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Seeing City Candidly

IT IS good medicine for us once in a while to get candid impressions of our community from casual visitors or comparative newcomers. The Rotary Club got a dose yesterday from a young barrister who has been here for any six months but has, apparently, been casually observing a lot of things.

Alistair Fraser wrote down on Prince Rupert's debit side the undesirable appearance of many residences and buildings, the deplorable conditions at the city jail, juvenile delinquency and tremendous amount of drinking.

We may or may not agree that some of these things are quite as bad as Mr. Fraser painted them but, nevertheless, it is a good thing that he said what he did. Maybe it will arouse us out of our smugness. Something might be done for, after all, there was a good deal to some of the things he said, whether we liked it or not.

Mr. Fraser sees things like a lot of new people see them. We are notable here for our friendliness but there are certain social conditions which do not tend to the finest of living.

Many of the things he advocated, including city management, have been considered before. But it is well that we are reminded of them again. Maybe somehow, sometime, we may take the cue and really get something done about it.

General Eisenhower

THOSE who are familiar with General Eisenhower only through the popular picture depicted by newsreels and news photos as a calm gentleman who meets the thorniest of problem without losing his genial smile may learn when he returns to the United States shortly to seek the GOP nomination that he is a man with a complex personality and a temperament like nothing they ever knew or expected.

With Eisenhower's disposition currently a matter of national interest, People Today queried its European office, questioned reporters and officials, and came up with the following report:

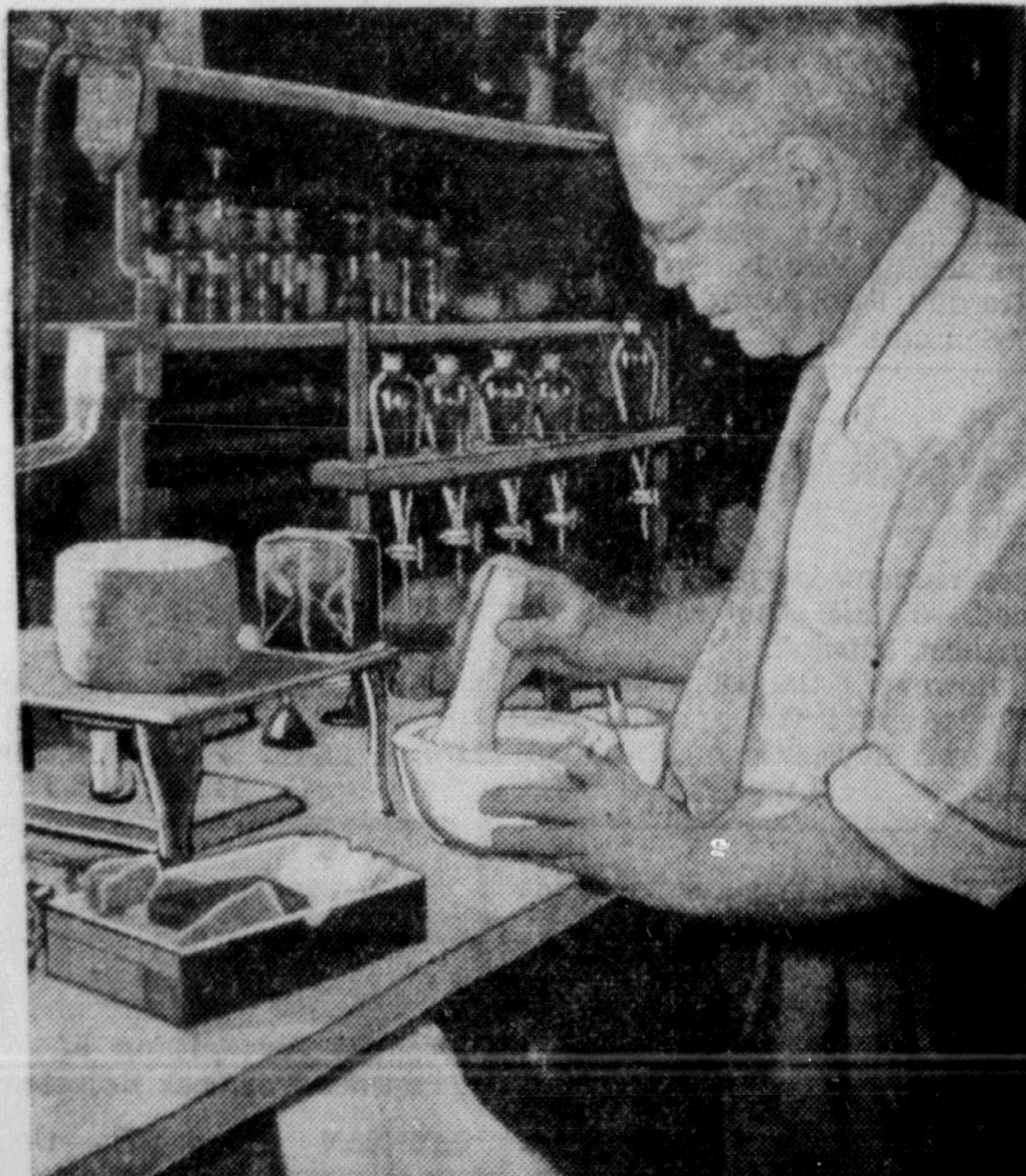
Ike's officers like him, say he's a square-shooter, no stuffed shirt. He calls his aides by their first names, they call him "Ike." But when they step out of line he pulls them up sharply with "General Eisenhower to you, sir!"

