

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES:**  
 per week, 25c; per month, \$1.00; per year, \$8.00.  
 by mail, per month, 75c; per year, \$8.00.  
 Published every afternoon except Sunday by  
 Prince Rupert Daily News Ltd., 3rd Avenue, Prince Rupert.  
 Second class mail by Post Office Department, Ottawa.  
 Independent daily newspaper devoted to the upbuilding of  
 Prince Rupert and Northern and Central British Columbia.  
 Member of Canadian Press — Audit Bureau of Circulations  
 Canadian Daily Newspaper Association.  
 Managing Editor: H. G. PERRY, Managing Director

## Sparks Start Fires

ONE PORT to another, we sympathize with Vancouver in her waterfront fire. Had there been any assistance we could give, it would have been readily afforded.

Who never knows when disaster like this might strike. It can happen in the best of regulated communities. The cause is beside the point. These things happen.

It is necessary to be organized to fight fires but when they develop, no matter how adequate the combating resources may be, to prevent where great damage cannot be prevented. In words, they become uncontrollable.

Fire, like illness, so with fire. Prevention and security—elimination of the simple risk, the act—are most important things.

Everybody can help that way.

After all, it's a small spark that starts every fire. No matter what the progress and auspices of the fire may be. We can all do something to prevent sparks.

Constant vigilance is important in fire prevention as well as many other things.

## Missing Star

CANADA has surplus space on an enormous scale, so it is not a matter of surprise that there are places on this vast half-continent where pioneer communities and the number of professional men is anything but large.

For example, in central B.C. there is a community having no dentist within more than 200 miles.

Naturally, the cities are preferable, yet the people received from remote settlers also carry with them and cannot or should not be disregarded.

Canadian life, past and present, can tell many stories of where a medical man, once established on the frontier or in the country, lives and dies there. He wouldn't move if he could for his life has become one of heroic service.

## Building Costs

WHILE we must have houses at any cost and it is important that the current proposed rental should not fail, there is good reason to study building costs are really too high here. It is probable that a local problem.

The building cost situation is really such that housing cannot be made available which is financially compatible with the ability of a community to meet, the reasons will have to be ascertained as an important step toward a solution.

As the industrial expansion of the city and disbursements, housing will be a continuing problem in Prince Rupert and a fundamental thing is to make it feasible to build for occupancy or rent.

## Scripture Passage for Today

"Jesus said unto her, Mary.—St. John 20:16.  
 When the doors were shut, . . . came Jesus.—St. John 20:19

**CIVIL DEFENCE**  
 MONCTON, N.B. (E. V. Wilson, resigning as Moncton's co-ordinator of civil defence, said there was not enough activity in this field at present to warrant holding the position as a part-time job. He suggested that if and when more work developed, the post be held by a retired man.

## USED CARS

**LOWER PRICES—BETTER BUYS**  
 Take a look at these: ★ 1950 Austin ★ 1949  
 Panel ★ 1948 Ford Sedan ★ 1936 Ford  
 Coupe

And we have more Used Cars at attractive prices  
**BIG SPECIAL**  
 Terraplane Sedan—Any reasonable offer.  
**Superior Auto Service**  
 Limited  
 1st Avenue West Phone Green 217



**DARE YOU!**—Spring fever doesn't mean giving way to laziness to these Quebec boys. They were discovered by a photographer on shore, 200 feet away, having a whale of a time jumping from one iceflow to another on the St. Lawrence River, midway between Quebec City and the Island of Orleans. (CP PHOTO)

## Its Bigness Unbelievable

It's so big, it's almost unbelievable, said Don Forward as he described the great power development of the Aluminum Co. of Canada at Kemano to the Gyro Club yesterday. In his capacity as coroner, Mr. Forward made a trip a few days ago to Heretzk Creek, a tributary of Kemano River, one of the tunnel driving points in rugged Gardner Canal area where he had the "terrifying" experience of a ride in a helicopter.

Mr. Forward told of the great Camp 5, ten miles up the Kemano River from the beach, where 1500 men are quartered in quarters and tents.

In one huge canteen 600 men are fed at a time, groups of 12 men at each of fifty tables. And the meals—they're simply out of this world—T-bone steaks, tables laden with every imaginable kind of food in huge quantities. They say it's costing \$3.75 to \$4 a day to feed the men there. They demand the best and they certainly get it.

**MIGHTY JOB**  
 The big tunnel is a project the magnitude of which simply must be seen to be believed. Between the Kemano power house site and Tahtsa Lake—ten to twelve miles—the tunnel is being driven 23½ feet a day by marvelous organization of men and equipment. Great dump trucks, shovels, cranes and graders are everywhere. The dynamite blasts in the 23-foot tunnel are tremendous. Power house site development right inside the mountain is also a project of amazingly enormous proportions.

