

Water Terminal for PGE

BRUCE Brown, M.L.A., has suggested a sensible solution for handling traffic at the southern end of the PGE. He has proposed that instead of spending millions on laying track along the difficult stretch between Squamish and North Vancouver, the provincial government build a terminal at Squamish similar to the CPR's at Nanaimo.

It is unlikely that such a project would cost more than \$2,000,000 and could probably be done for a great deal less. The building at Nanaimo is designed to handle ship and car traffic as well as rail. Any such terminal at Squamish would be limited to rail movements in the same manner as the CNR ferry slip in Prince Rupert.

However, it would have to be a more elaborate structure than the local ferry slip since provisions would have to be made for the comfort of passengers. A dining room and rest rooms at least would have to be provided in case of delays in making connections between land and water. Eventually the terminal might also have to handle automobile traffic since a highway between Squamish and West Vancouver appears to be a certainty.

While a terminal of this sort might not be as satisfactory as a continuous well-graded railway line, it would nevertheless be entirely suitable for the purpose and would eliminate the expenditure of millions on a project of doubtful worth.

Although an extension into the Peace River country will undoubtedly enhance the PGE's value, there is nothing to suggest that the line will start to pay off to an extent commensurate with its investment for many years to come. The principal freight out of the Peace country at first will be largely coal and oil, which is low revenue traffic. Grain, of course, will become an important commodity for the line but will move in much smaller volume than anticipated if the Northern Alberta Railways extend into the area, a possibility which has been mentioned by Donald Gordon.

No one can condemn the government for wishing to expand the transportation facilities of B.C. On the contrary, it is the necessary view to take. But there are signs that the government is determined to act first and think afterwards. So far there is no evidence that it has considered the alternative route into the Peace country from Hazelton. Since it would provide immediate access to the Pacific at Prince Rupert and go through country which no other line could hope to touch, such a route would greatly reduce the threat of competition by the Northern Alberta Railways.

It is worth bearing in mind that a gamble and a progressive step are not necessarily the same thing.

ITU RE-ELECTS RANDOLPH CHIEF

INDIANAPOLIS (U.P.) - Headquarters of the International Typographical Union said today that president Woodruff Randolph has been re-elected by a 500-vote margin over George Bante of Chicago.

Don Hurd, ITU secretary treasurer, said the official count

would not be completed until noon Friday but the union's election board has determined that Mr. Randolph's majority will be approximately 500 votes.

Randolph has been president of the ITU since 1944.

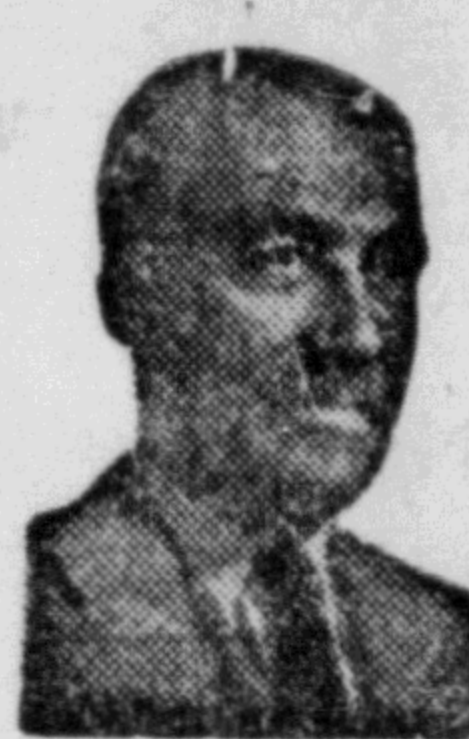
LETTERBOX

AUCTION SUCCESSFUL
The Editor,
The Daily News:
The Auction Sale held Saturday last by the "Ways and Means" committee of the Shriners' Club of Prince Rupert was a great success.

We would like all those who aided by donations, work or purchases, to know how much their efforts were appreciated, and therefore request your permission that this letter of thanks be published in your paper.
L. C. GRIFFITHS,
W. SHEARDOWN,
W. C. R. JONES,
"Ways and Means" Committee,
Prince Rupert Shriners Club.

Chipmunks of eastern Canada are bigger and have broader stripes than the western variety.

As I See It



Young Canada

THE 1954 convention of the young Liberals was significant in showing some clear trends in developing public opinion in Canada.

