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New Museum Needed

At the annual membership meeting of the museum last night, much emphasis was laid on the importance of acquiring a new building to house our valuable collection of Indian relics and other displays.

It is a project which deserves all the attention we can give it. In their present setting, the contents of our museum repose like the proverbial gold in the rough.

Since a museum is of somewhat specialized interest in the first place, the task of attracting the public is that much more difficult.

In Prince Rupert we have an exceptional chance to create a museum of unusual interest. One can visualize a building of colorful native design, set between spectacular totem poles, which would lend itself magnificently to this country with its rich Indian heritage.

If Prince Rupert makes a determined start at the project, there is reason to hope that financial help from outside will follow.

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

Present outlook is that the much talked about trade treaty with Japan may be a little slower in making its appearance than originally was scheduled.

The first factor is the more-than-seasonal upsurge in unemployment. With the opposition groups in Parliament—notably the CCF—making noisy capital out of the fact that approximately a half-million Canadian workers are jobless.

The second factor is the mainly unfavorable reception given by the British people to the United Kingdom-Japanese trade pact.

Actually, the paper work on the projected Ottawa-Tokyo pact is reported to have been advancing reasonably smoothly in recent weeks.

Japanese Government has been giving priority to the conclusion of its British trade deal.

But with the British deaf now out of the way, the understanding is that Tokyo is ready to concentrate on the pact with Ottawa, and that it could be completed in very short order if the authorities in Ottawa so desired.

For the reasons already mentioned, the Ottawa authorities now aren't anxious to hurry the negotiations. They believe that a comparatively little delay will witness a greatly improved climate for the new treaty.

In addition, the government is pinning some hopes to the tonic effect upon industry of the anticipated trade with Russia.

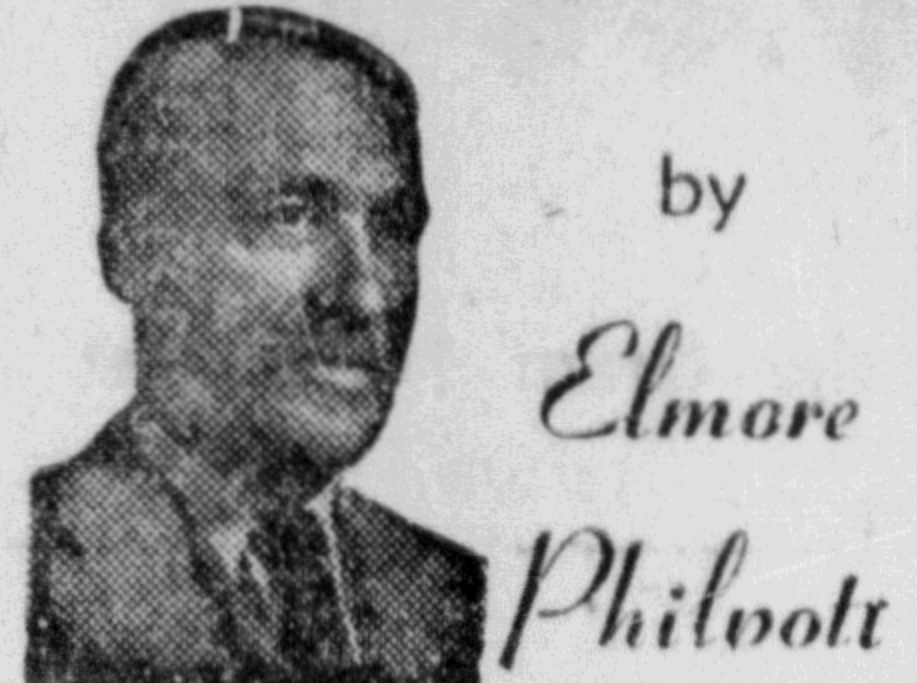
With the unemployment problem in hand, the government will be prepared to unveil the Japanese trade policies upon which it has been working with greater confidence.

Canadian Sentenced in Absentia For 'Theft' of Stamp Collection

BOLZANO, Italy (AP)—James W. Burns, of 479 Blundell road, Brighouse, B.C., was sentenced in absentia here Monday to year in jail and to repay an Italian for a stamp collection said to be worth more than \$120,000.

