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Our Blessed Weather

IT HAS RAINED and it has blown in Prince Rupert the last few days. Indeed, it has. But who are we to complain.

The rugged slopes carry our torrents safely into the sea. They do not accumulate to flood our streets and our homes, to full scale disaster.

What if our highway does get washed out! What if our telegraph lines go down for a few hours?

What if a few trees blow down in the gale and the waterfront gets shaken up a bit!

We never have death, destruction and desolation such as the Mid West states are suffering today with the Missouri and the Mississippi and lesser streams going on the rampage as they are doing now.

If we are inclined to complain about a wet, rainy day in Prince Rupert let us consider ourselves in comparison with others less fortunate and count our blessings!

Other Lands Not So Tolerant

WHEREVER the Doukhobors or Sons of Freedom may go, assuming they are permitted to dwell there, no new location can ever match the treatment always received in Canada. Nowhere on earth will they find a policy of patience equalling what it has been their good fortune to experience. This they can never forget. This they will, doubtless, remember if, in South America or somewhere else they meet authority that does not understand certain forms of life and conduct and what is more cannot be said to have the slightest desire to learn.

What Are We?

WE ARE hardened to the fact that a resident of Halifax calls himself a Haligonian. It seems logical that people who live in Montreal are Montrealers; in Toronto, Torontonians; in Winnipeg, Winnipeggers; in Vancouver, Vancouverites. (In the last case, the suffix can perhaps be justified by the fact that civic pride in Vancouver is something of a religion.)

We believe that people from Cambridge are Cantabrigians; at least they fasten that label on with the degree when they graduate students from the university.

But what should we call the citizens of Prince Rupert? Prince Rupert-ites? Rupertians? Or what not?

These sort of problems are always interesting. What do our readers think about it?

Scripture Passage for Today

"O grave, where is thy victory?"—I Cor. 15:55.

ray... Reflects and Reminisces

The dropping of bodily temperature, says a Chicago psychologist, can lead to a divorce. Dropping of a hint, sometimes, can do as much.

The Titanic sank forty years ago Tuesday. Of those who were in Prince Rupert on that bright spring morning, few indeed are still here. Of these, none can forget the shock of sorrow, coupled with anxiety as to the future of the railway yet to be completed, and the terminus on the north coast of British Columbia. For Charles M. Hays—master mind and dominant personality—was no more.

BEHOLD THE SEVENTEENTH!
Ireland is said to be a verdant land. If the isle is any greener than Kalen Island, it won't be the fault of the weather—particularly during the past three days.

HOW IT MURMURED!
There were moments last winter when we smirked at sunlight gleaming on ice, a blue sky and spotless miles of snow. But oh, the yearning for soft air, freedom from shoveling, and of rain. Yes, we felt it, and didn't you?

