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Must Avoid Squeeze Play

ACCORDING to the B.C. News Letter published in Vancouver, there is concern among Canadian west coast shipping officials over a tightening interpretation of the U.S.A.'s Jones Act.

Under the Act, coastwise transportation between American ports must be carried out by American vessels. By recent regulations, this includes Canadian merchandise being shipped from Seattle to Ketchikan, and even American goods travelling in bond by rail to Prince Rupert and thence by water to an American port.

Effect of the Act has extended to operations of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company at Tulsequah. Ores hauled by Canadian ships from that point to Tacoma, Wash., must now be taken into Vancouver and then trans-shipped by American vessel to the U.S. port.

What is evidently a point of contention is that the Act is restrictive in respect to formation of foreign-controlled shipping under U.S. flag. The company must be owned by U.S. shareholders to at least 75 per cent, and no foreigner can be its manager or president. This is in contrast to Canadian regulations which are quite open to U.S. entry into Canadian coastwise trade.

There is a suspicion that the more stringent interpretation of the Jones Act is but the first step in an attempt to gain upper hand in the sizable shipments which may result from the gigantic Frobisher-Ventures project contemplated for northern B.C. and the Yukon. Unless it is possible to develop a deep-sea Canadian harbor at Glacier Bay on Taku Inlet, which affords access to that part of B.C. behind the Alaska panhandle, all such shipments will have to be made from a U.S. port.

"In the face of possible American interests using Canadian power in this area," the B.C. News Letter comments, "this shipping is resented and feeling is growing strong."

We are not so sure there are any grounds for resentment on that score as the Canadian government has already made it pretty plain that the water power in question will be protected for Canadian use. What does concern us is that an international battle of regulations might break out on this coast. Competition on an operational basis, such as that between Prince Rupert and Washington ports for Alaskan trade, is fair enough. It is a clean-cut question of which side can provide the best and most economical service.

But a contest between governments is something else. Ill feeling on a wide scale is the inevitable result; which would be a sad change from the Canadian-American relationship that this coast has enjoyed. If the Jones Act becomes too severe, Canada will have no choice but to take reciprocal measures.

We hope this is a squeeze play that will not develop.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Strike torn France will get back to work, for every suspension of the daily job eventually does just that. The thing, however, that haunts the French is not industrial. It's Germany. The time will come again when Europe will be under the domination of blended Prussianism and Hitlerism, which means the Rhine, once more.

Britons are reported to be still worrying why they have not yet been told what's wrong with Churchill, who is healthy enough to head his cabinet. Sir Winston himself would like to know.

FAIR ENOUGH

Fashion Note:—As long as wives continue to buy pocketbooks to match their shoes, husbands will continue to buy shoes that match their pocketbooks.

One wouldn't mind being a tourist at Banff, this season. Hollywood has made a play to bear the name "Saskatchewan" with its full, rich overtones. Oh, it's fine—covered wagons, painted red men, wild horses and scarlet tunics by the dozens. Full blooded action, with the Rockies (and Marilyn Monroe) for a background. All told, about 150 actors and actresses.

"Her favorite lunch was lobster-tail salad followed by ban-

ana-split . . . she was healthy and happy" . . . She was?

It looks like an arrest in Gaspé where three American hunters were killed. Bears were at first suspected. Several weapons used by the bears and sold near Montreal, have been found.

The passing of Senator Robert Taft is said to be fated to complicate the official future of President Eisenhower. The following explanation is offered by intelligent Republicans—the senator was a boss; the president is a fixer.

