

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

This Is High Praise

STEADY rise of the Canadian dollar to par with that of the United States has given this country some almost invaluable publicity south of the border.

"I have often wished that the United States was as well governed as Canada. Also it seems to me that Canada is coping more successfully with the problem of inflation than any other country in the world with the exception of Switzerland.

And from the New York Daily News with its huge circulation comes this tribute:

"Money's primarily a matter of people's confidence in the government that prints it, and the world of trade has expressed increasing trust in Canada. No merry tax-spend, 'what's debt—we just owe it to ourselves' policy up there. Canada's aim has been to pay as she goes, ending up with a sound budget.

"Canadians' energy in developing their country (they even snap that if the poor U.S. can't afford to help develop the St. Lawrence Seaway, they'll do it themselves) is drawing admiration from all Americans. Incidentally, U.S. investors in growing numbers are entrusting their saved dollars to conservative Canadian industrialists and miners, rather than to our own Fair Deal-harassed corporations.

"Congratulations and continued good management, Canada. Some day we may get around to following your fine example."

This new enthusiasm for Canada in the United States will be welcomed and appreciated here. But we could do with a little more of it in Canada too.

Tribute to Alan Cross

THE Richmond-Marpole Times paid high editorial tribute last week to Alan Cross, former Prince Rupert boy, who died suddenly a few days ago of a heart attack.

The editorial was as follows:

"Richmond and all its people have suffered a community and personal loss in the sudden and tragic passing of Alan Cross. Those who knew him well, and they were countless because of his sympathetic fellowship and understanding, have lost a true friend. The community which he served in so many voluntary capacities has lost one of its most valued citizens.

"The personal loss will be most acute to his associates at B. C. Packers Imperial Cannery and head offices. The company has lost a valued executive and President John Buchanan, Ken Fraser, G. Mort Ferguson and others will also miss a treasured friend.

"The very modesty of Alan Cross kept many Richmond people in ignorance of the service and citizenship he was rendering them. His knowledge of financial matters was given freely as treasurer to several organizations. Through them he was the unidentified benefactor of so many people.

"This was not enough, however. He was also a member of the Volunteer Fire Department. Although he was tired from a motor trip and had complained of not feeling well, he rose in the night to fulfil his obligation to the community as a volunteer fireman. It was while at this self-imposed duty that he received, even at the young age of 40, the higher call.

"The hearts of the people of Richmond go out to his sorrowing wife, his three sons, mother, brothers, sisters and relatives in their tragic bereavement. With this sympathy is extended a grateful, if sad, acknowledgment of his tireless work for us all.

"It was fitting and it was in keeping with his character, that when his friends and fellows paid their last respects on Monday, their tribute was in compliance with a request that donations to the Richmond Lions Inhalator Fund replace the traditional flowers.

"There is no more beautiful flower in the garden of mankind's life than that of self-sacrifice and service. Such a bloom was the life of Alan Cross. It is memory's everlasting flower."

Scripture Passage for Today

"God created man in his own image."—Gen. 1:27.

New Chemical At Edmonton

EDMONTON—Pentaerythritol, a comparative newcomer to the chemical industry, will soon be produced in sufficient quantities in Canada to supply all of the domestic needs and to make this country a major exporter of the material.

The chemical, which has become an important replacement of glycerin, is used in the manufacture of explosives and is an important ingredient in the manufacture of alkylid resins for baked finishes on metals. It is important in the finishing of automobiles, refrigerators, stoves and other similar consumer goods. It is also used in finishes on military vehicles, weapons and warships.

At the present time the total Canadian requirements, amounting to approximately 3 million pounds annually, are being imported from the United States.

With completion of the Canadian Chemical Company Limited

plant at Edmonton late this year, company officials report there will be sufficient pentaerythritol available to supply all of the Canadian needs, with an important surplus for export.

