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Mail Delivery

PRINCE RUPERT, which has long sought the establishment of a mail delivery service, has been told by the postal department that such service may now be inaugurated if it is still wanted.

The department specifically desires to know if the people here will complain at having to wait until next day for delivery of mail which arrives by afternoon or evening as does the most of mail now.

We have been used so long now to going along to the Post Office late in the afternoon to pick up the freshly arrived mail that we may find it difficult for a while to wait until next day to have it delivered.

Still, we're getting to be a bid town now and it would hardly be the thing, after all our campaigning, to suggest at this time that we do not want mail delivery.

The postal authorities are going at least part of the way in suggesting delivery may be effected in the afternoon after arrival of mail to the downtown business section. Possibly the rest of the people might be agreeable to waiting until next day.

If we turn down the service now, it might be a long time before we would have the opportunity again of setting it.

As the city continues to grow, congestion at the Post Office would increase.

Nor may it always be practicable or convenient to go to the Post Office to pick up our mail although it might be possible for business people to retain boxes.

We think the advantages of the mail delivery would outweigh the disadvantages and that now we have the chance of getting it we should embrace it.

Prayer in Schools

THERE are those who object strenuously to the saying of prayers in schools. Such people say there should be a division between state and church. Others claim that to say prayers in school is an abridgement of liberty.

Particularly if it is non-sectarian—a prayer to God that could be said by Catholics, Jews, Protestants—it seems very foolish and extremely narrow-minded to object to God's blessing in the schools.

What father and what mother does not say a prayer for the welfare of his or her children all through their lives?

What parent does not ask God to guide them so that they may rear their children to become useful citizens of their country and their community?

What normal citizen does not pray to God when the child is sick or hurt or when he has got into trouble?

Possibly the "church" should keep out of politics and government.

But the school should be a place where not only worldly knowledge is fed to the children, but where their character and morality are formed.

And who can help more to form character and morality than God?

Possibly state and church as institutions should be kept separated.

But it seems that this business of keeping religion separated from the state has not hurt the church, but it certainly has not helped the state.

A little more religion, a little more attention to the Ten Commandments, a little more fear of God might do our government people a lot of good.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Teach me, O Lord."—Psalm 119:33

Quick Canadian Quiz

- From 1941 to 1951 did Canadian population increase by half a million, two and a half million, four million?
- What river drains the five great lakes?
- Education in Canada is under what government control?
- In 1939 our net public debt was \$3,152 million. What was it in 1951?
- Are more of Canada's forests used up for fuelwood, by the lumber industry, by the pulp and paper industry or through fire, insects and disease.

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180 Million in States by 1960

WASHINGTON — Americans may be 180,000,000 strong in 1960, and California will have nosed out Pennsylvania as the second most crowded state in the union by then, the census bureau predicts.

By measure the way the population has been growing in each state since 1920, bureau experts calculate there will be between 162,000,000 and 180,000,000 persons in the United States by 1960. Right now there are roughly 155,000,000 and in the official nose-count of 1950 there were 151,672,000.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Election Mix-Up

IT WOULD be a fool-hardy prophet who would take a chance on predicting now the outcome of the forthcoming provincial election in B.C. B.C.'s Election Mix-Up

At the moment the following parties are in the running or in the offing, considering whether or not they really will run:

Liberal
Conservative
CCF
Social Credit
LPP
New Catholic Party
New Labor Party

To add to the confusion the Liberals and Conservatives have just broken up their ten year coalition. Having done so it is by no means certain that the new transferable vote system will be proclaimed.

JACK SCOTT of 1414 East Broadway (not to be confused with The Sun's Uncle Jack, Mayor of Our Town), has made a careful analysis of the outcome of the transferable vote system in Alberta.

His conclusions boil down to this: The outcome is about the same as it would be under the ordinary system of single choice.

In Alberta in 1949 there were 49 rural constituencies which used the transferable vote system. In 41 of the 49 the winner obtained a clear majority on the first choice, so no second or third counts were necessary.

In four constituencies of the 49 the winners were elected by a minority of the votes cast, because most of the voters "plumped" for their favorite candidates—that is, marked only their Number 1 choice and left Number 2 and Number 3 blank.

Here are the figures:
Eligible to transfer votes 9363
Blank second choices 6041

WHAT IS puzzling the old line parties in B.C. right now is how the voters will cast their second choices.

In Alberta of 5360 CCF votes which went to their own candidate on the first choice second choices went as follows:

Social Credit 728
Liberal 377

The 2919 Liberals gave 1390 second choices to Social Credit and 302 to CCF. It is worth noting that the CCF had a far higher percentage of "plumpers." But, on the whole, the second choice system changes nothing.

I AM NOT at all sure that the Liberal second choices in B.C. will go to the Tories and the Tory second choices go to the Liberals. The feeling between the rank and file followers of the parties is anything but amicable. Hence it is by no means certain that the swing will be against the CCF.