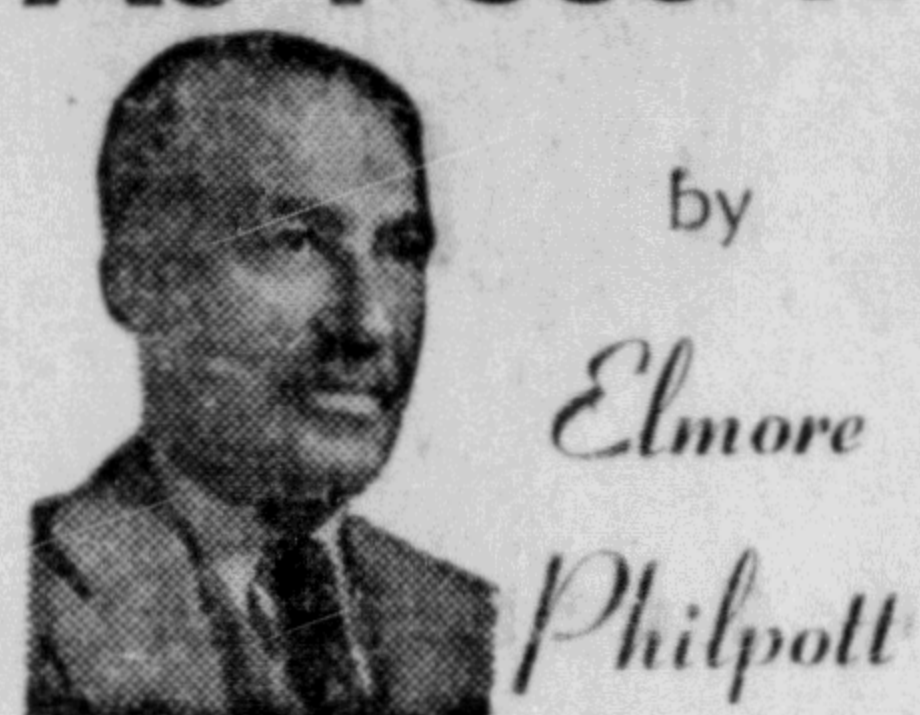
DOWN HALIFAX WAY

Halifax was 204 years old this week. The sea and air anniversary was little short of a knock-out. Having had such wide experience, the Halifaxians are handy at this sort of thing. Halifax has known plenty, in the way of growth and developments, disaster and triumphs, as well as the curses of soldiers. But then, Halifax is rarely or hardly ever known to be dull.

Takes Training

CALGARY (CP)—Leo Cremer of Big Timber, Mont., says bucking horse are made, not born. Cremer, who has been in the rodeo business for 25 years, said in an interview here that most broncos are "jug-headed."

As I See It



When Old Nag Won

I DID not know so many folks still knew their Bibles till the letters and telegrams and cables began to pour in after the election.

The first Biblical quotation was from St. Matthew and began "well done good and faithful servant."

I was feeling really holy at that when the phone rang and a fellow with a powerful voice said:

"Are you the new MP for Vancouver South?"

Struggling to keep my voice fittingly modest I replied "I am."

"Well you better get busy and do something to stop the snail from the dog food factory, or else . . ."

THE SHREWDEST Biblical quotation came in a cable from England from a former MP. He referred me to the Second Epistle of Saint Peter, verse ten, chapter one:

"Wherefore, the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure, for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall."

The only phone call that I did not appreciate as much as I might have otherwise came on election night at about 4 a.m. I was dog-tired after a long and hard campaign but my old friend could not wait till morning to damn the government, but congratulated me!

Among the letters I deeply appreciated were those from two different groups of Doukhobors (both fine people), from East Indians who wanted me to get the Prime Minister to visit India. Also from our own North American native Canadian originals (Indian).

ONE LETTER made me feel half ashamed. It was from a very famous Canadian who literally flew home from Europe to make sure he got here in time to vote for me.

He made the polling booth by 5:30 only to be told "Sorry but your name is not on the voters' list."

At about the same time a big car dashed up to our headquarters and a puffing business man came in to ask:

"Can you tell me the name of the Liberal candidate in this riding?"

There was a huge sign with letters two feet high telling him, also photographs about six feet high.

NEWSPAPERS in various parts of the country are having some fun with the story originally reported in the Vancouver Sun:

"An excited husband phoned his wife 'Philpott won!'"

"He did?" came the reply.

"How much did he pay?" Well, I'm glad the lady mistook me for a race horse and not for one of those horses on the payroll.

The Richmond-Marpole Times reports the incident in a box with this head on it:

"What DID you pay, Elmore?"

