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### Those Mounting Taxes

A LTHOUGH there may be fair enough excuse for it, what with increasing demands for expenditures and rising inflationary costs which are affecting every kind of business, that big four mill increase in the city tax rate which city council is imposing this year will not ride so easily with the ratepayers. It was natural enough that loud protestations were heard yesterday after the Daily News got out with the announcement.

Furthermore, long suffering business people, already prey for a wide variety of solicitations for every manner of campaign and appeal, are proposed to be hit by a business tax such as they have in Vancouver and which has been so roundly condemned there.

Of course, the city has its problems. There are plenty of demands for improvements and services. All cost money and there is only one way of getting the money—that is by taxes.

So, if we are to have our cake we must pay for it. But the citizens will be expecting that there will really be some cake and that there will be something to show for the money that is being taken from them through these mounting municipal taxes.

The city will also be expected to exercise all reasonable economies and the taxpayers will be watching that this is done.

One gratifying thing is the increasing interest being engendered in civic affairs. Maybe some of those who are showing such an interest will be more willing to come forward and offer their services and exercise their ideas in a practical way by being candidates when the next election comes around.

The North American continent, with nine per cent of the world's population, accounts for 43.6 per cent of world income, according to the United Nations. In contrast, Asia, with 53 per cent of world population, has only 10.5 per cent of world income. U.S.S.R. has 8.1 per cent of world population and 11 per cent of income, while Europe, with 16.6 per cent of the world's population, has 27.3 per cent of world income.

#### Ketchikan Pulp Mill

△ \$46,000,000 pulp mill is a big thing for Ketchi-/ \ kan. An industry of that magnitude a mere six miles out of town will revolutionize the whole economy of the "First City" which has derived its livelihood to date from its salmon canneries and a fair-sized sawmill.

We know how a \$27,000,000 pulp mill near Prince Rupert changed the whole picture for this community and Prince Rupert had more to start with than Ketchikan which will therefore experience an even greater metamorphis.

Possibly, the Ketchikan pulp mill will prove of considerable benefit to Prince Rupert in providing late. traffic for our transcontinental railway. It will bring the two communities into even closer bonds of relationship.

We rejoice with and congratulate Ketchikan on this important news.



DEFENCE PLANNER\_T. Norbert Beaupre, 34, of Montreal, is the new assistant deputy minister of the defence production department. A Capa during the Second World War and former special assistant to the deputy minister, he is the youngest official to hold the post. He will be one of the government's top bracket armament advisers, with special responsibilities in the field of manpower, materials control

## Reflects and Reminisces

and production of armament

(CP PHOTO)

for North Atlantic countries

Well, anyway, our good friends the Yanks never invented the Sidewalk between Overlook Royal Canadian Mounted Police Street and fishermen's floats although they delight in the has been condemned by the city smart figure, trim hat, scarlet board of works and closed. and blue, and spurs.

of Canada in Vancouver that, if graded at approximate cost all the half-pound tins of salmon \$200. produced in the last 50 years were placed side by side, they would encircle the world more than 20 times. But think of the waste of tin-and tin is in such demand, just now.

THIS LESSON REMEMBERED G. W. Yates, newspaperman and civil servant, died in London (Ont.) recently. Of him many a tale is told. When an office boy in the Free Press, he wrote a bulletin announcing the execution in the Birchall-Ben. well murder case. Josiah Blackburn, Free Press proprietor, learning who wrote the bulletin, called Yates over, and pointing with his cane to the word "hung" as inscribed, said:

hanged." Mr. Yates used to say are answering a fire call. he never forgot this lesson in

Taxis must be off Third Avenue not later than October. and lots of other traffic reforms are to become effective. The city council is becoming stern. The mayor and aidermen looked and sounded that way Monday night. Prince Rupert is growing up, even if some feel they came about forty years too early.

#### SOUNDS EXCLUSIVE

Breakfast should be eaten in silence, says a dietician. It will be profound, if he's been out

Alderman George Casey is revisiting Rossland, once a flash camp in what was then one of the liveliest mining regions in the northwest. When he feels like it, he can spin many a yarn. Sometimes he does.

newly proposed bylaws?

our city council at all? Who tion does not apply to mayor Doctors Want In ever set Vancouver up as a and aldermen, four of whom will model for us to pattern our city be going to a convention of the ordinances after? Surely we can Union of Canadian Municipalido better than that.

First of all we have that boner at Third and McBride Street. ated more traffic snarls than

business tax. Isn't that the stone sity blocks? the city of Vancouver hung It's bad enough having to conaround the necks of their own business men?

