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Mrs. McIntosh

WE MOURN the loss of a dear old friend in the passing of Mrs. R. L. McIntosh. She was full of years and good deeds and many were the people who knew her benefactions and kindnesses through the nearly half a century she had lived in Prince Rupert.

As far as we can learn, she was the second white woman to take up residence in this frontier community. Coming here in 1906, she preceded practically all the pioneers whose ranks seem to be thinning so markedly these last few years.

Mrs. McIntosh knew Prince Rupert as few now remember it. She was a lover of this city and was one of those citizens who, having come here as a comparatively young person, became so attached to the north, so proud of the city and so interested in it that she never had thought of leaving. That is why she stayed on here after her husband passed away, staying not because she had to, not that she could not have gone back to more effete places whence she had come, but because she wished to. Hers was a kind of citizenship that too few Prince Rupert people have yet learned and exemplified—that of permanent loyalty to the community which, in the days of their youth and middle age, gave them a good living. She was one of the few of those who dreamed of staying instead of leaving.

We called at the home of Mrs. McIntosh yesterday a few hours after her death. We offered our sympathy to her sister from Toronto—the sole remaining member of the family—and it was refreshing to see a cheery and happy attitude. "You know," Mrs. Wainwright told us, "we are not sorry at all but we are happy—happy in the memory of her good life and the many years that she was spared to enjoy life herself and help to make it more enjoyable for others." We were struck with this unusual and most delightful attitude. It was typical of Mrs. McIntosh's own spirit. That is the way she would have wanted her friends—and there were so many of them—to feel. And it is in that spirit that we take this opportunity of paying our final respects to this fine lady who blessed Prince Rupert with her presence throughout these many years.

Mr. St. Laurent Changes It

IN HUMAN AFFAIRS it is sometimes possible to change the nature of a thing by first changing its name.

At least, that seems to be the idea of someone in Ottawa who undertook to change the name of this country and of its services.

First, a bill to remove the word "Dominion" from the name of the country was slipped through Parliament when the House was asleep at the switch.

Then, without consulting Parliament at all, the word "Royal" was being dropped from the postal service.

These changes, brought about so easily and so quickly, caused many Canadians serious misgivings. We reasoned that if someone could change one word without consulting us, he could also change other words and, ultimately, he might succeed in changing our whole constitution; and we might wake up some morning and find ourselves living in "The Canadian Union of Soviet Republics" or some other objectionable place.

Our fears have been somewhat allayed, however, by Mr. St. Laurent's announcement that Canada is still a Dominion and that the word "Royal" is not to be dropped from the postal service.

This assurance indicates to us that whatever or whoever is responsible for the changes above referred to will have to come out into the open and explain what he is trying to do and what is behind it all before he goes any further with his designs.

Scripture Passage for Today

"So is he that... is not rich toward God."—St. Luke 12:21

No More Claims In Noronic Case

CLEVELAND, Ohio—New claims in the burning of the luxury cruiser Noronic at Toronto in 1949 are forever barred by a ruling made by Judge Paul Jones. All of 575 claims filed since the disaster which cost 119 lives are

to be settled for a total of \$2,150,000. The Canada Steamship Lines Ltd., owner of the Noronic, has deposited that amount in notes with the Federal Reserve Bank here. Hearings by a referee will begin in April and last into 1953 before awards are determined. Originally, the 575 claims asked nearly \$19,000,000.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Keep Slump Away

THE BRITISH parliament has had an all night session to debate the grave unemployment crisis, especially in the textile industry.

Canadian labor leaders have waited upon our government asking for public works now to give jobs to the hundreds of thousands now out of work in Canada.

Half the textile workers in New England are out of jobs. The U.S.A. has arbitrarily excluded dairy product imports from Canada. Australia, New Zealand and many of the countries of the sterling area have drastically reduced imports, even from Britain.

ALL THESE signs are ominous to those who remember the slump of 1929 and the great depression of the thirties. But it would be quite wrong to jump to too hasty conclusions from those signs.