Well, never bet except on a sure thing, and I am too Scottish to bet on any election.

However, I understand a good deal of money changed hands.

The very nicest letter of all I got came from young Wan Lee, one of the two North Korean boys, for whom I intervened when they were to be deported. Lee writes "I believe Mr. Philpott will do his best to promote world peace, by deep conviction for international co-existence and brotherhood."

That's it, Lee, that's it exactly.

POW Expected Home Tomorrow

VANCOUVER (CP)—Gnr. Orval Jenkins of Hamilton and Toronto, second Canadian prisoner to be freed by the Communists since the Korean truce, is expected to arrive here by air Thursday, the army announced Tuesday.

Pte. Thomas Rothwell of Dundas, Ont., third Canadian to be released may arrive here on the same plane from Japan.

Jenkins was released Aug. 9 after almost two years in a prison camp in North Korea. He has been undergoing interrogation concerning details of his capture.

Daily News Want Ads Get Results



DR. WILLIAM ROWAN, professor of zoology at the University of Alberta, at Edmonton, is carrying out experiments with ravens in an effort to discover if they can count. Other intelligence tests also may be carried out among six ravens, larger cousins of the common crow. The birds like meat and Dr. Rowan feeds one which is perched on his shoulder.

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

On the theory that misery commonly gets some solace from company, Canadian women may derive some measure of consolation from learning that over in England Lady Alexander of Tunis is right up against the domestic help problem.

The former charming chateau of Rideau Hall was hostess to a few of her former Canadian friends—the St. Laurents among them—during the Coronation weeks in London.

Her guests found her doing her own housework—including the cooking—in the large and comfortable house Lord Alexander purchased for his retirement shortly before leaving his Rideau

Hall post here. Lady Alexander said it was impossible to secure domestic help in England, but that she wasn't complaining. She enjoyed keeping house and cooking.

The hospitality which the Alexanders offered to their Canadian friends was reported to be as excellent in its quality as it was enjoyable in its charm and informality. Lady Alexander is said to be a cook of real talent as well as a housekeeper of artistic taste. Lord Alexander assisted his wife in serving dinner.

The entire atmosphere of the occasions was warmly hospitable, kindly, and intimate.

Incidentally, the panic which spread through social Ottawa over the prospect of a Rideau Hall incumbent who was without a wife to serve as hostess now is admitted by all concerned to have been wholly without justification. The standard of hospitality which His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey has maintained since his appointment is conceded to have been in accordance with the highest Rideau Hall traditions.

The Coronation Hall which His Excellency gave actually promises to live in Rideau Hall history as one of the most notable functions ever given in the mansion. The crowd was one of the largest ever entertained. But so perfect were the arrangements that there was no crush or discomfort.

The music was excellent and the band played far into the night for dancing. Refreshments were lavish in their assortment and provided in quantities adequate for all guests. In brief, there was nothing stilted or coldly official about the occasion.

The whole evening had the distinguished atmosphere of an occasion for high public rejoicing.

Rideau Hall parties haven't always been that successful.

Many of them in the past have had a quality of coldness about them. That atmosphere is not ably absent from the functions Rt. Hon. Mr. Massey gives.

Alternative Vote May Be Scrapped

VICTORIA (CP)—Premier W. A. C. Bennett indicated this week that he is still seriously considering abolishing the alternative ballot for B.C. elections.

At a press conference on his return from a post-election rest, he was asked if the results of the federal election had changed his mind about reverting to the straight "X" ballot for provincial contests.

The result of the federal vote had no bearing on the provincial situation, the premier said.

Some observers had speculated that the premier would stick to the alternative ballot which gave him a 28-seat government in the June provincial contest, in view of the federal vote which saw only four B.C. Socialists elected under the "X" ballot.

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

Notice To All Householdors

It is compulsory according to Bylaw 545 for all waterpipes to be buried at least two feet.

G. E. BEATON, Superintendent of Works.

All Aboard

By G. E. MORTIMORE

"No thanks," I told my friend Salesman Rod. "I don't want a refrigerator."

