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A Tough, Dedicated Life

A N AMERICAN writing for an English maga-I zine has portrayed the stern but dramatic and iseful life of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police na way that should be brought before more Cana-

In the "English-Speaking World" published in London, Oregon Senator Richard Neuberger takes part the tourist's, and frequently our own, coneption of the Mountie as a colorfully uniformed ndividual whose main function is to parade smartly about with back erect and jaw set. He pictures nstead a man of sound scientific training who elongs to a force of less than 5,000 which polices me of the largest countries on earth.

"Once a Mountie had to be able to cure spavins n a horse and to break a dozen snarling sled dogs o the harness," Mr. Neuberger remarks. "Now it s more important that he be trained to repair a wo-ton truck, to operate a short-wave radio and, urprisingly enough, to type at least 30 words a ninute."

Among the often overlooked facts the writer rings out is that the RCMP uses more than 1,200 notor vehicles, has a marine division with 86 boats and operates an active aviation section. He points the elaborate crime laboratories maintained in Regina and at Rockcliffe Park near Ottawa. He refers to their duties calling for enforcement of federal laws which include such national matters as immigration, narcotics, counterfeiting and spying BEFORE the Conservatives came against the Crown.

As an example of their scientific methods of detection, the case is mentioned of the municipal reasurer accused of burning down his office to conceal defalcation of public currency.. By painstakingly sifting through a mass of ashes in the gutted establishment, processing the pieces through nicroscope and spectograph, the police re-created every bill of substantial denomination. The treasurer was acquitted.

A reminder of the Mounties' stern existence is that no member of the force may take a wife during. he first five years of service. This promotes speed of movement to remote areas. Yet the wives of the orce play their part with courage and devotion. One barricaded a cottage against a half-ton bear to save her four small children. Another guarded a robber with a .45 revolver while her corporal huspand went in pursuit of the man's confederate.

With the Mounties "upholding the right" in Prince Rupert, to quote their slogan, it is worthwhile to reflect on the demanding nature of their task. Theirs is a tough and dedicated life which few of us could emulate. They are men to admire and, above all, respect.

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nature of a triumph.

The great Barrier Reef paral-

By Norman M. MacLeoa

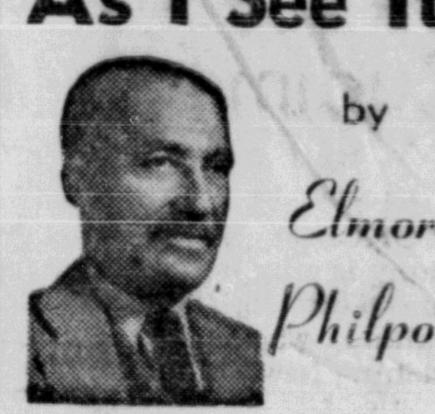
The enigma that is Quebec in the PC candidates in Quebec will the present Federal compaign receive will lie in pockets around THE BRITISH scheme does was at least partially explained the province. Specific areas by a key figure in the Duplessis would include the lower St. Laworganization who spent the rence and Magdalen Island re-

This veteran politician—who and such scattered rural points 5,021 on part time. has to remain nameless for ob- as Argenteuil, Bellechasse, and rious reasons—undertook to elu- similar counties. PC workers the help which the seats, Union Nationale sources Visitors. Drew forces might count on from estimate 12 as the maximum. The best part of the scheme vident necessity of the PC's Rivers and Roberval, two of the the children. vinning at least a handful of constituencies which they held eats if they are to come within in the parliament just dissolved. ight of national victory on The net gain which the Duples-August 7th next.

Fundamentally, said this Du- PC's is, therefore, 10 seats in the lesseite, the Union Nationale province. novement in Quebec is divided, This figure is known to be ike Caesar's Gaul, into three very substantially below the parts. There were the old-line hopes and the expectations of Quebec Conservatives, the mal- Leader Drew. His anticipations content Quebec Liberals whom are said to level off in the neighthe old Taschereau machine borhood of at least 30 seats. alienated, and the more recent Drew's optimism was confirmed Quebec Nationalists, who were significantly by his Quebec not to be confused in any sense meeting, which is agreed by all with the old-time Henri Bourassa observers to have been in the

Premier Duplessis, according to his key supporter, will take ing to foresee is an over-all mamight endanger the unity of these three factions within his said to be counting. But 10 Queprevent the Drew candidates from receiving active and strong Inion Nationale support in ridngs where the old-line Conser- izes. ratives supplied the backbone of he movement.

