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Things to Worry About

ALTHOUGH as close to Russia as Britain is, Canadians have long been cheerful about the weather along the north boundary. This weather is bad, which is a good thing. But successive warnings from authorities on climate dull the prospect. The weather is getting better, which may be a bad thing. Whom it may be bad for depends on how alert are the military planners on each side of the Russian-Canadian thousands of miles of boundary. In the thirties they used to say Canada would never need to fight, as the U.S. and U.K. protected this country to the east, south and west, while climate protected the north frontier. Now even the weather has turned.

How to Behave

CANADIANS used to go around telling people they were stolid and unimaginative, in an effort to assert some sort of native character and be thought of as something, even if nothing much. It is no longer necessary for Canadians to run themselves down in order to gain attention. This country is so envied by others that the sound course for its citizens is modesty. When a poor dependent has climbed rather suddenly to an equal partnership in the firm he had best walk softly.

Self-respect, pride, egotism are strong and useful qualities in a nation as in a man. The wise egotist is not always obviously promoting himself; he just keeps doing things well. Canadians are now too successful to boast.

While the Russians go on inventing everything and the United Statesians know they did and the English act the role of Mrs. Betterdays in The Mohawk Crossroads Ladies' Aid, Canadians have an opportunity to contrive a new art form in deportment. A suggested national model for all is the most able and modest person one happens to know.

Air Mail Service

IT IS something to consider whether the air mail carrying, as presently proposed under the newly announced schedule whereby Canadian Pacific Air Lines gives a gratifying boost in service between Prince Rupert and Vancouver, is going to work out to the best advantage for local business. The available flights might be more advantageously used as long as there is to be only the one flight carrying mail each way per day.

Under the proposed arrangement incoming air mail will be brought by the plane leaving Vancouver at 12 noon and arriving here 4:50 p.m. The outbound mail will leave at 1:50 p.m. and arrive Vancouver 6:40 p.m.

Thought is that it might be a good deal more convenient if the northbound mail was brought on the flight leaving Vancouver 8:30 a.m. and arriving here 12:30 noon, thus permitting distribution in good time the same afternoon, which would be doubtful with the 4:50 arrival.

There should be no complaint about the south-bound arrangement whereby the plane leaving here at 1:50 would carry the mail. As for the Queen Charlotte Island mail from Vancouver, it could be transferred from the direct plane on arrival at 12:30 noon to the 1:30 p.m. plane which goes by way of Sandspit.

Quite possibly, if representations were made to the postal department, the change as suggested could be effected providing it is deemed advisable.

While making representations in regard to the most efficient conducting of the air mail service between Vancouver and Prince Rupert, it could also be argued, for the benefit of both communities, that carrying of mail be authorized on the new thrice-a-week service between here and Terrace.

Scripture Passage for Today

"O My Father . . . thy will be done."—St. Matt. 26:42

Associated Boards Meet August 19

Annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia will be held this year at Smithers August 19, 20 and 21, according to advice received from Duncan

Kerr of Terrace, secretary of the Associated Boards. It had been originally intended to have the convention at Ketchikan or Juneau but it was found impossible to make the necessary transportation arrangements.

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce will proceed before long with the formation of resolutions for the convention.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Lincoln Book

HERE is a book which really has something new and good to offer to the business riddles of our times:

INCENTIVE MANAGEMENT, by James F. Lincoln, \$1 from Lincoln Electric Co., 179 Wickstead Rd., Leaside, Toronto 17.

The author is international president of the Lincoln Electric Company. He has applied some revolutionary ideas to his business. His company has never lost a single hour through a work stoppage. Yet the Lincoln workers in U.S.A. have received average wages far above those in comparable plants—last year the take of the average Lincoln worker being \$7701 compared with \$3705 in General Electric, \$4034 at General Motors and \$4091 at U.S. Steel.

LET ME warn readers that much of Mr. Lincoln's book expresses what somebody dubbed "the folklore of capitalism." Here is a free enterprise champion if there ever was one. There is also a little laugh in the fact that many of the techniques which he has applied so successfully are remarkably akin to the Stankhanovite processes in Soviet Russia. For even those Russian Communists have found out that you can get people to throw their whole heart and soul into a job if they get honors, prestige and acclaim out of the achievement—and not just better cash pay.

