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The Battle Continues

WITH next week designated as National Health Week, our thoughts will turn to a disease which this district must combat more vigorously than most parts of Canada. It is, of course, tuberculosis.

There is reason to believe we are making headway in the fight. So, too, apparently is the rest of the country. "The lowest tuberculosis death rate in our history" has come to be the expected annual comment on statistics concerning the disease in Canada, according to the Canadian Tuberculosis Association.

Naturally, any success against such a sinister enemy gives deep satisfaction. It is a satisfaction which is justified—as long as it does not blind the public to the fact that there were still more than 3,400 deaths from TB last year. This was more than the toll from all other communicable diseases combined.

It would be unfortunate also if the falling death rate masked the fact that TB keeps at least 30,000 Canadians too ill to work, with all the unhappiness, inconvenience and loss of wages accompanying enforced idleness of a year, perhaps two years or even longer.

Of these, more than 18,000 are in sanatoria during any year. Not only these patients but their families are affected by the length of illness, for absence and restricted income put a strain on family life.

Early diagnosis, prompt treatment, daring surgery and new drugs have all contributed to the steady decline in the death rate from TB. Despite this, however, it is the leading cause of death in the 15 to 45 age group. The death rate has been halved in the last 10 years, but until the decline in the appearance of new cases matches the dropping death rate it is premature for Canadians to think tuberculosis is beaten.

Doctors in this region are doing their utmost to contain the disease by conducting tests among children to detect incipient cases. The Miller Bay Hospital is another bulwark of strength. But if the fight is to succeed, nothing short of complete public co-operation will do.

Farewell to a Friend

THIS week Prince Rupert said farewell to one of its favorite citizens—Al Berner of the Canadian National Railways.

It is always sad to lose an old friend, and that sentiment applies very much to Mr. Berner. Arriving here 40 years ago, he became known as a likable man with a warm heart and a helpful hand. It never occurred to him to do anything else but play a full part in community affairs, and many are the committees and organizations which have benefited by his presence.

He was an active Rotarian and Mason, and at one time was president of the Prince Rupert Shrine Club. At the same time he was unsparing of himself in his railway duties. His worth to the CNR did not go unrecognized, for during his term on the Smithers division he rose from trainman to superintendent.

Any railwayman knows, however, that sooner or later a change is inevitable, and so it was with Al Berner. Nevertheless, Prince Rupert will not forget its good friend, and to him and Mrs. Berner we extend sincere wishes for happiness and good fortune in their new life at Prince Albert.

— MILESTONES —

40 Years Ago Today

The Overseas Club at its annual meeting decided to offer a substantial prize for the best essay on some patriotic subject.

Rev. F. C. Burch, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, accompanied by Mrs. Burch is taking two months leave of absence and will leave for California immediately.

30 Years Ago Today

D. G. Stewart was elected president of the Hospital board at their business meeting and D. C. McRae was elected vice-chairman.

Fifty-one appeals against high assessments will be put before

the court of revision as against 30 for last year.

20 Years Ago Today

Dr. H. O. Johnsen was chosen president of the new Ski Club with Miss Ruth Gillies elected secretary.

