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Progressive Trend Upheld

WITH the sailing of the salmon fishing fleet yesterday the spectre of hardship is removed from a goodly proportion of Prince Rupert citizens. At the same time the shadow of a setback to the city's economy is removed and there appears no reason why the town shouldn't enjoy a prosperous summer.

The fishermen didn't receive all the concessions they sought, but then that is the way with bargaining. The operators had to give way on some matters and they stood firm on others, in exactly the same way as you or anyone else does when trying to reach a common ground of agreement.

It is notable that in this year's negotiations, in the fishing industry and many other labor-management negotiations throughout British Columbia, there has been a tendency to bargain to far greater lengths. Means of settlement appear to have been explored from all angles so that hardship on labor and loss of time and money by management could be avoided. In 1954 there has been a remarkable lack of acrimony during discussions between representatives of both the companies and the workers. The mud-slinging, baiting battles of a few years ago seem to be disappearing and it is our hope that they will not reappear.

Since the United Fishermen's and Allied Workers Union upheld this progressive trend as did the Fisheries Association it is only right that they be congratulated on conducting as peaceful and intelligent negotiations as have been carried out in some time. True the union went on strike, but only after taking a strike vote and observing all the procedure called for in the now-defunct Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act. All the time the strike was in effect talks to try to reach a settlement continued. Today the fleet is out after salmon.

When management and workers can sit down and talk things out to a successful conclusion without resorting to harsh words, baiting and degrading propaganda then it is indeed a time for rejoicing. A trend for the better obviously is being established and it is our sincere hope that it continues.

Noted Maine Explorer Sets Out On 30th Expedition to Arctic

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Maine.—The city's schooner Bowdoin pointed northward Sunday, carrying Rear Admiral Donald B. MacMillan on the famed explorer's 30th and probably final voyage to Arctic waters.

Residents and summer visitors at this little port staged a heart-

warming send-off for the 79-year old skipper.

Before the 81-foot vessel departed, town manager Ralph Boyd presented a plaque to MacMillan expressing appreciation for 20 years of his expeditions here. Governor Burton M. Cross added to the tributes after a parade to the dock.

Governor Cross said Maine people were proud of MacMillan's contributions to scientific knowledge of a part of the world that is becoming increasingly important to our national defence.

The Bowdoin will journey 8,000 miles before returning home. Its voyage will take it to the east coast of Labrador, Baffin land, Ellesmere land and Rennselaer harbor, which no ship has entered for 100 years.

DOUBLE FEATURE
SULLIVAN, Ind. (U.S.)—Mrs. Eleanor Marshall of Sullivan became a mother and a grandmother on the same day. She and her daughter, Nancy McClure, gave birth to daughters in Mary Sherman Hospital, just 104 minutes apart.

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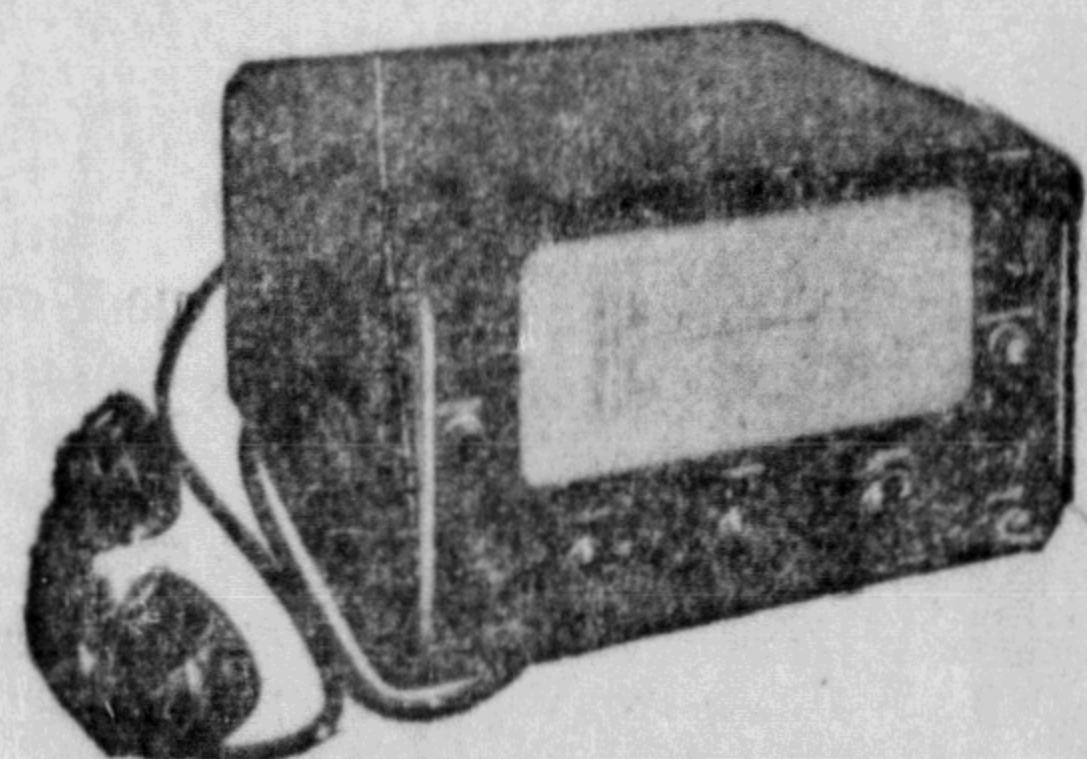
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As I See It

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• Dull But Decent

IN THE last hours of the 1954 parliamentary session a cabinet minister and the leader of the opposition agreed that this had been a pretty dull session.

