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A Grand Lady Passes

"IF PRINCE RUPERT ever had a saint, it was Jeanne Faure. But she was a saint with wit and individuality and without ostentation. Her life was devoted to doing things for others."

This sincere tribute by a friend expressed in precise terms what seemed to be the unanimous opinion of all who knew Miss Faure. Another friend described her as "one of those completely unselfish individuals who happen once in a hundred years." And so it went. This noble old lady who died yesterday has left behind an impression so strong among a host of acquaintances that the effect is overwhelming to the reporter seeking biographical facts.

It is impossible to conceive a more striking example of what the heart and mind can accomplish, for physically this remarkable little woman did not seem fairly matched against life. As light and delicate as a stroke of her paintbrush, she contrasted oddly against the setting of a country where the elements are robust and nature has shaped the land with rough fingers.

The extraordinary part was, however, that if there was any inequality in the match, it was all in Miss Faure's favor. Far from having to overcome the elemental forces, she won them to her side, drew inspiration from them and put their beauty on canvas. As if this were not enough, she had strength and inspiration left to give to others.

In fact, it apparently never occurred to her that she had any choice except always to share what she had—and "share" is used here in its loosest sense. By Miss Faure's definition, it meant the recipient was welcome to everything.

This, then, was the tiny Dutch woman who, living far into the years on her courage, brought comfort to lonely hospital patients, raised and personally gave funds for her countrymen stricken by floods, helped her friends in many quiet ways, and always encouraged artistic expression.

Although the Prince Rupert Art Club is a tangible memorial of her creative spirit, Miss Jeanne Faure will be remembered best for the greatest of all her gifts—love of her neighbor.

Scripture Passage for Today

"He is thy praise, and he is thy God—Deut. 10:21.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Just because this is not news is no reason why—to you—it may fall to be found interesting. Thousands, walking Prince Rupert's streets today have lived here but a few years if that long. Old timers ramble for blocks, months on end, without sighting a familiar face.

But this, of course, is the rag end of the old generation, when the North Pacific was full of color and hazards, if not downright adventure. We remember, for example, anxious hours, when great heaps of coal were shifted

Schools Cost \$1,000 Pupil, Commons Told

OTTAWA (CP)—It costs about \$1,000 a pupil to build a modern school, a fact causing concern among government and school officials, David Mansur told the Commons defence committee.

The head of the government's Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation said that all across the country an effort is being made to cut down on the standards of new schools in the hope of saving money.

The housing agency was holding up construction of four schools for the defence department—at Comox, B.C., Perth, Alta., and Moose Jaw and Saskatoon—because the tenders were too high.

They would eventually have to be built but every effort was being made to cut costs as low as possible.

Mr. Mansur said the construction of schools for children of servicemen is about 80 per cent finished with possibly another \$1,500,000 worth of work to be done. The costs compared favorably with general school costs and the buildings should be good for 50 years.

from the Grand Trunk Pacific wharves because a German cruiser was thinking of calling.

IN '14

It was in the autumn of 1914 that Admiral von Spee's swift and powerful cruisers sunk Admiral Cradock's squadron off Valparaiso. So now what? The German sea fighters might well wonder about defences at Victoria and Vancouver. And further north was a new port called Prince Rupert. A terminus by the way.

