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### Canada's Dynamic Dollar

THE surprising vitality of the Canadian dollar continues to be an economic highlight. In recent days it has been trading in New York at a premium as high as two cents.

For some people, of course, dollar parity is not an unqualified blessing. Canadian exporters have lost some of the advantage they used to enjoy in world markets. For Canadian business generally, parity means stiffer competition from foreign manufacturers. On the other hand, it means a saving on the cost of imported materials. Canadians travelling in the U.S. are also getting a break.

But whatever significance the strength of our dollar may have for economists, one thing is certain: It has served dramatically to focus U.S. attention on Canada.

The old stereotype of dog teams and Mounties is giving way to a more realistic picture. Canadians are being seen in a new light—as a modern independent nation of enterprising people with energy, industry and “real” money behind them.

### Arts and Crafts Show

IT IS a fortunate thing for Prince Rupert that there are a few courageous souls like Mrs. Ruth Harvey and her helpers who are interested and active enough in affairs cultural and artistic to organize such an affair as the Arts and Crafts show which is now being presented at the Civic Centre.

It brings into collective display many of the projects of art and handiwork which have been going on steadily at the Civic Centre during the past winter season and is an impressive demonstration of what can be done by people of special or ordinary talents when brought together with enthusiasm and under competent instruction.

And to provide high class leavening there are the imported displays such as the Macleans cover paintings, the Mexican wood cuts and lithographs and the Vancouver School of Art productions.

The Arts and Crafts show is a worthwhile labor of love and those associated with it are to be congratulated. Now it is to be hoped that the effort will be appreciated by the public by its general attendance.

It is a pleasant diversion from the drab, humdrum routine of everyday life.

### What Is Normal?

FOLLOWING what seems to be a general trend, Canada is to have a new cost-of-living index with the base period postwar instead of the 1935-39 years. This will mean, of course, that officially we are about to write off the wartime and postwar inflation and reach the hard conclusion that the situation we find ourselves in today must be regarded as normal.

In taking such a step, the Ottawa Journal argues, we are being less than realistic. The old index, it admits, had its faults. It did not take into account a number of present-day necessities. But it did give us a yardstick for measuring the amount of inflation since prewar. Now, with a new base, says the Journal, “instead of measuring living costs from a point where there was no inflation to a point where there is inflation, we are to measure from one inflationary point to another—making the thing, politically, look so much better, but altering in no way the truth.”

There is no question that the new index will give a more accurate picture but will it help us forget that the dollar of today has little relation to the dollar of 1939?

The main point to remember is that no matter how carefully and efficiently compiled, statistics like firearms should not be handled carelessly. With nothing but bare figures to guide him, a man from Mars might very easily conclude that all Canadians were prior to 1914 and all were millionaires after 1950, whereas a citizen who has just paid his income tax might argue that the reverse was nearer the truth.

### Scripture Passage for Today

“The fear of the Lord is clean.”—Psalm 19:9.

Mrs. L. M. Felsenthal and daughter, Judy, arrived in the city by plane this afternoon and will remain here over the Easter vacation season.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Erickson and Mrs. Holm, Mrs. Erickson's mother, are sailing tomorrow night on the Camosun for a trip to Vancouver.

### FISHERIES OFFICIALS

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Mr. Whitmore, on a two-week inspection tour of the fisheries patrol vessel Howay, also spent two days at the Native Brotherhood of B.C. convention, in session all week at Alert Bay.

He spoke highly of the “organized manner in which they sat down to discuss down-to-earth problems. Mr. Whitmore himself was asked to speak for an hour on B.C. fisheries, after which he carried on a question period for another hour and a half.

Chairman of the convention is Chief William Seow, of Alert Bay. Atlin MLA Frank Calder was among the 100 delegates present.

Making the trip with Mr. Whitmore is J. E. Hutchison, fisheries marine superintendent, former fisheries inspector on the Naas River. Capt. C. W. Earnshaw is master of the Howay.

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### Reflects and Reminisces

Every married woman has three husbands—the one she thinks she has, the one he thinks she has, and the one she has.

### INFLUENCED, PERHAPS!

More firing of highly placed officials in Washington! Wonder where they picked up the notion, all so sudden? Of course, British Columbia papers feature a lot of political stories. Some good ones come from Victoria.

There will be a holiday next week, but wasn't there a day some months ago when there was snow, Scotch, and a stout old fellow with white whiskers and a sackful of tin whistles and sweets?

Frequently, tourists who chance to be in Prince Rupert on a Sunday inquire about churches. Interest in worship has long been manifest. Tourists' money, donated over the years, has opened and dedicated a beautiful little edifice in the scenic village of Banff, Alberta. It is built of native rock, quarried from lordly Mount Rundle, a peak discovered and first made known by a missionary practically a century ago.

### HOW IT HAPPENED

In filling out an insurance application, the applicant was requested to state if his father was living and, if dead, to state cause of death. The father had been hanged, so the son resorted to diplomatic language when he wrote: “My father was killed when the platform gave way while he was participating in a public function.”

### CONTENT WITH WHEELS

The Canadian National Railways has invited by tender 194 units of passenger train equipment and it's urgently needed. Much is heard about the speed, the comfort and all-round wonders of aviation but there are still plenty of us sufficiently old fashioned enough to stick to a dining car and luxury on wheels.

