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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Likes Hoffman Movie

I SAW THE fine British movie, Tales of Hoffman, in Scotland last October and hence was doubly anxious to see it again.

In the first place it seems to me unforgettably good, unreal in one sense, but still as memorable as a vivid dream.

In the second place, I wanted to see how much the Canadian censors had cut from the scenes featuring the Venetian courtisans. The answer—not much.

HERE IS WHY I think Nye Bevan will come to the top in British politics.

In the British election I visited a great many small Labor party meetings. These were the kind where they put up maybe 12 or more speakers in a night.

I did not go to a single such meeting where the rank and file speakers did not go out of their way to show that they were for Bevan. The crowds were too.

THERE IS another reason why I think Bevan will come strongly forward. The British are an extremely proud people.

They disguise the fact that they are humiliated by having to accept U.S. overlordship. But in private they make no bones of it. One reason why Mr. Churchill got the edge in the recent election was because many people thought what some said to me: "Churchill will stand up to the Yanks better than Attlee."

Things have not worked out that way so far. Bevan may therefore rise on this current in British national thought.

THE PAPERS of India are taking a good deal of satisfaction out of India's recent general election. It astonished the whole world for orderliness. Many people in western lands thought that India could not stage an election because only about five per cent of the people can read and write.

"Literacy is not necessarily the same thing as wisdom," says one paper. How true! Germany was the most completely literate country in all the world—the most highly educated. Yet the overwhelming majority of Germans "went along" with Hitler and Co. who repudiated the most sacred and civilized human values.

THE INDIAN mind is different from the western mind—much more subtle. One Indian statesman (not Nehru) laughingly said to me that the Russians are slow thinking and lacking in imagination.

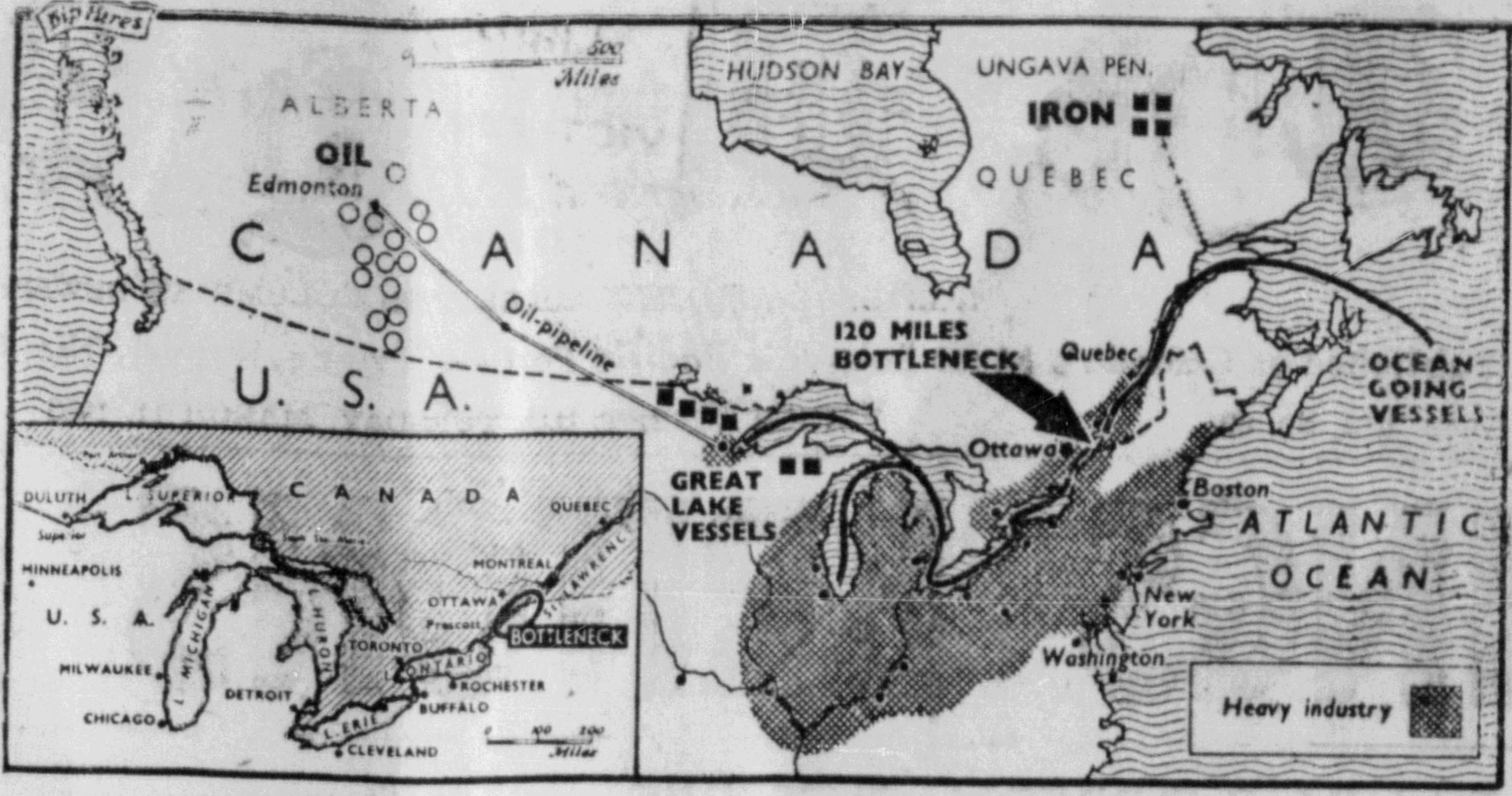
"When the U.N. branded North Korea as an aggressor and called on all loyal U.N. members to send military assistance, Russia could instantly have said, 'We respond. We will send our strong Red army down to the 38th parallel to help restore order.'"

