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Airport Survey Resumed

ALTHOUGH the history of Prince Rupert's un-built airport contains too many disappointments to permit sudden optimism, the information that government-appointed surveyors have resumed study of the project is not entirely without interest.

A few months ago there was a note of finality in the government's contention that the cost of construction was beyond all reason. It was put at about \$5,000,000—admittedly a large figure when the annual government expenditure on airports for all of Canada amounts to only \$10,000,000.

In addition, there were arguments that the weather was unsuitable and the terrain too mountainous.

Then certain details became known. Apparently the surveyors' report never mentioned costs at all. The estimate of \$5,000,000 began to look like something that had evolved in conversation across an Ottawa desk.

The reports on weather conditions were equally unspecific, and anyone who has stood on Digby Island knows the inaccuracy of the remarks about mountains.

In fact, Ottawa's understanding of the situation was so confused generally that one Prince Rupert visitor there who asked about an airport for Digby Island is reported to have received the reply, "But you already have an airport on one of the islands there. Why do you want another?" The speaker was talking about Sandspit!

It may be just a coincidence that renewal of the government's survey comes precisely when the city, through its airport committee, is planning one of its own. But it seems more likely that the city's initiative has made an impression and sparked the new activity.

If there are facts to refute the government's first arguments, the city will find them. Although its proposed survey is limited by cost, it will be sufficient to answer the big question—how much? Consequently the government's move to dig a little deeper is well advised. We are confident that if the additional facts uncovered prove more favorable to the case for an airport, the government will be willing to reconsider its position.

It is not the convenience of Prince Rupert that is in question. It is the development of Canada's entire northwest area.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

When marriage comes to herys Barbara Ann Scott, her ailing career will go out of the window. "All this stuff about women being equal is a lot of nonsense." Just recently, American researchers found sixty per cent wives under forty never cook their husbands' breakfasts. Theor guy gets up and gets his breakfast, then rushes off to the daily wage-mill—Provincer.

Even today, preliminary arrangements are under way for tising Saskatchewan's history, ping the summer of 1955. Piceers and pioneering will be atured. But not too much! ese vigilant critics are always the lookout.

I YES! EASY ENOUGH
Now if we just had a hammock could stretch out and figure our plans for a garden. Easy ough. If we didn't feel so much the opposite direction.

VE YEARS OF SHIPS
In the five year period at the id of the first great war, the pyards of Vancouver, Victoria,

Malayans Cheer I.K. Official In Departure

KUALA LAMPUR, Malaya (Reuter)—Gen. Sir Gerald Temple, wo-fisted British high commissioner for Malaya, drove through heering crowds to the airport e yesterday to leave Malaya after 7 months of leading the battle gainst Communist terrorists. Temple flew to nearby Singa-ore to spend two days before yling to Britain and his new ost as commander of the British Army of the Rhine. In a farewell broadcast Sunday night, the architect of Malaya's successful "get tough" pol-icy with the Communists called for still more toughness.

New Westminster and Prince Rupert turned out a total of 45 steel steamers, 69 wooden steamers, and 21 wooden auxiliary schooners, a total of 135 deep sea ships having a tonnage of 492,800 gross tons register.

The most frightening fact about heredity and environment is that we parents provide both.

It is often said that some people cannot stand prosperity but, it may be added, that few have to.

Officially and unofficially, the Canadians are neighbors of ours, with whom, uniquely in these tortured and suspicious times we have acquired a habit of neighborliness, comments the Washington Post.

As anticipated Prince Rupert is beginning to feel the impact of developments in the north-land. It has long been recognized that Prince Rupert enjoys a strategic situation in the north, being the coastal terminal of a transcontinental railway, and having within her area a terrain which is just beginning to demonstrate its economic possibilities. The huge volume of traffic handled by the port proves beyond doubt the capacity of the railroad to handle traffic beyond the quantity carried under normal conditions. So comments Capt. Kettle, in the Vancouver marine journal "Harbour & Shipping."

One prevalent trouble in the world today is that many people "trustate" too easily.

A palmist says that a man's temper can be told by his hands. Especially if he comes at you with them doubled up.

Quarrelling and bickering among adult members of a family may have a bad effect upon the children, developing feelings of insecurity and unwantedness.

As I See It



by
**Elmore
Philboots**

Conacher M.P.

A GOOD many thousands of newspaper columns have been filled with reports of the doings of the late Lionel Conacher, MP, who died, in one way so tragically.

It reads like a story book that Canada's greatest athlete of the century should actually have died in the annual ball game on the front lawn of the parliament buildings.

This piece is intended as a quiet tribute to Lionel Conacher, the M.P.