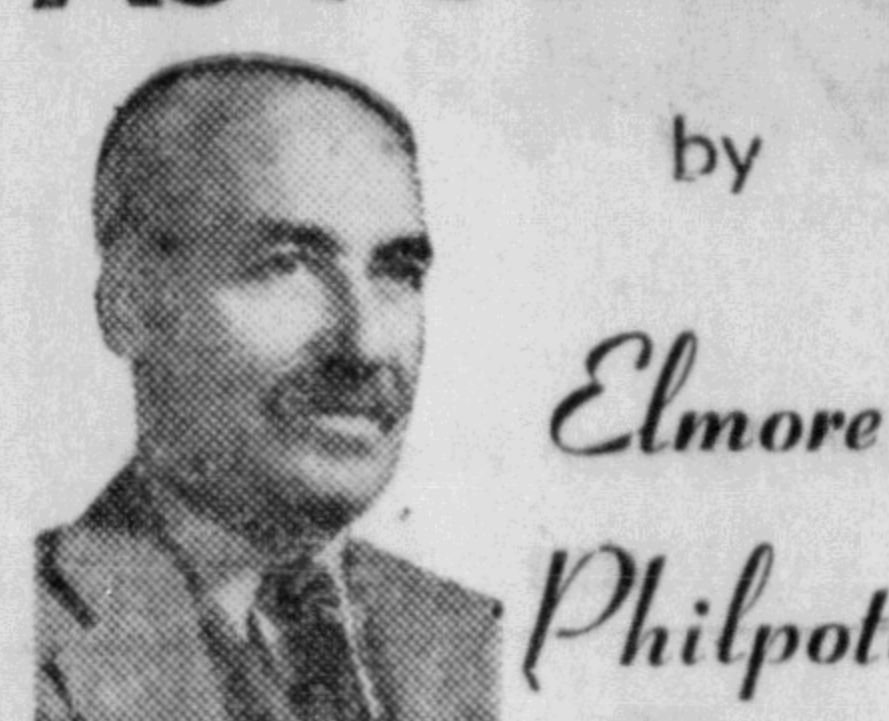
Somewhere during those dangerous fall months off the west coast it is believed an enemy warship jumped at conclusions. She saw, or got a glimpse of what appeared to be a trim looking fighting craft, having three funnels and cruiser stern, actually the Prince George. This was enough for the Germans. They returned to southern seas, being finally sent to the bottom by Admiral Sturdee's guns off the Falkland Islands.

A handsome new craft, the Prince George, Captain Donald, was all dolled up as a hospital ship. There had been no action as yet. Anyway, she voyaged as far south as San Francisco but without going inside. Bugler Wm. Vance, pioneer merchant and still alive and well was aboard. The Prince George steamed fast, and once back in Vancouver had just time to learn she was to keep travelling. So quick was her sailing time, dozens of her men were missed.

VETERANS FATE

There was coal on the dock and what is more, it was moved away in a hurry. Von Spee might have been coal hungry or did he pack more than one kind of fuel? And as for the staunch and serviceable Prince George, her history had its dramatic touches. The last was during the break-fast hour at Ketchikan, when an outbreak of fire spread so fast there was not the slightest chance of saving anything.

As I See It



No Takers for \$100

NOBODY has yet come forward to claim my \$100 reward for proving the authenticity of the anti-Jewish smears which were spread by the Social Credit party.

The quotations are in leaflets signed by Solon Low, MP, and Ernest Hansell, MP. Mr. Low's version reads:

"In 1790 Majer Amshel Rothschild said: 'Permit me to issue and control the money of a nation and I care not who makes its laws.'"

I figure that "quotation" originated not with Rothschild—but with some Baron Munchausen in the Social Credit party—who gave it to Low and Co. But if any of the Socreds can show that Baron Rothschild ever did say it I will immediately pay the \$100. I will accept the word of the Librarian of Parliament or of Vancouver in case of dispute over any books cited.

THE SOCREDS have been equally slow coming forward to explain their system of "Just Price Fixing" or National Dividends.

I have offered this space to any cabinet minister, especially Hon. Eric Martin, who will do so—but no takers!

Could it be that Premier Bennett and the ex-Tories have gagged the genuine Social Crediters?

IN CASE my \$100 is forfeited before the June 9 election I may bet it on the outcome.

Not that I am usually a betting man, mind you. But this time I really am going to take a plunge, because I feel in my very bones a big upset is coming.

Here are hard facts which support my hunch the Socreds are riding for a big fall. The first choice votes last year were CCF 31 per cent, Socreds 26 per cent, Liberals 24 per cent.

Socreds actually won on the confused third and fourth counts because the people of B.C. mistakenly thought that the Socreds were about half way between the Liberals and the CCF in their platforms. They have since learned the hard way that the Socreds are rank reactionaries.

A HARD-HEADED Scottish statistician has spent months analyzing the outcome of last year's election. He has shown me his charts and given me his reasoning and figures. He shows that the Socreds actually gained 197,513 extra votes over their 1949 poll. Of these 59,479 were new voters. But main Socred gains were:

From Liberals—67,169;
From Conservatives—49,017;
From CCF—19,322.