But these are minor smiles. The main point is that Mr. Lincoln sets forth profound truths about our business life of today. The main one is that the greatest untapped natural resource in the world today is the human being. Man has never yet developed all his latent abilities, argues Lincoln. In his book he shows that the vital necessity for the successful operation of any business is to get the whole-hearted teamplay of everybody in it. He shows why you can't get good results simply by having the management inaugurate profit sharing. All the people in the operation really must want it. The Lincoln plan is to demonstrate to a small part of the entire business just what the advantages are.

LINCOLN believes in small profits (six per cent per year) for shareholders. But he believes everybody in a company should be encouraged to be a shareholder. All employees should be allowed to buy stock the sets the limit as the amount they can pay for from year to year. This stock must be sold back to the company on termination of employment.

When improvements in production processes are made there should be a three way split in the benefit:

1. The buyer should get lower prices. 2. The worker should get more pay. 3. The company should get more profit.

Lincoln believes that most modern businessmen and workers made a tragic mistake when sales fall off. His answer is to cut prices to the point where the product will again move. He tells how wise management can bring its whole staff through bad times as well as good by sharing the problems, as well as sharing the wealth.

LINCOLN is well aware of the reason why "the working class" as a class is so suspicious of the employer class today.

But I think his book is one that every intelligent businessman—and also every intelligent trade unionist—could study with real benefit now.

To Contribute To Publicity Booklet

Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd. and Aluminum Co. of Canada are to contribute brief articles to the new publicity booklet which is about to be issued by the Prince Rupert Public Relations Council with the assistance of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

An active drive for funds to finance the booklet will shortly be staged by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

NATIVE BATTALIONS

The King's African Rifles were battalions of African tribesmen enlisted locally in the British East African dependencies.



WOMEN IN PUBLIC LIFE—Four Ontario women mayors and a reeve were among special guests at the International Service Clubs' dinner, sponsored by five women's service clubs, and held in Toronto. Mayor Charlotte Whitton of Ottawa, front row right, in an address, said that what this country needs is more women in government to reduce its costs and cut taxes. Guests, left to right, are: front row—Mayor Grace McFarland of Leamington and Miss Whitton; back row—Mayor Bernadette Smith, Woodstock; Reeve Helen McKenzie, Beaverton, and Mayor Marjorie Hamilton, Barrie. (CP PHOTO)

Seat Deal Contentious

OTTAWA (CP)—Redistribution of representation in the Commons, always a controversial issue, may provide the basis for one of the most contentious debates of the current session.

Western members, in particular, are aroused over the threatened loss of seats in their areas. A government move Friday to ease the blow to Saskatchewan was welcomed, but it did not remove all opposition.

Under the constitution, representation in the Commons must be revised every 10 years on the basis of the latest census.

On the basis of the 1951 census and the redistribution formula in the British North America Act, Saskatchewan would lose five of its 20 seats and Manitoba would lose two of its 15 seats. Nova Scotia would lose one of 12 seats. British Columbia would gain four seats and Ontario and Quebec two each. Other provinces would remain unchanged.

A bill providing for changes was introduced in the Commons and given first reading March 10. Prime Minister St. Laurent sponsored the measure but said that redistribution was a task imposed by the constitution on Parliament and not on the government.

Plans were made for establishment of an all-party committee to study redistribution.

Saskatchewan members, setting aside party affiliations, urged that steps be taken to prevent their province from losing 25 per cent of its seats.

In a resolution placed on the order paper Friday, Mr. St. Laurent proposed that the committee consider whether a change should be made so that there could be no reduction of more than 15 per cent at any one time in the representation of a province. He also proposed that the committee consider whether the Yukon-Mackenzie River area, now represented by one member, should be divided into two constituencies.

Acceptance of the proposals would necessitate a constitutional change and would increase the number of seats in the Commons to 265 from 262.