"He's a swell guy," says one staff officer, "but when he frowns, watch out."

Persuasive and friendly, he gets impatient with time-wasting and delay, comes bluntly to the point when his mind's made up.

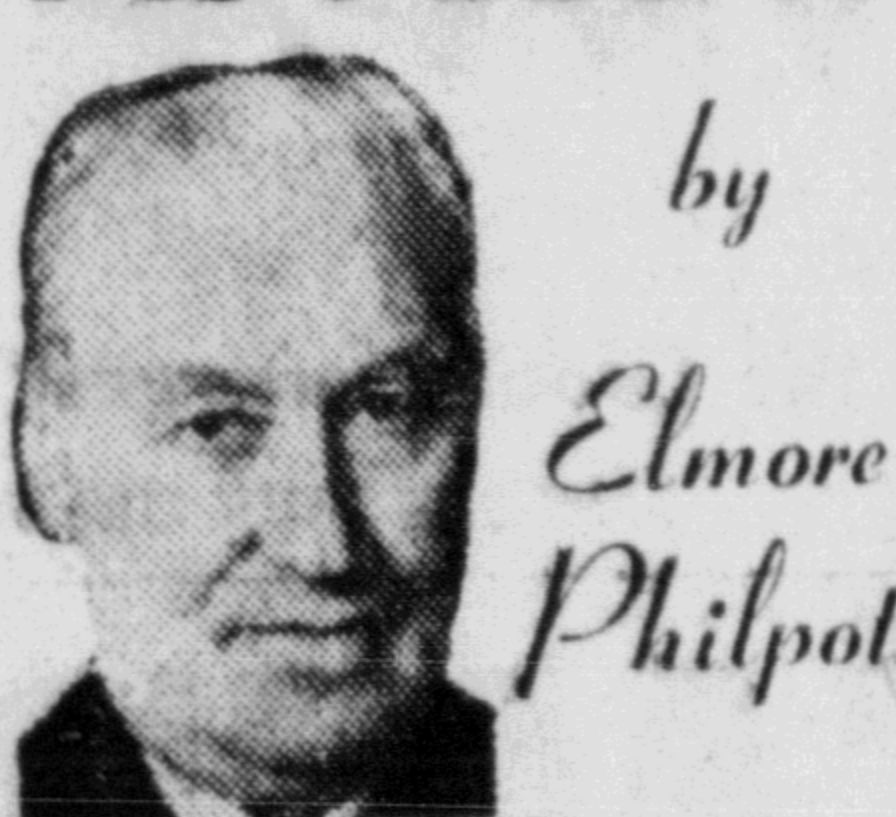
Ike trusts and depends upon his staff. At a recent stag dinner when the dessert, a symbolic ice cream elephant, was brought out, Ike told his officers: "You men have worked so well that people are even mentioning me for a promotion." But all in all, Ike's calm, benign smile is mostly for public functions. Off-guard, his face reflects tension and a variety of moods.

U.N. Works to Control Narcotic Drugs



The United Nations keeps an open eye on word production and consumption of narcotic drugs and on their traffic. Through its Commission on Narcotic Drugs, U.N. considers reports from governments on their observance of international treaties on drug control, on illicit traffic and on seizures in their territories. The Commission is now considering measures to limit opium production and its use to scientific and medical purposes. Charles C. Fulton, head chemist of the U.N. Division of Narcotic Drugs, is seen here in his laboratory trying to determine the origin of some seized drugs.

As I See It



by

Elmore
Philpott

Purely Personal

MAY FIRST 1952 was my 56th birthday. It was also the beginning of my tenth year of daily writing for the Vancouver Sun, and my 31st year of connection with Canadian publications.

When I look at that figure—tenth year with one paper—I am surprised. How did a natural-born rolling stone like myself ever stay put for nine whole years in one spot?