### As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

### Labor Booby Trap

IF I WERE a union official in this critical year 1952 I would watch my step as never before.

I would realize that the kind of leadership which got my union more and more pay boosts in the past few years would not work in the years ahead.

I would beware of booby traps—especially of being jockeyed into long drawn out strikes which some of the enemies of trade unions might actually be waiting for, hoping for, in order to smash the unions!

BACK around 1932 wages were being cut right and left. I worked then on one of the biggest papers in Canada and we had had three wage cuts of ten per cent each. But the printers upstairs were completely unionized and so escaped the worst cuts.

On our paper we had a father and son. The father was a union printer. The son was a university graduate, a good editorial man. After the wage cuts the father got twice as much pay as his own son whom he had sent through university. What for, he wanted to know?

That is why all Canada came out of the depression with certain ideas. Half of these are good and true. But half of them are half-baked. One half-baked idea is that you can get more pieces out of a pie than there are in it.

THE GOOD idea that came out of the depression was that unions are a good thing for those in them. The government wanted labor and farmer to accept fixed wages and fixed prices. In both cases it had to offer inducements to get labor and farmer to accept such. For, had there been no control, wages would have gone far higher than they did and wheat would surely have gone two or three times the price it reached.

Labor got the right to organize trade unions. It got that right—not the old hard way that the old tough unions, like the coal miners, had got it. It got it by law—by parliamentary action.

Hence we got in Canada a brand new type of arm-chair labor leader. And we got vast numbers of young boy and girl unionists who simply do not believe that less than 20 years ago it was as much as your life was worth—really physically dangerous—to try to get in to organize a union in some industries. It was as much as your job was worth even to be suspected of trying to organize a union in most.

SINCE the Hitler war ended, and the government let loose the

### All Livestock From UK Banned

OTTAWA.—The federal government today banned all livestock from England and Scotland as an extra precaution against the possible spread of foot-and-mouth disease. Previously Canada allowed livestock from the United Kingdom to be imported under permit control.

free for all price grab, the unions have had things much their own way. They had had some nasty setbacks and failures. But on the whole, in a scarcity market, they have only had to threaten to strike, or strike briefly, to get pay boosts.

The boss has rarely really fought. All he did, in fact, was to add his pay boosts to his costs, add extra profit on that, and pass the whole thing on to the consumer—who often as not was a foreigner or a government buyer.

BUT NOW supply has piled up beyond the demand—beyond the willingness or ability of the buyers to buy AT PRESENT HIGH PRICES. For a union to consider a strike under such circumstances it should ask itself:

What will the traffic bear if all traffic stops?

What if we go on strike and the employers prolong the shutdown for several months for the deliberate purpose of smashing the union?

When the boss has trouble selling his output it might actually pay him to have the whole works closed tight for months. But it does not pay the men.

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### Saturday Sermon Holy Week

Rev. H. Godfrey Bird, St. Peter's Anglican Church, Seal Cove

Text: St. Luke XXIII 34. “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”

On Easter Day many of us will “rise to the occasion.” What about the week between now and Easter? Will WE rise on Easter with Christ—or without Christ? Will the coming week be Holy for US?

Unless we appreciate the Cross there can be no Salvation in which to rejoice as far as we are concerned. Unless we are conscious of the part that we can play in the drama of the Cross—and play it—He is not OUR Saviour who rises on the Third Day. The part that we have to play in the Cross is personal. It is a part that no one else can play for us. This is one task that “George” cannot do.

The group on which Our Lord looked from the Cross did not have the knowledge of the Third Day to come. WE have.

The Old Testament and The Law said “Thou shalt.” Christ looks from the Cross and says “Will you?”

### First Presbyterian Church



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Morning Service, 11:00 a.m. Sermon: “Christ Predicts His Suffering.”

Evening Service—7:30 p.m. Sermon—By Mr. G. Mostad, one of the lay-members of our Church.

Sunday School—12:15 p.m.

### FIRST UNITED CHURCH

636 Sixth Avenue West, Prince Rupert, B.C.

Rev. Lawrence G. Sieber

11 a.m.—Morning Worship. Sermon: Praise and Practice. Message in Stations. Children's Story: “Holy Week.” Anthem: “This Is My Father's World.”

7:30 p.m.—Evening Choir presents “The Story of the Palm Sunday.” R. G. Large, M. Miles and M. Roberts.

COME AND WORSHIP Sunday Schools at the usual times.

### PRINCE RUPERT (DISTRICT) PROGRESSIVE-CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION MEETING

CIVIC CENTRE LOUNGE

APRIL 17—8:30 P.M.

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W. D. LAMBIE, President

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WE ALSO WANT ROOM & BOARD ON OUT OF TOWN JOBS

IS THIS AN UNREASONABLE DEMAND?

Out of town work is done as a service to our Employers. It is to his advantage, not ours, for no carpenter can afford to maintain himself out of town and support a family in town on \$50.77 per week.

Will Our Wage Increase Raise Construction Costs?

We are sick and tired of hearing the slander that building trade wages are responsible for price increases!

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THERE IS NO REASON WHY OUR WAGE DEMAND SHOULD RAISE PRICES

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