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Great Service—Small Thanks

IF THE history of the Civic Centre in its six years of operation were reduced to the fewest words possible, it would read something like this: great service, small thanks.

Anyone who attended the Centre's annual membership meeting on Wednesday must have concluded with regret that Prince Rupert does not realize what a good thing it has. It seems that only the loss of the Centre—which is a serious possibility if the present trend of its finances continues—will drive home to us its true worth.

Parts of the annual report of Dr. R. G. Large, retiring president, read like a prospectus of some recreational and educational establishment which one might pay several hundred dollars a year to join. The report mentioned the university extension course, the music and drama festival, the arts and crafts courses and displays. It touched on the Alaska Music Trail concerts and spoke of the popularity of roller-skating and basketball there.

Although there was no place in the report to list all the other attractions offered, those who use the Centre regularly would need no prompting to give an enthusiastic elaboration. Mothers of small children not yet going to school would have something to add. So would those who enjoy dancing or gymnastics. So would those who like a quiet place with a selection of good books. So would the handball and badminton players, and so would many others.

Yet the reward to the Centre last year for making all these things possible was an operating deficit of approximately \$10,000. In 1951 it was a deficit of approximately \$5,000. From a financial point of view, therefore, we are helping the Centre to take progressively larger steps—straight down.

To some extent, the remedy must rest with the imagination and enterprise of those elected to direct the affairs of the Centre. No doubt, as in the past, they will accept this responsibility with an earnest determination to make the coming years much better.

Let no one think, however, they can do it alone. If the Centre is to survive, it needs more members and more help from each of them.

Let no one think, either, that he has done his bit because his child belongs. Children benefit from the Centre but they cannot by themselves sustain it.

Services rendered by the Centre are greater than the support it receives, but this lack of balance between values has been allowed to go too far. Unless there is a change, the place will surely close. Locks will go on the doors, boards on the windows, and silence will settle around the building which at present gives pleasure to so many.

It would be a monument of shame in a city that did not care.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

The month of January is just ending. Which is a waste of a lot better than just commencing.

No strike, or any other action will stop the railways of Canada from running, as usual, next Monday. Doubtless it's only too true to suggest that no one ever honestly thought wheels would cease revolving.

The town of Midland (Ont.) has a street called Easy Street. Nobody lives on it.

A Massachusetts doctor protects himself from legal entanglements by insisting on the presence of a third person, when examining a female patient. Late one afternoon, he wearily received a couple, and sought examination of the abdominal pain as complained of. Some answers were evasive and scarce above a whisper. She dressed hurriedly and sped from the room.

"Anyone that lively getting out of here cannot be seriously ill," commented the physician. "I'm sure your wife will be all right."

"Wife? She's not my wife, Doc. I was wondering why you called me in with her."

Possibly President Eisenhower has already heard this one, but if not, no matter. When Coolidge took over, he declined to use the White House telephone in the hall because it would be an intrusion of presidential dignity.

Chief Joe Mathias of Vancouver announces his resolve to witness the crowning of Elizabeth. To do this he plans on paddling the Atlantic in a war canoe. There are a few minor difficulties. For example, he has no canoe.

