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Trans-Pacific Squeeze Play

Tods with a sense of angry frustration that we I learn about the case of the Japanese oranges. Here is bald proof that Prince Rupert with its provincity to the Orient, its fine all-year harbor and its rail connections with the rest of the contiment is being deliberately denied its deserved place on the trade routes of the Pacific.

The story is an infuriating but simple one. Because Prince Rupert is not recognized as a Pacific coast terminal by an international body of shipowners called the Trans-Pacific Freight Conference out of Japan, shipments to the port are subject to extra rates. The idea seems to be to put certain ports in disfavor so that vessels coming from the Orient will not make too many calls.

In the particular case of the Japanese oranges there is a special levy of \$4.50 per ton on any importer reckless enough to bring them through Prince Rupert. Shippers who had the oranges delivered here last year learned of this penalty after the oranges were loaded at Japan. It was too late tordo anything about it then, so they absorbed the difference. But they do not intend to repeat the performance this year. There will be no oranges.

So how do we become classified as a Pacific coast terminal port to correct all this? According to advice from Japan, we will receive that honor as soon as there is enough traffic coming here to justify it.

*Of all the weird riddles ever inflicted on the intelligence of a people looking for a few straight answers, that one has earned a place among the elassics. We will be named a terminal port when there is sufficient business to warrant it, but how do we get that business while surcharges are in

This suggests no discredit to the Canadian amhassador to Japan who was drawn into the matter. On the contrary, his endeavors to help have been conscientious and warmly appreciated. It appears, however, that Prince Rupert is the victim of a squeeze play which the participants prefer to couch in more subtle language. In our less polished words, it means they are promising us the business but giving us the works.

With such large forces against us, there is no ready solution. Any influence the CNR could exert on our behalf is limited because it is has no trans-Pacific service and is therefore not a member of the Conference. The CPR is a member but has no rail service here to warrant its taking up the issue.

Consequently, we of this northwest district, which sorely needs the stimulus of more trade and more recognition of every kind, are virtually on our own. Even so, the odds are not bad. What we lack in numbers, we can make up in nuisance value. Sometimes that is the only way to make others aware of a good thing.

REFLECTS

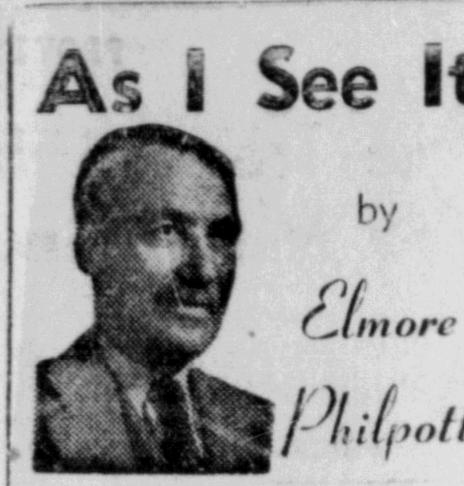
A genuine honest-to-goodness who met every morning unde coast guard service for the Brit- my window, on the way to ish Columbia coast is on the school. They shook hands, poway to becoming a fact. An- litely greeted each other and nouncements were heard Mon- then marched up the street day. Nothing is needed more, talking with the measured ani-Dependence on a good neigh- mation and gestures of two eld bor has already been called a erly gentlemen disgrace, and it's deserved.

There's nothing wrong with grin that wins a friend. the movies that a few good something about a certain gang of Hollywood super-critics, eye. It's all we need, because there are so many pictures that are The soul is dyed with the color ber. not good and never will be.

Spain is to have United States air bases, and soccer, baseball and basketball continue to increase in popularity. But bull fighting isn't. In fact, it's in the other direction. Once the national sport, bull-fights may soon become extinct, the way Yankee ideas are making headway.

More than thirty lives were lost in an airservice blast in Boston harbor last week-end. Monday twenty more perished in a Mexican-Texas flight. That makes fifty, at least, all of which is to be deeply regretted. For that, from the aviation angle, is about all that can be

Paris, for many travellers, is the city of fashion and gaiety, but in real life, Paris is the city of children, writes Ruth McKenney. I remember two little boys



Who Wants Bargains?

THE Democrats have elected a Congressman in a district in Wisconsin which never before in ail history voted anything

else but Republican. The Wisconsin farmers are in furious revolt against the farm policies of the Republican administration. The harassed Secretary of Agriculture is like the hunter who said:

"I've caught a bear-but he won't let go!"

TWO TINY news items show that the problem which troubler the U.S.A. will hit us here.

One reads. "PARIS. - The French government has declined an offer to sell any part o the 200,000 tons of excess Am erican butter here for 10 cent a cents a pound, it was learned Wednesday."