Mr. Forward contrasted the rugged and narrow valley of the Kemano with the wide Kitimat valley and its gentle slopes.

The highlight of the trip was the ride in the helicopter, the only way of reaching Heretzk Creek.

There are two helicopters there now and two new big ten-passenger Sikorskys are coming.

**SPRING FROLIC**

The club heard a report from

## ray ... Reflects and Reminisces

Canada's cheese surplus is estimated at about forty million tons. In Britain, according to an announcement last week, the cheese ration has been reduced to one ounce per person per week. Austerity is still in effect overseas but let's think of some other word—or ship a few million pounds.

### B.C. CAN STAND IT

Abolition of the three percent tax on a meal is urged by the B.C. Women's Liberal Association. Some members differ. For one thing, it is asserted, a source of revenue would be affected. But not to any serious degree. Liquor sales, reported to be quite healthy, could help compensate.

We enjoyed fried herring last evening after being advised that deft removal of the back bone would leave nothing but whole some herring meal. However, having mislaid our deft, there was nothing to it but consume the rest, and pocket a handful of toothpicks.

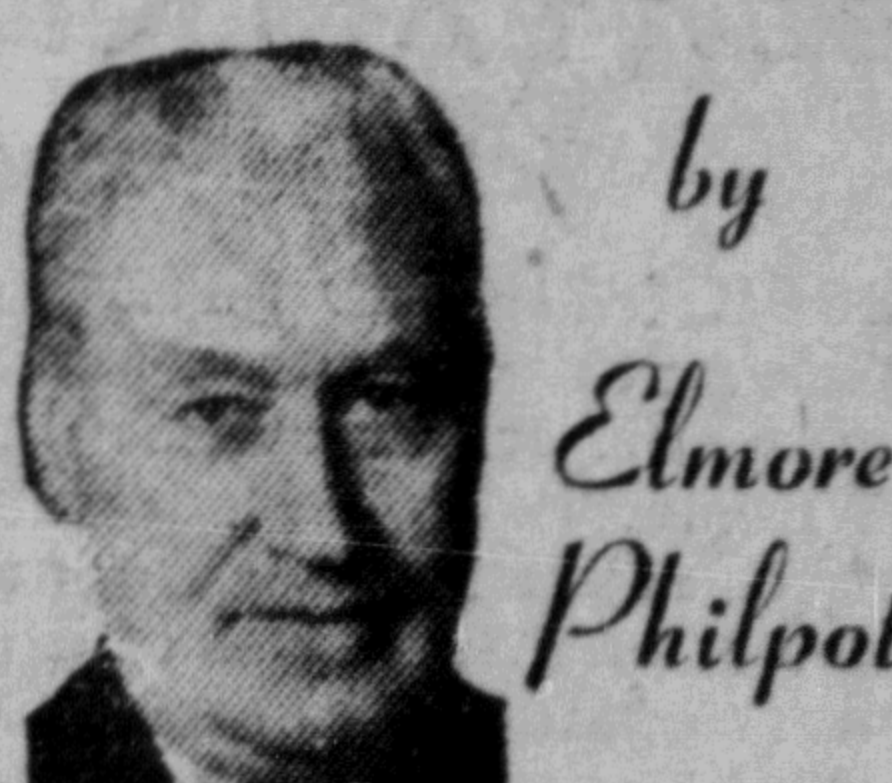
### HOW COME, LASSIE!

Has age overtaken that handsome movie star, Lassie? Year after year, the colts ranked as one of Hollywood's favorites. She was an actress indeed. She had personality and style. This season, Lassie was not seen anywhere, or was she mentioned? A plump looking cat, called Rhubarb, won this season's award. Well, Lassie, you doubtless know by this time that we all retire some day.

Ben Parker on the forthcoming spring frolic, an invitation cabaret style dance on May 15, at which it is expected there will be six hundred guests.

The Music and Drama Festival asked for volunteers to act as ushers and in other capacities at that affair, a few members offering their services.

## As I See It



by  
 Elmore  
 Philpott

### Those Election Ads

THE PROVINCE of B.C. is now spending large chunks of taxpayers' money to explain the new voting system. As the new system needs explaining there can be no objection to the principle of the ads themselves.

But when those ads declare in big letters that "IT'S FAIR—IT'S SIMPLE" the time has come to ask some pointed questions about this whole business of advertising with taxpayers' money.

I do not believe that the government of B.C. has the MORAL right to spend a single cent of your money and my money to argue the advantages or disadvantages of certain public policies. On the other hand, it clearly has both the right and the duty to spend public money on education of the people as to the actual techniques of voting, or any other public duty which requires some act by the individual citizen.