That deep sea creature caught off Vancouver Island turned out

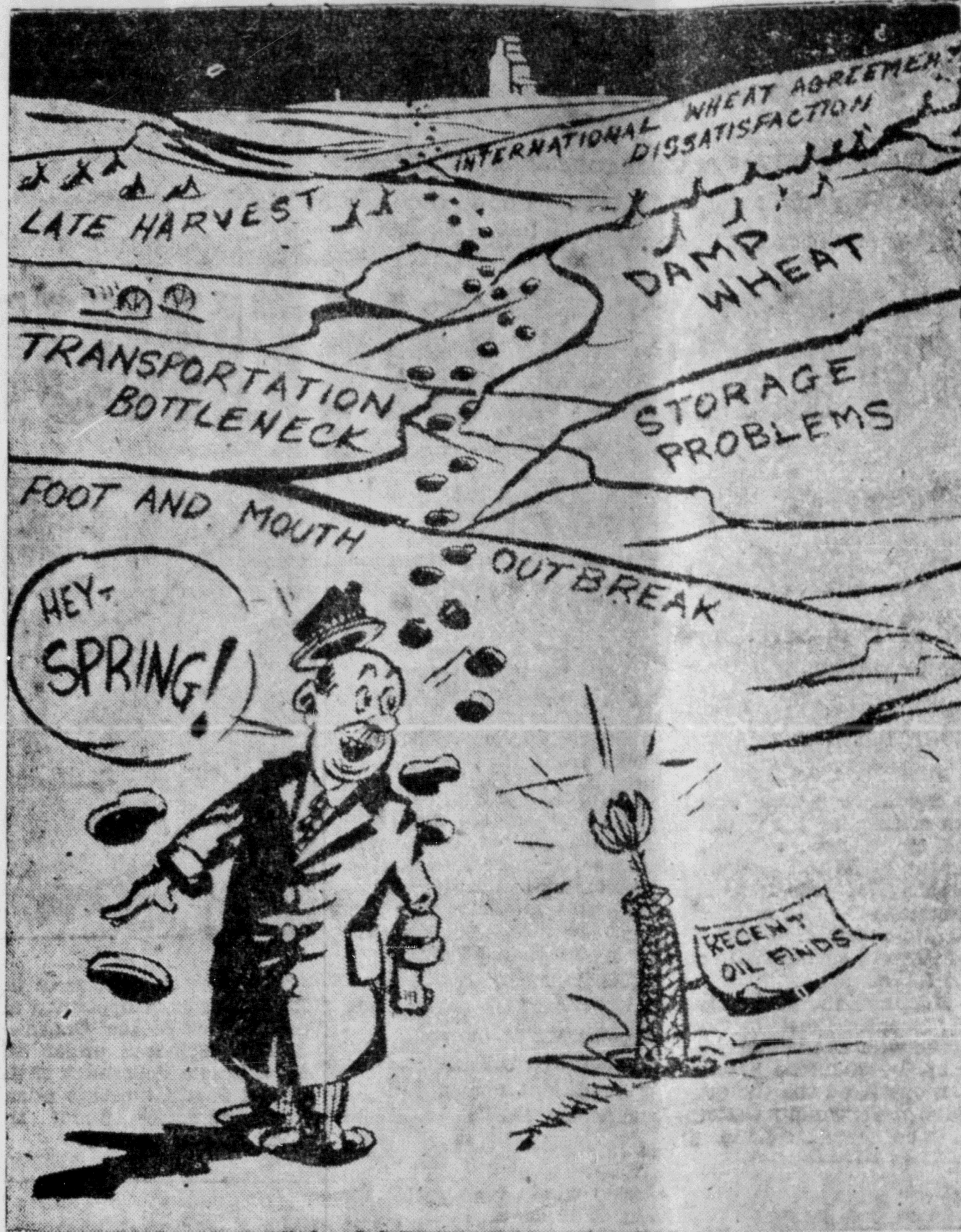
to be just another seal — only larger and with points of interest not usually noted. This will never do for Victoria. Having developed a marine mystery, and played it up for years, this alert community cannot allow it to die.

WHEN SIN IS IMAGINED
We can't see where it would be any more sinful to buy openly a government legalized sweepstakes ticket for the benefit of hospitals in Canada than to sneak around a corner and slip somebody something for a ticket that has been smuggled in from Ireland via the United States, says a Toronto contemporary.

President Moves To Curb Patronage

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Truman has asked Congress to place customs collectors, United States marshals, and postmasters under civil service and remove their offices from the field of political patronage. He proposed a similar civil service merit system for selection of all Bureau of Customs officials, including collectors, comptrollers, and surveyors who are now appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

His proposal affecting the Justice Department would abolish all present offices of United States marshal and re-establish new positions. They would be filled by the Attorney General under classified civil service.



"HARBINGER OF SPRING"—By Charles Bell in Regina Leader-Post.

Public Education in Driving Is Safety Urged at Jaycees Meet

Hugo Kraupner Calls for Better Law Enforcement and More Publicity

Showing two enlarged photographs of a demolished car, a local businessman appealed to the Junior Chamber of Commerce last night to "help educate the public to observe safe driving rules."

Hugo Kraupner, senior chamber delegate to the meeting, suggested the Jaycees form a traffic and safety committee to aid authorities in making highways and city streets safer.

"If the Motor Vehicles Act, the Highway Act and city bylaws were enforced, it would tend to limit hazardous driving," he said.

"And instead of hiding a short report of such accidents on the inside pages of the newspaper, they should find a prominent place on the front page," Mr. Kraupner said. "Not nearly enough" publicity was given in such cases.

