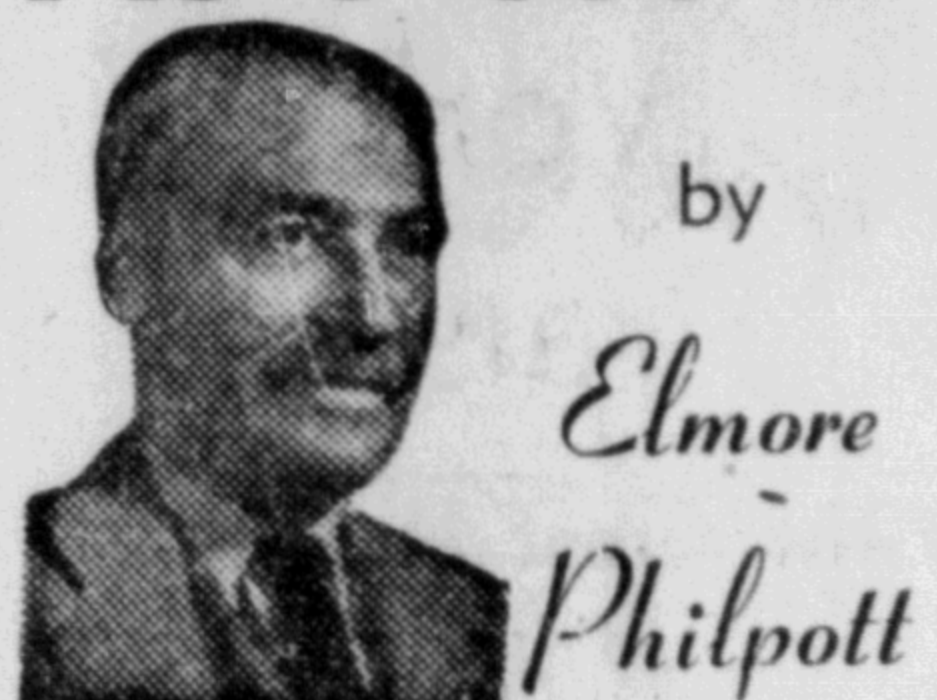
In driving home this point, the All-Canada Insurance Federation is advocating some safety measures which deserve the attention of all. Among these measures are:

- 1. Choose stoves and heaters of known and approved quality.
2. Only qualified mechanics should install and service oil appliances.
3. Do not buy used equipment without competent advice.
4. Use stoves and heaters only for the purpose for which they were designed.
5. Fill small heaters with a funnel from a safety can that has a pouring spout attached. If oil is cold, leave room for expansion.
6. Allow ample space around heaters for wooden walls, curtains or anything that is inflammable.
7. A metal screen is an approved precaution. Keep children away from stoves and burners at all times.
8. Make regular checks to assure that units are clean.
9. Do not operate portable heaters in rooms lacking sufficient ventilation—keep windows open at night.

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As I See It



THE TOP men in the government of Canada are really indignant at the way the Eisenhower administration has involved Canada in the now famous case of the spy suspect, Harry Dexter White.

To "get something on" ex-President Harry Truman the Attorney-General of the United States quotes the head of the U.S. Secret Police—Edgar Hoover of the FBI.

Mr. Hoover in turn quoted in 1946 from an unnamed but supposed "high government source" in Canada that Harry Dexter White was too dangerous to be named to a key international post.

Up till the time of writing, neither the Prime Minister nor anybody else in high office here knows of any such letter from any "Canadian source."

The Canadian ministers are doubly sensitive.

First—They quite candidly state their doubts that there ever was any such "source" in the government as is implied in the letter written by Edgar Hoover in 1946, and "declassified" only this past week—that is, taken off the secret document list.

Second—They will be even more indignant if it does turn out that Mr. Edgar Hoover did actually receive some secret and confidential information from somebody who in 1946 could be correctly described as a "high government source." For if this actually was true the secret information passed on was the property of the government of Canada, and hence to be treated as all other government secrets are treated.

The first rule about secret documents, or confidential letters, is that they may never be made public without the consent of the person who was responsible for them in the first place.

In other words, if it turns out that somebody in or near the government of Canada did pass on some highly confidential information in 1946, the government of Canada of 1953 will want to know how such information may be made public in 1953 without so much as a "by your leave" to Ottawa.

APART altogether from the gross breach of good international manners, the practical harmful effect of the action by the U.S. Attorney-General would be far reaching.

Canadian government ministers and officials would naturally shut up like clams, in their correspondence with their opposite numbers in Washington, if they HAD found by bitter experience that their secrets and their names could be tossed about, seven years later, in the rough-and-tumble American politics which have become known as "McCarthyism."

President Eisenhower and his popular lady did a wonderful goodwill job here last week-end. But even while he was away his right hand man, Herbert Brownell, was giving the Canadian government cause for the most important grievance of recent years.

Noted Portrait Painter Dies

NEW YORK @—Savely Sorine, a Russian emigre and one of the best-known portrait painters in the United States, died Sunday. He was 73.

Sorine, who fled Russia after the revolution in 1919, came to the U.S. in 1923. He painted portraits of members of some of the country's wealthiest families as well as of the Queen, the Queen mother and other members of the British Royal Family.

In his paintings, Sorine used tempera water colors.

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LESLIE B. QUINN of Vancouver, has been appointed assistant regional manager for the Chrysler-Plymouth-Fargo division, Chrysler Corporation of Canada, Limited. Formerly a district manager with nearly 30 years' experience in the automobile business, Mr. Quinn will continue to make his headquarters in Vancouver.

