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## Give Heed To Our Hospital

HEALTH is a valuable possession which, like many things, we are inclined not to respect enough until we haven't got it.

Fortunately, from almost the beginning of history there has been a band of men and women in the world whose lives are devoted to mending and preserving our health for us. Theirs is an unselfish and valiant profession which heeds no boundaries or battle lines.

In Prince Rupert this work, which has the General Hospital as its focal point, is loyal to its great tradition and efficient in its practice. The hospital is maintained with care and cleanliness in a way that would serve as model for many others with greater resources.

At the same time, its facilities are continuously and increasingly taxed by the expanding needs of Prince Rupert and the surrounding district. In the process of industrial development the requirements of the hospital must not be ignored or forgotten.

Instead, they must be given primary attention or Prince Rupert will fall into the expensive and scandalous mistakes encountered by other cities in which hospital accommodation and equipment failed to keep pace with the overall growth.

## Scripture Passage for Today

"A Levite . . . looked on him, and passed by."—St. Luke 10:32.

Report From . . .

## Parliament Hill

By Edward T. Applewhaite, M.P., Skeena

It is very seldom I hear any radio programs in the morning, but a few days ago I tuned in a local station. Claire Wallace was presenting the program, which was advertising canned salmon. When I got to the office I phoned the radio station to find out who was sponsoring the program.

It was the Association of Salmon Canniers. It was a good program; and the "commercials," the plugs for canned salmon (as a product, not any particular brand) were very good. I should think this program would be quite effective—I am sure we all hope so.

By now you all know of the lifting of the credit restrictions; there is some truth in the claim that the trouble with consumer credit restrictions is that they are discriminatory. The average Canadian could probably suffer no greater hardship if he had to get along without a new car for awhile, or even without any car, but household appliances are somewhat different. The government did go some way to recognize an inequity when it eased the restrictions on these appliances, and when it removed the special excise tax against them in the last budget; now all restrictions are off.

Those Canadian industries that have felt the pinch because of defence orders to replace lost sales for ordinary consumption did not materialize as naturally pleased by this new development. One effect may be to increase the sales of the smaller British motor cars.

However, we are not entirely out of the financial woods. The cost of living index is dropping, but it has dropped less than three full points since the peak of 1915 in January.

The restrictions did a good emergency job in assisting defence production and curtailing inflation; but if it should become necessary once again to curb the buying of scarce goods, most Canadians will hope that a plan can be devised which does not penalize some of them while leaving others untouched.

However, as emergencies may arise, Mr. Abbott has advised the House that the government will invite both houses of parliament to present addresses to the governor-general, praying that the Consumer Credit (temporary provisions) Act be continued for a further period. This is just for the purpose of leaving the power in the hands of the government to meet unexpected emergency conditions.

Sam Balcom has been asking questions about house furnishings for service officers. Joe Blanchette, parliamentary assistant, national defence, has advised the house that in general all permanent and temporary married quarters provided by the department of national defence are furnished with stoves and refrigerators.

Mr. Chevrier made a clear and

factual statement when he moved the second reading of the bill authorizing the CNR to build the line from Terrace to Kitimat. During the resolution stage of this measure he had dealt with a number of questions, but he had more to say on the bill.

The cost of the line is estimated at \$10 million which will be financed by the government. The financial provisions of the bill authorize the railway company to issue securities not exceeding \$10 million which may be guaranteed by the government. Clause VIII of the bill authorizes, and in fact requires, the Minister of Transport to make a report to Parliament annually in the same manner as reports are made under the other legislation concerning branch lines passed previously by Parliament. The Aluminum Company is to provide \$1 million a year revenue for ten years or pay one-third of any deficiency below \$1 million.

If the Aluminum Company is required to make payments to the railway company, refunds will be made to the Aluminum Company on the basis of one-third of any excess of gross revenue earned by the railway company over the \$1 million in any year. The Aluminum Company has also agreed to make available a substantial amount of electric power to other industries locating in the region.

Mr. Chevrier also mentioned that in addition to the rail traffic to be secured in connection with the Aluminum Company project, Kitimat valley has about 2 1/2 billion feet of accessible timber estimated to be capable of yielding 22,500 tons of rail traffic annually with gross earnings in the second five years of operation of the line of more than \$3342,000 per year. The estimates of rail traffic indicate that average annual gross revenue for the first five years will amount to \$1,854,800, and average annual operating expense will be \$1,503,700, resulting in average annual net operating revenue of \$351,100.

## Three Killed In Air Crash

RIO DE JANEIRO (C)—Eighteen passengers and four crew members were aboard the air liner which crashed while trying to make a forced landing outside of Sao Paulo Tuesday. The first reports said three were killed and thirteen hurt. Pilot is believed to have been killed and the co-pilot injured.

## As I See It



by  
Elmore  
Philpott

### Intends To Vote NO

TORONTO: One reason why I wanted to come east at this time was because I could not make up my mind how to vote in the coming B.C. plebiscite on the sale of hard liquor in hotel bars, night clubs, and so forth.