IF YOU want to understand the real background of the recurring crises in France you can't do better than to read that great classic, Carlyle's History of the French Revolution. For there you find it very clearly shown that France finally got that revolution because the old ruling order simply would not pay taxes.

A FRIEND suggests that if a bird really did fly all the way from Mexico to drop the virus of foot and mouth disease in a Saskatchewan barnyard he must have been a very patriotic bald-headed American eagle. Otherwise why favor the whole USA.



T. H. ATKINSON—General Manager of The Royal Bank of Canada, whose appointment as a Director is announced. Mr. Atkinson has been General Manager of the bank since 1949.



ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY—The long-proposed St. Lawrence River seaway project would enable Canada and the United States to construct canals, locks, and power stations on a stretch of the river known as the International Rapids.

LETTERBOX

SOCIAL CREDIT

Editor, Daily News—

Social Credit is our economic refuge. So perfectly would it release impartially from debt individual, village, town, city and nation that (if understood) every person in North America would be delighted to aid it into power.

All people, with a knowledge of the power and justice of a Social Credit government, would overwhelmingly elect to Parliament men in their ridings pledged to repossess the rights Parliament surrendered to banks in 1871, which was the power to create, issue, and withdraw money at will.

Such a Parliament would immediately set up a monetary commission, responsible to Parliament which would issue new money in sufficient quantity to equal the value of the nation's goods, and services.

Banks would no longer create, or issue money, as they do now. Government issued money would go out over the nation, interest free. Taxation would be unnecessary. This money would be backed by all the real wealth of the nation and the money stream would at all times be at the people's service.

All time-checks for public services would be honored at the Social Credit banks. Social Credit would not be confiscated but would protect from monopolies. Private benefits, under Social Credit are made in more detail.

In "The Parable" John Doe builds a house, under "Social Credit," John found a suitable plot on which to build his house. He goes to the City Council or municipal council. The council sends an engineer with John to examine the plot. It is pronounced OK and John receives order on the Social Credit bank to honor (pay) all time-checks for time and material also for the plot for a "specified" house described as House No. 1.

