



AND FOR LONG SERVICE in the RMCP here last week were Inspector W. M. Taylor (left), commanding Prince Rupert sub-division, and Sgt. Ross A. Clayton (right), patrol sergeant. They were presented with Long Service and Good Conduct medals by Commissioner C. E. Rivett-Carnac (centre) officer commanding E. Division. Inspector Taylor joined the RCMP in April, 1931 and Sgt. Clayton, shown wearing his medal, in December, 1931.

Christmas Festival to Include Carols Three Tongues by Ten Local Choirs

At least three languages will be presented by 10 local choirs in the Christmas Carol Festival to be held here next week.

Montreal Notary Celebrates 71st Birthday, Hard at Work

George Light, 71, celebrated a big day recently when he turned 71.

Week—

Church W.A. Christmas Eve service, 8 p.m. All members welcome.

Women's Breakfast, 8 p.m. at the Bazaar.

General Fall Bazaar, Saturday, Dec. 5.

Readers

Hard party tonight, 8 (11) p.m. Everybody welcome.

Book this Christmas, 10 p.m. Everybody welcome.

Fishermen's Local, 8 p.m. Everybody welcome.

Thursday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m. at the Miller Hall. Proceeds for the Patients' Fund.

HUDSONS FEATURE NEW LUXURY AND PERFORMANCE...



new silhouette, fresh exterior styling, lavish Salon-Lounge interior and "Instant" engine with Super-Induction are features of the roomy, economical new Super Sedan shown above. In the lower photograph is the 1954 Hudson Hornet Sedan, longer, lower appearance, luxurious interior with Instant Action engine developing 100 h.p. Both distinctive cars are representative of Hudson's impressive line of 1954 models including the Hudson Hornet, Hudson Wasp and Super Wasp, Hudson Jet, Super Jet and Jet-Liner. Hudson's new "Instant Action" engines with Super Induction are new standards of power and performance for high compression engines. Flight-like styling, richly-appointed interiors, safety features and superb performance makes new Hudsons for 1954 truly outstanding automobiles.

OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. McLEOD

One of the anomalies of the present Throne Speech debate is the fact that the Throne Speech itself is rarely mentioned by any of the participating M.P.'s.

The explanation is a simple one: the Throne Speech this year was bereft of spectacular feature. Although an eminently sound document, it proposed no startling departures in legislation about which Liberal M.P.'s could orate with satisfaction, while Opposition speakers viewed them with alarm.

The real truth is that present times are so prosperous, economically for the public as well as politically for the Liberal Party, that the government has adopted the deliberate policy of doing nothing by way of legislation to disturb them. It hopes that they will continue that way indefinitely.

Of course, if any deterioration in the present scheme of things, either economic or political, should take place, the St. Laurent Government will swing into action. But it will act after the event rather than before it. And its fondest hope is that it will not have to act at all.

In other words, while the Opposition groups are generally urging the government to prepare a storm cellar against a coming depression, the St. Laurent administration is waging war at the moment no serious business recession is on the way.

The weight of impartial opinion in Parliament Hill circles holds that the government stands an excellent chance of winning its bet. Both Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe and J. G. Gardiner have argued fairly convincingly that the nation's surplus or wheat and other agricultural commodities are a source of strength rather than weakness to the economy. Their viewpoints conceivably may be biased by their political interests, although their judgment rarely is proven wrong. But other evidence of a more independent nature supports them.

For instance, government economists believe that, given more favorable weather conditions than the mild spell recently prevailing, Christmas business in Canada will break all records this year. Economic statistics justify the prediction. Volume of employment and labor earnings are at an all-time high. Bank savings are up a half-billion dollars from a year ago. Stocks of goods on retailers and wholesalers shelves are more complete than at any time since prior to World War II. Never before has there been such a coincidence of a public able to buy and an available supply of the goods they want.

That doesn't look as though the recent good times were on the way out. It rather supports the government's optimistic idea that good times are here to stay for quite a while yet.

Airwoman Serves Time In Plush Suite

VANCOUVER (CP)—Airwoman Isobel Burton has begun serving a 21-day "sentence" in the luxury suite at the RCAF Sea Island base. She was found guilty last Saturday of being absent without leave.

Also fined \$40, she was summarily tried before Wing Cmdr. F. C. S. Macdonald who recommended her release from the air force for "unsatisfactory conduct."