The sentence was pronounced after the court was informed that Burns and Holtrig became acquainted in Germany, where Holtrig told him of his stamp collection.

As I See It



World Has Moved

THE HOUSE of Commons has been having a fierce argument over unemployment.

The real dispute arises over the extent and character of the present joblessness: Is it purely temporary and seasonal; or is it the beginning of a serious depression?

Official government figures show that there were 280,000 people totally unemployed on January 23, 1954. This is serious, as by the government's own admission it represents an increase of 93,000 over the same date for the preceding year.

THE AMAZING FACT is that there is a broad base of agreement between all parties of the House that is simply taken for granted and never even mentioned.

That is, that this country will never again tolerate the scarcity amidst plenty, and joblessness, in a country where there are hundreds of things on every hand that need to be done.

HOWEVER, the point is that Parliament in general is dedicated to the proposition that it is the government's duty to interfere with the free working of the economy if and when the free working of the economy threatens to produce another situation such as we had about 20 years ago.

Here are some of the fundamental changes that have been made in Canada in the intervening period.

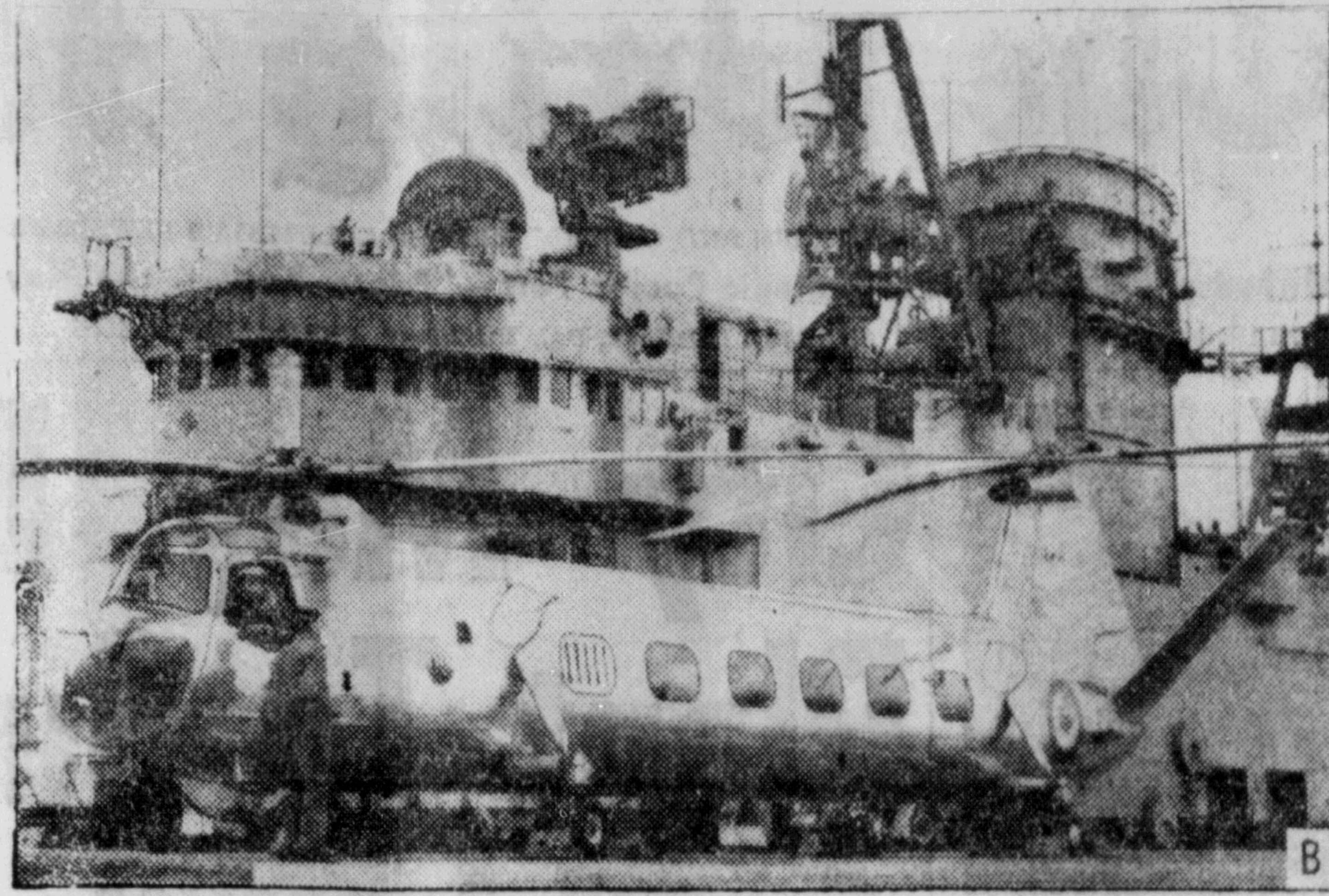
This nation has adopted the principle of "sharing the wealth" to a degree which would have been considered unthinkable and utterly impractical in 1933 or 1934.