Next we have the possibility of vehicular traffic giving way to pedestrian traffic. Another Vancouver bylaw that has cre-

# COUNCIL

Estimates will be obtained on the cost of a job evaluation survey for the city hall staff.

Parks Board will be granted an interim budget of \$2,000 recommended by the city counfinance committee

It was mentioned at a recent Church and Annunciation sitting of the Fisheries Council Church will be gravelled and

> Rate for indigent burials raised from \$60 to \$65.

A new pump house will be constructed at Shawatlans Lake at estimated cost of \$2,700.

Meanwhile, a concrete reinforced sidewalk will be constructed on the north side of Second Avenue between First and Second Streets at an estimated cost of \$4,700. Construction is planned on local improvement bylaw.

Off duty firemen will be paid two hours "call out" pay during day time hours and three hours call out pay other times when "Young man, always remember called out to stand by at the that beef is hung, but men are fire hall when on duty firemen

Utilities committee recommended the salary of assistant fire chief be set at \$345 a month and that repairs be made Jay walking will be abolished to a fire truck at a cost of \$230.

Trade licenses were granted to F. W. Reich, for an automatic laundry business H. L. Knutson, rooming house, and A. McNeil, barber shop.

Prince Rupert Shrine Club was granted permission to hold a four-day circus operated by Crescent Shows beginning May 10 providing suitable grounds can be located. Attempt will be made to obtain space on First Avenue behind the Civic Centre. The Club was granted a licence

A bylaw was passed to rename Prince Rupert Health Unit Skeena Health Unit.

### Vancouver Cuts Down Travelling

VANCOUVER—City council has cut municipal travelling expenses for the year. There will be no conventions for civic officials Could I use the medium of beyond British Columbia, Washyour paper to query some of the ington or Oregon. The travelling budget is cut from \$12,000 to Haven't we any originality in \$7,000 for the year. The limitaties at Calgary.

That idea came from Vancouver. anything else. How much worse Now there's a proposed new would it be here with our short

> tend with drunks reeling around in the centre of the roads without doing things up brown Vancouver style.

If there was any sanity in such an ordinance, don't you think our large eastern cities would adopt it? Believe me it will be a long time before we have the same number of motor vehicles as Toronto. So please, can't you think up something become doctors." new? Let Vancouver solve their

As for taxi parking, why not off-the-street parking entirely? What about parking meters? Of course then everyone would pay the same for parking privileges or would that be fair to the "sleepers" who park for five or six hours at a time and still pay less for their licence plates?

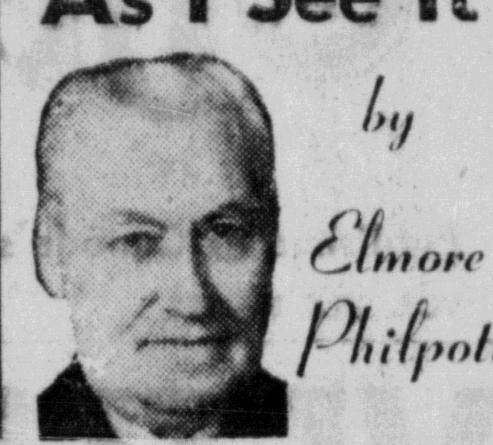
It is about time our bylaw April 5, 1943, was revised. mothers know, according to Bylaw No. 968, that it is uplawful to push a baby carriage on the sidewalk in Prince Rupert? Yes, some changes need to be made but please be a little more care-

Thank you, Mr. Editor. J. P. McLEAN.

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washing and scrubbing.

### As I See It



AN EARNEST voung medical student writes time safety director. about the plan I recently THE New York Herald Tribune on daylight saving: T proposed in this column:

The government would finance the courses of students who want to become doctors and dentists. In return, students so financed would sign contracts to serve for a set number of years in to see Jack Canuck complete t pioneer districts which lack doctors or dentists how.

The young fellow says: "Just let us in to take the courses and Sam's ships pay their tolls on it exactly as our ships do when it NEWS CLASSIFIK we will gladly sign such contracts. What is holding us up now is not the money to pay our way through but the strict exclusion rules which let in only if we must have nuisance laws, about half of those who want to

> RECENTLY I gave some adverse publicity to the woodworking industry and showed that man for man there was more chance of being injured if you were a B.C. logger than if you were a soldier in Korea.

Turn about is fair play. Here is a tribute to the B.C. Lumber Manufacturers Association from the National Safety Council. On April 3 Ned Dearborn, President wrote as follows:

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