Social Credit will definitely be a factor, but only in some parts of the province.

The new Catholic party (Christian Democrats) will in my opinion get nowhere, for the obvious reason that if it were to succeed across Canada, it would compel the formation of a single Protestant party, with utterly disastrous results to this nation.

The gesture for formation of a New Labor party, seems to me a bad mistake on the part of my old friend, Tom Uphill.

For the LPP, or Communists, would surely get in behind this party even if they did not start it. Tom should study what happened to Henry Wallace in the USA before making that mistake. We need fewer parties, not more.

LETTERBOX

"BUSINESS MEN"

Editor,
Daily News—

I heartily endorse your editorial of February 5 but would like to correct any misunderstanding arising from the reference to "Business Men" contained therein. My conception of a business man is not confined to a 3rd Avenue merchant but includes anyone who understands the principles or fundamentals of business in general. I like to think of myself as a business man, yet you will see me often in the role of truck driver, mechanic or laborer.

It would be encouraging to see a representative from all organizations and unions in the City, delegated to attend the Council Meetings and report back to their parent bodies. In this way a wider field of civic interest and discussion would be created.

Thanking you, MR. EDWARD H. S. WHALEN
Mayor



FIGURES IN ROYAL FAMILY

KING GEORGE VI—

Monarch of 'Common Man' Exemplified Finest Principles

George VI, more perhaps than any British sovereign before him, was the common man's King. The people at home and in the distant commonwealths esteemed him for his personification of that ideal as well as for his reign in extremely difficult times. The public esteem reached new heights in World War II.

The times were perilous when he ascended the throne. The dictator nations were in the ascendancy. There were grave forebodings of threats to the British way of life, even to the nation's very survival.

At the time his reign began, George said:
"It will be my constant endeavor, with God's help, supported as I shall be by my dear wife, to uphold the honor of the realm, and to promote the happiness of my people."

Albert, Duke of York, had been an unassuming Prince. For years he had insisted he was not palace-minded. He detested sycophancy. He rejoiced in simple, quiet, everyday things. He had never minded playing second fiddle to his dashing brother, Edward VIII, 18 months older than he.

SITUATION CHANGED

Then on Dec. 11, 1936, Edward abdicated the throne in order to wed "the woman I love" and the vast weight of the British crown, with many of the problems of a troubled world, was transferred to him.

To him fell the task of being the nominal ruler of an Empire with a total population in excess of 500,000,000, approximately a quarter of the peoples of the globe. He lacked three days of being 41 years old at the time.

At his side was Elizabeth, his wife, of an ancient line of noble Scottish thames, her cheeks flushed with health and her smile broad and unfading, winning everybody. There were also two young children, Elizabeth the elder, and Margaret Rose. These seemed more like ordinary children than Princesses. It became the vogue to compare their traits with those of one's own small daughters.

Less than three years after George VI ascended the throne Britain was engulfed by war. In the crucible of that struggle he reached full maturity in statecraft and the heights in the public's loyalty and affection.

The King mingled freely with the people and won their hearts by his friendliness, informality and sympathy in their troubles. No other British monarch in history talked with so many of his people. He visited them at their work and in their bomb-blasted towns. He was constantly meeting England's housewives and factory girls, the soldiers, sailors and airmen.

He and the Queen steadfastly rejected all suggestions that their daughters be evacuated to

Painting of Surrender Noted by King

The King had a sense of humor that has been compared with the dry New England wit of President Coolidge. It was demonstrated strikingly on his 1939 visit to Washington. Senator Key Pittman of Nevada talked with the monarch in the Capitol rotunda. This conversation ensued:

"You have some beautiful paintings here," the King said, as he surveyed canvases depicting early American history.

"Yes, they are all famous works of art," Senator Pittman replied.

"I see they deal with the early history of your country."

"Yes, Here is a picture of the baptism of Pocahontas at your left."

The King glanced at the canvas showing the baptismal scene, in 1613. Then he let his eye travel around the rotunda walls, taking in the painting of the surrender of General Burgoyne at Saratoga and of General Cornwallis at Yorktown. Turning to Senator Pittman, the King remarked, with a twinkle in his eye:

"Oh, yes, I see there are some of a later period, too."

some safer region as the danger of German invasion heightened. They said in effect:

SHARED DANGERS

"We all face a common peril. Thousands of parents in this country are compelled to keep their children at home. We would prefer to share whatever family perils there may be with parents of this country."

The King "bucked up" his harassed people who for five years endured the most sustained bombardment of civilians in history. Once a bomb crashed through the apartment of the Queen but failed to explode. Buckingham Palace was hit several times.

The grandeur and misery of Dunkerque appalled the King, caused him untold suffering, yet at the same time thrilled him with its qualities of epic heroism. And his emotions were one with those of his people during the anxious months of the Battle of Britain, the perils of which he shared as a natural course.

He went to sea with Britain's home fleet that he might have a first hand view of naval defense and kept in constant touch

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