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Future of Area Bright

WITHIN the first half of 1954 all of us who live in this part of the country will have more substantial evidence of the extraordinary manner in which it is developing.

A short distance to the southeast of us the great Alcan project will go into operation. The city of Kitimat will then have a settled population and soon no doubt there will be steady commuting along the arms of the triangle formed by Prince Rupert, Terrace and our new neighbor. Thus the picture takes on size, and little by little we lose the sense of being lonely waifs of the north.

North of us at about the same time work will be started on another giant enterprise. This will be the power, smelter and mining development planned on the upper Yukon by Ventures Ltd. This project is mapped as the biggest single power development in the history of Canada, with ultimate costs running to about one billion dollars.

Although the power will be created by waters in the distant Atlin area, the metallurgical centre for processing ores is expected to be at a point which, if not exactly next door to us, will be in the environs of the northwest coastal community. Predictions are that it will be at the mouth of the Taku River, not far from Tulsequah where the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company now has its operations.

With these two brand new communities pushing up on either side, the position of Prince Rupert as the main northern port is greatly enhanced. The concentration of shipping activity is certain to shift more in this direction and the economy of Prince Rupert will become still further diversified.

Those who fear that Prince Rupert will dwindle in importance because of neighboring competition should relax. It is becoming more and more a city of multiple interests, and in that fact lies strength and growth.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

A retired naval commander has been fined five pounds for trying to spank his wife, with a walking stick. In other words, he raised cane.

Ten cent beer has come to British Columbia to stay, says a Vancouver citizen who sells the stuff. However, it never stays long, no matter what the figure.

What used to be Hays Corner (Second Avenue and Second Street) is commencing to look like business. The frame buildings wiped out by flames on a cold morning a good many years ago have been replaced by a couple of trim new blocks. The late David H. Hays was a brother of Charles H. Hays, who sank in the Titanic. To the former, the shock was also fatal.

WHY NOT?

Until just recently, little has been heard of, or about, the "flying saucer." This time it's been sighted at an estimated 10 thousand feet elevation, colored white and flying at an enormous speed and inclined to be more round in general shape than something different. Just the same old dish. Why not something new? Things are becoming stale.

More Canadians ought to see more of Canada. Now and then, circumstances give one a trip and the change invariably benefits in a variety of ways. But even with the wave of travel given by war, there are tens of thousands who in a lifetime have never been outside their own province.

LOOKING AROUND!

Ottawa, for example, is an interesting city to see, particularly now when the session is commencing. It is a duty of every Canadian to inspect and study it, if he can possibly manage to do so. Buildings of majesty and taste, public as well as private, enrich one's knowledge of his country, and well repays his time.

Boys and girls, remark several middle aged folk in southern B.C. who appear worried over economic matters, are going to live together in this world in the future. Well brother, there's nothing more certain—if not in one way, in another.

PARK AND TOURISTS

There was no lack of enthusiasm when Prince Rupert de-

cided to name a piece of ground, originally known as the "acropolis" in honor of the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and the services of American troops in Prince Rupert. A noted U.S. officer came here all the way from San Francisco for the unveiling. Enough of the job has been performed to understand what it's all about. That's what tourists sometimes say.

Kelowna has an industrious dog poisoner, six being already dead. One was a household pet, and each was regarded with value. British Columbia has its share of dogs, and sometimes we say so with vehemence. But nobody who would deliberately distribute strychnine among faithful pets and harmless creatures would do worse.

IT'S COMING

It looks like a start on the seaway—after manifold delays, the St. Lawrence will score, and iron ore, wheat, power and many other invaluable possessions will serve and sail. Jacques Cartier first sighted the St. Lawrence 400 years ago. He never heard of the Great Lakes. But had he, there might have been a surprise.

Larry Stanwood bowled over a good sized deer recently almost next door to Prince Rupert. This was in the vicinity of the passage to Metlakatla just a short distance from shore. They have not been that handy in years. Hunting continues, of course, but you had to travel further and stay away longer. But there would be reward. For example, Dave Stuart and Dr. Cade would come home with game and stories. And these were but a few.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

The MP's Mailbag

THERE is not a great deal of difference between the mail which a new MP receives and that which comes to the desk of an old-time columnist.

The only difference is that a columnist can afford never to answer letters, unless they ask direct questions, or call for some concrete reply. But the MP is supposed at least to acknowledge his letters. The parliament of Canada actually votes money each year to hire a corps of stenographers. These stenographers are assigned either to one or two MPs, according to the amount of mail received.

Up till now I rate one all to myself, Miss Lilla Bell, and she is a very good one too. She was here in the days of Agnes MacPhail, MP—for whom she worked for years.

THEY USED to have a saving in the U.S. army that there were three ways of doing things—the right way, the wrong way, and the army way.

You could say that about Ottawa too. They have their own way of doing things in this strange building, called the parliament of Canada.

