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Railways Open The Country

CONSTRUCTION of a CNR line from Terrace to Kitimat provides a glimpse of things to come in the railway future of this district.

While laying down steel now is far more costly than it was at the turn of the century and every new extension must be undertaken cautiously and after long consideration, the Canadian railways have never yet lagged behind the expansion of their country. On the contrary, they have generally anticipated it with the result that, taking into account its vast area and comparatively small population, Canada is better served by rail transportation than any other country.

Since the development of airlines into a major carrier system, the railways have taken second place in pioneering new areas of economic promise. It is impossible and unnecessary for them to do otherwise. At the same time, no such area can attain full realization of its potential unless it is reached by rail and it is gratifying to know that the railway companies, recognizing this fact, are prepared to meet the challenge to the best of their ability.

Contemplation of progress along these lines focuses attention on the north, and the areas here that stand out rich in possibilities are the Peace River country of B.C. and the Northwest Territories. Rail service into those parts can by no means be classed as the next order of business, but the time will come as surely as it did when what appeared to be the useless mountain wilderness of B.C. was finally crossed by steel.

When that time does come, Prince Rupert, as the closest established outlet to the sea, will take still another step into its bright future.

Contributions to our Community

PRINCE RUPERT citizens had two opportunities over the week-end to see and hear the up-and-coming Booth Memorial High School Band.

It certainly must be an encouragement for the teacher of these young people, for their parents and for all citizens who take a pride in their community.

Only a year ago, most of the bandmen never placed a musical instrument to their lips.

Today, they deliver a brand of music which is a credit to their ability, their enthusiasm and hard work.

We believe that young people want to contribute to the betterment of the community in which they live. All they need is the opportunity and direction. It is marvelous how such opportunity allays the advent of juvenile delinquency.

But our school band is faced with a difficult problem—that of obtaining more instruments to give additional talented students the opportunity of playing in the band.

As citizens of our community we should consider very seriously the opportunity we can afford our young people by giving them a helping hand.

Raising money to help purchase a few more musical instruments would be a worthwhile community project. We have seen the results of only a year's work by the present band and know that the students as well as the teacher are very serious in their learning, conscientious, and demonstrate exceptional ability.

National Library For Canadians

OTTAWA—Canada will have a national library, but unless world tension eases it's going to be a long-term project.

Legislative process was begun recently in Commons when Prime Minister St. Laurent launched a bill for establishment of the cultural centre.

He said some preliminary work, such as cataloguing of books, already has started. But because of the defence efforts he couldn't say when men and materials could be spared for the library or what the whole project would cost.

It is likely that when the centre is built, it will be a bomb-proof, fire-proof structure on the banks of the Ottawa river close to the Parliament buildings. That was the suggestion of the royal commission on arts and sciences and it was embraced by all parties in the Commons.

Mr. St. Laurent said Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, Dominion archivist and chairman of the National

Library committee, will be the first national librarian. The chief assistant will be French-speaking.

A competition among architects will be held to select a design for the building. Once the library is established it will co-operate closely with other libraries in Canada. Microfilms will be used to make available copies of rare books that cannot be sent out of the library.

Stanley Knowles (CCF, Winnipeg North Centre) said he thinks the national library should have not only books, but films, musical records and photographs depicting Canada's national life.

The only critical note in the 2½-hour discussion came when Ross Thatcher (CCF-Moose Jaw) said it is strange the government has no idea of the cost. Mr. St. Laurent replied that because of unknown factors he cannot indicate the cost, but when there is a prospect of getting started, estimates will be placed before parliament.

The Columbia Ice Field in the Canadian Rockies covers an area of 110 square miles.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Sees Sask. CCF Win

REGINA: It is a far cry from those momentous days in 1933 when people from all over Canada met here, in the heart of the prairies, to write what became the Regina Manifesto of the CCF.

The sweating, swearing and praying mixture of reformers and radicals who met here in the darkest days of the Great Depression would have rubbed their eyes if they could have been shot forward in time to be here again on the eve of this provincial election of 1952. The radicals of 1933 have become the ultra-respectables of 1952.

For the CCF has had eight full years in office. It has given this province the best government that it has ever had, most fair minded people say. You could get yourself a little smile, though, and a not so little argument, if you pointed out that there is nothing here remotely approaching socialism, as defined by the text books in use at the time of the Regina Convention.