My statistical friend says there is another corrective not yet applied which makes the CCF loss to Socred slightly greater.

But the main picture is clear. Socreds won last year because the Liberals wanted to house-clear their own party. It needed a clean-out.

Now under the "new broom sweeps clean" Arthur Laing, most or all of the 67,169 Liberal voters may swing back. The Liberals can win.

'Idle' Youth Admits 31 Burglaries

VANCOUVER (CP)—A 21-year-old youth who said he was forced into robbery by "circumstances" admitted in police court here to breaking into 23 Vancouver homes and eight in Chilliwack.

Arthur L. King has been remanded to Thursday for sentence. Magistrate Oscar Orr said he had "all the earmarks of a finished burglar."

King was arrested by RCMP in Chilliwack as he was breaking into his ninth home there. He told his captors that he had robbed 23 Vancouver homes in the first three months of the year. His loot amounted to \$700 in cash and several hundred dollars in goods.

"I was out of work and had to do something," King told the magistrate.

The Pharos light at Alexandria in Egypt, completed in 200 B.C. was used for more than 1,400 years.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

There never has been anything pompous about Austin Dewar. Cheery Austin himself has always seen to that. Formality has a good deal of the panic effect of claustrophobia upon him. He is characteristically unhappy and ill at ease in its presence.

It's about the only time that he is unhappy. And for that reason nothing seemed stranger to his Liberal party colleagues here over the week-end than the fact that the genial MP for Qu'Appelle was making headlines—coast-to-coast headlines, too—the hard way. It seemed wholly and mystifyingly out of character with him.

Stories which link the names of MPs with large sums of money arising out of government contracts normally exert bomb-shell force when they break over Parliament Hill. The report of Dewar's connection with the bankrupt Lunan Construction Company, contractor to the federal government in Saskatchewan, is no exception. It has created a first-class sensation in these closing days of the session. Over the week-end it has been the main topic of conversation.

But the unique feature about the common reaction to the sensational stories in which the Qu'Appelle MP is figuring is that none who know him believe that he is seriously involved. The amounts being mentioned are just too large to

be pictured as within the scale of his operations. His fellow MPs are completely in the dark as to what the explanation may be. But they'll be awfully surprised if it shows that Austin Dewar ever was possessed of that kind of money.

In fact, the totals of the cheques involved—mentioned variously as from \$70,000 to \$250,000—is regarded here as the real hard core of mystery in the Dewar case. For Austin Dewar since his arrival here in 1949 has been financially one of the most unpretentious of persons. Among his close Liberal colleagues he has been perhaps not exactly the closest, but certainly one of the most frugal. To associate him with the sums mentioned imposes a strain upon the imagination to which his Liberal associates just aren't equal.

To visit Austin Dewar in his office here is to come close to meeting Mr. Parliament himself. Austin is just that average a personality. Just past 41, he is a chunky, medium-sized, quietly-dressed, genial individual who conveys an impression of considerable bustle and activity. You soon discover that this trait is largely a front of nervous energy awaiting any interesting employment. His talent for getting into trouble is undoubted, but it's all of the small-scale variety. Parliament Hill will be badly fooled if he turns out to be other than what he so transparently and so guilelessly appears to be.

SNOW UNWELCOME SIGHT TO AIRMAN'S ESKIMO WIFE

AKRON, O. (AP)—The 19-year-old Eskimo wife of an Akron serviceman is finding her first spring in Ohio somewhat short of her dreams.

"It's miserable here," complained Erika Thornton, as wet snow flurries dribbled over the city for the second straight day Saturday.

"The cold bothers me more than it ever did before," she said. "This dampness is more chilling than 40-below in Alaska." Erika is the wife of Airman Lawrence Thornton, Jr., on leave now visiting his parents here. They were married while Thornton was stationed near Anchorage.