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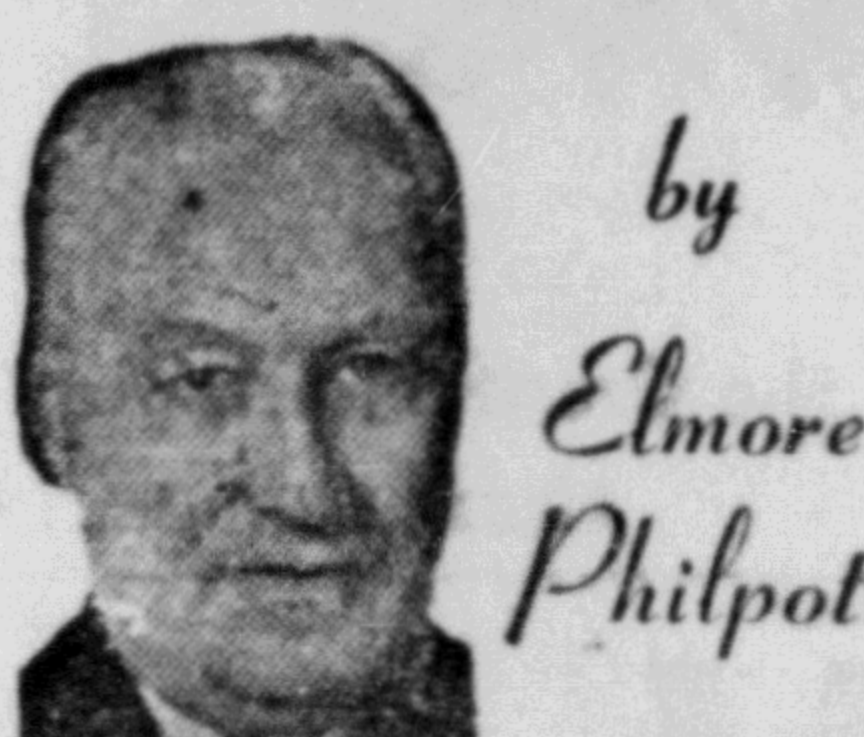
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As I See It



Elmore Philpott

Secured's Pet Baron

A READER says the Social Credit premier of B.C. has written a letter to the Jewish Bulletin in which he vehemently denies that Social Credit is anti-Jewish. He says there is no room for any anti-Semite in the party.

Mr. Bennett is an honorable man, and the only charitable explanation is that in the years he was working so hard to become Conservative leader of B.C. he had no time to read the official organ of the Social Credit party, nor to read in Hansard the scores, hundreds of anti-Jewish speeches and gibes by Social Credit MPs. Here is a typical example in Hansard for March 24, 1943:

MR. JACQUES: Who were those international financiers? I have not a complete list, but I have a number of names here which I believe will be familiar: The Rothschilds, Sassoons, Kuhns, Loeb, Warburgs, Montefiores, Steffs, Lemeyers, Slepman, Fruhlings, Cassells, Strakosches, Schroeders, Baruchs, Schusters, Cohens, Bleichroders, Kleinworths, Kahns, Goshens. How many French names on that list? How many British? How many Christians?

MR. MARTIN: Let us have no Jew-baiting.

MR. BLACKMORE: Then do not do it. You are mentioning it. The hon. member is just giving the names.

MR. MARTIN: The implication is quite clear.

IT IS worth noting that the same Mr. Blackmore who backed up the late Mr. Jacques is the same MP who came to Trail in the recent B.C. election and smeared Hon. Lester Pearson as a tool of the Jews because he had helped the UN set up the revived state of Israel.

The Social Credit party captured B.C. by a campaign run from Alberta. It distributed a vast quantity of Social Credit propaganda printed in Alberta. One leaflet was titled "Men or Money," signed by Solon Low. It has this quotation on page one: "In 1790 Maier Amshel Rothschild said, 'Permit me to issue and control the money of a nation and I care not who makes its laws.'"

Another leaflet, signed by Rev. Ernest G. Hansell, MP, is called "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle." It too starts out with the characteristic crack at that pet name of all Secureds—Baron Rothschild. It says in paragraph two:

"Baron Rothschild said, 'Permit me to control the credit of the nation and I care not who makes the laws.'"

Apart from the fact that Mr. Hansell spells the name without the h's after the t, and the slight difference in the text, I do not believe that either one is genuine.

I do not blame Messrs. Hansell or Low personally. I think they were handed those faked quotes from their own party Baron Munchausen—the same source which was responsible for the publication on page one of "The Canadian Social Credit" for January 3, 1946. A two column head says "Rothschild House Takes Over." As a result of a sinister deal the 35 year old Lord Rothschild had joined the Labor party and had immediately been made party leader in the Lords, says the astounding fabrication—based entirely on the author's fevered mind.

MAIDSTONE, England (CP)—A coroner's jury blamed a bird's nest in a bathroom gas flue for the death of Reginald Goodwin, 23. The jury ruled he was probably overcome by fumes and drowned while bathing.