The world has learned a lot since 1929. We do not need to have another slump, if we are prepared to forestall that slump as intelligently, say, as we fought the Hitler war.

MANY of the economic troubles of Canada today are directly due to government policy. The housing situation is very bad. Yet for the past couple of years it has been well nigh impossible for the family of ordinary income to build a home. Far too high a cash outlay was required for the down payment. Moreover, the lenders of money on mortgages had drastically tightened up—due to government policy.

On March 17 Mr. Ross Thatcher, MP, gave Parliament the most striking evidence of the effect of government policy on washing machine sales in Canada last year. Here are the official figures:

January, 29,500. February, 24,800. March, 27,000. April, 26,700. May, 21,200. June, 14,600. July, 11,500. August, 10,500.

THE PEOPLE of Canada need washing machines just as much as they ever needed them before, and want them just as much as they wanted them before.

That goes for all sorts of house furnishings and above all for houses.

But deliberate government policies of credit restriction are making it impossible for them to buy any of those things to the extent they would like to buy.

We are getting government-manufactured unemployment—a partial, spotty slump caused mostly by the government's own policies to offset what is called inflation.

THE ECONOMISTS told us that inflation was "too much money chasing too few goods." Now all over the world we see goods piling up which cannot be sold because the people have no money to buy them. It takes all the money that most families can get just to make ends meet—to pay for food and essentials.

Surely the short range remedy is to reverse the unwise policies which have dealt such a blow to house building and buying of cars and household appliances.

And surely the long range remedy—prepared for the day when we get real peace—is to be all set to go ahead with a vast program of public spending on houses and so forth which will keep employed the men now in war industries or in uniform.

How many houses could be built for the price of each plane or tank? And we would not need to shoot them away. We could sell them to the occupants on a buy-as-you-rent plan like that backed by Premier Frost of Ontario.

Quick Canadian Quiz

- 1. Canadians spend how much each year on textiles and clothing?
2. In Canada how many pounds to a bushel of oats, of wheat?
3. Of Canada's 712,000 sq. miles of productive forest area how much is now occupied?
4. In Canada are there more men or women?
5. Average weekly wages and salaries in leading Canadian industries amounted to \$46.63 in Dec., 1950. What was the figure for Dec., 1951?
ANSWERS ON PAGE FOUR



PRIESTS ACCEPT RICE OFFERINGS—A group of Buddhist priests stand at a corner of Bangkok and accept offerings of rice from followers. Two young women are shown, centre foreground, bowed low before the priests. To the right of the five priests a Bangkok businesswoman is also about to make her rice offering. Every Siamese man spends part of his life as a priest in a Buddhist temple. The result is diffusion among the people of a profound understanding of the religion they practice—daily, not just once weekly. (CP PHOTO)

VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

Fixed Elections Suggested—Would Remove Some Abuses

VICTORIA.—Walter Hendricks, MLA for Nelson-Creston, was the only one who came out for it in public but a lot of MLA's agreed in private that it would be a good idea to have elections every four or five years to the day as in the United States, at the same time keeping the British safeguard of government defeat in the House if a majority of MLA's see fit.

If we'd had this rule in recent weeks we'd not have had the politicking we did have—politicking, when the people's business suffered (no action on milk prices, labor matters, hospital insurance).

If we'd had this rule Premier Johnson would perhaps have held his patience a little longer with Mr. Anscomb. As we have it now, the Premier was able to fire the Minister of Finance, knowing it would break up Coalition. If Mr. Johnson knew he couldn't, under the constitution, go to the people until June of 1953, things would have been different.

The Premier wouldn't have wanted the Tories in opposition two sessions, knowing full well the opposition, sooner or later, becomes the government. As it was, the Premier was able to control the time the Conservatives would be in opposition—one session, in which they could hardly find their feet as a hard-punching opposition.