The second-reports: "Here in Ontario tens and tens of the very finestrof tomatoes are said to have rotted on the ground because the two essessions had can-

the floor prices so that farm States, in matters of trade. families will be able to sell some | The criticism isn't taken too what they must purchase.

imagine that the governments commerce is controlled only to But regardless of whether there tions which will be brought to this government," said the preof Canada or the U.S.A. can go minor degree by idealogical con- is any element of half-truth in the convention floor. on buying farm produced foods, and indefinitely holding those foods in vast hoarded, spoiling Germans Seeking

New ways of distribution have to be found. But no government Canadian Trade which guarantees floor prices for farm products can permit Says Guardian cut-rate sales of those same products in its home market MANCHESTER (CP) - Canad without aggravating the very is Germany's biggest target in condition it set out to correct trade drive now in progress, the in the first place.

Also, the answer of France to dispatch from Bonn. the offer of 10-cent bargain It says the federal German vestment in Canada was approxi-

down on the necks of their own West German cities. Projected cabinet ministers tomorrow if German industrial enterprises bargain U.S. butter were dump- in Canada number about 200, ed on the French market, and half of which would be in Onso reduced the income of French tario. farm families.

BACK in 1943 Hon, W. D. Her- thinking of opening offices in ridge wrote a remarkable book Germany. "If this happens

war came to an end Mr. Her- in Canada-are prepared to adridge showed that the great vance capital for foreign underpost-war problem would be the takings.' up like mountains.

those surpluses:

1. Issue coupons to pensioners and others on low incomes who cannot now box the butder, etc., held as government. nwned surpluses at honie Export the stuff wherever most desirable single market in the world." can for whatever money or ods we can get for it.

Give increased amounts to famine and calamity areas.

By-Election Date Set by Premier

of its leisure thoughts.—Dean Finance Minister Einar Gunderson, defeated in the June provincial election, will be the Social The Queen's husband will be Credit candidate.

Northern British Columbia Mr. Wright, a surprise victor in next summer. We didn't get it Victoria, traditionally a Liberal from him direct, but his full seat, is out of two jobs now.

and formal title is H.R.H. Philip, He was assistant city clerk Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of when he entered the election Merioneth, Baron Greenwich in campaign, but on his election to the County of London. As one the House he was refused a leave might make a slip, this is given of absence. A municipal law proas a matter of public conveni- hibits such leave for political

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OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeoc

But no sensible farmer will that the flow of international it,

Manchester Guardian says in

butter shows that exactly the republic is sponsoring a cam same principle applies to ex- paign to obtain markets and establish capital investments, taining since 1950, when British The French farmers would be spearheaded by offices in five

The dispatch adds that Canadian provincial governments are titled "Which Kind of Revolu- will be a significant event. Provincial administrations—as op-Two years before the Hitler posed to the federal government

very surpluses which now pile The paper's long, detailed story listed several reasons for So far as I can see, there are German determination to pens only three ways to get rid of trate Canadian markets. These included Germany's loss of markets in the past, payments dif menties in Brazil which emphasize the advantages of dol larstrading, and a German red ognition that Canada is "the

> Commented The Guardian The challenge to Britain bold and open and, moreover, perfectly fair, but that does not make it any less dangerous."

Good Samaritan

Potter, 20, put coins in expiring dollar shortage is regarded as parking meters with a note ex- especially significant. As these plaining that a fine had been factors disappear in the Old C. Bennett announced Tuesday a avoided and inviting donations Country, the flow of investment sort by-election will be held in Vic- to the Congregational Church. to this country should rise propictures won't fix. This, from a of laugh that provides a black toria Nov. 24 to fill the vacancy Potter gave up after spending portionately. The possibility is caused by the resignation of 200 coins and getting less than even foreseen of it surpassing Percy Wright, Social Credit mem- half back in donations.

One of the criticisms of cur- cepts, and that it responds mainmarkets. Fundamentally it's the Prince Rupert city council. NO FAIR MINDED person can its alleged indifference to the existence of markets rather than products in line with prices of seriously in impartial economic that instead of merely channel- At a special meeting of the "What's the rush?" asked Mr. circles. Trade experts recognize ing trade they restrict and shrink council last night the mayor and Nimsick. "There's no rush-

> the charges of Canadian indif- In an effort to alleviate the folding resources.

Statistics tell part of the story. During 1952 United Kingdom inmately \$30,000,000. That was the rate which it had been mainrecovery reached the stage of permitting overseas investment once more.

But during the present year it is anticipated that United Kingdom investment in Canada will reach \$120,000,000—four times the volume of a year ago. If the trend continues without diminution, British investment in Canada stands an excellent chance of crossing the \$2,000,000,000 mark

The fields chosen by British investment are broad. They include oil, timber, base metals, manufactures, retail trade, and servicing. Not the least important feature of the movement is the supply of top-level technicians which it is bringing with it. Many of the United Kingdom companies have sent their ablest technicians along with their financial investment. They will be available to investigate and advise upon engineering and technical problems arising out of

Canada's expansion era. The movement of United Kingdom capital to Canada is recognized by government economists as one of major importance. The fact that it is taking place in the face of limited AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP) - David British capital resources and the U.S. investment.

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VICTORIA REPORT By J. J.