So he brought one while I was out.

"I'm leaving it at your house for a while," he said when I caught up with him. He said the refrigerator had a yellow stain on one corner, and would have to be sent back to the factory.

I was about to suggest that he find some other dumping ground for his damaged equipment. Then I remembered that my wife had already stowed the food in the refrigerator. I had a bottle of beer in there myself.

"Thanks," I said. "I know what you're up to. You hope that after we have had it for a while we will find we can't do without it."

"Just try it out," he said.

"That's very good of you," I said.

"We will, but I can tell you right now we're just not in the market for a refrigerator."

Salesman Rod is no fool. He knows a high-pressure line of sales talk only makes me bristle. So he avoids the direct attack. He talks about something else and brings the subject around to refrigerators in a kind of gossip, informative way, with no personal references.

"Stuffy thing, you know, how much food is wasted, especially in hot weather. One thing about having a refrigerator, it sure cuts that kind of waste out."

"And then those other refrigerators—well, don't like to knock a rival product, but the Dogmatic, for instance, they say it has 10 cubic feet of space, but it really has only six. Not bad otherwise, except that it wears out in a couple of years. As for the Catatonic, well, look at the price. A reasonable buy at \$100 cheaper. Good enough, machine, but . . ." And so the talk goes.

For weeks the refrigerator has been sitting in our kitchen like a fat white cuckoo in a nest, worming its way into our affections and making us fetch and carry for it. The yellow-stained one has been replaced by a flawless twin brother.

Every so often Rod calls to pass the time of day. His tactics grow increasingly subtle. Now he makes no mention of the refrigerator at all—just glances toward it.

The refrigerator plainly does not intend to leave. It wants to grow old along with us. So I suppose we will have to buy the thing to make sure it gets a good home.

I am thankful, at any rate, that Rod does not also deal in cars, home laundries, garbages and television sets. If he did, we would come home one evening to find a copy of each of these appliances already installed. We would find ourselves and belongings being moved in trucks to a new house, where we would be allowed—or forced—to stay for one month's free trial.

IWA Launches Strike Fund

VANCOUVER (CP)—The 40,000 British Columbia members of International Woodworkers of America have started a \$1-a-payday fund to finance strike action if necessary in negotiations on a contract with Interior Lumber Manufacturers Association.

District secretary George Mitchell said Monday the fund drive was started by the CIO union because the men are determined the pay for 8,500 interior workers should be brought up to coast level.

The IWA is asking an 18-cent hourly increase, which would bring the interior wages to the coast basic of \$1.49, won in earlier negotiations.

Wage talks in the interior have been stalled since early this month, pending appointment of chairmen to conciliation boards in the northern and southern divisions of the industry.

FOR SALE

METROPOLE BUILDING

The land and premises known as Metropole Building 315 Third Avenue West on Lots 31 and 32, Block 34, Section 1, City of Prince Rupert, comprising a two-storey frame building and land in the heart of the retail district.

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VISITORS TO THE GERMAN exhibition of Duesseldorf pass Europe's first aluminum bridge on their way to the fair grounds. In the background is the transmission tower of the North German Radio's Duesseldorf studio.

Not Planning Solo Attack

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Herald Tribune in a copy-righted article says that Chiang Kai-shek's Formosa government has agreed not to step up military action against the China mainland without first consulting the United States.

Kerald Tribune correspondent Marguerite Higgins reported the "hitherto undisclosed" agreement in a dispatch from Taipei, Formosan capital.

She said it meant the Nationalist government "will not increase for the present time the tempo" of its operations against the Chinese Communists "without specific consultation and, in effect, prior approval of the United States."

Miss Higgins continued: "In practice, important operations like the Nationalist paratroop and amphibious assault in July on Communist-held Tungshan Island had to be cleared

in advance with the U.S. Pacific command at Pearl Harbor, which is responsible for helping to defend Formosa."

The U.S. government, since it is furnishing some of Chiang's military equipment, it should have a voice in how it is used. The Communists "stress that they understand and fully accept this position."

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