What they have in Saskatchewan is a hard-headed, sure-footed variety of the Welfare State. It is a little bit like the Tory Ontario of my boyhood—for here they put through public ownership of power, with marked benefits especially for farmers. They have the best Hospital Insurance scheme in Canada, with the Liberals in B.C., Ontario and Alberta all trying to set up as good a system as Saskatchewan's. They also have a small pilot plant of complete public health and dental care in the Swift Current region. But it is typical of the cautious, down to earth tactics of these Saskatchewan folks that after a half dozen years of testing they have not yet allied the Swift Current plan to the whole province.

HARD HEADED folks hereabouts are betting two to one that the CCF will be returned to power in the election which takes place June 11. Being half Scotch by descent I would not bet such odds myself. But I would surely bet a little better

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By Russians

Korea Likely Place For Third War Start

By ROBERT EUNSON

TOKYO (AP)—United Nations officers are eyeing suspiciously a buildup of Soviet strength in Asia because of the danger that Russia might leap into the Korea war.

There is nothing to indicate right now that the Soviets are planning any more than to keep Chinese and North Korean soldiers well supplied with arms, ammunition and vehicles.

But the belief here is that if the Russians ever decide to touch off a third world war, Korea is just as likely a spot as Europe.

The power which controls Korea also controls Japan and Japan is the last stand of the free world in Asia.

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's remarks in Washington that Russia is carrying on a big and "significant" military buildup put on the record what staff officers at his old headquarters here have been observing for more than a year.

The threat is closer now because Korean roads are just about thawed.

The North Korean Reds, Russian trained and Russian equipped, started the Korean war on June 25, 1950. Summer is the best period for movement of supplies and tanks.

Although the danger period is approaching, the general belief here, however, is that Russia probably is ready to enter the Korean war only in case the Chinese Communists need help.

"Face" is an important thing in Asia. If the United Nations were to launch an all-out attack, threatening the Communists with defeat, Russia undoubtedly would step in to save China's reputation among her neighbors.

Gen. James A. Van Fleet, U.S. Eighth Army commander, estimates the Communist strength in Korea at 750,000 men with a substantial reserve force in Manchuria.

Red air strength is about 1500 planes, with half of them jets, according to Lt.-Gen. O. P. Weyland, Far East air force commander.

The situation, when Ridgway turned over command to his successor, Gen. Mark Clark, was this:

1. Despite the armistice talks military strength of the Chinese and North Korean Communists had increased.

2. Personnel and equipment losses have been replaced.

3. Communist soldiers have been equipped with a substan-

tial amount of new clothing, even to the extent of having a surplus for civilians.

4. During the last nine months the Communists have dug themselves into new and deep positions, so well constructed as to compare to the famous military defence lines in Europe. The bunkers are heated in winter and well stocked with food and ammunition.

5. There is no doubt but that the Communists are planning on maintaining strong positions in Korea.

Cronin-Babine Mine Goes Into Production

SMITHERS—Milling of silver-zinc ore at the Cronin-Babine Mine near here is now under way.

Leslie C. Creery, president, said maximum efficient operating rate will be determined on the basis of operating experience but the management anticipates it will be about 50 tons daily in the initial stages.

Per ton value of the average metal content should yield a better return than originally expected as price of silver, lead and zinc has risen since engineers first looked over the site in December, 1950.

Six working faces are ready to supply ore to the mill and, Mr. Creery said, a systematic development program will be designed to keep ore reserves ahead of mill requirements.

DIBS' EXPERT

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP)—Eleven-year old Everett Nowland was crowned marbles champion here after leading a field of 200 youthful contestants in the first annual Lethbridge marbles tournament.

NOT HALTED
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IODE float was judged second and the Boy Scouts decorated truck was third. Rupert Bakery won the prize for the best decorated car.

Catching the eye of all along the route was Mr. Christie and his driver riding in their open

convertible, each holding an umbrella.

In the evening a dance was held at the Civic Centre at which the May Queen was crowned at 11 p.m. to the cheers of a packed auditorium.

Draw made by Queen, Carol Nelson produced the following winners of prizes:

K. L. Shepperd, food mixer and

judges with tickets for 1. Dougall, an electric kettle, 2. Mrs. H. A. Bell, iron, ticket 2500; Esther Cardy, a table lamp, ticket 201; D. 2450; and Ester Hawk, a very prize, ticket 476. Prizes may be claimed at Mr. Saville at Northern Power Co. store.