It was ever thus—the mad, the-glass. He started the eve- mier, smiling suavely frantic scramble towards the ning methodically by getting down to keep the nice end of a legislative session. Per- routine matters out of the way One midnight m haps this session it was worse first. He left the big jobs to the wandered around the Barry the later it got down the Barry to got down the Barry the later it got down the Barry the Ba than usual. There were four end. He knew the later it got down in Mr. Chelmon night sittings in a row last week the more tired MLAs would he. Mr. Strachan obes —and that takes an awful toll come, and so he hoped they there seemed to be a new of your MLAs. As Liberal leader wouldn't talk so much, Premie a lister of trade and industry lation by exnaustion.

dently made up his mind he'd ary words and jangled nerves. cial Credit side. get the MLAs out of the govern- And in such a climate new laws might happen this s ment's way my week's end. Of are made. course, he wouldn't admit that However, let it be said Mr. Mr. Winch. in public, but you could tell he'd Bennett hasn't shown himself Yes, it was all were set his program and was stick- as tough as Mr. Hart. Once Mr. this last-minute right

Premiers, of course, always do 5:30 a.m. half the time. When a premier is in opposition he howes, too. but the minute he's in authority he hews to the old line.

Mr. Bennett left some of the most important bills to the last night—the Elections Act, Hospital Insurance Act, the new 10 per cent tax on drinks-by-

Three Resolutions To Be Presented By City Group

about which delegates will argue Sommers, CCF Mr. Nimsick said at the 50th annual convention of Mr. Sommers acts like a babe ned all that the market course rent Federal policy most com- ly to the call of readily available Municipalities are three from to answer Mr. Sommers, but Mr.

blame farmers for insisting United Kingdom, and its danger- the pressure of policies imposed Vancouver October 28, 29 and 30 stone and runs away," said Mr. that the government maintain ous dependence upon the United artificially that determines the will be Mayor Harold Whalen, Erown of Mr. Sommers, Mr. course of trade. The history of all Aldermen Mike Krueger and Kay Sommers, said Mr. Brown, talks policies of artificial direction is Smith and City Clerk R. W. Long, Grivel.

terence to the United Kingdom in present heavy burden of taxation economic policy, it is abundantly on the municipal taxpayer the apparent these days that the in- Prince Rupert council is urging difference isn't reciprocal. Dur- that the Federal government ining the present year United troduce legislation to provide ex-Kingdom investment in Canada emption of all municipalities. has entered a new phase of in- councils and school boards from terest, confidence, and evident the payment of excise taxes ineagerness to play a part in the cluding the 10 per cent sales tax development of this nation's un- on all purchases of machinery and other equipment. The same resolution also urges

that federal legislation will provide for taxation of all federal government properties in municipalities on the same basis as that of ordinary municipal tax-

Another Prince Rupert resolution asks that since cost of law enforcement provoked by sale of liquor falls on the municipalities. that the provincial government allocate to the municipalities profits from the sale of liquor proportionate to the burden borne by the municipalities in law enforcement occasioned by the misuse of the government

The third resolution to be placed before the convention by Prince Rupert asserts that since native Indians are being enfranchised in increasing numbers and in many cases such Indians and their children acquire social assistance that it is unfair that residential responsibility should be transferred by enfranchisement immediately. Therefore Prince Rupert asks that the Residence and Responsibility Act be amended so that no residence acquired before enfranchisement shall penalize the municipality.

Arthur Laing said, it was legis- always figure it out this way, premier said there and and it does work, but it leads great and startling However, the premier had evi- to bickering and unparliament- ments taking place on s

ing to it. Hart kept the House sitting to Of course, there's me

that. It's supposed to show their Here's the way some of the have a fixed rule the that mastery of the Legislature. Op- debate went on the last night: must adjourn at 11 pm positionists always howl about CCF Mr. Squire of Alberni said it must adjourn at the the mad rush, and the public it's just a waste of time for the dinner hour House gets scandalized the way the oppositionists to be making sug- opposition wouldn't true laws are rushed through in the gestions to the government. Mr. this, since the opposite dying hours of a session, when Squire wished to goodness the some day to be the mon everybody's so tried they don't premier would listen to him, in- and if that happy to know what they're talking about stead of chatting with his the government that he neighbor, Mr. Sommers.

Liberal Mr. Brown of Prince Rupert said the new Elections Act will disfranchise a lot of people, Lands and Forests Minister Sommers said it won't, that Mr. Brown was being purely emotional. Mr. Sommers said there won't be an election for four years, and some of the oppositionists asked Mr. Sommers if he thought Social Credit would last that long, and Mr. Sommers said maybe no, physieally, after listening to all the . The Superior RUBBERT

CCF Mr. Strachan said he had Among the 56 resolutions heard fatuous verbiage from Mr. Sommers had left the House. To attend the convention in Like a small boy, he throws a

opposition talk, but certainly it

will politically, so there, Ar.

speaker!

aldermen reviewed the resolu- there are many years ahead of

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