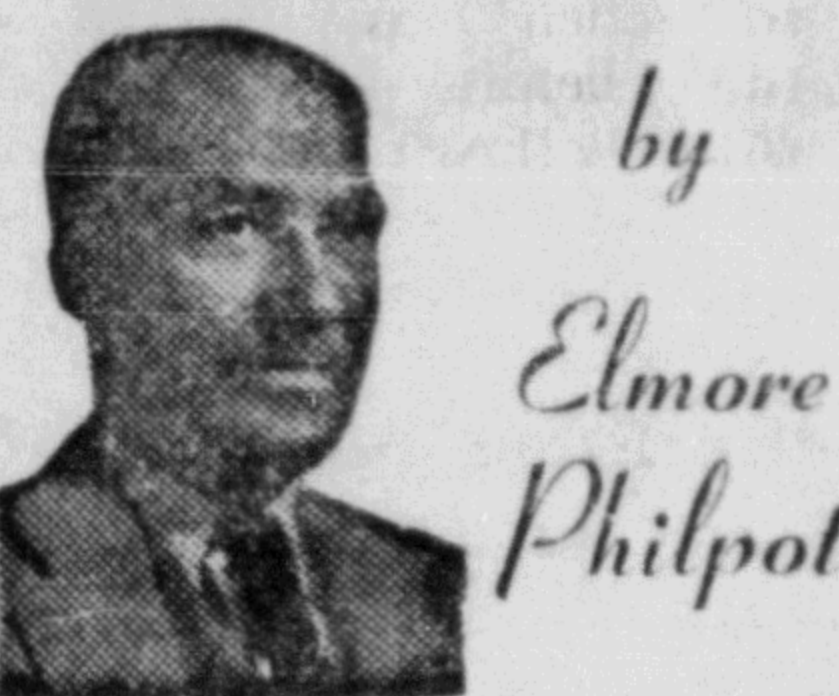
The Edmonton plant will be in a strategic location to supply needs of the mid-western and far-western sections of the United States, since all pentaerythritol production in that country has heretofore been concentrated at locations on the eastern coast. World-wide markets will be served by shipment from Vancouver.

The availability of pentaerythritol in Canada will serve as a stimulus in expanding the paint industry in this country, and will result in a sharp increase in consumption of the material here, and decreased import of alkylid resins now obtained from foreign sources.

Construction of the Canadian Chemical plant on a site near Edmonton was started last June, and the work, to be completed late this year, is running on schedule.

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As I See It



Customs Man Writes

A RETIRED Canadian customs man writes that he thinks "eighty-five or ninety per cent of the Canadian people would vote for union with the U.S.A."

For years, he says, he chatted with Canadians "not at busy ports like Douglas but at points where we had time to visit awhile with the folks as they passed through."

"At the risk of being hanged as a traitor, or being bumped off by a United Empire Loyalist, I've got to admit I'm all for it. Not that I despise things Canadian, but because I sincerely believe it would be the thin edge towards World Union—something we must have if we are ever to have peace."

"Maybe I'm a dreamer. Maybe the Almighty intended us to be at each other's throats and live dog-eat-dog existence. But I've found there is more harmony where neighbors are not too particular about the location of their line fences, or do away with them altogether, as in the wheat country."

IT IS precisely because I believe that annexation of Canada to the U.S.A. would destroy—and not advance—the hope of step-by-step, peaceful World Union that I am against annexation. There are only two ways to get World Union. One way is to strengthen and reform the UN until it becomes what Tennyson called "the parliament of man, the federation of the world."

The other way is by power politics—to have the big fellows swallow up the little fellows, either by war or other compulsions.

FEDERAL UNION of the whole British Commonwealth and the U.S.A., plus western Europe, would be a good thing, if it meant a natural and practical extension of our past growth. All the British countries, including Canada, would want to keep their own identity, their own laws, their own local laws. The U.S.A. would naturally want to keep all its own traditions, and its own government set-up, and flag.

The new union machinery could be set up on a democratic basis to handle only the things which are essentially international, or supra-national—that is, above and beyond the domestic affairs.

NOW SEE what would happen if Canada simply folded up and quit. The USA would have ten more states. But the whole national development of Canada, or sense of being Canadians, would be destroyed. The British Commonwealth would collapse, for Canada is the key link in its inner ring.

The new American Empire would swallow up other countries, for all the same "advantages" for annexation of Canada would apply elsewhere.

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Judgment, ray... Punishment

Pastor S. R. Johnson of Camrose brought one of the most powerful messages of his evangelical series at St. Paul's Lutheran Church last night on the subject of "Eternal Punishment."

There are some people, the pastor said, who like to deny the scriptural treatment of eternal judgment or the consequences of sin.

By the use of God's word, he clarified his theme in the following points:

The Certainty of Judgment—There are 116 references in the New Testament that deal with eternal punishment. "It is appointed unto men once to die and then cometh judgment." The New Testament word for hell, which Jesus used, is "Gehenna" and means "burning refuse." This can mean nothing but eternal punishment.

Hell was necessary because of sin. Common sense dictated to man that he cannot live a life of sin in this world and expect to be with God in Heaven. Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels. It was a place of utter darkness and gnashing of teeth where fire should never be quenched.

All the world should be judged in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The pastor challenged the audience with these words: "Are you too busy to be saved? Do material things mean more to you than your soul? Is your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life? It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God."

The Basis of Judgment—"For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son." When God was faced in eternity there would be one question asked: "What have you done with Jesus?" The pastor closed with these words: "You will meet Jesus either as Saviour or Judge."

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

For Graduate Nurses in the Prince Rupert Aspect of ABC Warfare and Mass Disasters be starting on February 25th at 8 p.m. Nurses' Home of the General Hospital. Lectures are sponsored by the Health Group of Civil Defence.