One reason why our House of Commons is not as fiery and exciting as it used to be is because all the MPs of all the parties think too much alike. The things on which they are agreed, and hence take for granted, far outweigh the things on which they disagree. Hence there is less room for furious argument.

INSIDE the parliament of Canada you clearly see the national characteristics of Canada coming out. We are, on the whole, a decent, kindly, but somewhat humdrum people — even a bit dull.

If an American business man hires a young Canadian, as a clerk, salesman, or as a stenographer, what does he expect to find? He expects that that Canadian will be more steady going than most American applicants. But he also expects the Canadian to be a bit more cautious — less inclined to talk big, or take big chances.

I say the American business man expects those qualities in a Canadian, because over the years that is the reputation that Canadians have built up. It is of course, partly a myth, for Canadians vary in their characteristics and capacities just as much as do people of other countries. However, just as it is true that Scots, as a whole, are a thrifty, canny folk, and just as it is true that most Italians have a song in their hearts, so it is also true that there is quite a clear behaviour pattern to Canadians.

An unkind Britisher wrote of Canadians that we are "just Americans, returning empty." But that witty crack was a mere corrective, to the over-fulsome praise that Canadian armed forces received in Britain in two world wars.

AS A newcomer MP to the parliament of Canada the thing that impressed me most was how much the parties all look, think, talk, and act alike.

You can't find anybody, anywhere, who is against the Welfare State. There isn't a single advocate of "Rugged Individualism" in the whole House.

Everybody is in favor of higher allowances of all kinds — but the opposition parties are a bit more vocal in their demands for such, for they know it will be

the government which will have to worry about raising the taxes to pay for them. Also, and this is the main cause of the dullness about which some now complain — the Conservative party is really not very conservative, the Liberals are not overwhelmingly liberal, the Socialists are only socialist in tiny bits and spots, and you have to look for the social credit principles of the Social Credit party with a powerful microscope — for they hardly ever appear to the naked eye.

There may be crooks, schemers, and shady characters in the parliament of Canada. But if so, they must work so far underground that you just can't quickly spot them.

Yes — we lean to the dull side. You just can't imagine this parliament chopping off its king's head, or starting a revolution. If some MP called out the American election cry of a hundred odd years ago in the Canadian parliament of today most of us would figure that "Fifty Four Forty, or Fight" was a program, not for the next war, but for higher old age pensions in the next election.

Segregate Workers

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa.—Skilled and semi-skilled native building workers in future will be allowed to work only on native housing schemes while white workers only are employed in European areas of South Africa. One builder explained the system would safeguard jobs for both classes.



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DUFFERIN ROBLIN, 37-year-old Winnipeg automobile dealer, has been elected new leader of the Manitoba Progressive Conservative party. Mr. Roblin won the leadership on the second ballot in one of the stormiest political conventions in the province's history. He was first elected to the house in 1949 and re-elected in 1953.

Carpenters Seek Changes In Wage Act

VICTORIA.—Officials of the District Council of Carpenters AFL-TLC will seek changes in the out-dated minimum wage act at a conference with members of the B.C. Industrial Relations Board on July 6.

"We have petitioned for changes in this act which has remained unaltered since 1939-40," said Victor Midgley, representative of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.

He said the minimum wage still stands at 90 cents an hour for carpenters.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Canada's parliament prorogued Saturday, which makes it 139 days. The House is tired. The public feels the same.

It may be a bit of a gamble to do any predicting, but it's perfectly safe to feel a shade tired later in the summer.

A diplomat is a man who always, remembers a woman's birthday, but never remembers her age.

Numerous folk keep wondering how birds can know when the car has just been washed.

Society note by Tigamias Courier: "Among the many gifts presented by the bride to the bridegroom was a beautiful dressing gown."

The can opener is playing an increasingly important role in our everyday living. A veritable gift from heaven to the harried bachelor or to the hostess who believes life is too short to be

sweated away over the kitchen stove.—Ex.

BOOM NUMBER TWO

It might have seemed natural enough, not long ago, not to anticipate a return of the Yukon. But it's here—flush times and all. Already the CPA's 4-craft has spent \$100,000 in creating the rejuvenated river boat Klondike. The tourists might have started to fade, but the boom is back. Anyway, you just can't forget.

Democracy has been good to says Svetlana Gouzenko. "The 12th Century-fox paid Igor \$1,000 for the moving picture rights to his story, 'The Iron Curtain' and Cosmopolitan gave \$50 for the magazine's rights. Also have an annuity of \$10,000 a month for the rest of our lives."

Man-to-real estate man: "We had in mind is something like the ten-to-fifteen-thousand-lar range that sells for no more than thirty thousand."

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