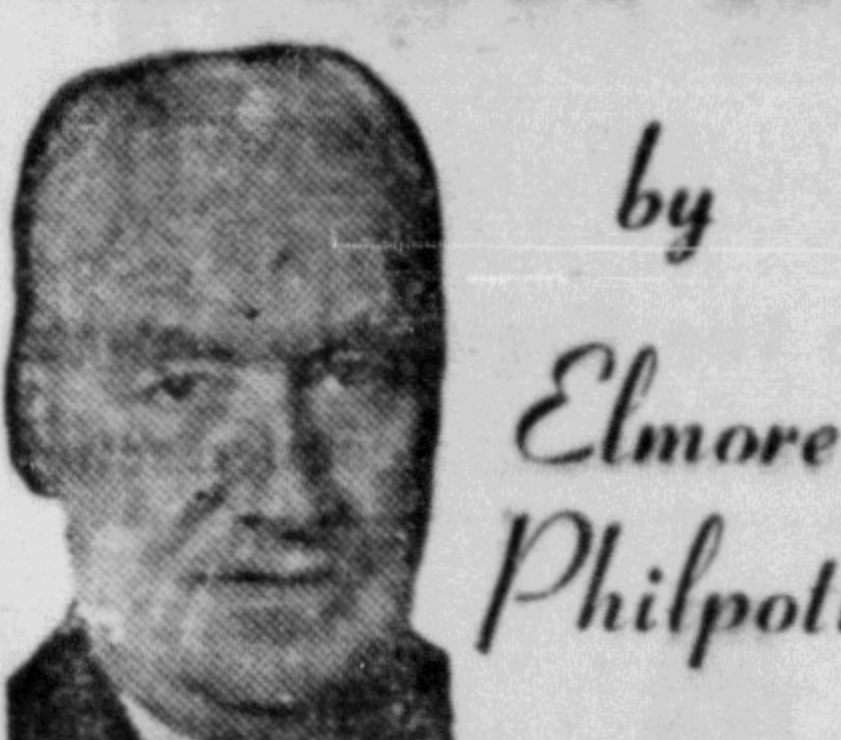
City council has appointed Rod Morrison fire chief on the retirement of Fire Chief McDon.

10 Years Ago Today

J. Neufeld of Vancouver has been appointed to the staff of Booth Memorial High School.

Owing to a derailment at Bulkley Canyon yesterday, all trains leaving and arriving in the city are delayed considerably.

As I See It



Stevens Report Flaw

THE three man commission headed by H. H. Stevens did a useful job in proposing revised liquor laws for B.C.

In the main, the proposals are sound and sensible. The people of B.C. decided by a majority of three to two that they wanted legalized sale of hard liquor, by the glass. Insofar as the Stevens recommendations are in line with the vote of the people there is no ground for major criticism of the recommendations for the proposed new laws.

But there is one important point of principle on which the Stevens commission seems to me to have gone seriously wrong. It recommends that wherever liquor establishments are to be licensed in "districts" where none is now in operation, the wishes of the people in that district must first be ascertained in an extra additional local plebiscite.

AN APPROPRIATE committee of the Church of England had earlier made a recommendation about this particular matter which seems to me more sensible. This was to the effect that in the areas which had already voted for liquor by the glass no further plebiscites should be necessary.

Readers of this column will recall that I was opposed to the hard liquor by the glass change. I think that the people of B.C. will very soon find that the new law will solve few of the problems they were supposed to solve, and they will create new ones. This liquor question has always been a headache in Canada, and I see nothing to indicate it will be any less of a headache now when the amount sold will vastly increase. But the overriding fact is that the people voted for hard liquor. At best, the proposal to grant new district plebiscites seems like thrashing over old straw. But at worst, it is just another example of the double-talk hypocrisy and class snobbery which characterize too many of our laws in Canada.

IF WE RECALL the big advertisements which appeared in B.C. newspapers during the June election we see what is really behind the proposal for extra district plebiscites. The people who wanted hard liquor by the glass inserted huge ads suggesting that, if they won out, there would only be about 16 establishments in all Vancouver licensed to sell anything stronger than beer. Actually, the Stevens commission recommends well over three times that number of outlets.

But the temperance forces also inserted huge ads asking "Do you want an 'establishment' in YOUR neighborhood?" The plain truth is that a very large number of people who voted for liquor by the glass did so because they knew that the "establishments" would not be anywhere near their own homes. They were for hard liquor outlets—but of course, where the not-so-respectable people live, a nice distance from their own homes. I think it is grossly unfair to pander to this sort of hypocrisy.

No snooty district within any city has a right to have things both ways. If it voted for hard liquor by the glass it has no right, now, to turn around and say, "O yes, of course we did that—but on the understanding that all the 'establishments' would be kept far away from where WE live."

Vienna, once known as the "city of music" is given that description no longer. There are far fewer pianos and French horns. Vienna once employed 7,000 instrument makers. Today there are four hundred. Children are more attached to sports. But elsewhere in the world the Blue Danube is just as blue as ever.