In other words, Canada has put a floor under family incomes. No child and no old person is allowed to live in utter poverty.

Canada has accepted the principle of state intervention, and state support of the private economy, to whatever extent may be necessary to assure an all-time reasonably full production and reasonably full distribution.

The world in general, and Canada in particular, has taken a giant step forward in 20 years. The present fierce arguments over unemployment only tend to highlight that fact.

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VICTORIA REPORT By J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—Members of the combined opposition in the Legislature watch these days, hopefully and eagerly, for some signs of splits in the ranks of Social Credit.

All the oppositionists took great political comfort when it was learned Hugh Shantz, deputy speaker the last two sessions, had been replaced by A. S. Matthew, MLA for Vancouver Centre.

Ah, said the oppositionists to themselves—here it is; here's the break-up—or, at least the start of it; the Premier is annoyed with Mr. Shantz because he suggested a plebiscite on hospital insurance.

The Premier, however, quite blandly explained there was no significance at all to the matter, that he thinks it a good idea that all his members should gain some experience as deputy speaker.

Well, that may be what the Premier says, but Mr. Shantz was fired. There's no other way

of looking at it. He was fired!

The deputy speaker gets an extra \$500 a session so Mr. Shantz' pocket, as well as his pride has been hurt.

Mr. Shantz won't admit the hurt, but he does say he's mightily embarrassed, but, chins up: "It is apparent the Premier does not want me—but I'm still a Social Creditor."

But what kind of a Social Creditor—a Bennett SCer, or a Maj. Douglas SCer, Ah, there's the nub—or perhaps the nub of the whole intriguing situation.

E. A. Lecours, past president of North Okanagan Social Credit Association (Mr. Shantz' home-town group) came out with a politically unwise statement: "The Premier has at last taken action against a man who has been bucking him secretly at every turn."

And the present president, L. R. Thomas said he's "deeply shocked" at the Premier's ac-

tion.

The firing of Mr. Shantz also brought former Liberal speaker Harry Perry out of his political retirement.

Well, there it is; there may be something to all this, and, again, there may not be, but the opposition is going to make the most of it—and who can blame them?

The opposition, too, took some political comfort from the speech of Rev. C. W. Parker, Social Credit MLA for Peace River.

Mr. Parker made mention of these rumors. He said he'd like it quite definitely understood that he's NOT going to resign—that's all there is to it, Mr. Speaker—he's NOT going to resign.

And then he added: "Even if there are many people who think it would be a good idea."

There were snickers from opposition benches at this. Why Mr. Parker's vehemence? Was Mr. Parker looking at the Premier as he said this? Does Mr. Parker suspect the Premier might try to oust him in a desperate effort to seat Mr. Gunderson. Well, he's not going to—not on your life—Mr. Parker is the member for Peace River and he's going to stay the member for Peace River until the people throw him out which, of course, in Mr. Parker's mind, will never happen.

No politician ever believes he'll be defeated.

And then, sensing he had given political comfort to the enemy, Mr. Parker proceeded to discomfort the enemy. He made mention of the Legislature's magnificent new mace. He said it was about time B.C. had a new mace. The old mace, he said, was made for a side-show in Chicago years ago.