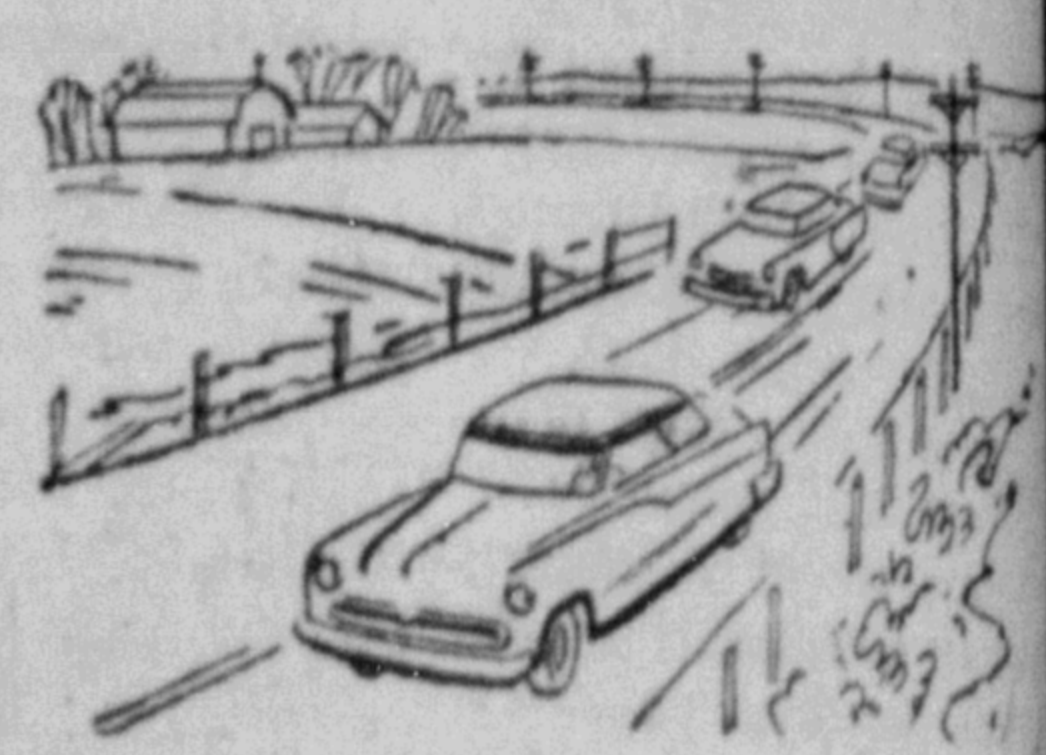
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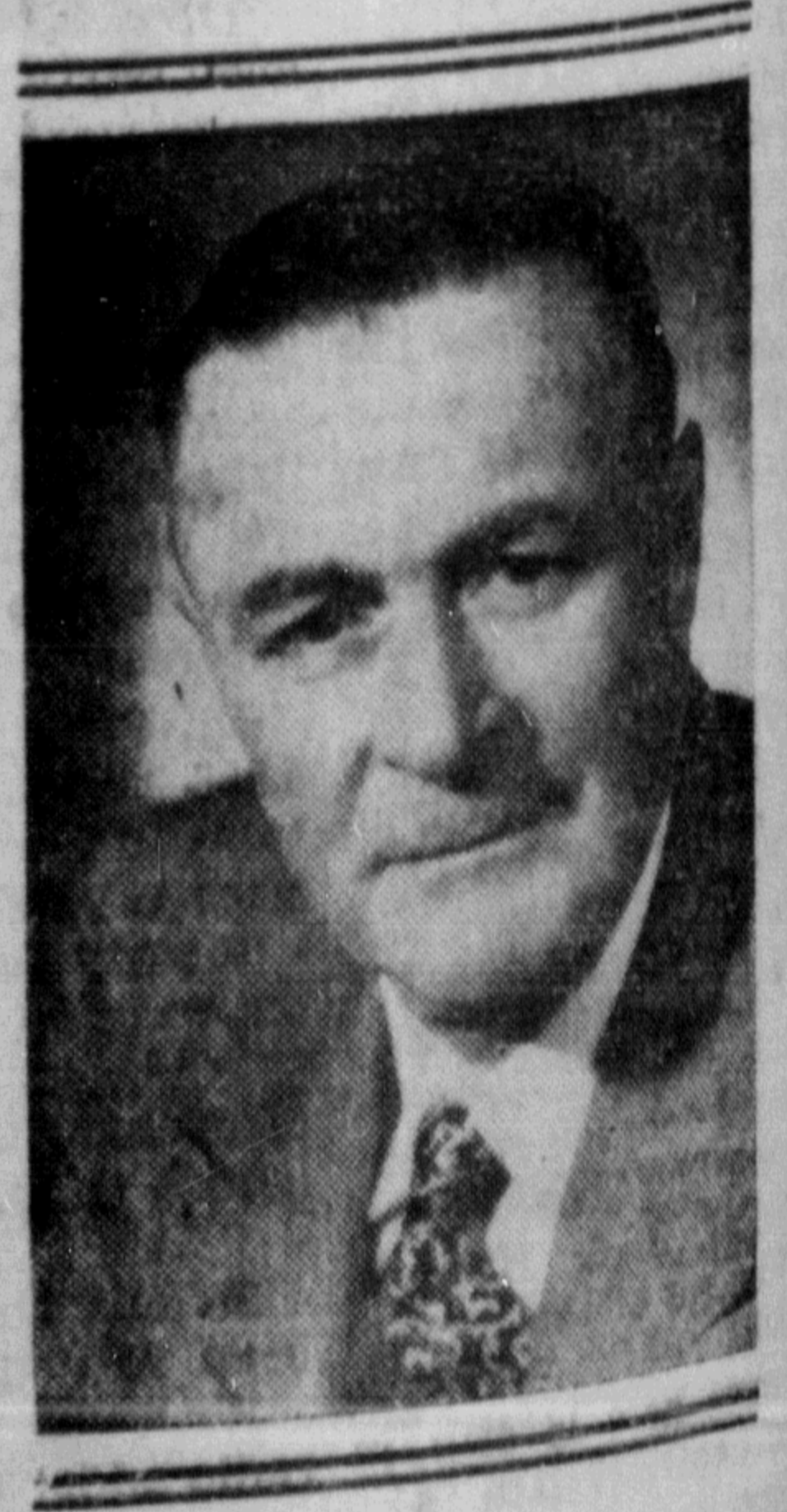