Well, life is a surprising thing. I've been around longer than I thought likely. I had been in veterans' hospital the whole winter before my wife and I were married. Again when our first daughter was born, five years later, the wife was in one hospital and I was in another. The doctors said my chances were frankly, none too good.

Yet last week we celebrated our thirtieth wedding anniversary, and by the time this gets into print I will be aboard the CPR en route to Ontario to see with my own mother and father on the grand old lady's 87th birthday.

WRITING a signed daily column is one of the most interesting jobs in the world, also at times one of the most wearing-tearing. The job has driven most people who tried it to drink, in a big way—and some further than that, to get away from it all.

The trouble is to find something fresh and interesting to write about, day after day and year after year. Looking over the list of papers which print my own output I see one weekly away up in the Peace River block which has printed my stuff ever since Mr. Chamberlain went to Munich. I see another semi-weekly in New Brunswick, with one foot literally in the USA, so to speak. The gold miners of northern Ontario have been reading, or skipping, my stuff no longer than the readers of any other daily paper.

They must have discovered long before this, that I have nothing new to say. To them I write what my old dad used to say to me before he gave me a sound licking: "My boy this hurts me more than it hurts you." (I still wonder if that was true).

I DO not know how long the Canadian papers will want me to keep on writing for them; or how long I will want to keep on even if they do.

But the pay is not all in the cheque.

The real thrill I get out of this job is in seeing how the pattern of a better world, slowly but surely emerges. The very first articles that I wrote in this signed column, back in 1933, 1939 and 1940 were for Canadian action to form all the democracies of the west into one vast Federation. I wrote and spoke in every nook and corner of Canada for that idea. At that time, when Hitler had the west paralyzed by fear, the idea of an actual federal union of USA, the British Commonwealth and France seems fantastic—unreal.

But see how the "world do move." One of the obvious consequences of NATO is to move in that direction. And our parliament made history, on April 29, 1952 when by all party vote it declared Canadian willingness to sit down with Congressmen and MPs from other countries to consider ways toward union, and world peace under law.

THE MOST personally satisfying job I ever helped do was to speak up for independence for India. That meant fierce criticism here. Not that my small voice made any difference to the outcome. But it surely made a difference to me last year to go there and see that true giant of a democratic baby actually learning to walk.

So I guess I'll keep on keeping on. For as my favorite poet made my favorite poetic character say "The margin fades forever and forever when I move." There's always something more interesting ahead. It's a fascinating time to be here on this changing earth.

Battle Roar On May Day

SEOUL (CP)—The roar of artillery, planes and naval guns ushered in May Day in the Korean war. The Communist infantry stick close to their bunkers.

Big guns blazed along the western front in explosive duels and rattled the allied truce base at Munsan.

Liberals, Following Lively Convention, Stand United Returning Delegates Report

Liberals will face the forthcoming provincial general election campaign strong and united notwithstanding differences which made the recent convention in Vancouver a lively and outspoken gathering, returning delegates reported to a general meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association last night.

It had been a democratic assembly, even to the point where the Premier himself had been overridden on at least one important matter by the convention. Then the delegates had expressed their complete confidence in the leadership of the Premier.

T. Norton Youngs paid tribute to the Prince Rupert delegates. They had certainly made themselves heard and had created a highly favorable impression for the city from which they came.

Mr. Youngs dealt, among other matters, with the hospital co-insurance issue for the retention of which the Premier had fought in order to protect the whole system of hospital insurance from abuse. The Premier had flatly refused to remove hospital co-insurance by order-in-council. The convention, taking a cue that the Premier himself had seemingly suggested, then recommended to the Legislature that it be removed.

The forest management system had also come in for much discussion, not without criticism, and the outcome had been agreement that a survey of the operation of forest management should be made in compliance with the terms of the Sloan report.

Mr. Youngs paid particular tribute to the work of G. P. Lyons at the convention, particularly on the question of separate schools. A compromise resolution had been passed with the convention in complete agreement although there was a heavy feeling of tenseness for a time on the matter.

Mr. Youngs reviewed the various convention resolutions in some detail. The personal representation at the convention had been a remarkable thing. With 750 delegates, there had been but 44 proxies.

The unity of Liberalism had been demonstrated.

Mr. Youngs spoke of the clean-cut manner in which questions had been answered by the Premier and Hon. E. T. Kenney.

He paid particular tribute to the prominent part women had played in the convention.

Mr. Youngs referred to the activity of J. D. McRae ex-MLA, at the convention. He had been a member of the resolutions committee. Particular reference was made by Mr. Youngs to the activity of Premier Johnson and Mr. McRae on the local house rental project which had come close to being lost.