James Mills of Prince Edward Island observed his hundredth birthday, with the remark that he never had a doctor, smoked,



RECORD FLIGHT was made by the crew of the twin-jet Canberra bomber, shown with the plane prior to its attempt to set a new speed record from England to Australia by way of Karachi. The bomber set a new mark by flying more than 8,000 miles in less than a day. Flt. Lt. L. M. Whittington (left), 29-year-old test pilot, was at the controls. Flt. Lt. John Anthony Brown, 30, was navigator. Both joined the RAF in 1942 and received part of their training in Canada. The previous fastest time of 45 hours and 35 minutes for the England-Australia flight was set in 1946 by a Lancaster bomber. (CP Photo)

UNDER OUR ROOF

By JOHN STURDY

I was sitting in the shed the other day, reading one of my son's comic books (one of the super 25-cent jobs which offer complete episodes of Batman and Nyoka the Jungle Girl under a single cover) when Little Augie entered the place.

The former blind-pig king was carrying a worn suitcase in one hand and with the other was wiping away something that looked suspiciously like a tear.

"So-long, pal," he murmured. I stared at him. "What do you mean, Little Augie?" I demanded.

"I'm leaving, pal. I'm hitting the long, long trail." I could tell from the look in his eyes that he was serious. To tell the truth, there had been many times when I had thought that Little Augie's departure from the scene would be beneficial to everyone concerned. The police take a very dim view when you have a guest in the house who supplies customers with something called Little Augie's Extra-Special 100 Per Cent Guaranteed Home Brew.

But now that I heard it from his own lips, somehow I felt different; sort of shocked and bewildered. Life wouldn't be the same without Little Augie. He had been a guest in our house for so long that I suppose I had come to consider him as a permanent fixture, like the mortgage.

"What's the matter, Little Augie?" I asked. "Don't you like the meals?" "The meals is fine," he said. "Then perhaps you have had a quarrel?" I persisted. "Some slight argument with Col. S. Skeffington-Smuts (Ret.) or Hamish?"

"We are on the best of terms." "Then what is it?" Little Augie looked at me. "Have you read the report of the Liquor Enquiry Board?" he asked me dismally.

I gave a gasp. So that was it! "Yes," I admitted. "Have you?" "No," said Little Augie. "You know I can't read. But Hamish had the newspaper. He read it to me. I am a stricken man." Tears welled up into his eyes. "All my life has been devoted to service to the Public. First in Quebec. Until they open all those cocktail bars and honest, hard-working men like me—who have laid the foundations of the industry, mind you—are ruthlessly ruined. So I move to Ontario. What happens? The same thing. A bunch of amateurs invade the business!"

He flung his arms wide in an expressive gesture. "But I do not lose heart. I do not accept defeat and become legitimate, like some of my colleagues. There is still British Columbia. An Evergreen Playground where there is still free enterprise and the government believes in giving every man a chance. I will start a new life in British Columbia. I will pick up the broken threads of my shattered career. I am happy here. I am happy living in your house. I am happy because my customers are happy. And now this Liquor Enquiry Board ruins everything."

"It is repulsive," Little Augie concluded. "He hitched up his suitcase. 'So here I am—condemned to wander through the world—a broken man.'"

"Now, look here, Little Augie," I said, "it isn't as bad as all that. You can still operate in B.C.—at least for a time."

"The session opens in February," Little Augie said. "They are sure to change the laws." "I don't mean that," I said. "But look at the people of B.C. Do you think that they are going to change overnight, after all these years? Why, Little Augie, they will be embarrassed to step inside a cocktail bar. Then they will stagger and ask the waiter to bring them a drink, and suddenly the enormity of the thing will strike them full in the face—what they are doing is LEGAL! They will flee in confusion and terror, and they will not feel safely at home until they reach the nearest bootlegger. No, Little Augie, it will take some time before they will feel secure being legal. It's completely against their upbringing."

"Well," said Little Augie, "I never thought of it that way. Thanks, pal. I'll go back to the house and unpack."