GEORGE DREW, newly-elected provincial leader of the Progressive Conservative party in British Columbia, greets the party's national leader, George Drew, during a visit by Mr. Finlayson to Ottawa.

Nationalization of Agriculture In Future Policy of UK Labor Party

By ALAN HARVEY
By The Canadian Press

LONDON (CP)—Britain's Labor party is getting down to cases on future policy, and it looks as though the word nationalization is in for another vogue.

If present trends mean anything, the party's program for the next election will include proposals for nationalizing agricultural land, aircraft factories and some parts of the chemical industry.

That leaves out, significantly, three large industries which in the past have felt the breath of impending nationalization hot upon them. Labor's 1950 election program had sugar, cement and water ticketed for state ownership. Interest waned after the election, however, and it would seem a good guess that these three will be left in private hands.

MISSED BY ACCIDENT

Water's reprieve, if such it proves to be, will interest historians. It should have been nationalized seven years ago. A story which appears authentic has it that Labor party planners intended to include nationalization of water supplies in their manifesto, but accidentally left it out.

Now the tendency seems to be to regard sugar, water and cement as relatively secondary. At a time of economic crisis for Britain, Labor leaders are saying, one of the most important things is increased food production at home.

The next step, naturally, is the possibility of nationalizing the land, an idea with which Labor has often flirted. Opinion at the moment appears to be against outright nationalization, but in favor of some limited form of public ownership.

Aneurin (Nye) Bevan, one of the left's leading men of ideas, gave an indication what may be brewing when he wrote recently:

"Speaking for myself, I would take over all rented agricultural land, so that the state could provide for the cultivator those functions which were formerly provided by the best landlords."

BIG PROPORTION

Later, Bevan explained he considers "rented agricultural land" comprises about two-thirds of the country's total land area. He said he feels the old landlord-tenant relationship has broken down, leaving many landlords unable to afford the equipment for modern farming.

Bevan also wants to nationalize "those units of the chemical industries which are monopolies or near monopolies." Fertilizers are of prime importance in any program for increased food production.

The aircraft industry, an important part of the rearmament drive and a big source of dollars, also figures prominently in Labor's new thinking on nationalization. The party, with its traditional penchant toward profits, has long objected to profits being made out of rearmament.

These new proposals mark what appears to be a new phase in Labor's approach to nationalization. For generations this has been an article of faith in the socialist creed. The post-war years and the experience

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLennan

If you were asked to guess who is the M.P. most envied by his House of Commons colleagues, whom would you pick?

The Prime Minister? The forceful Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe? The millionaire George T. Falford from Leeds? The photogenic George A. Drew?

You would be wrong if you returned any one of these answers.

The M.P. most universally envied by his colleagues is none other than Hon. C. G. Power, former Defence Minister for Air in World War II and now a private in the Parliamentary ranks again representing his faithful riding of Quebec South.

It is now a matter of almost forgotten Liberal Party history that the colorful "Chubby" Power braved the wrath of the mighty Mackenzie King by resigning from the Cabinet over the conscription issue. Mr. King appealed personally to him to remain. And any Ministers or M.P.'s who refused Mr. King's appeals weren't noted for keeping their political health very long.

Hon. "Chubby" realized this, but chose to risk the powerful P.M.'s wrath and live at peace with his conscience. His voters had elected him as a non-conscriptionist and he wasn't betraying them. He even dared further. At the Liberal Party leadership convention he had the audacity to oppose Mr. St. Laurent against the very well-known wishes of the Liberal hierarchy. He didn't get many votes but he bothered a lot of Liberal consciences by a brilliant speech in which he brutally gave chapter and verse to prove how far present-day Liberalism had departed from the party's historic principles.

But that speech, too, is forgotten now. Liberal Party whips have no desire to provoke the Quebec South M.P. into any more crusades. An armistice has been reached the terms of which roughly are that the Liberal Party leaves Hon. "Chubby" alone and Hon. "Chubby" leaves the Liberal Party alone. His position of independence and detachment from partisan issues and partisan bickering is recognized as unique.