One main argument that is used in B.C. for a change in the present law is that they changed in Ontario. Prior to 1947 Ontario had about the same system that we now have in B.C. Their system, like ours, was full of contradictions and hypocrasies.

How have these changes worked out?  
I HAVE spent about a week delving into the facts here, on a background which I know quite well from a long way back. For instance I visited my old home town of Hamilton, where as a carrier boy my own paper route included three barrooms and two red light houses.

Ever since that day, over forty years ago, the "liquor question" has been a matter of red hot controversy in Ontario. It still is. Many of the old myths have been shattered. Before the first world war many people believed if we could only get legal total prohibition of sale of alcohol in North America we would be on the threshold of the golden age. I well remember in the darkest days of the war, sitting in an artillery dugout in France. The philosopher of our battery "Old Mac" was telling us that all we needed to make Canada the greatest country in the world was "prohibition." In spite of the fact that he tossed off a generous helping of pure rum when he said it, Old Mac was completely sincere.

Well, we got that prohibition and everybody knows what a farce it was. But the plain fact is that no other system which we have got since the end of prohibition has been the final answer either.

I AM no fanatic on the question and take a drink whenever I feel like it. I am well aware that the "Clubs" which operate in Vancouver, and elsewhere in B.C. are nothing but disguised liquor selling establishments. If we are going to sell alcohol we should do so on honest and above board terms.

But let everybody in B.C. take a good long look at these Ontario figures before we open the door to wide open sale:

The population of Ontario increased by 12% from 1939 to 1949 but gallonage consumption of alcoholic beverages increased by 110%.

Ontario's liquor and beer sales last year reached the truly staggering figure of \$210,473,812. These do not show the final total cost to the consumer either, for the government's figures end at the wholesale sale level.

The Ontario figures are even more striking when you break them down. In 1935 (the last year I lived in the east) total consumption of beer, wine and hard liquor in Ontario was 18,398,857 gallons. In 1951 total sales were as follows:

Domestic liquor . . . 3,056,333 gals.  
Imported liquor . . . 683,333 gals.  
Beer . . . 74,740,974 gals.  
Wines . . . 1,174,263 gals.

Total . . . 79,654,903 gals.  
That is a 400% increase in 16 years!

THERE are some very definite advantages to the present system of liquor sale in Ontario. To a considerable extent hotel drinking has come out of the bedroom and downstairs into the bar, which has a new fancy name. There also may be less tendency for youngsters at dances and so forth to take a bottle along and "kill the creak." But the financial and social cost of

## A Special Tribute to Alex Hunter

By Harry G. T. Perry

The tragic death of G. Alex Hunter, with whom I was actively associated in operating this newspaper until recently, impels me to pay this sincere tribute to his memory.

Mr. Hunter was a conscientious managing editor who also really loved his work. He earnestly tried to be fair to all. His integrity, loyalty and honesty were unexcelled. His memory will long hover around the Daily News departments and in our hearts.

But above his newspaper duties, Mr. Hunter had an abiding affection for and faith in Prince Rupert. His many public activities over the years more than merit him to be remembered as a good citizen. No monument is greater than those words.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to Mrs. Hunter and the family in their sorrow. May we hope the high regard and respect in which Mr. Hunter was held by so many shall be of some consolation to them in their grief.

these advantages has been tremendous. More people in Ontario are drinking and more than ever drank before. Moreover, the latest figures show that there is a definite trend away from beer toward more hard liquor.

Ontario's experience plainly shows that the more facilities you give the people to buy alcoholic drinks, the more they spend on such drinks.

I don't think that Ontario people can really afford the vast amount that they are now spending on alcohol; and I for one would hate to see B.C. follow Ontario's bad example in this particular matter.

In later articles I shall show why I think I shall vote NO on the liquor plebiscite, and why I hope the majority votes that way, especially outside Vancouver.

## THE LETTERBOX

MOURNS LOSS OF ALEX HUNTER

Editor,

The Daily News:  
It was with profound sorrow that we heard over the radio last evening of the untimely death of Alex Hunter and the serious injury to Jack McRae and Mr. Magor.

Please convey through your paper our deepest sympathy to the bereaved and our best wishes for a speedy recovery to the injured.

Prince Rupert has lost one of its best citizens and one of its greatest boosters. We will all miss him.

We join with the rest of the community in mourning the loss of Alex Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex MacKenzie.  
(On board CNR train)

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### Reflects and Reminisces

Surplus beef will be sold at public auction in the prairie provinces, which ought to be another way of saying that while old foot and mouth is bad enough, it could be worse.

Some folks feel uncommonly thoughtful when they remember how Third Avenue looked when the post office stood at Second Avenue and Seventh Street. Somehow, walking westward a few blocks never did seem so hot.

Germans are said to have today the soundest currency in Europe, with the exception of the franc. They say it is monetary reform, as clean-cut and cruel as a surgical operation. The carrot dangling before the nose is termed a means of encouraging hard work and production. And, by the way, Germany is said to have built seven times as many new dwellings as Great Britain. This is not said because of love of Germany.