LETTERBOX

APPRECIATION

The Editor, The Daily News— Having spent 30 days in our hospital as a patient following surgery, I wish publicly to express my appreciation to all concerned.

It is well known that the doctors and nursing staff are most efficient and thorough. Personally I can vouch for the same.

Now, as to the others of the personnel... firstly, the ward maids—"busy little bees," most pleasant, and in charge of a capable housekeeper.

Secondly—to the girls on the kitchen staff. To them I must pay the highest compliment for perfect meals. The food was good, tasty, adequately sufficient and, strangely enough, arrived at the bedside "hot."

The undersigned wishes to thank all of you who helped to make my stay so pleasant. I was nearly forgetting the ladies and the library wagon.

Miss Clement, you can justly be proud of the staff under your command.

L. O. LYCETT.

The Editor, The Daily News:

I am pleased to note that Mr. P. Le Ross of Terrace Transfer has come to the aid of the men in the Department of Public Works in his locality. A very commendable act. However, I do not intend to retract nor deviate in the slightest, from my statements regarding maintenance of Highway 16 on the Terrace end. Rather, I will elaborate and show the reasons for my former letter.

First, I know that the stretch of road from Galloway Rapids bridge has been in just as poor shape as the Terrace end and possibly just as often. After all, what can be expected, when there is only one grader to do this stretch as compared to the beautiful display of graders I saw today coming west from Terrace. Also Mr. LeRoss well knows that all a graderman can do for the first twenty-five miles out of Rupert, is knock the edges off potholes which incidently, form more quickly in this stretch than on the Terrace end. He will also recall no doubt the thousand...

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Report From PARLIAMENT

E. T. APPLEWHAITE

A new Parliament, Canada's 22nd, is now under way and we members of the House of Commons are gradually getting back into the routine of a Session. One part of my routine which I always enjoy is keeping in touch with Skeena by way of the weekly letters which our local papers so generously permit me to publish. It is not always that I can find local matters to write about, after all this Parliament deals with the affairs of ALL Canada, but I shall try to find matters of some interest—and I do not intend to try to cover the field which the daily press of Canada covers by wire service.

Burns Lake is among the communities in my area from which I have had representations about the Retail Price Maintenance legislation. But the representations are not all one way. Some are attacking the legislation as having a bad effect on small business; more are incensed at any suggestion that the law should be repealed. One thing is becoming more clear to me daily—that unfair trade practices are not the same thing necessarily as price maintenance. I think that in the not too distant future we shall have to take a long look at Unfair Trade Practices—and one of the first jobs will be to define them.

In my contribution to the Debate on the Address I touched on many matters. One was the Prince Rupert airport. I cannot agree with an editorial I read a little while ago in "The Prince Rupert Daily News" stating that no more surveys and investigations were needed. It's more detailed surveys that I am now trying to get. I understand that the preliminary survey showed an airport on Digby Island to be possible. What I want now is detailed surveys—data upon which to estimate the cost (very necessary before an item can be put in the Estimates); data upon which plans and specifications could be drawn, which are necessary before any tenders could possibly be called. I want more surveys and investigations—lots of them, and in great detail. In my speech I discussed airports generally and Prince Rupert in particular.

A phase of our national life which touches Skeena practically not at all, unfortunately, is the National Gallery of Canada. The year ending March 31, 1953, has been one of the most decisive in the recent history of the National Gallery. The new building now to be built, so sorely needed for many years, will at last enable the Gallery to fulfill its responsibilities to the Canadian people and to respond to their increasing demands for its services, as reflected in the Mas-

The Speech from the Throne (which we are now debating) has, I expect been very fully covered in the daily press. After expressing the Governor General's pleasure at welcoming us to the opening of the twenty-second parliament, it outlined the work of the Session—which looks to me like being very heavy and not too interesting or exciting.



Figures

SPEAK LOUDER THAN

Words

Words are hard put to tell the full story of Canadian achievement in 1953. During this past year, Canada took new strides forward in almost every field of endeavor. These strides toward the future were made possible through an investment—by Canadians in all walks of life—of time, talent... and money.

How important a part your money played in Canada's progress in 1953 can be seen from the following highlights taken from the B of M's Annual Report for this year. Printed here, these figures—as they did all through 1953—speak louder than words.

DEPOSITS: At the end of the Bank's year, October 31st, 1953, over two million Canadians had \$2,226,960,333 in deposits with the B of M—money which has been kept hard at work with Canadian enterprise of every description and size. Although much of this money belongs to institutions and business firms, well over half of these deposits represent the savings of everyday Canadians—savings that, day by day, are working for you... and for Canada.

LOANS: Your bank is playing an important role in our expanding economy by means of loans to Canadians of every calling—farmers, miners, fishermen, oil men, lumbermen, ranchers—to individual and business enterprises and to Provincial and Municipal Governments. As of October 31st, B of M loans totalled \$857,762,561—the highest figure in the history of the Bank. In a thousand ways, these dollars played their part in maintaining full employment and in sustaining—or bettering—our standard of living.

INVESTMENTS: At the close of the year the B of M had \$864,057,948 invested in high-grade government bonds and other public securities which have a ready market. This money is helping to finance government projects for the betterment of the country and the welfare of Canadians at large. Other securities held by the Bank—mainly short-term credits to industry—bring total investments to \$982,490,826.

The message these figures express is a confident and encouraging one. Actually, it is your message... for it is made possible by your savings.

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