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Our Human Rights

IF ANY person wants to know to what rights he or she is entitled as a human being, there is available today the most complete reference source ever offered to mankind—THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

Adopted by the third session of the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 10, 1948, the declaration has been hailed as one of the great historic documents of our age.

Its main clauses affirm the following rights of mankind:

1. The right to freedom of opinion and expression; the right to hold opinion, to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media, regardless of national frontiers.
2. The right to an education which should be free in the elementary stages. Higher education should be made generally available to all who seek it with admittance to these schools based upon merit alone.
3. No one shall be subject to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.
4. Everyone has the right to freedom of thought and conscience; freedom of religion; the right to change one's religion, or belief, and to practise one's religion alone, with others, in a private or public place.
5. The Declaration proclaims that the will of the people shall be the authority of government, expressed through free voting methods in periodic and genuine elections by universal and equal suffrage. Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country and have equal access to public office.

ray ... Reflects and Reminisces

We never dreamed the stubborn troubles of the Far East would be brought as deep into Canada as the city of Montreal. It appears what is known as Chinese Pie was served now and then at Bordeaux jail. It was there riots broke out.

The Minister of Finance sees a ten-year period of expansion for Canada. Canada would like to see a ten-year period of construction for Mr. Abbott.—Ex.

TODAY'S LITERATURE

Senator Tom Reid of British Columbia has told a senate committee that something must be done to curb publications emphasizing sex. Twenty-five-cent novels, in particular, are denounced. The \$1.50 kind are reasonably lusty, also, Mr. Senator.

Lots of kindly disposed persons who dwell in Prince Rupert loan comparatively small amounts of money. But never to elephants. They are never known to forget.

SAVING EXPENSE

People only become too old when they allow the joy to go out of living, and when they lose their dreams, their hopes and ambitions. Rev. H. S. Rodney of St. Thomas, Ont., told a dinner party of retired railroaders.

"When we start thinking backward we start growing old whether we are forty or ninety. People who live in the past are dead and don't know it. They're just walking around to save funeral expenses. Keep on growing in minds and souls. Face the future with anticipation, great hopefulness and never despair. The watchword of any life, I think, is Never Despair."

Taking advantage of the miles of elevated residential sites there will soon be dozens of new home owners in Prince Rupert. There are few cities in the west where more splendid views are still available.

Since 1909, quite a number of early Prince Rupert newspapermen have passed away. These include Roy Grant, John Houston, Neil McKay, S. D. Macdonald, Harry Pullen, S. M. Newton, Bruce Stevens, Alex Hunter. Mr. McKay, who died in France during the First World War, was the father of Thos. McKay, active in the mining industry and a candidate in the provincial election.

Many an old timer in Prince

Report From ...

Parliament Hill

By Edward T. Applewhaite, M.P., Skeena

It is impossible for me to write to Prince Rupert without thinking of our good friend, Alec Hunter. So I hope you will permit me to take up a little space expressing my very deep regret, and my very great personal sorrow at the loss of one who was not only a close personal friend of mine, but also a man who devoted a very large portion of his time and of his energies and ability to the development of our city and district.

On a large number of occasions I have discussed matters with Alec, or worked on committees with him; I have gone to him for help and for advice, and I always found him genuinely interested in anything which was for the good of the community.

Prince Rupert and all British Columbia have lost an enthusiastic and loyal supporter.

The Press has lost an honest, conscientious and hard-working member. And I, like many others, have lost a valued personal friend. We are all richer for having known him.

In the criticism of the Hon. D. C. Abbott's 1952 Budget which was to be expected, most people seem to have overlooked the fact that this was primarily a Consumer's Budget; that \$80,000,000 has been cut off taxes on commodities. Mr. Abbott's 1952 Budget announced tax adjustments on many of the items that go into the cost of living of Canadian citizens.

Effectively immediately when the Minister presented the budget, the commodity tax cuts brought down the price of a wide range of household articles and personal equipment. Here are just a few of the articles on which the excise tax was reduced from 25 per cent to 15 per cent: automobiles, phonographs, golf clubs, pen and pencil sets, motorcycles, toilet articles, electrical appliances.

The excise tax was completely removed on refrigerators, washing machines and stoves.