And so it is that a whole political uproar can be created by one man, the Premier. (This is no personal criticism of Mr. Johnson.) One man has the power to call an election any time he wants. It does seem too much power for one man—to create chaos in what he considers the best interests of his own political party. It's the people, in the constitution, who should tell the government exactly when the election will be. That's what the people do with their municipal councils. It would be a fine thing, wouldn't it—if a mayor could call an election any time he saw fit. Why should a provincial government be allowed to operate differently?

If another election could not come until June of 1953, we'd still have a Coalition government (which the people overwhelmingly endorsed in 1949) tending to the people's business—instead of two political parties going through a session more interested in politics and parties than in the affairs of the people who elected them.

If the people had any way of letting their wishes be known in this matter, they'd probably be definitely for an election on a hard-and-fast date every four or five years. They know such a system would lead to more political stability.

The die-hards, of course, say it can't be done, because it never has been done. That's a defeatist attitude. Of course it can be done. The Legislature can do it.

LETTERBOX

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MCINTOSH
Editor, Daily News:
Without authority of fear or repudiation from my colleagues comprising the city council, I wish to express our common regret in the passing of the late Mrs. R. L. McIntosh, a highly esteemed pioneer citizen whose love and devotion to our city was known to all who were privileged to enjoy her acquaintance.
GEORGE B. CASEY
Alderman.

Jap Fishing Off B.C. Coast Dubbed False

Recent statement by Elmore Philpott, newspaper columnist, that Japanese fishing vessels are operating 100 miles off the British Columbia coast and endangering the livelihood of British Columbia fishermen, was denied by Hon. R. W. Mayhew, minister of fisheries, in the House of Commons in Ottawa, a few days ago.

Answering a question by James Sinclair (Coast-Capilano), Mr. Mayhew said:

"I took the trouble to inquire through our office in British Columbia, which, in turn, got in touch with the weather ships off the coast, with B.C. Packers and with our own patrol boats, and I am now assured there are no Japanese fishermen within one hundred miles of our shoreline in the Pacific.

"While I am on my feet may I repeat a statement I have made frequently, not only in this house but in other places, that Japanese nationals have never fished along the British Columbia coast. At one time they fished in Bristol Bay for a matter of two days. Conditions were made rather unpleasant for them, with the result that they left Bristol Bay, came down the coast, got supplies in Seattle and went back to Japan. But they did not fish. The statement attributed to Mr. Philpott is therefore untrue. There are no such fishermen on the coast today, and there have not been, up to date."

PROGRESS MADE

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information could take place without revision of the (U.S.) McMahon Act of 1946 which prohibits the exchange of atomic information and materials with any other country."

The lack of British-U.S. atomic co-operation has long been a sore point in Britain, partly as a matter of national pride and partly because of a feeling that mutual confidence should have flourished with the development of the Atlantic defence partnership.

If progress is being made now two developments may have tipped the scales:

- 1. Prime Minister Churchill's announcement last month that Britain has produced the atom bomb.
2. Recent tightening up of Britain's internal security regulations which would give the U.S. more confidence that its atomic secrets would be safe in British hands.

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Reflects and Reminisces

And if we never see snow again it will be too soon!

Perhaps Mrs. Truman wouldn't mind remaining in the White House a while longer, now that that two years' rebuilding job has just about finished.

SELASSIE FEELS AT HOME

It is seldom, if ever, a throne is shipped a few thousand miles by air. It happened, however, and, as a result, Haile Selassie of Ethiopia is again an emperor with all the trimmings. It will be recalled that, after the British chased Mussolini out of Addis Ababa, Selassie could not find his symbols of power. These were recently discovered in Italy, and in 15 packing cases flown back to Ethiopia—throne, velvet cushions, as well as bedroom suite, oil paintings, sceptre, gold embroidered cape and a bronze statue of the Conquering Lion of Judah.

It is becoming quite well established that, if Canada will do the job herself, construction of the St. Lawrence Deep Waterway will be done by this country.

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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.