I can't make up my mind whether I did the right thing or not. I guess I'm a sucker for tears.

Fine New Schools
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OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

If there's anything that possibly rivals even the now famous Currie report as a source of government anxiety, it's the goings-on during the past week of Premier Maurice Duplessis on the politically crucial Quebec front.

The St. Laurent Cabinet isn't quite sure what the formidable and feared Duplessis is up to. But from past experience it takes it for granted that the Quebec Premier isn't devoting his time and energy to promoting the interests of the Liberal Party.

Consequently, the Cabinet Ministers fear the worst. And what the worst really involves—if the Cabinet fears prove well grounded—could be pretty bad. In fact, it might even be fatal.

QUEBEC SITUATION

In brief, what Duplessis has done during the past week is set up his own version of a Rowell-Sirois Royal Commission. Nominally, it is to inquire into the problem of constitutional relations between the province and the Federal Government. But actually its job is to set forth in detail the adverse effects during recent years of Federal taxation policies upon Quebec interests and upon the interests of your individual Quebec resident.

In other words, all during the Spring and Summer while the Federal government is more or less marking time until the advent of the anticipated Fall election, a Royal Commission is going to be screaming to the Quebec people about the taxation wrongs they have suffered and are enduring at the hands of the Liberal Government in Ottawa.

That's something that the St. Laurent Cabinet Ministers relish even less than they do the Currie report. And their distaste for that document is pretty monumental.

NOT PRO-DREW MOVE

The Liberals wouldn't be nearly so worried if they thought that Duplessis was playing open ball in the Quebec field with PC Leader George Drew. They're not afraid of anything that Drew may be able to do in French-speaking Canada—either alone or in association with any French-speaking figure.

The Liberal anxieties arise out of their belief that the ultimate goal of the Quebec Premier is nothing less than the sponsorship of a new Nationalist Party in French-speaking Canada.

If the Liberal fears are well grounded, the new party would make its debut on the Federal political stage in time for all-out intervention in the approaching Federal election. It would be a centrist party and would aim at controlling the balance of power in the next Parliament.

It's a real threat. Already there is talk of the Liberals advancing the date of the election to early Spring—possibly early May—in an effort to forestall it.

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Attend CHURCH SUNDAY

Saturday Sermon

By Rev. John S. Twining, B.A., L.H.,
Rector of St. Peter's Anglican

The wise men from the east were guided by a star to Christ-Child at Bethlehem. "And, lo, the star which was in the east, went before them, till it came and stood where the young child was." (St. Matthew 2:9)

The star of faith will lead us to Christ. The faith of many is weak. In order to really find Christ, you and I must have faith.

There is a difference between mere mental belief, an assent of the mind to something, and faith which is akin to trust. We may believe there is a God and that Jesus is the Son of God. But do we have faith in God and in Jesus Christ? Correct beliefs are essential to right living. Yet, they do not necessarily result in it. The acquiring of true views about God, important as it is, alone is not sufficient. Bishop G. Ashton Oldham says, "The only 'belief' that has value for God or man is a 'belief' that makes a difference, that issues in right living; and such belief is an activity not of the mind alone but of the whole nature. A better term for it is 'faith' or 'trust'."

What we want is faith, a living trust in Christ, a belief so strong in Him that it will make a difference to our daily lives. Let us this new year endeavor to strengthen our faith which we can do through prayer and meditation. Let us also endeavor to help those of weak faith to come to a living trust in Christ, the Saviour of men. May the star of faith lead us all to the Christ of Bethlehem.

Expert Amateur
MONTREAL (CP)—Thomas Cunningham was awarded membership in the "Century Club" of amateur radio operators who have made two-way short-wave radio contacts with at least 100 countries. Some of his acknowledgments were from hard-to-reach places like Iceland and New Guinea.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH
SUNDAY, FEB. 1ST
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion
7:30 p.m.—
Enthronement of the Right Reverend Horace Godfrey Watts as Fifth Bishop of Calcutta.

The Bishop will be the Celebrant at 11 a.m. and will preach after his Enthronement in the Evening.

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