The tax on cigarettes (subject of more complaints than any other) was reduced three cents on a package of 20.

The 10 per cent sales tax was removed on various items ranging from drinks prepared from milk or eggs to baling wire for farms.

To assist Canadian public utilities corporations in holding down the rates to consumers for electricity, gas and steam, income tax paid by these corporations was brought down to seven per cent less than other corporations.

And \$40,000,000 was cut off the income tax. Speaking on the "Nation's Business," April 15, Mr. Abbott reviewed the main points

of his 1952 budget; I hope you all heard him.

Rt. Hon. James Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, put the record straight a few days ago when taking part in a discussion which lasted most of two days, on the question of floor prices. The farmers got just double as much last year as in 1943 and 44, and if anyone is trying to reason that the farmer is worse off because he has got double, I would not agree with him. That is in dollars, admittedly, and requires some adjustment for costs of production.

Mr. Gardiner added that last year we produced less than in 1943-44 which has some bearing upon the argument that our friends of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce are using to the effect that you can affect your prices by producing less or more.

Now, as to governmental action, the fact is that we have a revolving fund which can be used to purchase farm products should the prices fall too low.

An argument read by Victor Quelch, farmer of Alberta, with considerable indignation was the same argument that has prevailed for centuries, if you like—certainly before the beginning of the lifetime of any living MP—when it was argued that the way to stop inflation is to force down the farmers' prices first.

The present situation is that in peacetime, in the absence of a national emergency, the federal government has no power or right to fix a minimum price below which no transaction is permitted; but it can and does go into the market with its revolving fund and buy at an advertised price, if and when the open market is quoting prices at which a farmer cannot operate.

Argentina Sells Land to Citizens

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—Argentina has announced a new decree calling for the sale of millions of acres of government land to private citizens. Corporations are banned from buying the land, most of it in southern Argentina, and no price per acre was given.

THE LETTERBOX

C. D. CLARKE, PUBLISHER

Editor, The Daily News:

In February 1951, The Daily News published a sermon of mine entitled "Death and the Hereafter" which caused a slight disturbance on the otherwise placid religious life of your fair city. Since then suggestions have come to me for an encore—more Saturday sermons—but I have refrained from complying. However, I have done some writing on subjects pertaining to religion in which I have always been interested. These have been mimeographed and put in booklet form under the title "Religion and Related Themes."

While I make no claim to being ultra-orthodox, it was a surprise to me when I learned that some clergymen took offence at such a simple matter as my sermon on "Death and the Hereafter." That article, slightly revised, has been included in the booklet but I do not think that there is anything else contained therein that will vex any minister, or imperil the faithful, or beguile the innocent. In fact, I hope that it will contribute in some small way to a clearer understanding of religion for those who read it.

May I extend warmest greetings to my friends in Prince Rupert.

C. D. CLARKE.
Vancouver, B.C.

AMPUTEES WRITE

Editor, The Daily News:
Members of the Workmen's Compensation Board Amputees' (Continued on page 6)

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Ottawa 1952

OTTAWA: They say that Queen Victoria picked this spot as the capital of Canada by closing her eyes and sticking a pin in the map.

They say that the place has the worst climate of any city in the east—too cold in winter and too hot in summer.

Anyway it is unique. There is no other town in Canada quite like it. It has changed less than any other Canadian city I know since I first saw it as a recruit in world war one. True, it has grown but it still looks, acts and talks as only Ottawa always did.

In the U.S. army they have a saying there are three ways of doing things—right way, wrong way, and army way. I figure that's about true of Ottawa, both the city and the capital.

HERE it is literally true that the longest way around is the shortest way about. Three generations of great statesmen have grappled with great wars, depressions and threats of new wars. Millions and now billions are tossed around like marbles. But still the centre of Ottawa has

the silliest traffic snarl that exists on the continent. They have all the made-to-order setting for a clover leaf system that would work like a charm. But as it was in the beginning, so it is now, and ever shall be, I guess. I still have to hire a taxi to go about one big block, because it is a real hazard to cross Canada's capital centre afoot. My Scots blood boils at the sheer waste.