Representation by provinces, with existing representation in parentheses, follows:

Alberta 17 (17); British Columbia 22 (18); Manitoba 14 (16); New Brunswick 10 (10); Newfoundland seven (seven); Nova Scotia 12 (13); Ontario 35 (43); Prince Edward Island four (four); Quebec 75 (73); Saskatchewan 17 (20); Yukon-Mackenzie River two (one); total 265 (262).

Present standing: Liberals 182; Progressive Conservatives 45; CCF 13; Social Credit 10; Independent four; Independent Liberal two; vacant six; total 262.

Several members commented in interviews on Mr. St. Laurent's proposals to the committee. Among them were John Diefenbaker (PC—Lake Centre) and M. J. Coldwell, CCF leader, both holders of Saskatchewan seats that could be affected by the redistribution.

Mr. Diefenbaker said the proposals afforded a basis on which to work to "remove a grave injustice to the western provinces." Stating that the question of representation is above politics, he urged that a federal-provincial conference be called to study a formula for redistribution.

Mr. Coldwell said he was pleased to see the Prime Minister's proposals. Acceptance would mean that Saskatchewan

would lose 15 per cent instead of 25 per cent of its seat. He would prefer to see a formula whereby no province would lose more than 10 per cent of its seats at any one time.

G. M. Ferrie (L—Mackenzie), one of the government's supporters, who urged that something be done to protect Saskatchewan, said he did not believe Saskatchewan members are fully satisfied with the Prime Minister's suggestions. He said he will have more to say on the matter when it comes up in the Commons.

Robert Fair (SC—Battle River) will support any move to prevent a loss of seats to western Canada.

Acceptance of Mr. St. Laurent's offer would mean that Saskatchewan, with some 90,000 fewer population, would have the same number of seats as Alberta. Mr. Fair said he doubted if there would be any objection to that.

Stanley Knowles (CCF—Winnipeg North Centre) said that as a Manitoba member he felt there should be a floor established so that no province would lose more than 10 per cent of its seats in any redistribution.

There is no indication of when the redistribution issue will come before the chamber, but some members believe it will be delayed until after the Easter recess. The recess starts April 9 and lasts until April 21.

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Reflects and Reminisces

Any chap is apt to feel melancholy when circumstances compel him to keep on paying \$50 a month for an alleged family shelter worth about \$10.

THERE ARE OTHERS

The sidewalk at Third Avenue and Fulton Street is being replaced and that's all to the good, particularly in view of what has been spent in rebuilding the corner block. A lot more of Third Avenue sidewalk could receive municipal attention, because it's needed, as well.

Now and then, a coal strike, a steel strike or a railway strike is called in the United States. Only rarely, if ever, does it actually occur although it can steer pretty close. It seems to depend on how many are out. The bigger the crowd, the less the chance.

An infectious smile shouldn't be kept in quarantine.—Ex.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Having a good, husky, healthy family ranks among God's blessings, but when they live in a rented place in Vancouver and the working head of the house does the same in Prince Rupert, perhaps the domestic felicity feels a shade different.

We never did like Monday, anyway. Small wonder it's called Blue. And now it seems a survey shows that most coids set on a Monday. It's a reflection on our intelligence to have to admit it should have been abolished a thousand years ago, but is still with us.

It is seldom one hears of the defeat of General Eisenhower. Yet that old political warrior, Senator Taft of Ohio, gave like a terrible trimming in Illinois. This, as everyone knows, is politics. Before this, real soldiers have dwelt in the White House.

Would Protect From Canvassers

Canadian Central Registry of Subscription Representatives has communicated with the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce requesting its co-operation in the way of protecting the public from unauthorized subscription canvassers. The registry would have its representatives register with the Chamber of Commerce before they start canvassing in the community.

Prince Rupert Liberal Association

GENERAL MEETING

In Civic Centre at 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 10th

Nomination of delegates to attend district meeting and other business.

