

Independent daily newspaper devoted to the upbuilding of Prince Rupert and Northern and Central British Columbia.

Member of Canadian Press — Audit Bureau of Circulations Canadian Daily Newspaper Association.
Published by The Prince Rupert Daily News Limited
J. F. MAGOER, President H. G. PERRY, Vice-President

Subscription Rates:
By carrier—Per week, 25c; per month \$1.00; per year, \$10.00

By mail—Per month, 75c; per year, \$8.00.

Authorized as second class mail by the Post Office Department, Ottawa.

Eisenhower Gets His Chance

NEWS that Eisenhower has called for a three-power meeting revives hopes that after all he, not Joe McCarthy, is President of the U.S.

For the past several weeks it has seemed with darkening certainty that there was a colossal mistake on the ballot sheets of the last U.S. election and that it was the demagogue from Wisconsin for whom the people really voted, not the great general of World War II.

Although McCarthy's performance has created general disgust, the sinister fact is that he commands an undercurrent admiration. As one writer remarks, there are many intelligent people who take the attitude that "I don't like McCarthy's methods, but maybe you have to be tough and nasty to do the job that McCarthy is doing."

The fallacy here is that these people think McCarthy is hunting out Communists, whereas the fact is that he has not uncovered a single one. No well-trained Communist would be caught by his obvious devices, with the result that his successes have been limited to those Reds whose color is public knowledge.

McCarthy's principal victims are not Communists but simply those people who do not agree with McCarthy. He is an outstanding example of what damage a man can accomplish by slander in place of truth. It is said that although he was unable to prove any of his accusations that General Marshall was an agent of international Communism, there are still many who feel uneasy about the redoubtable old soldier.

This is the figure that bedeviled Truman's administration and lately has been swarming all over Eisenhower's. For the new President he presents the most crucial test encountered so far. If Eisenhower fails this one, he may fail all the rest because strength, like charity, begins at home.

But the President's readiness to meet the British, whom McCarthy has denounced, and the French suggests that Eisenhower has no intention of taking his cues from Senator Joe. It is an opportunity for him to show that, in a democracy, those who appear to be exercising their rights to freedom of speech are sometimes merely blowing their own noisy horn.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

The precocious young House of Commons page boy whom we will call Victor isn't convinced that the new loud-speaker system which the M.P.'s used for the first time during the past session is a success.

He says the opinion isn't entirely personal with him. His fellow page boys—or the more serious element among them—who are concerned for House of Commons prestige and reputation—share it.

Speaking in a manner of proprietorship which was wholly characteristic of his impudent, lordly self, Victor commented to a group of House of Commons employees who were ostensibly engaged in clearing away some of the debris which the Parliamentarians had left behind:

"We installed this nonsense at a cost of more than \$100,000. That's a lot of potatoes, but it was expected that, if the public galleries could be sure of hear-

ing everything that was said on the floor of the House, they'd be packed for matinee and evening performances. Actually, what has happened? After the first days when the novelty of the thing wore off, our gallery attendance dropped off like Madison Square Gardens on the day after the Circus. We'd have done better to have none like the bars and put in television. It really draws the crowds."

Victor swept the Chamber's array of suspended microphones and other miscellaneous loud-speaker equipment with a hostile glance before he continued. When he spoke again it was in more thoughtful mood.

"You'd have almost thought," he said, "that the way the gallery customers stayed away in large droves for the rest of the session that they didn't want to hear what was being said on the floor of the House. They seemed to like it better the old way when they could just see what was going on and get the occasional word or phrase like when somebody would raise his voice. Once the reception got good no matter where you sat in the galleries, the galleries just emptied—especially around the outlets where these gadgets worked best. It's a funny thing that the Senate, which didn't go in for any hearing aids, had one of its best sessions for crowds in years. I wouldn't be surprised if a lot of them were our former customers."