For instance the numbering of the rooms is really something. They do not follow an exact and logical pattern. One witty MP told me that when they numbered them in the first place they took six men, gave each one a bottle of whisky and a paint pot and told them to go ahead and number the building. I can not vouch for the authenticity of this story, but the result looks like that way to a new member.

However, there are compensations. Somebody called the British House of Commons the finest gentlemen's club in the world. That I think is still true—and this place would run it a close second.

For instance, you can get a full course, breakfast, in the beautiful dining room for 35 cents—that is, half grapefruit, bacon and egg, toast, marmalade and coffee.

You can get a hair cut for the same price—a Turkish bath if you feel like it, all right on the premises.

BUT DON'T let anybody run away with the idea that these MPs do not work.

Actually, the sincere ones work "like dogs" if my colleagues will forgive the expression. Most of the MPs turn up in the morning to answer mail, and sit in the House or in the lobbies for both afternoon and evening sessions. I never knew seats could get so hard as when I had to sit through hours of unending speeches.

SO FAR none of the new B.C. members has spoken, though Harold Winch has asked two questions.

But Dr. Jack Macdonald has made a strong plea for a better deal for WVA men and Ted Applewhite has made a strong argument for a flying air and sea rescue coastguard.

North Defence Work Disclosed

OTTAWA—Canada and the United States are co-operating closely in navigation and defence projects in the strategic waters of the northeast Pacific, Bering Sea and Strait and the Beaufort Sea.

The joint work was disclosed Wednesday in the annual report of the fisheries research board of Canada, tabled in the Commons.

RECONSTRUCTED CITY KINGSTON, capital of Jamaica in the West Indies, as largely rebuilt after a disastrous earthquake in 1907.



LOUIS C. AUDETTE, 46, becomes chairman of the Canadian maritime commission Jan. 1. He will succeed Jean C. Lessard, Mr. Audette, born in Ottawa, was a lawyer in Quebec City and served in the navy during the Second World War before joining the commission in 1947. He will be the first full-time chairman in almost three years.



CARL W. WEST, 62, has been appointed senior deputy minister in the federal transport department, effective Jan. 1. He will succeed Jean C. Lessard who is returning to private business. Mr. West, born near Campbellford, Ont., will be in charge of marine affairs including the proposed St. Lawrence Seaway.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Every now and then some forthright speaker in the throne speech debate demands that the government eliminate vacillation from its foreign policy and substitute closer ties with the Commonwealth for a dependence upon Washington seen as becoming economically more dangerous all the time.

The proposition sounds attractively simple. Its advocates would continue the existing defence partnership with the United States and with NATO. But in trade matters they would

CPA Plans Comet Fleet For Pacific

VANCOUVER—Canadian Pacific Airlines has ordered a fleet of the latest type Comet-2 jet airliners, says President G. W. McConachie.

They will be delivered next fall for use on inter-continental routes from Vancouver to the South Pacific and South America. The cost is placed at \$4,500,000.

Mr. McConachie said three of the 500-mile-an-hour transports have been ordered from De Havilland, England, for delivery next September, October and November. CPA has an option on purchase of a fourth for delivery early in 1955.

The Comet-2, designed for long-range flight, will be able to fly direct Honolulu-Vancouver in six hours, to Vancouver-Mexico City in 4½ hours and from there to Lima, Peru, in six hours. Total flying time Vancouver to Australia will be under 20 hours.

The Comet, powered by four Rolls-Royce Avon axial-flow jet engines, will carry 44 first-class passengers, cruising at 500 miles an hour at altitudes up to 40,000 feet.

It has a full load range of 2,500 miles.

Adoption of Comets by CPA will mean that the world's first commercial jet base outside the United Kingdom will be in Canada. The big maintenance base here now is being made ready for delivery of the first jets.

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All Aboard

By G. E. MORTIMORE

Official America often speaks with two or three voices. But the one voice that Canadians (I believe) like to hear is that of President Eisenhower speaking as he did last Saturday before our own House of Commons.

With one long puff of good sense, the leader of the greatest nation on earth blew away half the cobwebs of misunderstanding spun by his insect countrymen during the post-war years.

Here was a Liberal statesman humbly addressing the parliament of a brother nation on behalf of mutual help, "enlightened self-interest" free trade, strength and peace.

Other people certainly helped the president write the speech. Some of it was oratory. But it was mostly a plain statement of faith—a line on the map of the world representing the course that President Eisenhower would like his nation to follow.

The president wants to see trade barriers let down—but not so fast that thousands of men are thrown out of work at once. He wants the U.S.A. to join Canada in completing the St. Lawrence seaway—and he thinks the U.S.A. will do so.

He hopes Canada and the U.S.A. will make themselves strong against attack, but never cease trying for agreement with hostile Russia.

"Our country claims no monopoly of wisdom," he said, and "there are no insoluble problems; differences can be resolved."