Well, said Mr. Parker from far-away Peace River, there aren't any legislative sideshows in B.C. any more. Those days are gone, Mr. Speaker! Mr. Parker put it this way: "With the coming of the new mace is the crowning of the glorious fact that this Legislature was taken out of the side-show business after the general election of 1952."

That date, you'll recall, was when Social Credit first zoomed into the government benches in B.C.

However, it's all a matter of political opinion; there are those who insist it has been one continual sideshow ever since Social Credit took over.

Shortage of Engineers Hits Development Work in Canada

VANCOUVER (CP)—A shortage of engineers to develop Canada's resources was forecast in an interview here by Dr. Austin Wright of Montreal, secretary of the 16,000-member Engineering Institute of Canada.

He said only 1,200 engineers will graduate from Canadian universities this year though there is a demand for twice that number to further development of the country's economy.

Dr. Wright came here with Ross Dobbin of Peterborough, Ont., president of the institute, on the final lap of a cross-country trip on which they talked with branch executives from St. John's, Nfld., to Whitehorse, Y.T.

"Demand today for engineering graduates exceeds the supply to such an extent that some men are handling as many as three jobs simultaneously," said Dr. Wright.

New Ruling Bans Prepared Speeches in B.C. House

VICTORIA (CP)—The throne speech debate in the legislature may be a bit more lively following a ruling by Speaker Thomas Irwin Monday that outlaws prepared speeches except in special circumstances.

The Speaker said in announcing the ruling that under a system of prepared speeches the "very spirit of debate would wither and ultimately perish and our legislature would be doomed to have to listen to a series of pre-fabricated theses."

However, the Speaker did allow W. N. Chant (SC-Victoria) and Ray Williston (SC-Fox George) to read prepared speeches Monday because they had not had notice before.

Other speakers were William Moore (CCF-Comox) and Frank Howard (CCF-Skeena) who spoke from notes.

Mr. Chant and Mr. Williston brought up the Social Credit Monetary theories again and Mr. Williston suggested that the metropolitan areas of the province could help the interior teacher shortage.

Mr. Moore said the unseasonal portion of the unemployment picture was growing. Mr. Howard called for a women's bureau in the department of labor.

Mr. Chant spoke through a barrage of comments from opposition benches as he criticized speeches of the opposition and advocated the monetary theories.

Mr. Williston suggested that the metropolitan areas would help the rural areas by allowing the latter to have more graduates from the normal school and let the married teachers stay in

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCE

A lot can be accomplished in all the time elapsing between February and September. It might even be discovered that when a big drydock is built and its importance demonstrated more than once, the general idea is it will stay put.

WINTY AND WORSE

Not so far from where the busy and populous city of Saskatoon stands today, threats were heard during that cold and snowbound spring of '85. There were complaints of hunger by Indians and other malcontents. While pioneers were shot and killed.

It had come—call it what you will. There were Indians by the thousands, but all did not rise. Nevertheless, Hiel had an influence. In Eastern Canada battalions were already mobilizing.

The fever of what passed for war was spreading. Not until mid-summer were these tanned, hard-bitten looking boys, in worn field dress, marching through the cheering streets of Toronto and Ottawa.

PRAIRIE LAND

Prior to coming to Prince Rupert, the writer lived a while in Saskatchewan. There came opportunity to see the country where Canadians fought one another in the days of '85, inspecting first the river village of Batoche, where the rebellions' back was broken.

Situated on high ground, rugged and rolling, there was little trace of what, at some time, might have been the site of rifle pits.

Dwellings and other buildings were comparatively few and old. People were courteous, and more interested in the wheat crop outlook than anything else.

A roomy church offered spiritual guidance and consolation. A white haired, scholarly looking priest, plucking flowers, was quick to offer the blooms to the visitors, and expound on the dramatic history of a fair and historic region.

This sunny June day passed all too swiftly. Batoche, though but a hamlet, was not without spots to explore and ask about. For example, we came to what possibly might still be an occupied residence, so hoisted a window and climbed in. No one was home, and it had a partly tenanted look, but events had happened under this roof. During the battle, an Ontario Dur-

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