That would mean that the lels the east coast of Australia Jnion Nationale support which for 1,200 miles.



British Health Plan

IN ANY national health plan adopted in Canada, regardless of who wins this election, Britain's experience is bound to be useful.

Some features might apply here-some certainly would not

Here are some facts which show how it is working out:

The number of persons on doctors' lists is exactly the same as in 1949, namely 42,200,000.

Number of doctors working in the service is 18,190. Doctors are also free to carry on their private practice. Doctors get a flat quarterly allowance for persons registered with them under NHS. People are free to transfer their cards from one doctor to another at any time. However, few do so, any more than they switch the regular doctors here.

THERE ARE 15,408 chemists working for the scheme. number of prescriptions from 202,000,000 in 1949 to 216,-773,000 now.

Here is a breakdown of the kind of medicines, etc., which the patients actually receive:

Proprietary preparations, 269 Mixtures Tablets, pills The remaining prescriptions were for lotions, liniments, bandages, special corsets, etc.

the Lascar sailors who got free did the buyers make them fit?)

We heard of French seamen coming over to Britain and getting free glass eyes, and even a few foreigners coming in for

electioneering bunco. Here are fied by election. the facts. There are 961 eye spe- "He is so fanatic about unifycialists working for the British ing Korea before he dies that health service. The number of Rhee is ready to pull down

plied in 1952 was 3,352,287. Number of dentists is 9,485. The fig- we don't know what he might 800,000 in 1949 to 9,000,000 last to an armistice would be "pasyear. But after the new govern- sive." ment made the patients pay decline, thus:

5,000,000 2,500,000

THERE ARE 468,255 hospital beds available to the British national health service, ready for instant use. There are 39,113 extra beds in reserve. The average number of beds occupied rose from 397,570 in 1949 to 416,116 last year.

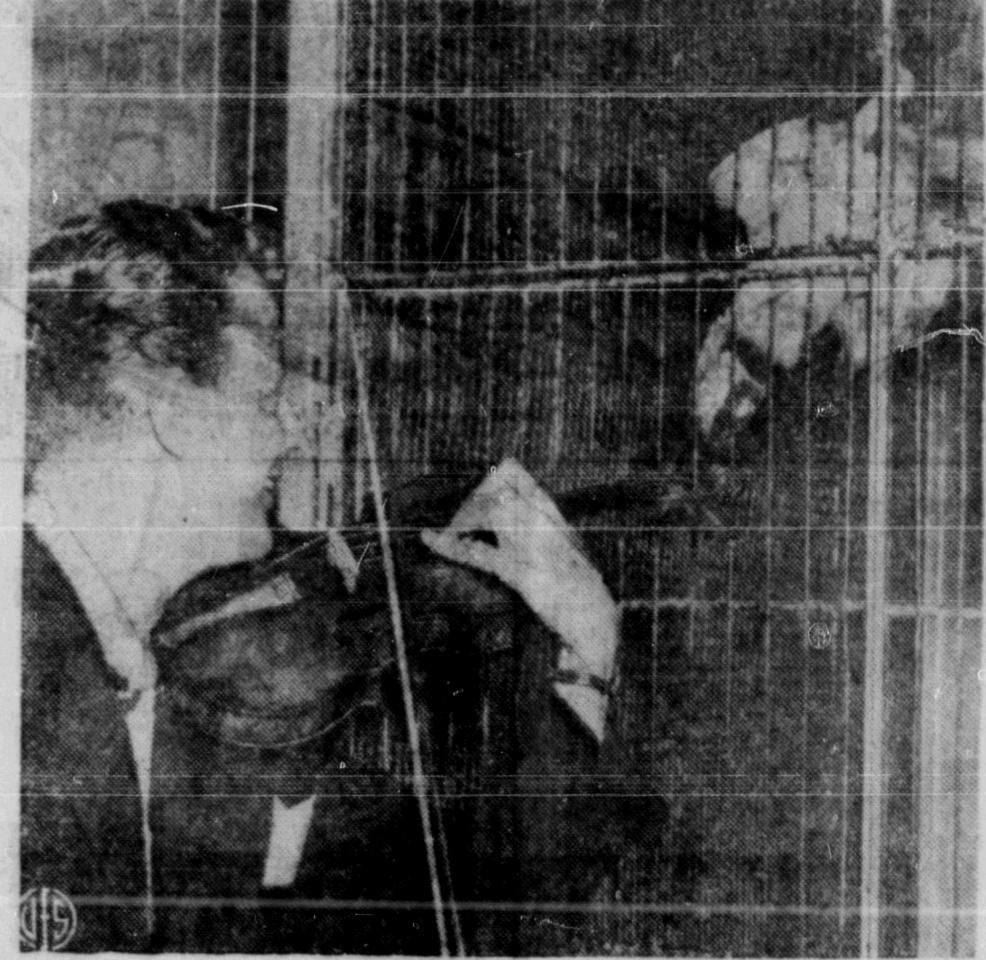
Number of specialists and consultants retained is:

Whole time 2,676 Part time 16,269

everything possible to keep people from having to go to hosweek-end on Parliament Hill. gions, the Eastern townships, full time home nurses, as well as

These made 21,681,761 visits cidate for a group of anxious In terms of possible PC Quebec 11,506,658 visits made by Health last year. In addition there were

he Union Nationale workers in They also figure, however, that is that all mothers get excellent French-speaking Canada. The there is at least a fair possibility care before, during and after the casis of his exposition was the of the Drew forces losing Three births of their children. So do



FLORIAN ZaBACH, famed violinist, noted for his recordings of "The Hot Canary" and "The Red Canary," does some original research in New York's Central Park Birdhouse. He likes the feathered denizens as an audience in an effort to gain some response from the birds that could be incorporated into future musical arrangements.

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Rhee So Patriotic Officers Unable To Know What He Might Do Next

By ROBERT EUNSON

TOKYO (AP)-Two weeks ago an order to attack. Syngman Rhee would stay by were going to end and Rok bed and breakfast. the United Nations command troops have taken some of the when the chips were down, no heaviest casualties of the war THOSE OLD BANKS matter how many threats he in the last month. But so have made to the contrary.

"Rhee might drive the buggy to the edge, but he will never ship the norses over the cliff," was a common saying.

Then, with an armistice all but completed. Rhee issued an order releasing 27,000 North Korean prisoners whom the Communists were supposed to get to talk to, under the terms of the armistice.

Now, the buggy hasn't gone back into power the whole clear over the cliff, but it is world heard those stories about hanging by the last rear wheel. And you can't get anyone to false teeth in Britain and sold bet that Rhee won't push it over them in the Middle East. (How the rest of the way and jump after it, if he doesn't get what

What he wants is a guarantee that the United States will help him unify Korea by force, if it isn't done any other way. The U.S. and the UN feel that North Most of these tales were just and South Korea should be uni-

registered opticians has risen everything that we have built if from 6,377 in 1949 to 7,060 today. a general officer at Far East Number of pairs of glasses sup- command headquarters said. "Rhee is so violently patriotic

ures show how the changes do from one day to the next." made by the Conservatives have There are a few wishful worked out. Number of dental thinkers who will venture that patients treated rose from 7,- any opposition by Rhee's troops

That is, he might not order directly a good part of the cost his troops to pull back from the of false teeth there was a sharp front when and if the UN forces de, but neither would be give