I FIGURED I must be getting old when I look at this parliament in 1952 for I can't help but think to myself "It's not like it was in the good old days." Brain for brain and man for man the general average of this parliament

HEAR ...

Attorney General
Gordon Wismer

at the
CIVIC CENTRE
Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Speaking on behalf of

Jack McRae



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Minister of Education

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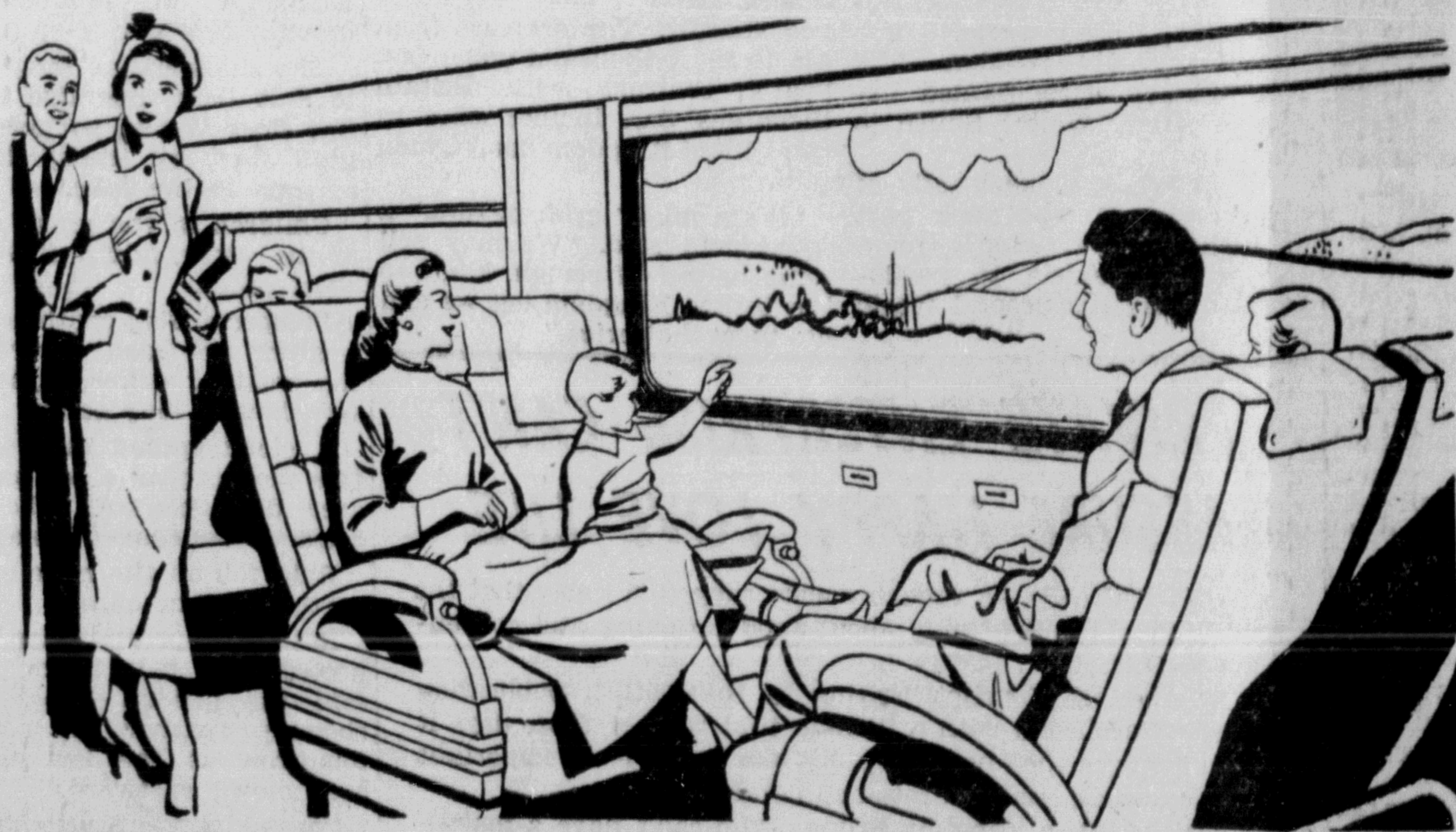
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