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We Will Stay With Red Cross

PRINCE RUPERT is determined to retain its Red Cross services. This much was established last night as an active executive was elected to handle the affairs of the local Red Cross branch for 1954.

After the failure of a previous meeting to produce results, this latest development is a most reassuring one. It is no exaggeration to say that if we parted company with the Canadian Red Cross Society, we would be cutting off one of our most vital lifelines. By its blood transfusion service alone, the Society has made itself virtually indispensable.

Through arrangement with hospitals all across the country, including Prince Rupert, the Red Cross makes a supply of blood continuously available in the understanding there will be no charge to patients. It is a service which no other country in the world has with quite the same benefits, and in Canada there is no other single agency which could perform it.

This is one of the continuing functions of Red Cross, but equally important in their own way are the safeguards which the Society offers against future emergencies. Should a major disaster ever strike this city—whether it be an act of God or of man—our recovery would be slow, painful and costly without the help of Red Cross.

The Society stands on our horizon like a powerful, humane and ever-observant guardian. To ignore it would be to argue that nothing can ever happen to us. Fortunately we are not that foolish.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

This fight between a couple of London papers is waxing hotter and hotter. It ought to have more sex appeal. The other maintains there's no such thing as a British pinup girl. One in a bathing suit just looks sold. The warmth of the press debate, however, will take care of that.

More canned salmon from the Fraser to British consumers, being welcomed. And the next logical development will be more apples from the Okanagan, saying "hello there".

HAM AND
Farmers on the Isle of Man have been feeding eggs to their pigs, for customers refuse to pay 77 cents for a dozen of eggs. It isn't, of course, but this does come close to being or sounding like ham and eggs on the hoof.

The cost of a trip to the moon has been placed at four billion dollars. We'll wait for the family rate, by which time the grandchildren may be taken along.

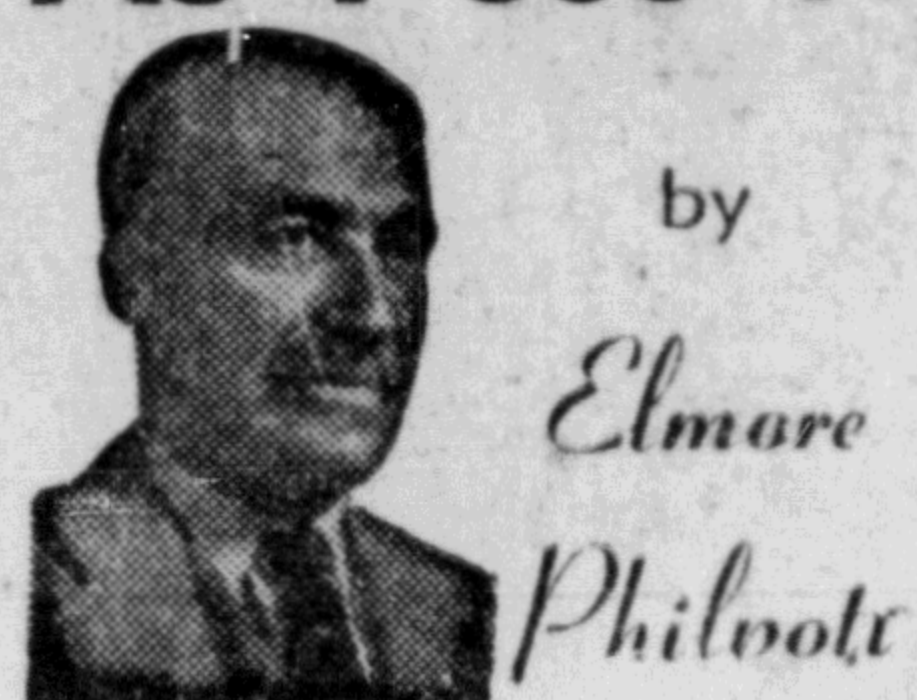
ON BEING INTERESTED
Premier St. Laurent went 100 miles out of his way to view the Taj Mahal, masterpiece of India architecture, and built in 1650 as a memorial to his favorite wife by Emperor Shah Jehan. The famous mausoleum is of white marble. The PM will try and give a description, but we'll wager Canadians are more interested in plenty of plain little houses costing a lot less than \$10,000.

MODERN PROGRESS
Perhaps this is intended to help make us bear it. Anyway, it's understood that this new five cent postage stamp is to have flavors. Just imagine walking up to the stamp wicket and asking the clerk for a doz-

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As I See It



by
Elmore Philpotts

A Worthy Cause

IN ANOTHER few weeks the Parliament of Canada will be considering a bill whereby the federal and provincial governments will jointly make monthly grants to all totally disabled people, regardless of age.