At this point Victor made an unexpected concession to fairness. "Perhaps," he said judicially, "we shouldn't blame the system, but the people who used it. Fundamentally, a lot of M.P.'s aren't any more grown up than page boys. Back-benchers who normally wouldn't have thought to open their traps except to yawn just couldn't resist using the loud-speaking gadget. They'll have to get over it. The effect on our audience-rating isn't good."

Coronation Day Plans Made At Telkwa

TELKWA—Plans for Coronation Day were furthered at a meeting of Telkwa village commissioners and representatives from the Telkwa Women's Institute, schools and fire brigade. Arrangements have been made with the Royal Bank of Canada for newly minted coins for distribution as souvenirs to Telkwa children.

A parade of children will take place from the school grounds to Telkwa barbecue grounds. Rev. Father Paul Sanschagrin will give the invocation. An appropriate speech covering the day's significance will be followed by the National anthem. Following the ceremony a full afternoon program of sports will be carried out.

Decoration of homes and business places is being encouraged.

As I See It

by



Elmore Philpott

Sacred Bonus Dodgers

THE hospital insurance changes announced by the Social Credit government on the eve of an election are an outrageous attempt at political bribery.

Unless the people of B.C. are deaf, dumb and blind to injustice and unfair play they will also cook the Sacreds' goose.

For the Martin changes give an actual bonus to those who have broken the laws of B.C. in the past several years!

That bonus will not be paid for the tax-dodgers by Mr. Martin, Mr. Bennett or Mr. Reid from Salmon Arm—but by the nine-tenths of the people of B.C. who have regularly paid their hospital insurance tax.

THERE is one good point in the changes announced by Mr. Eric Martin. Workers who pay BCHIS tax by payroll deduction will not be automatically and instantly cut off from BCHIS benefits as soon as they lose their jobs.

There will be extra coverage up to a maximum of three months for those who have previously paid regularly into BCHIS for 18 or more months. But this is small recompense for a big swindle.

Surely this is a weird re-write of the Biblical story of the poor eating the crumbs from the rich man's table. Under the Sacred proposal all arrears in BCHIS dues are to be forgiven. Mr. Martin makes a fine fellow of himself—at your expense!

To add insult to injury—the forgiven tax-dodgers are only to be required to keep one month in advance in their payments. The rest of us—the nine-tenths of the people of B.C. who have always paid their hospital tax—are still to be made to pay a full six months in advance.

Who said that honesty is the best policy?

THE SOCIAL CREDITERS won the 1952 election in B.C. by loudly declaring that they were holier than other political parties—even by publicly waving the Holy Bible for political purposes. What blasphemy!

One of their unholy, behind-the-scenes vote-getters was an appeal to the minority of people in B.C. who were in arrears on hospital tax payments. Some of these owed up to \$100 apiece. Some were unfortunate truly too hard up to pay—and these deserved and still deserve legislation to help them. But many others were plain cheats, gyps—smart alecs who thought it was clever not to pay their lawful taxes, if they could get away with it.

IT IS a good thing to "forgive" all accumulated back-taxes and to get the tax-dodgers and delinquents on the rolls at once. But the vast majority of people in B.C. should not be further penalized to pay for this too.

Those who have regularly paid hospital taxes should get a reduced rate in payroll deductions or some other benefit until Mr. Martin's favorites—the tax-dodgers and delinquents—catch up with the rest of us. After all, many of them owe \$100 right now. Should you pay their share too?