The less a lot of us know about Vancouver Island the more we praise the roses, scenery, drives and salmon fishing. A new thrill comes with news of cougars invading the fishing village of Kyuquot. Cougars stalk loggers, scare families, snatch pet dogs, and commit other unforgivable offences. We neglected to mention the climate, but its beauty makes no difference.

The cruelest lies are often told in silence—a man may have sat for hours and not opened his teeth, yet have been a disloyal

## Drivers Ask Reduction in License Fee

VANCOUVER (C)—Two officials of the British Columbia Automobile Association are touring the province to arrange meetings between the motoring public and election candidates on the possibilities of \$10 license fee in B.C. Harry Duker, president, and Frank Bird, manager, will visit all large centres in the province. At present, licences cost \$15 and up.

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is the Subject of  
an Important Address by

**Hon. H. R. BOWMAN**  
Minister of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Railways.

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THURSDAY, MAY 15 - 2:45 P.M.  
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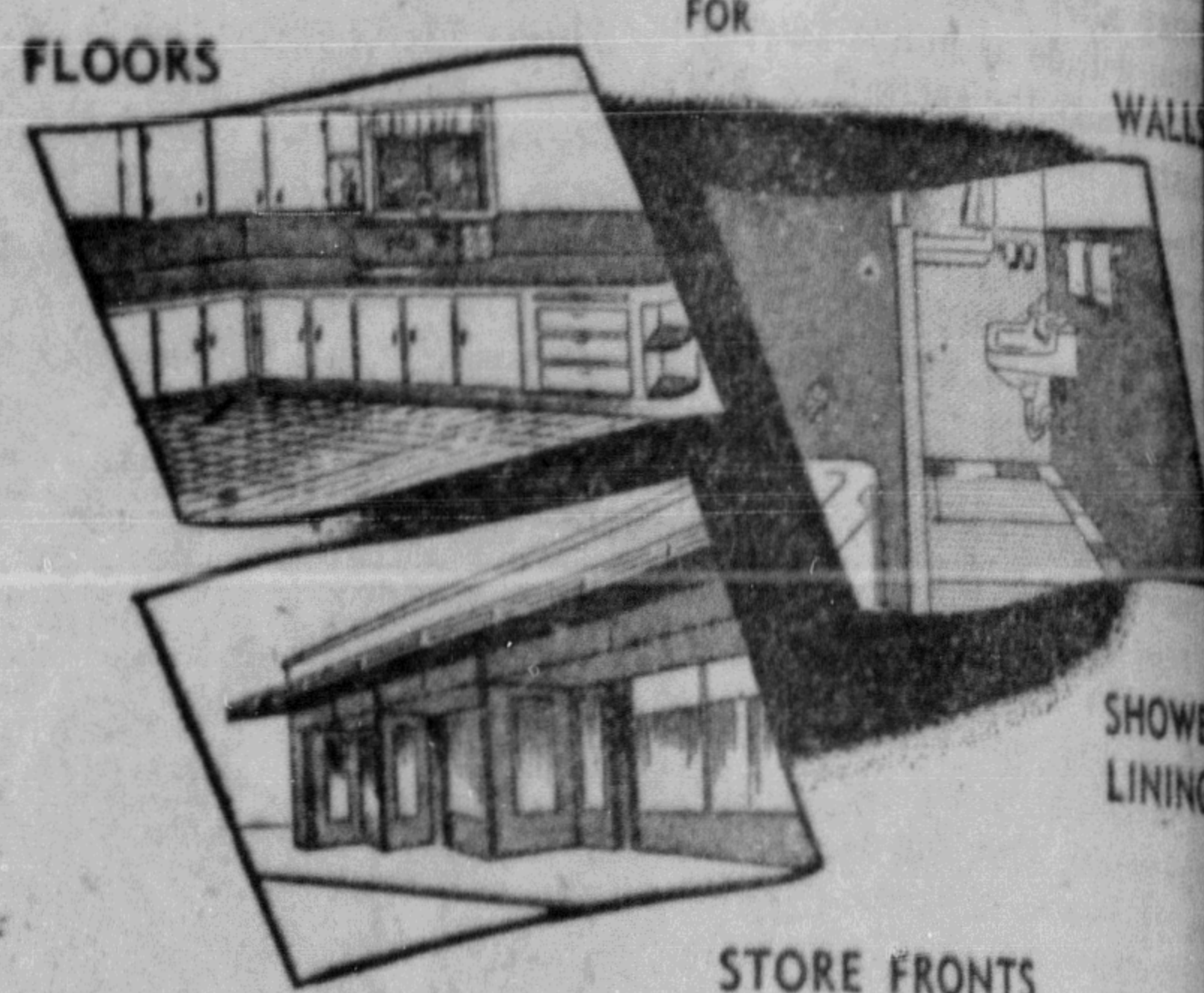
friend or a vile calumniator—  
R. L. Stevenson.

For a starter, 123 halibut fishing vessels got away from Prince Rupert in time for the opening of the season today. And yet it was the time of the season today.

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