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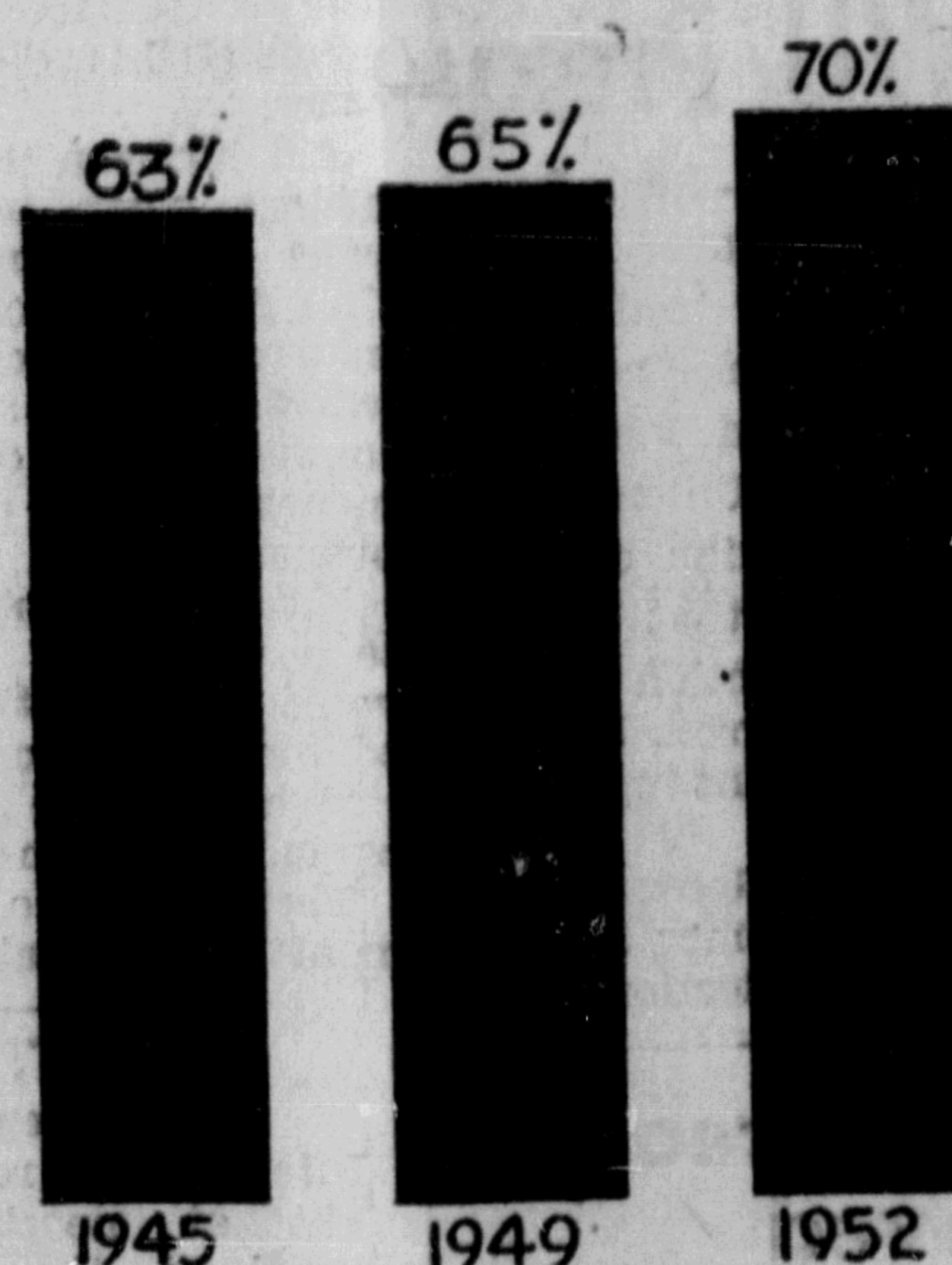
Suppose you had the choice of putting money into the fast-developing resources of Ontario, Alberta, Quebec, New Brunswick . . . or of investing in B.C.

And suppose you felt that, hanging over the future of British Columbia, was the possibility a Socialist government might be elected . . . under leaders who frankly said that Government should take over practically every industry of any importance in the province . . . and certainly would if Socialism succeeded at the polls.



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Well, that's the issue before British Columbians on June 9th. They'll have the opportunity then to VOTE 1-2-3 for Free Enterprise parties . . . and lay these doubts once and for all.

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