High insurance rates in Prince Rupert were due to the high accident rate here, he said, mentioning causes of negligence, driving to the common danger and under the influence of liquor.

"I think that drivers convicted of carelessness should receive the maximum penalties," Mr. Kraupner called the Prince Rupert-Port Edward highway "very dangerous and not a speedway." He said the RCMP had promised reduced speed limit signs would be installed and a limited highway patrol would be instituted.

"Hardly any driver observes regulations on the highway in this area, but a police patrol may limit certain hazards, especially speeding," said Mr. Kraupner.

He told Jaycees he had made an investigation of Prince Rupert traffic problems.

"As a result I feel definitely that some organization interested in our community should give safety in traffic a lot of consideration." He said he had taken a count at Galloway Rapids bridge to see how many vehicles stopped at the stop

Control In South

JACKSON, Miss.—The South for the first time since 1936 holds the balance of political power, both within the Democratic Party and in the nation, according to Senator Karl E. Mundt (R) of South Dakota.

"The South faces an opportunity such as no other segment of our country has ever faced and such as Dixie has not had since the Democratic National Convention in 1936 repealed the 'two thirds rule,'" Senator Mundt declared here in a speech before the annual meeting of the Mississippi Economic Council.

Senator Mundt, who for two years has stumped the country advocating a liberal-conservative realignment of the nation's two major parties, said that such a shuffle could result from the 1952 elections.

Quick Canadian Quiz

1. Name North America's fifth largest city.
2. Of this country's newprint production, how much is used by Canadian daily newspapers?
3. Canada's Eskimos are believed to have come from where?
4. When and where was Canada's first cotton company established?
5. In the U.S. there are 45 people per square mile. How many in Canada?

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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

UK Tories on Skids

THE British people have administered a resounding rebuke to their new Tory government.

In the county and municipal elections there has been an anti-Conservative swing of tidal wave proportions.

The question is: Will the Churchill government be able to live out its appointed term?

My guess is that before many months have passed we shall see some new move for a coalition government. Readers may recall that I reported from Liverpool last fall, after Mr. Churchill's opening speech, that he seemed to be aiming at a new coalition rather than for a mere Tory party victory.

The real stumbling block to such a move right now is that the belligerent Nye Bevan would have no part or parcel in it.

THE BRITISH Tories seem to me to be getting their just deserts, for the plain fact of the matter is that they won the election by sharp practices.

They plainly told the people that they would improve living conditions, above all by increasing meat rations and building 300,000 houses per year instead of the 200,000 which Labor had actually constructed.

Lord Woolton made it more vivid when he told the people that they would get "more red meat." They are of course getting less red meat and all other kinds of meat. Moreover, more Britons are out of work than for many years.

In the northern English textile manufacturing towns one third of all the workers are again on the dole. The dire pre-election warnings of the Labor speakers have already been vindicated.

UNEMPLOYMENT in Britain is still far below that in Canada or the U.S.A. The latest figures show 433,000 registered unem-

ployed in Britain as against 371,000 in Canada on February 28, 1952. As Britain has over three and a half times Canada's population the above figures speak for themselves.

Why then the fierce anti-government swing in Britain? I think the answer is obvious. The Labor government's policy of "full employment and fair shares" was an overall plan. The claim was that if everybody in the nation would consent to live on the strict austerity rationing system, the whole population could be kept at work.

By our standards their pay was woefully low—but the point was that just about everybody had a job and every family could get by somehow. It had worked.

WHILE the Tories won the election by double-talk, both wings of Labor played sharp politics too. The main motive for bringing on the election when it was held was to be one jump ahead of the crisis. I do not say that both wings of the Labor party wanted to lose the election—for plainly they did not. But the outcome of the election put the Conservatives back into office where they were bound to "take the British economic crisis... I am sure that the group correctly... on. They were... ish armament program... siderably beyond the... the country to... be noted that they... opposed re-armament... have argued... if it ruins its own... tarily stronger..."

President to Test American History

PHILADELPHIA—President Truman, author of the "I Am an American" plan, said the Chief Executive will test American history when he leaves the White House. Mr. Truman has a conference. "He tends to lecture"

PRINCE RUPERT (DISTRICT) PROGRESSIVE-CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION MEETING CIVIC CENTRE LOUNGE TONIGHT AT 8:30

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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