SUPPOSE at the time of the conscription crisis in 1944 that the government at Ottawa had used the taxpayers' money to laud its new law to the people. Suppose it had used exactly the same beginning in the ads on the new way of voting. Suppose the Ottawa government had told the people that its half-and-half conscription law

was "IT'S FAIR—IT'S SIMPLE." There would have been an uproar from a large section of the people, who did not believe that the Zombie law was either fair or simple.

MY POINT is that no government has any right to use public funds to argue for or against the principle of laws which are a matter of continuing controversy. The CCF government of Saskatchewan for instance would have no moral right to use public money to insert ads in newspapers arguing for public ownership as against private enterprise. Likewise the Liberal government of B.C. or the Conservative government of Ontario would have no right to use public money to advertise arguments against socialism.

I AM NOT suggesting that there is anything very important about the government ads. I notice that they are appearing in the CCF newspaper as well as in papers which support the government. But the time to guard against a bad innovation is when it starts.

THE WORST feature of the B.C. alternative voting system is that the final counts will not be made on election night.

If no candidate has a clear majority on the first count, the ballot boxes will have to be kept under lock and key for 21 days before the further counts begin. Short of supplying the various parties with individual padlocks for each box, I do not see how even the Archangel Gabriel could prevent tampering with some of the boxes in those 21 days.

UNDER the B.C. law the voter can "plump" for his favorite candidate. That is, he can mark his ballot with a 1 after JOHN JONES and leave all the other spaces blank.

But suppose JOHN JONES is low man on the first count, and nobody wins outright. What is to stop somebody from opening the ballot box in the three weeks it is locked up and marking

in enough number 2's or 3's to elect any desired candidate?

I THINK B.C. will only have one election under this silly system—for it will provide more nuisance to everybody than benefit to anybody.

Canadians produced almost a quarter of a million tons of fine paper last year; despite war and depression, the fine paper mills have set a new high in production almost every year over the past twenty.

**INFRA-RAY**

PENETRATING

## HEAT LAMP

Aids Rheumatism, Lumbago, Sore Muscles,  
 Stiff Joints and other ailments.

**Rupert Radio & Electric**

**McKAYS GROCERY**  
 Phone 677 1383 6th Ave. East

Features

**NALLEY'S New Keyopener tin of Shoestring Potatoes 21c**  
 COME IN AND SEE OUR TOTEM DISPLAY

**NALLEY'S TANG Salad Dressing**  
 With Coupon 16 oz. jar **42c**  
 TRY IT TODAY!

**NALLEY'S DILL PICKLES**  
 Plain or Garlic, 16 oz. **45c**

**NALLEY'S LUMBERJACK SYRUP**  
 Different! It's simply delicious  
 16 oz. bottle **29c**

## Now Available For The First Time

# In the handy Key Opening Tin

THEY'RE ALWAYS FRESH . . . BECAUSE  
 THEY'RE VACUUM PACKED.  
 EASY TO OPEN WITH THE HANDY KEY

### Other Fine Food Products From Nalley Valley

**NALLEY'S POTATO CHIPS**  
 Crisp, Delicious  
 Ready to Serve

**NALLEY'S SWEET RELISH**  
 Adds Flavor to Sandwiches — Try it!

**NALLEY'S DILL PICKLES**  
 Crisp, Crunchy  
 Full Flavored

**NALLEY'S Lumberjack Syrup**  
 Sweetheart of Hotcakes

ALSO—NALLEY'S

 Salad Time Dressing  
 Sandwich Spread  
 Prepared Mustard  
 Sweet Mixed Pickles  
 Sweet Mustard Pickles  
 Hamburger Relish  
 Sweet Relish  
 Sour Pickles

**NALLEY'S TANG**  
 The Perfect Dressing  
 Look for the free 10c coupon on each jar

BUY B.C. PRODUCTS  
 BUILD B.C. PAYROLLS

BUY NALLEY'S  
 AND SAVE DOLLARS

**Slix**  
*Fashion in the Rain*

by Torch Rubber Co.  
 Styled by Marlene of Paris

complete with drawstring bag

In 4 Glorious Colors  
 Black Beauty—Stop Red  
 Town Brown—Go Green

**\$2.25**

Fits any shoe on either foot

Sizes—Small—Medium—Large

Pure Latex in Reptile Grain

Here's what you've been waiting for . . . looking for! "Slix" . . . the smartest, slickest, most flexible, most packable rain rubbers yet. They're made to fit any style of shoe, any heel-height. Each fits either foot to go neatly with any outfit. Each pair folds into its own little waterproof plaid Purse-Pack . . . slips into your purse or pocket . . . and you'll always be ready for rain.

**Vogue Shoes Limited**  
 303 638

**Green 595**