Airwoman Burton, 23, surrendered to RCAF authorities in Victoria a week ago after being absent from the air force station at Aymer, Ont., for 18 months. She arrived in Victoria by air from California but gave no explanation of her whereabouts during the period.

RCAF authorities said Airwoman Burton, who was sentenced to be confined to barracks for 21 days, would remain in the suite at the Sea Island base where she had been held since returning to the air force. Authorities said the suite, normally reserved for high ranking officers visiting the station, was the only suitable accommodation on the base where the woman could be held.

New Liquor Store System, On Trial In Vancouver, Might Speed Up Sales

VANCOUVER (CP)—A Vancouver liquor store will be the guinea pig for a new system of selling liquor that, if successful, may become province-wide.

The idea is to speed service and reduce customary lineups. A card-index system will be introduced at the store. As well as speeding up service, it is hoped

it will improve stock-keeping and possibly cut operating costs. A customer now lines up three times to make a purchase—once to have an order slip filled, a second time to take it to a cashier and again to pick up his purchase.

Under the new system, a person will have to line up only once if purchasing liquor or wine and again only if purchasing just beer.

Liquor and wine will be purchased on one side of the store, and beer on the opposite side. There will be signs indicating single and multiple purchase lines on either side.

A person wanting more than one bottle of liquor or wine will enter a multiple purchase line on the liquor side, pay and receive his goods. The same applies for those wanting more than one case of beer.

Government Reverses Policy To Collect BCHIS Premiums

VICTORIA (CP)—Health Minister Eric Martin said Tuesday night prosecution would be used if necessary to compel defaulters who are able to pay, to keep up with their British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service premiums.

Mr. Martin, in a press release, said those who have not the money to pay the premiums will be exempt, but they will be responsible for their own hospital bills.

The statement was a reversal of policy stated earlier this year by Social Credit spokesmen who said they favored putting hospital insurance on a voluntary basis.

"It is now possible and equitable to require that all persons who are able to, pay their pre-

miums," Mr. Martin's statement said. "This government will therefore ensure that premium payment by individuals and company participation on payroll deduction will be forthcoming in all instances."

The last session of the legislature approved Mr. Martin's proposal of suspending all premium arrears.

Critics of past policy have protested that hospital insurance was, in effect, voluntary for all but those on payroll deductions because non-payers were not forced to pay.

The next premium is due Dec. 31 and bills now are being sent out. A second bill will be sent to non-payers in January and after that cases of non-payment will be reviewed.

The minister, with the advice of the service and social welfare workers, will decide on the merits of each case.

There will be no set formula on who should or should not pay. Those judged able to pay will face prosecution in small debts court and, if found guilty, will face fines of \$5 to \$25 plus the amount of the uncollected premium.

"Sheerest Yet" Nylons Planned By New Firm

SUSSEX, N.B. (CP)—A New Brunswick plant, started as an experiment less than a year ago, plans to produce 75-gauge nylon hosiery, the finest gauge ever attempted in North America.

The Sussex branch of Sheer Silk Hosiery Mills Ltd., is operated by 65 New Brunswickers—63 men and two women. At this time last year they knew no more about knitting than Prairie farmers know about squid-igging.

Only a handful of instructors were available when production began but the local employees caught on quickly and within a few weeks operations were in full swing.

Company president Dallas Grant says the people of New Brunswick are "adaptable for this type of work" and have made real strides in the operation.

Although the stockings are knitted in Sussex, they have to be refined at the parent company in Sherbrooke, Que., before being placed on the market.

Mr. Grant says that the only drawback in production of extremely fine gauge stockings, is that they require a finer denier nylon than is made on this side of the Atlantic.

Until such time as it is produced here, he said, the company will import 10-denier yarn from Italy.

He did not say what effect this would have on the price of the new hosiery.

Named to B.C. Toll Authority

VICTORIA (CP)—Finance Minister Einar Gunderson has been appointed to British Columbia's new toll highway and bridge authority, it was reliably reported here.

Mr. Gunderson declined to confirm or deny the report, but it is understood the appointment was made by order-in-council at Friday's cabinet meeting.

Mr. Gunderson was defeated in a Victoria by-election last Tuesday in his bid for a legislative seat by Liberal George Gregory.

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