FROM WOMEN'S STANDPOINT

Mrs. W. D. Smith reported on the convention from the women's standpoint. First Mrs. J. L. Gates of Victoria had been elected president. She had worked hard and deserved the honor. Mrs. Nancy Hodges had been outstanding, particularly in support of the Premier on the hospital co-insurance issue. Mrs. C. S. Leary of Nakusp had been

elected a vice-president. Mrs. Anna Sprott of Vancouver had been another notable figure. Still another prominent woman had been Mrs. Lillian Stewart of Vancouver. (Mrs. Smith herself had been on the resolutions committee.)

Mrs. Smith urged that women should take a more active interest in politics generally. She commended an editorial on this subject which had appeared in the Daily News yesterday.

The lady delegate deplored the lack of native representation at the convention.

Summarizing, she submitted that the policies of the Liberals, while not losing sight of the principles of free enterprise, applied these to the interests of the "little man" and not of the big companies.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

G. P. Lyons reported specifically on the compromise resolution which had ultimately been passed on the matter of separate schools. It implied support of the government policy whereby the government assisted Catholic and other schools by making free text books available, health services and access to the inspection service. The final resolution had the effect of removing discrimination. It had been passed unanimously and without dissension.

IMPORTANCE OF NUMBERS

Douglas Frizzell felt that the importance of sending a large delegation had been demonstrated, at the convention. The Prince Rupert delegation had done a good job and had done much to speed up the proceedings, at the same time succeeding in getting their home city favorable publicity.

J. D. McRae spoke briefly on the hospital insurance matter, defending co-insurance which he felt should remain as a means of controlling entry into hospital and removing an abuse which had been apparent before co-insurance had been introduced. Mr. McRae was proud of the Prince Rupert delegation, its unity and the way it had attended to business.

Walter Smith, president of the local association, who was in the chair, congratulated the delegates on their excellent work.

Was Woman Lumberjack

RAILEYBURY, Ont.—A burly lumberjack, arrested for illegal possession of liquor, was sentenced to a week in jail and ordered to take a bath.

Red faced jail officers a little later reported that the lumberjack, who had worked all winter in a bush camp, was a woman.

POPULAR INSTRUMENT

The saxophone, important in modern dance orchestras, was invented by Adolphe Sax in France in 1846.



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Reflects and
Reminisces

On her way to Scotland to be "scrapped," the illustrious liner Empress of Australia arrived in Liverpool Tuesday. That ship made history. Built in Germany, one of the world's greatest passenger vessels and troopers, she gave unrivalled service. This steamship linked British Columbia with the Orient.

On this coast, of course, there will be nostalgic memories. Once, every appearance of "an empress" crowded the Vancouver waterfront. It was an event, in western travel and marine life. Incidentally the story of the Empress of Australia would be incomplete should this be omitted. She had sailed all the seas and been everywhere except in Australia.

GOOD OLD P.D.

May Day was noted for rioting in various parts of the world. This, however, was only to be expected. So calm down and think of Pay Day.

Because Canada lacks great cities, says Mr. Mayhew, Minister of Fisheries, is one reason why the people of Canada cannot be regarded as major consumers of fish. This is true enough but we at least try to become so and do our best to encourage others to include fish in their diet. For example, a town the size and age of Prince Rupert has not made a poor start. We'll wager a lot of halibut and salmon are enjoyed, without going outside of British Columbia.

WHERE TO FIND HIM

Television, it is reported, is increasing newspaper readership. It must be a fact. Think of the pictures you see, showing the family grouped around the latest from the great outside! Where's Dad? He's there, of course, but over in a corner with eyes glued to the paper.

There is uncertainty, in some parts of the prairie country, as to live stock having the foot and mouth disease. The animal is not well. But that does not mean it actually is suffering from the malady. A yarn is now circulating about it's appearance as far east as Toronto. All in all, the trouble would appear to be far from having been cleared up.

Rumor spreads its mischievous wings and asserts that cattle having no business in British Columbia are being spirited into

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this province from Alberta. They come, under cover of darkness. This, it should be understood, is just a story, but the circulation of such tales can be reckoned a dangerous nuisance.

Freeze Beer, It's Stronger

IT COULD COME

It's all very well to flaunt Skeena's freedom from floods—but how about back in the mid-thirties, when warm weather and mountains of snow sent a big river higher and higher. A pretty mean spring it was. A superintendent named Tobey and an engineer named Burbank had their worries.

LONDON—Two scientists found a way to squeeze the water out of beer about three-fourths the way. The ice is removed. Alcohol not freeze and most of the constituents are converted the liquid. It then only to add water to regulate thing.

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