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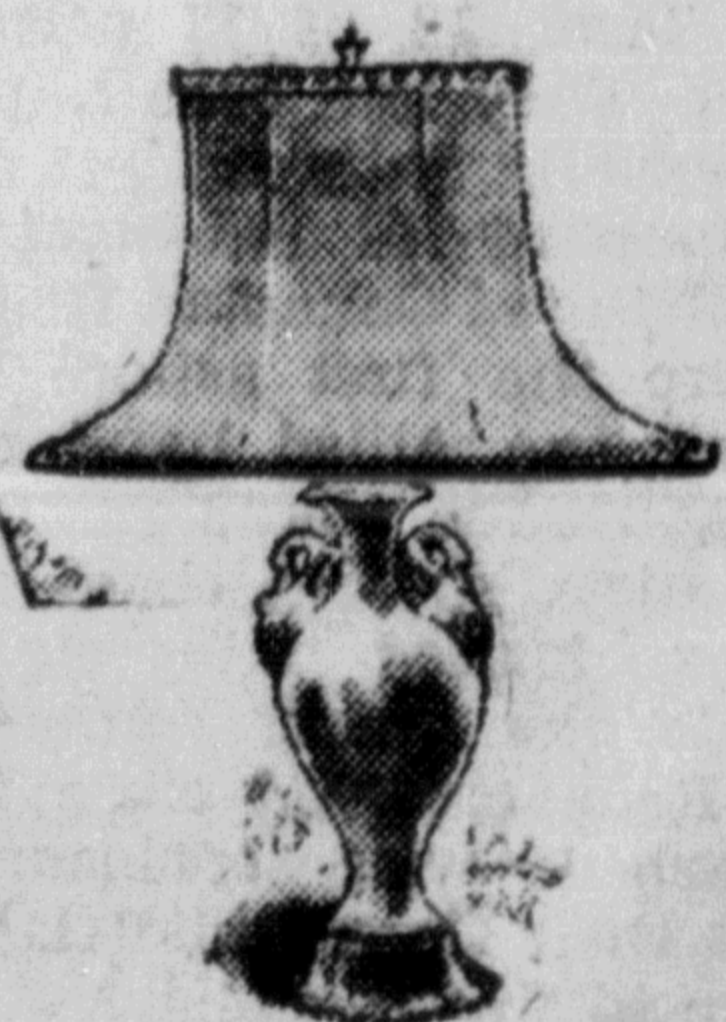
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