Those ideas have often been expressed, though seldom with such neatness and such an air of sincerity. What really counts is that the president of the United States expressed them.

The presidential talk eases the irritation Canadians have felt at the behaviour of some Americans: the snuffing investigators, the cranks who want to label Robin Hood Communist propaganda and question the clergy as possible spies; the America-first bigots, the contemptible rabble-rousers and destroyers of liberty; and the special pleaders who have tried to sacrifice the good of their own country and the world in order to line their pockets.

We can only hope that none of these nasty folk can muster strength in Congress to turn aside the president's aims.

LETTERBOX

The Editor,

The Daily News:

I wish to thank all those who were so kind and helped me after having lost all my belongings in the fire at my Rainbow Lake cabin.

J. T. PARKER.

HISTORIC SPOT

GRAVELBOURG, Sask. (CP)—The site of Cripple Creek, where the old North West Mounted Police halted on their westward trek in 1874, will be developed as a park playground and tourist attraction. The area is 90 miles southwest of Regina.



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Queen and Duke Leaving U.K. Monday For Six Months' Trip "Down Under"

By VALERY GIBSON

LONDON (AP)—The Queen will leave the fogs of Britain Monday night for sunny southern islands and a trip around the world.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will be away six months on a trip designed to give thousands of her subjects a glimpse of their 27-year-old monarch. It will be the first time a British sovereign has made an around-the-world tour.

Inevitably parts of the trip will take on all the pageantry of Royal occasions. There will be receptions, investitures, state addresses, civic welcomes, royal banquets. But the Royal couple, who love to travel, will also have time for sightseeing.

PAUSE AT GANDER They leave London Monday night in the stratoscraiser Canopus, piloted by Capt. Anthony Lorraine. They will fly through the night via Gander, Nfld., to Bermuda, where they are due at 10 a.m. Tuesday. The next day they fly on to Jamaica. There the Queen will open a road cut through swamps to connect Kingston and Montego Bay.

At Kingston the Royal couple will board the 15,902-ton passenger liner Gothic, converted for royal use.

After Jamaica comes a 17-day sail via the Panama canal to the Island of Fiji.

Their next call will be at the Tonga Islands. Here they will be greeted by Queen Salote, the only other reigning queen in the Empire.

From Tonga they will sail to Auckland, northernmost city of New Zealand, where they will spend Christmas. On Christmas Day the Queen will make the sovereign's traditional broadcast.

The couple will spend a month in New Zealand, touring North and South islands by road, rail and air.

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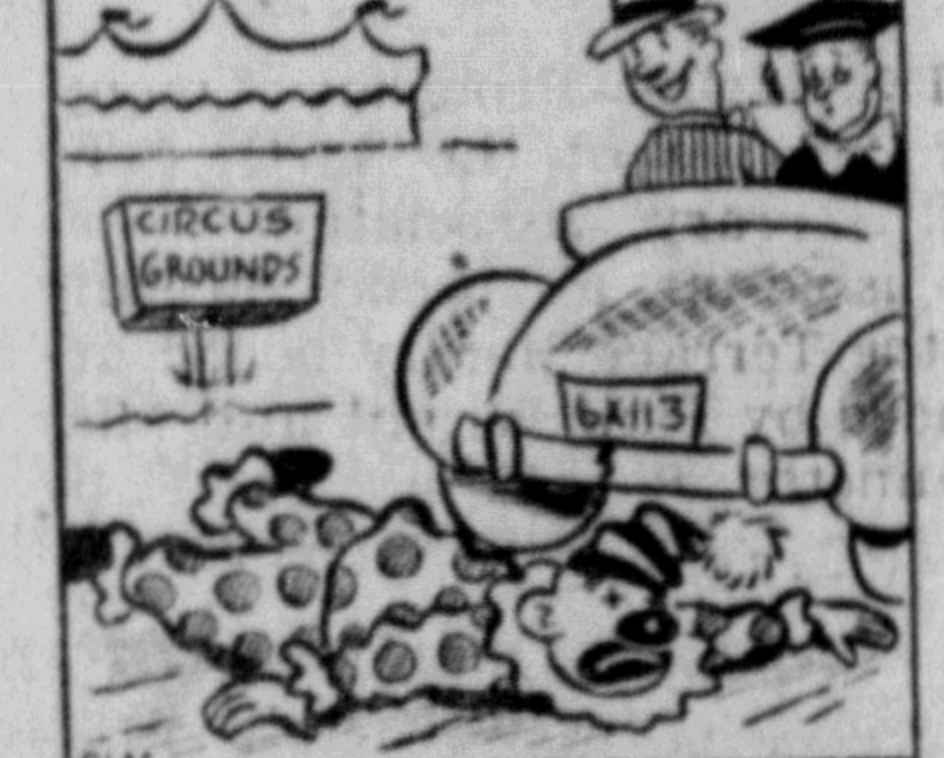
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