EVERYBODY WELCOME

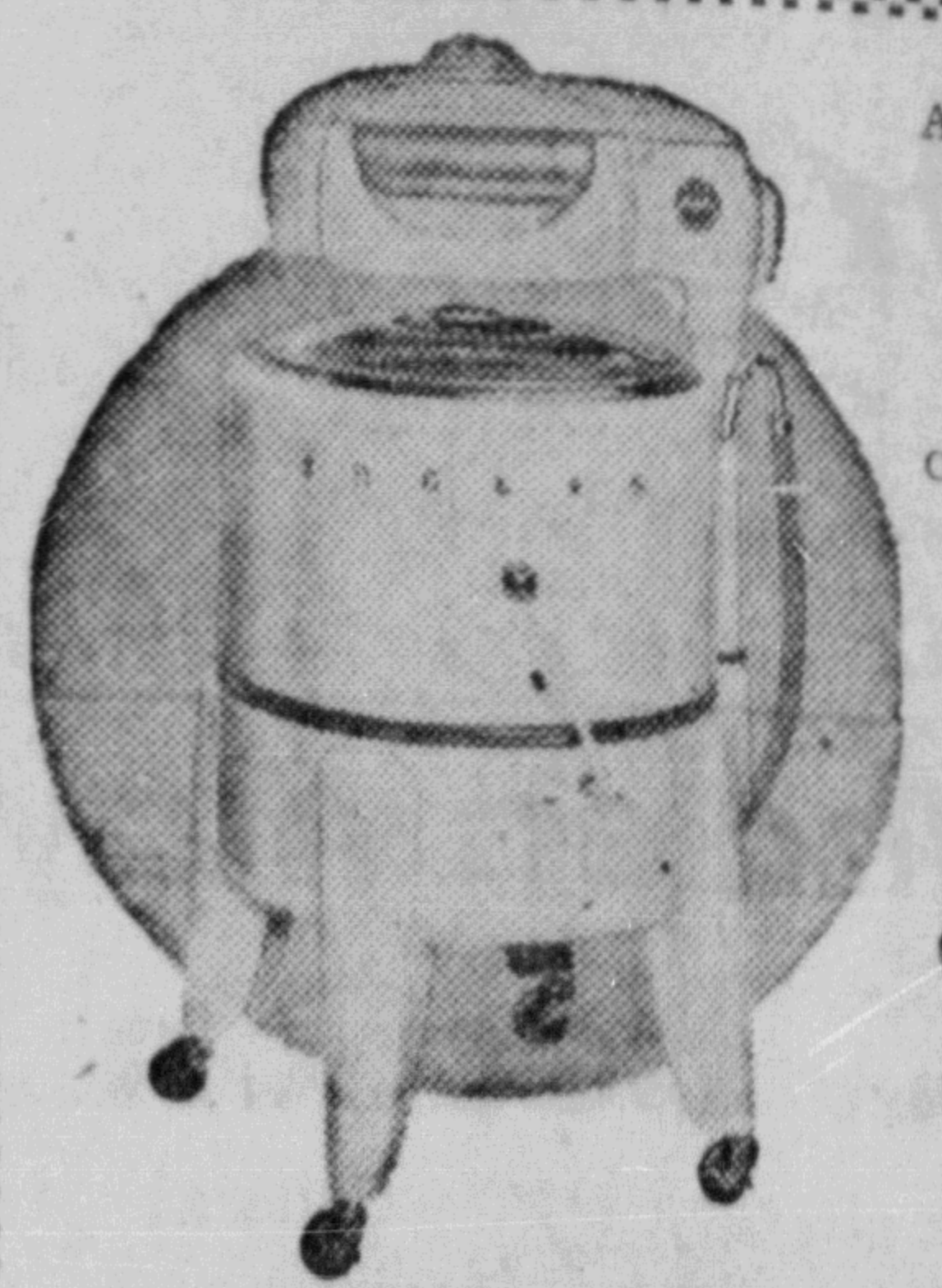
PRINCE RUPERT (DISTRICT) PROGRESSIVE-CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION MEETING

CIVIC CENTRE LOUNGE

APRIL 17-8:30 P.M.

All Progressive-Conservatives in Prince Rupert Electoral District are requested to attend a meeting of the District Association for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the forthcoming Provincial Election.

W. D. LAMBIE,
President.



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