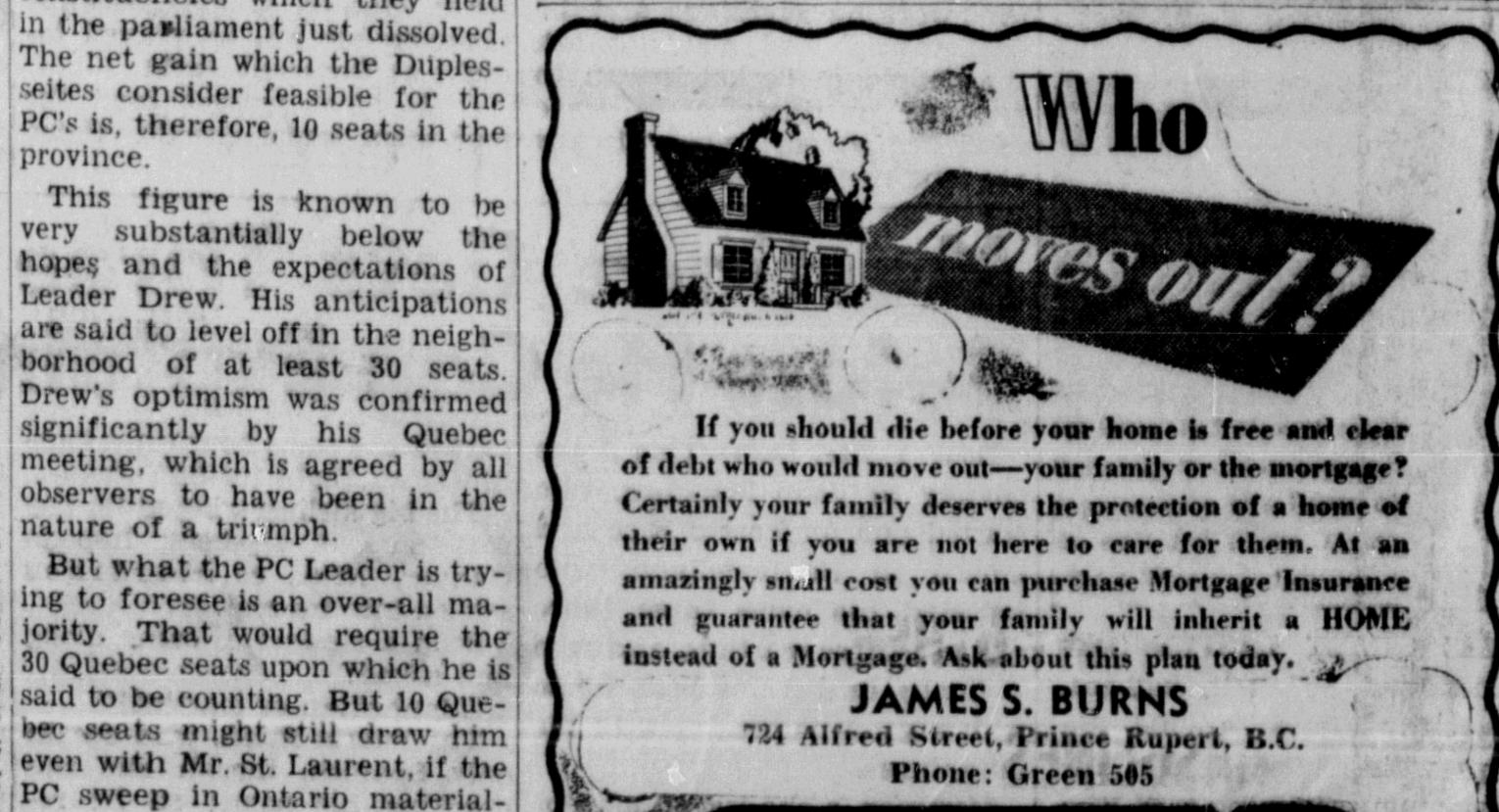


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Mary had a little cash, She kept it in her hose. And everywhere that Mary wer Her friends all said. "It

shows." So Mary took it to the bank And there she wisely hid Which brought her far interest . . . Or did it?

A New York housewife says she reduced 25 pounds in a single month on a diet of steak three times daily. But she was worth it.

NOT A SINGLE ONE

The Soviet cruiser Sverdlov anchored off Spithead in minutes on the morning of the Queen's naval review. According to British estimates the time should have been not less than one hour and 20 minutes Well, as far as anyone knows no denial has been heard from Moscow or London.

A journey to Mars is planned by a German scientist. His plans include a stopover at a spaceplatform established a thousand niles distant from the earth was an even money bet At present the Chinese are Most of us, however, will wait around U.S. Far East command hammering away at the South until we have a few relations headquarters that President Korean lines as if the war never along the way, good for a free

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