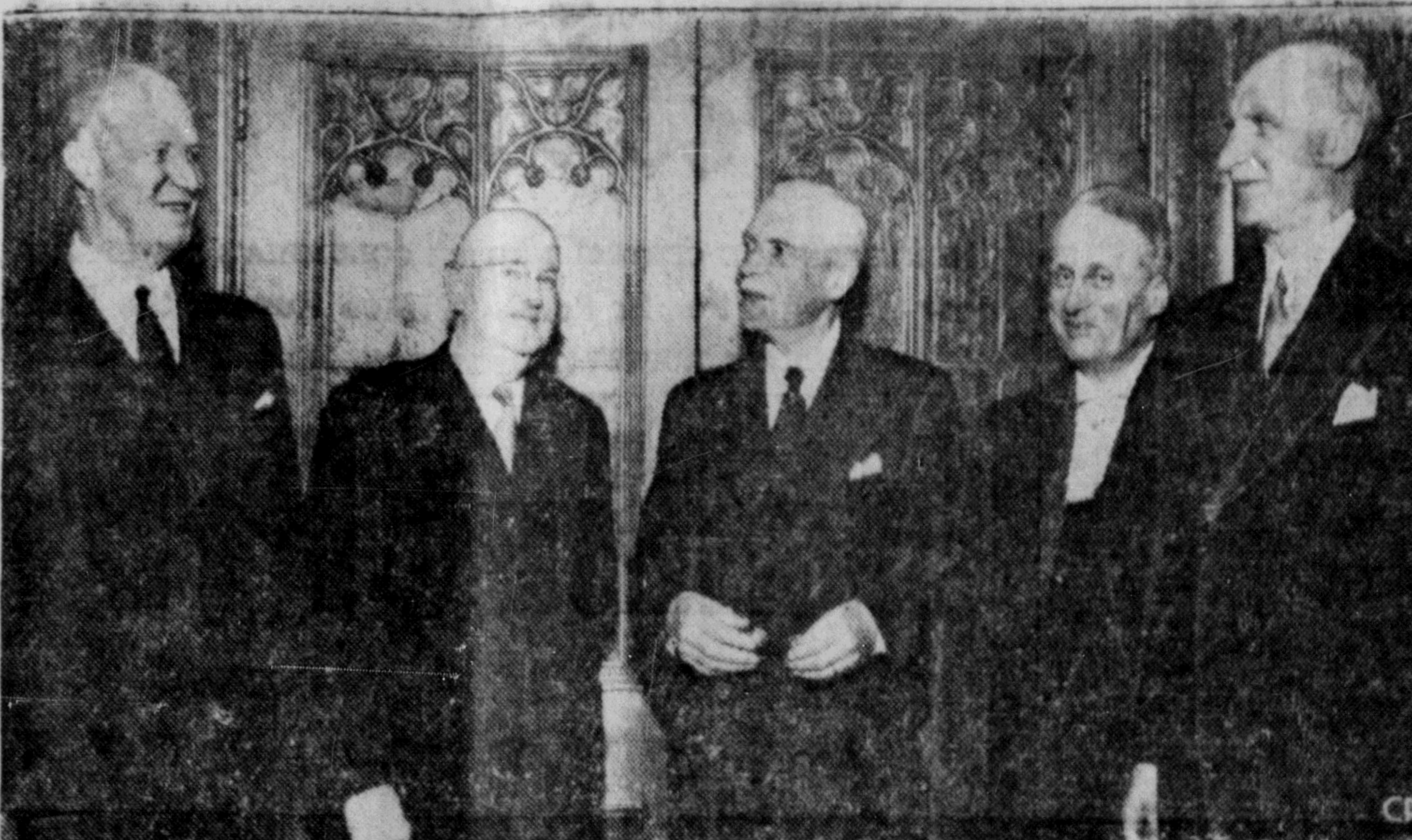
But the point is probably academic. For it looks more and more as if we will have a new government after June 9 which will uphold the law on a basis of equality to all and favoritism to none.

SAVE MONEY

USED CARS

- '49 Anglia Coach \$495
- '39 Austin Coach \$260
- '49 Austin A-40 Sedan \$750
- '49 Studebaker Overdrive \$1395
- '50 Austin A-40 Sedan \$1000
- '39 Hudson Sedan \$350
- '51 Austin A-40 Sedan \$1100
- '38 Plymouth Sedan \$395

SUPERIOR AUTO SERVICE LTD.



THREE NEW MEMBERS of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada are shown with Prime Minister St. Laurent and Mr. Justice Patrick Kerwin, who conducted the swearing-in ceremonies. Left to right: George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader; Mr. Justice Kerwin; Mr. St. Laurent; Senator Eli Beauregard, Speaker of the Senate, and Ross Macdonald, Speaker of the House of Commons. Also named to the Privy Council was: Rt. Hon. Thibaudeau Rinfret, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, who is in Eng. and.