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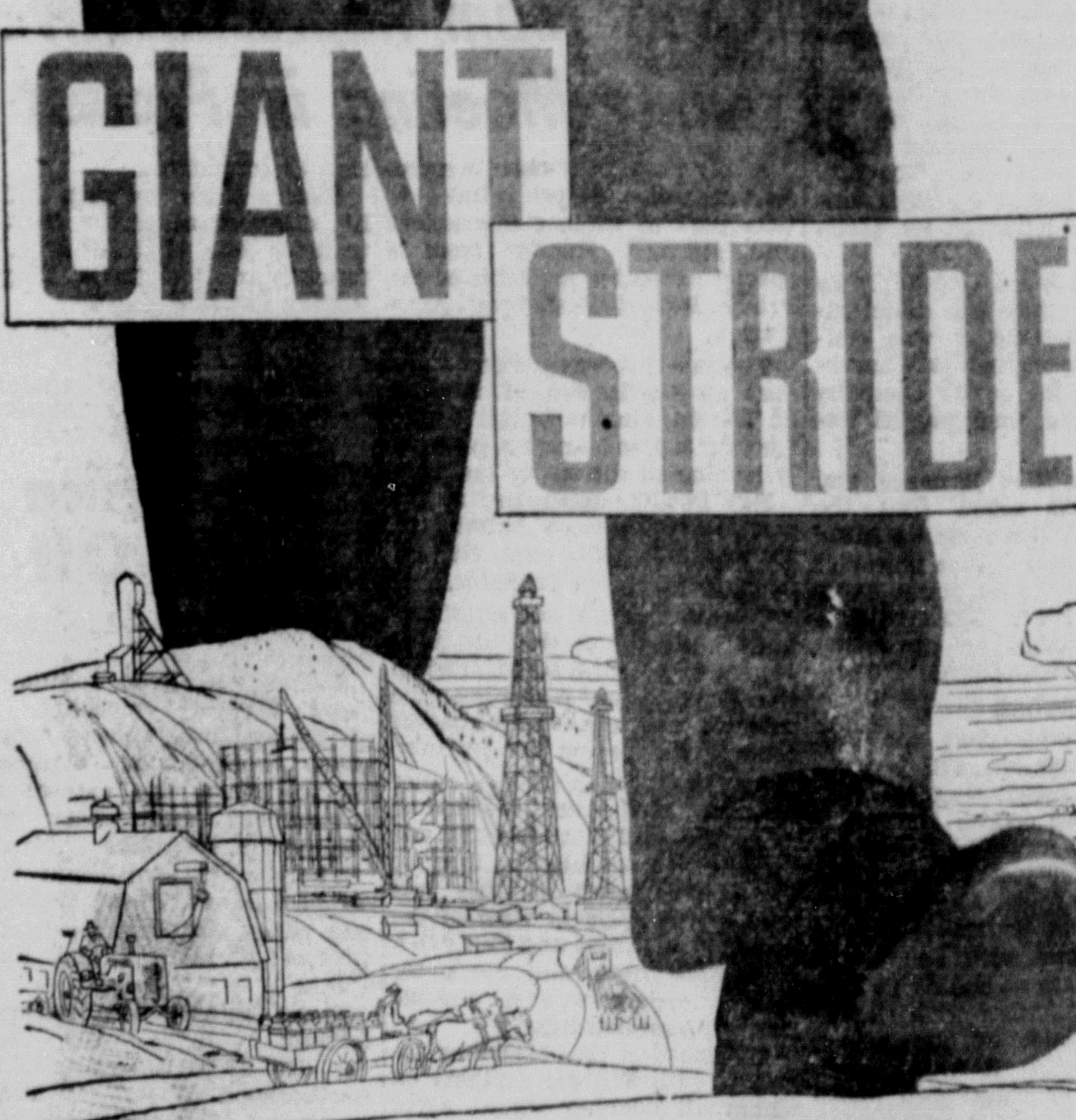
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Wheat crop	341.8 million bu.	688 million bu.
Installed power capacity	10.5 million H.P.	14.3 million H.P.
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