Lionel sat just in front of me in the House of Commons. I never heard him make a speech in parliament. He sat through few speeches by other MPs, on either side. As a matter of fact, you hardly ever saw Lionel around the parliament buildings—unless there was a vote coming up in the House. Yet he did his job. For let that old bell begin to ring for a vote, and Conacher would suddenly but swiftly appear, slip into his seat, looking as unburned as if he had just stepped in off the baseball field.

SOME of us were gently kidding Lionel Conacher the day before he died, because he voted with the Liberal minority who sided with the CCF in favor of the voluntary check-off of trade union dues.

The federal government applies this principle in all its own relations with employees. Also, in all the big trade disputes, where the federal government appoints a conciliator, that conciliator always uses his powers to recommend acceptance of the check-off. The present Ottawa government itself accepts the check-off.

But the present government at Ottawa has never got around to doing what the Liberal Minister of Labor did many years ago in B.C.—that is to write the principle of the voluntary check-off right into the laws.

Hence, the yearly vote on the check-off is a sort of gauge which registers the opinion, not only of parliament as a whole, but especially within the Liberal party.

When Conacher voted with the B.C. Liberals, and a few other Liberals with strong labor sympathies, somebody chuckled and said:

"We did not think you were a radical, Lionel."
The great athlete replied quietly:

"I have a lot of working men in my riding."

CONACHER was working hard in recent months to transform one end of his farm, just outside Toronto, into a first class family picnic ground for his constituents.

Also, only a few days before his death, he was giving some of the boys his middle aged ideas about sports. His wife sometimes induced him to go to some sports event or other, he said. But he personally found baseball a real bore, and even ice hockey no thrill.

"But let me see a bunch of kids out there on a corner lot with a football and you can't hold me back."

Canadian football remained the one game he still really loved, he told us.

CCF Leader In Hospital

VANCOUVER (CP)—CCF Opposition Leader Arnold Webster is in Vancouver General Hospital for a minor operation and medical check up. Provincial office of the CCF said Mr. Webster entered hospital May 24. He was expected to be in for about 10 days.



A CURLY-HAIRED, seven-year-old German lass appears highly skeptical at the object's ability to walk, bark, growl, and occasionally to bite the hand that feeds, at an international dog show held recently in Frankfurt, Germany. The canine world's excuse for a household implement is actually a white-haired Hungarian shepherd's dog, and quite naturally was the eye-catcher of the show.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

A good many of the ghosts of Canadian politics in the era following World War 1 and thereafter are certain to be raised on Parliament Hill on Wednesday night a week hence. The occasion will be a complimentary dinner being tendered by the Progressive Conservative MPs and Senators to Canada's only living ex-Prime Minister.

Of course you know who that is. Well, just in case a few of you may be at a loss for the answer, Canada's only living ex-Prime Minister is Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

The Parliamentary function is being staged just a week in advance of Mr. Meighen's 80th birthday.

Neighbors Travel Across Ocean Before Meeting

LONDON (CP)—For 12 years Derek Wheatley lived next door to pretty, dark-haired Selina Ribeiro in Rio de Janeiro. They never even said "good morning."

Two years ago Wheatley came to England and joined the BBC as an announcer in the Brazilian service. About the same time Mrs. Ribeiro came over to study ballet.

Finally on Jan. 30, the two met and were introduced at a party in London.

Sunday Wheatley, now 26, and his former neighbor, now 18, announced they will marry in July.

No Spying

GUNTHORPE, England (CP)—Members of a nation angling club decided binoculars should be banned in this year's fishing competitions. Previously some anglers used field glasses to detect bites.



STARING CALMLY into the camera is strange-looking Mr. Drom-dary, resident of Miami's Crandon Park Zoo. This "formal" portrait provides a close look at the animal's mysterious, generous features.



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Increasing Arctic Fishing Seen As North Pole Area Gets Warm

WINNIPEG (CP)—It's getting warmer at the North Pole and the Arctic Ocean some day may supply a new seafood for Canadian dinner tables.

These views were expressed in an interview by geologist Miss Moira Dunbar of Ottawa and her brother, biologist Dr. Maxwell Dunbar of Montreal, here for a meeting of the Royal Society.

Miss Dunbar, only woman geographer in the Arctic section of the Defence Research Board, said land is rising all over the Canadian Arctic and there has been a warming of the climate. The thickness of ice in the northwest passes is probably less now than it was years ago.

Dr. Dunbar, Arctic biologist at McGill University, said tastes like shrimp and individual shrimps in plants much larger in the Arctic elsewhere.

Dr. Dunbar said it is matter of technological until the household economy of plankton from eer.

YOUR ENGINE MAY GET 15% MORE POWER THAN YOU THINK

Good Try

BEDFORD, England (CP)—Edward Smith, 30, partly disabled veteran, says he was "beaten by the dark" in an attempt to roller-skate 120 miles from here to Great Yarmouth. He covered 96 miles in 13 1/2 hours and got a ride the rest of the way.

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