VICTORIA REPORT By J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—The commission signed in 1858 by Queen Victoria appointing James Douglas governor of the Crown Colony of British Columbia has turned up in a brown paper bag in a long-locked vault deep under the earth in London's Essex Street.

Soon it will be in the Provincial Archives in the Legislative Buildings, a priceless exhibit, a colorful link with the past. For years historians have been wondering what on earth happened to the commission. They searched everywhere. Members of the Douglas clan hadn't the faintest idea. Some remember having seen it and recalled that, as small children, they had been allowed to kiss the seal. But that was all it was assumed that, with the years, the commission had somehow been destroyed, no one realizing its value, perhaps. The whereabouts of the commission had become a first-class historical mystery.

The commission came to light early this month when Miss R. I. Udell, secretary of the B.C. Land and Investment Agency in London's St. Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, cleaned out a strongroom.

WRITING to R. H. Shanks, Victoria manager of the B.C. Land, Miss Udell said: "The actual commission is a large parchment document which bears a huge seal in yellow wax, six and a half inches across and nearly one and a quarter inches thick. This seal dangles from the document and is in a tin container. As a matter of fact, when I first came across it in our vault it was in an old brown paper bag, and when I looked in and saw the tin container I thought it was the tray of an old umbrella stand!"

Miss Udell immediately got in touch with two Douglas grandsons—James Douglas, in London, and John Douglas, who lives in Victoria. They said the commission and the other Douglas papers found in the same vault should be in the Provincial Archives at Victoria. B.C. agent-general in London, W. A. McAdam, is now making arrangements to have them sent to provincial librarian-archivist Willard Ireland, who will receive them for safe-keeping on behalf of the people of British Columbia.

"This is an extraordinarily valuable find," Mr. Ireland says. "We have the commission appointing Douglas the governor of the Crown Colony of Vancouver Island, but for years the missing link has been the commission that has shown up. We had almost given up hope of ever locating it." How the commission got into

the Essex Street vault is not known here. It seems likely, however, that Douglas' only son, James, whose wife was May, the daughter of Premier A. C. Elliott, put it there for safekeeping on one of his visits to London, and forgot it.

The British Columbia we know today started in two parts. The Crown Colony of Vancouver Island came into being in 1849. In 1858 the Crown Colony of British Columbia was created. Douglas was the governor of each until his retirement in 1864. The two colonies merged as British Columbia in 1866. In 1871 the Crown Colony of British Columbia disappeared when it became a province of Canada.

OTHER PAPERS

In addition to the Queen's commission, other papers coming to the archives from London from the Essex Street find are the instructions to Douglas, signed by Queen Victoria; a letter, dated Dec. 16, 1858, from Sir Edward Bulmer Lytton at Downing Street, to Governor Douglas; and a letter addressed to Douglas, on his retirement, from members of the B.C. civil service.

Miss Udell, in her letter to Mr. Shanks, told of the finding of the Douglas documents: "The business of clearing out our strongroom at Essex Street was quite incredible. There were innumerable ancient and dusty papers, such as old probate grants written on real parchment in beautiful copperplate manuscript, and old marriage settlement deeds which had been copied and bound in morocco leather with gilt tooling and would probably cost the earth these days. Quite a lot of

Churchill Won't Listen to Friends Who Tell Him He's Working Too Hard

By FRASER WIGHTON

LONDON (Reuters)—Prime Minister Churchill's friends say he is working too hard for a man of his age. But most of them have given up trying to persuade the prime minister to ease up, because it is a sheer waste of time. "Winnie," well into his 79th year, is at present in one of his galvanic moods.

In addition to his numerous tasks as head of the government, he is handling the foreign office until Anthony Eden, the foreign secretary, recovers from two operations. He is involved also in the Coronation preparations.