This measure will go a long way to help chronic invalids, and crippled persons of all kinds. It will mark another forward step in the partnership between the central and the provincial authorities, and in partnership between governments and voluntary agencies.

BRITISH COLUMBIA has real reason to be proud of the way it lead not only all Canada, but all North America in the battle against the great crippling, arthritis.

This year the B.C. section of CARS—the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society—plans to raise and spend \$325,000. Every dollar helps and does double duty.

The present Social Credit government of B.C. has carried on the same sound plan as that of the former coalition government. Roughly speaking, it matches dollar for dollar the money raised by CARS through public subscription. Of this year's total budget of \$325,000, government grants are expected to be about \$150,000. The society hopes to raise an equal amount of \$150,000 from the public. The patients themselves have a quota of an additional \$25,000.

B.C. has thus come a long way in the treatment of rheumatic diseases since Mary Pack gave up her job as a school teacher of bed-bound school children, and became the centre of the fight to combat the "great crippling" on a scientific basis.

When CARS began there was nothing but a great unfulfilled need, and a good idea.

Now in B.C. alone there are 24 mobile units. There are 14 full-time chartered physiotherapists, and the Bluebird sign on their cars has become familiar almost everywhere. But the more solid growth has been in the extension of treatment facilities, by good doctors, mostly in hospitals, and in research.

IN THE fine Vancouver building of the Western Society for Rehabilitation from 30 to 40 patients a day get treatment. There is the necessary space and equipment for the medical

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DUCHESS, a 100-pound Great Dane, wakes with a start as a tiny chihuahua climbing across her body disturbs her slumber. Both are pets of James Laurie of West Vancouver.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Generally speaking, Parliament conducts itself with due regard for dignity and decorum. Consequently any MP who deliberately sets out to depart from accepted House of Commons standards has to be pretty sure of himself or run the danger of being regarded as a bit bad-mannered.

It is the overwhelming opinion of all MPs regardless of party that the always unpredictable Jean Francois Pouliot, stormy House of Commons petrol from Temiscouata, has included himself in the latter category by his bitter attack on former Prime Minister R. B. Bennett.

The gravamen of the Pouliot charge was that the late "R.B." had sold Canada short by creating the great depression of the thirties in order that he might make a fortune for himself on the short side of the stock market.

Anyone with the slightest knowledge of Bennett—and there still are many in the Capital who remember him vividly—realizes that selling Canada short was an action of which he was completely incapable, even if the opportunity had come his way. As a matter of fact, he never had the opportunity which the truth-reckless Pouliot attributed to him. The record shows clearly that by the time he took office the depression already was an established fact. All he could do about it was to try to resist and ameliorate it. Regardless of how effective or ineffective his efforts were along these lines, no person prior to Pouliot has ever suggested that he did anything otherwise than give his best.

Pouliot himself sat in the House of Commons throughout the Bennett regime without once questioning the Conservative Prime Minister's personal integrity. It is this fact more than anything else—that he waited until the colorful "R.B." was dead to attack him—that has turned House of Commons opinion, even among his own colleagues, so strongly against him. That sort of conduct gets no sanction from Parliamentary tradition. And the opinion

amongst the legislators is that Pouliot, of all persons, should know Parliamentary tradition well, since both his father and his grandfather were Parliamentarians before him.

Fair-minded MPs wonder, furthermore, what purpose a personal attack upon a Prime Minister of the 1930's could serve in a debate upon the state of unemployment in 1954? The statistics given Parliament since the debate opened have established that, although it is not necessary to believe that a major cycle of unemployment is being entered, a temporary situation of some seriousness exists. But clearly even that temporary situation isn't going to be helped by rattling the poor bones of the late and the great "R.B."

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is hereby given that the General Meeting of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Association will be held in the Civic Centre, Chamberlain Hall on Friday, March 19th, 1954, at 8:00 p.m.

BUSINESS:

- To receive President's Report
- To receive Administrator's Report
- To receive Committee Reports
- To receive Auditor's Report and Financial Statement for 1953
- To elect six members to the Board of Directors
- To appoint an Auditor

Membership in this Association is open to anyone in the community on the payment of \$1.00. Application for membership may be made at the Hospital, Orme's Drug Store or any member of the Board of Directors. The application will close on Monday, March 15th.

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