These young people, who come from every nook and corner of the country, voted unanimously for a distinctively Canadian national flag.

They voted for a contributory national health insurance plan. They cut off final debate and hence took no decision on punishment, modernized divorce laws, hospitals for drug addicts, Asian defence pacts and the recognition of China.

THE YOUNG Liberals staged their most interesting debate on radio and TV in Canada.

They passed, by a large majority, this resolution calling for an ending of CBC control over the private radio stations of Canada:

BE IT RESOLVED that the government of Canada be earnestly petitioned to bring the structure of the Canada broadcasting system into line with liberal democratic principles by correcting the present inequitable situation whereby the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation holds regulatory power over the non-government stations with which it competes for audiences and business and that there be substituted therefore a regulatory tribunal not connected in any way with any operating broadcasting system.

THE YOUNG Liberals had to vote three times before it was finally decided to reject the B.C. resolution on TV.

The first standing vote appeared to be a tie.

On the second vote, the B.C. resolution appeared to win by a margin of one vote.

But when the whole convention was forced to go to one side or other of the hall, the final verdict was:

For B.C. resolution 39
Against B.C. resolution 46

THE B.C. resolution was strongly worded, as follows:

"Whereas in Canada's major markets the CBC intention of establishing television program service has been achieved.

"Whereas under international agreement additional channel allocations are now available in the major markets.

"Whereas the provision of competitive alternative television service in all areas of Canada would stimulate employment, the development of a great industry and provide that additional source of information and entertainment essential to a well-informed public.

"Therefore be it resolved that the government of Canada is urgently and earnestly petitioned to implement at once its announced policy of permitting alternative and competitive television service in all areas of Canada, especially the six major markets of Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Halifax."

THE ARGUMENTS against the B.C. resolution were to the effect that the present government was clearly on record in favor of future competitive service in all the big cities, hence there was no excuse for the convention to "high pressure" things, especially in the two words "at once."

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JIM SWIFT BABY-SITS backstage at the Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto with the son of a member of the chorus in the Metropolitan Opera company. Swift's union card describes him as a property man, but he has scores of children entrusted to his care while the "Met" is on tour. The company made a week-long appearance in Toronto. (CP Photo)

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

If prorogation comes fast enough, it may rescue Parliament from a very tough spot, namely, the necessity of deciding whether to throw its weight on the side of Canadian consumers or of retail merchants nationwide in the current controversy over retail price fixing.

On the surface the choice mightn't seem too difficult. Obviously, there are thousands of consumers for every retail merchant who is in business. That should make any political decision between the two groups easy.

But the problem isn't quite that simple. For the retail merchants are a well-organized group, and the political power which they wield is considerable. Parliament Hill still remembers how they tipped the scales against Conservative Prime Minister R. B. Bennett back in 1935 when they supported the Reconstruction Party of Hon. "Harry" Stevens.

Right now the independent retail merchants are in a bad way. And they blame their plight on the legislation of a couple of years ago which forbade the practice whereby manufacturers could stipulate the price at which their product must be sold to the public. The merchants complain that since this ban on retail price maintenance chain and department stores have been cutting prices in a desperate effort to maintain their volume of business. The result is allegedly chaos in retailing and near bankruptcy for the independent retailer.

Latest Dominion Bureau of Statistics figures reveal that, whereas retail sales generally were off 1.2 per cent in the first quarter of this year, chain store sales were up 14 per cent and department store sales up one per cent. In other words, the chain stores gained substantially and the department stores a little better than held their own at the expense of the independent retailer. The small profit margin on which business generally has been done in recent months has added to the seriousness of the situation for the independent merchant.

Recently the retail merchants brought their grievances here to the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission. That body listened to them carefully, and in due course it will report to the government. But the report is unlikely to be received in time for action at the present Parliamentary session, at least if the MPs speed up their work. And that is what the government hopes will happen.

For while the retailers may be having a rough time under the existing legislation, the consumers obviously are buying goods more cheaply. That consideration is one which makes government or parliamentary interference clearly dangerous politically.