Churchill solves all his problems by burning the candle at both ends and depending on a tough constitution to ensure that he himself is not burned out in the process.

Though he is no early riser, one day in his life would tire many a lesser mortal for weeks. Breakfast in bed means fresh fruit, a small mixed grill of kidney and bacon, and coffee—never tea.

If there are no early cabinet or other engagements, the prime minister may not get up until about 11 a.m. Then he will dictate at high speed until lunch—probably roast poultry and a glass of champagne, followed by a brandy and a cigar.

Except in unusual circumstances, lunch is followed by one of his most important engagements—the short daily nap which many people believe is the chief secret of his vitality. He undresses and gets right into bed, snatching from 10 minutes to an hour.

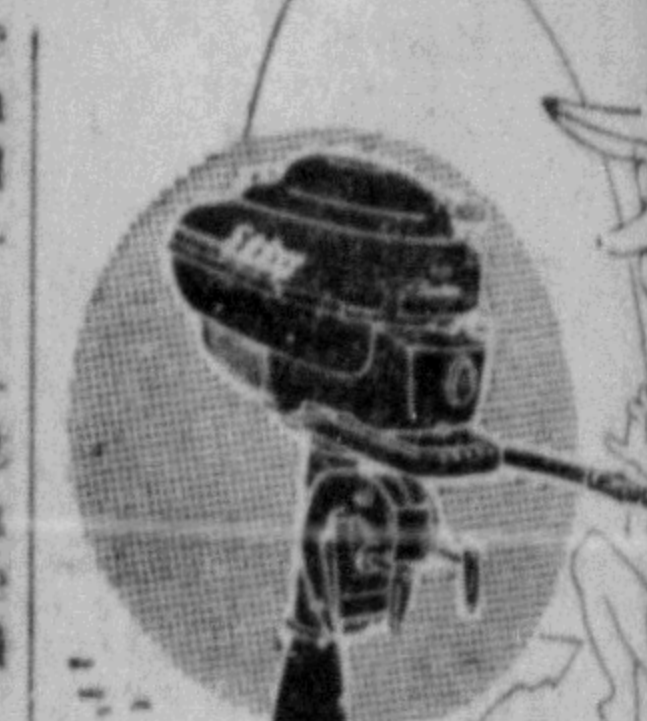
If he is attending Parliament, he will be at work again by 3 p.m., refreshed and ready to carry on indefinitely. He does

not stop for tea, but likes to get about eight.

The prime minister is not to work, write, confer, or dictate until 2 or 3 a.m.

When he gets to bed, he allows himself six hours sleep.

Built on reclaimed land, the pentagon, military headquarters at Washington, rests on concrete piles.



For the proudest catch ever made get terrific performance, all fishing hours and low cost in the 5 h.p. Sportster outboard motor. Model C slow trolling, fishing speed in the economical motor. See it NOW at a deluxe 1953 Elto for us little us.

\$225.00
RUPERT RADIO AND ELECTRIC
Box 1279 Prince Rupert

ASTOUNDING NEWS!

Word has just been received from the Ontario office of Equine Affairs that Prince Rupert will shortly be visited by one of Canada's truly great animals!



Yes. It's the original Petawawa Veteran — the only horse ever officially inducted as a member of Her Majesty's armed forces. This horse, "Currie" by name, will appear in the Coronation Parade June 2nd and will be ridden by a lucky student from one of our schools. A contest to choose this Jockey will be announced later. Watch the Daily News for further information on this outstanding animal.

DEADLINE
for all
Telephone Book
Advertising
is
May 27th
Contact Us Now
Dibb Printing Co.

have a GOOD RUM for your money



Britain's Finest Imported

ENJOY Player's "MILD"

the Mildest, Best-Tasting CIGARETTE

Player's taste better because they're made from milder tobaccos. And Player's freshness brings out all the flavour of these milder tobaccos... makes Player's the mildest, best-tasting cigarette you can smoke. Try a package!



Player's Please
Canada's Mildest Cigarette

The name "John Player & Sons" on the package is your guarantee that every cigarette is fresh.