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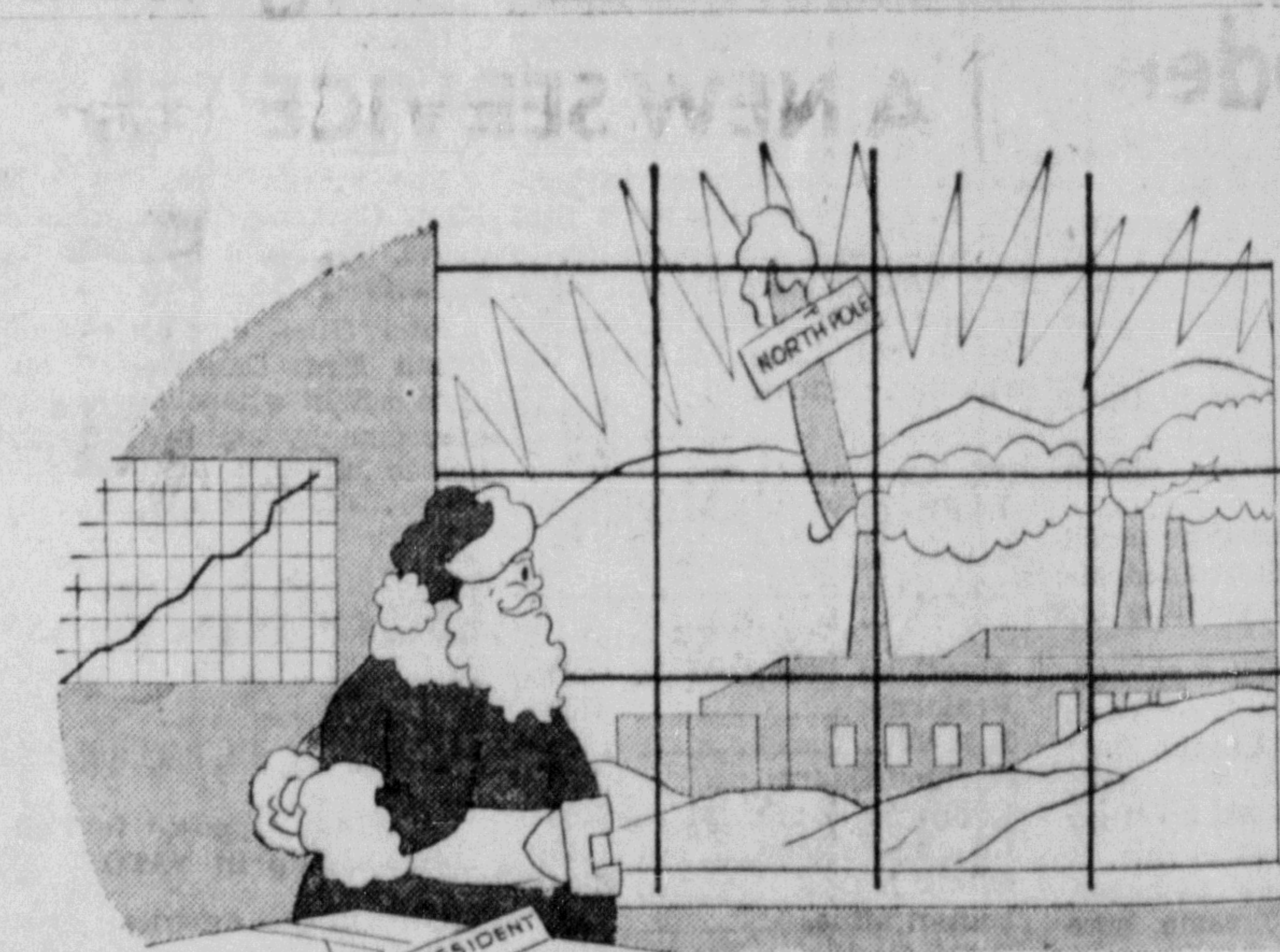
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FAMILY REUNION—For the first time in 10 years all the immediate members of Prime Minister St. Laurent's family came together at Ottawa for a surprise celebration on the 70th birthday of Mr. St. Laurent. They are, left to right, (back row), Frank Lafferty, Montreal, son-in-law; Jean Paul St. Laurent, Quebec; Lora St. Laurent, Compton, Que., sister of Mr. St. Laurent; Reneault St. Laurent, Quebec; Hugh O'Donnell, Montreal, son-in-law; Dr. Mathieu Samson, Quebec, son-in-law; (centre row) Mrs. Reneault St. Laurent, daughter-in-law; Mme St. Laurent and Prime Minister St. Laurent; Mrs. Hugh O'Donnell, daughter; (seated) Mrs. Frank Lafferty, daughter; Mrs. Jean Paul St. Laurent, daughter-in-law; Mrs. Mathieu Samson, daughter.