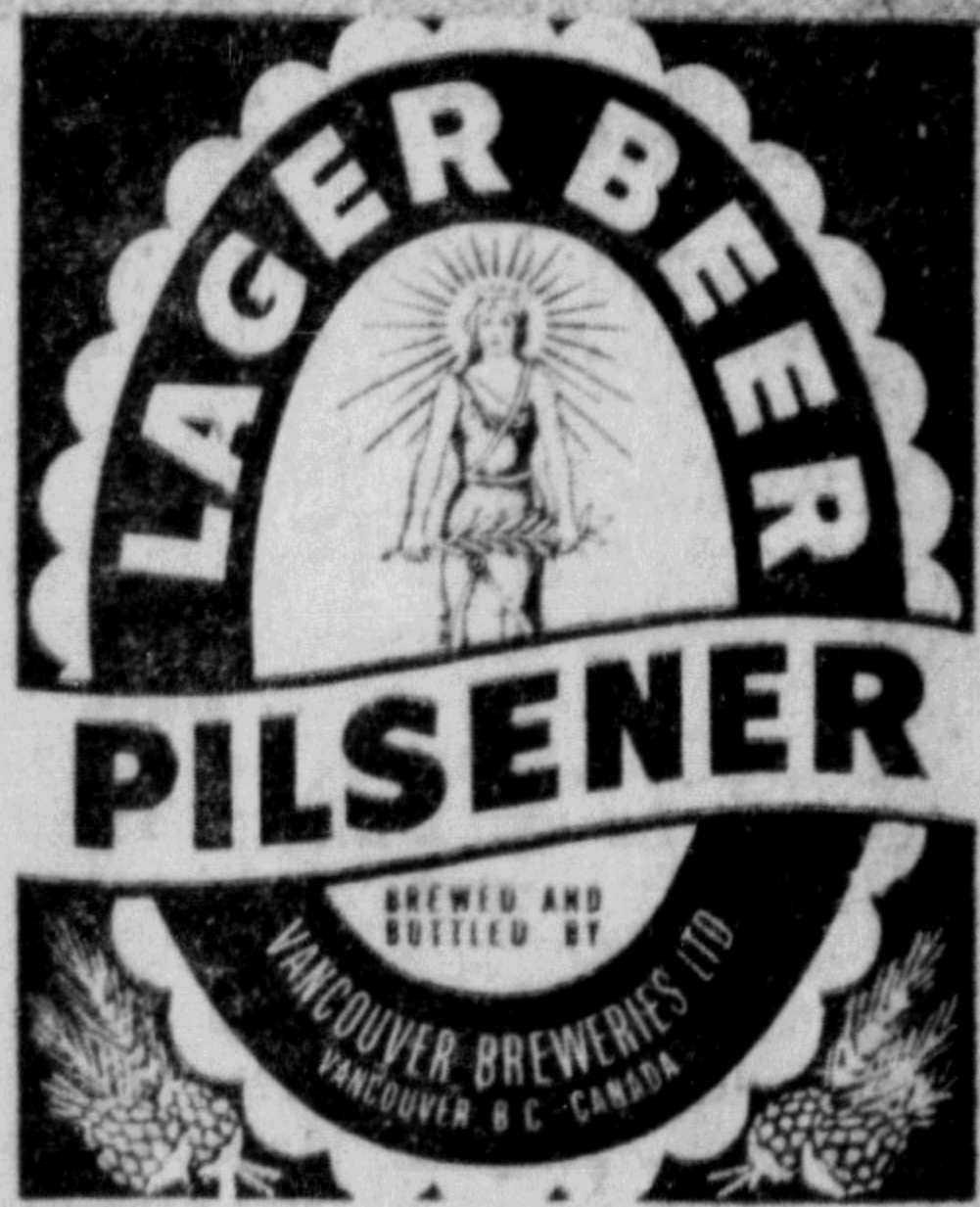
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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Winnipeg is preparing a reception to what is called breakfast, but which isn't. As a matter of fact it looks, smells and tastes like bacon. It is called something else, yet is not. In other words, it seems pretty certain Winnipeg housewives will pay cheerfully for what they really believe costs more, but does not.

A survey of why women work has been undertaken by the Department of Labor at Ottawa and the finding is that they work for a living. We kind of suspected something or other without even making any kind of a survey.

SEA LOOKED LONESOME

"One of our first trips was up to Seapla in the winter of '39, I remember Sir Winston standing on the deck of a battleship and looking toward a dummy battleship some distance away. The

dummy looked perfect to me but after a while Churchill said to me, 'There's something wrong here—and I know what it is. No seagulls. If the Germans fly over and see a battleship with no seagulls around they'll know it's a fake. I must arrange for some food to be put down.—Ex-Detective Inspector Walter Thompson

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