John sets to work with his men and prepares the plot. Architects and carpenters order building material delivered, and in the course of weeks, a beautiful home is completed. All those engaged in building (John included) present their time-checks, and receive their wages from the government money stream. John receives deed to the property. Has taken advantage of his national credit. Nobody in the nation has lost one cent through this transaction. John's home is free from debt, mortgage or taxation. John is free from taxation, and will receive his monthly national dividend. A fine new house decorates the street and if John and his neighbors require new sidewalks, highways, parks, school

CHURCH'S "THANK YOU"

Editor, Daily News:—

I have the pleasure on behalf of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council to extend to you a hearty and sincere "Thank You."

Your coverage in the Daily News of all the meetings held in our church by Rev. Sterling Johnson, and the themes chosen for each report were indeed worthy of praise.

A daily paper so faithfully carrying out its duties, is indeed fulfilling a mission it can be proud of.

We, the Council wish this way to voice our deep appreciation. RUDOLPH OLSEN, Secretary.

(The pastor of St. Paul's Church was very helpful in reporting the meetings.—Ed.)

hospitals, libraries pleasure-resorts, post offices, schools, hospitals, irrigation system, power-system anything, the above procedure will bring it.

It is only reasonable to believe that Social Credit would be insurance and if John's house or his neighbor's is destroyed by fire, storm, war (or otherwise) their national credit (Socialized Credit) is the only system in existence which is both sympathetic and prepared to replace such losses, without a fee or taxation. For all privileges and benefits, the government's only requirement, as payments, is the amount of depreciation. Our belief is, depreciation fees would be turned back for repainting (etc.)

Ten thousand such homes built across Canada would throw no financial burden on anyone. Labor and material is alone the cost of this system of development. This system would provide thousands of homes for young people, a home of their dreams, and their income need not be taxed, and would boost opportunity for wage earners, swelling demand for all kinds of building materials.

Rt. Hon. Reginald McKenna, one time governor of the Midland Bank, said "They who control the credit of the nation, direct the policy of governments, and hold in the hollow of their hand the destiny of the people." Graham Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada answers "Question: But there is no question about it that the banks do create that medium of exchange? Mr. Towers. That is right. That is what they are there for. That is banking business just in the same way that a steel plant makes steel (P287).

"Question. Would you admit that anything physically possible and desirable can be made financially possible? (Continued on page 4)

ray... Reflects and Reminisces

April will see a shipload of barley coming to Prince Rupert, and in May two more. This city is already doing a fair trade with barley corn.

NIAGARA SURPASSED

Grand Falls on the Hamilton River in Labrador, 200 miles back from the coast, is said to have Niagara looking tired and sounding weak. Far more lofty and surrounded by a formidable wilderness, iron ore and amazing power may help introduce it.

Few shipmasters plying the north enjoy higher esteem and more all round popularity than Captain K. E. Neden who passed away Sunday. This, in particular can be said by members of the press. He was always the same—unhurried, invariably courteous and a pleasure to meet.

LANDING THAT JOB?

One never can tell just what's ahead! For example, a fellow can leave Prince Rupert to take a job at Kitimat but, arriving there, finds it necessary to approach Kitimat, not from the north, but from way down around Vancouver.

RARELY WELCOME!

Between foot-and-mouth disease, disputes, trade conditions and plenty of other causes lots more are being laid off—something its hard to become accustomed to.

Now we are told the foot-and-mouth disease was "played up" from the very beginning. It's serious, of course, but wasn't made to appear more grave than it actually was, for what might possibly be thought selfish motives? There is no question about an experienced publicity hand being somewhere in the crowd.

VICTORIA REPORT

Long Campaigns Bring Results—Addicts and Alcoholics

VICTORIA.—Frequently we hear the old speech-making is a waste of time. Certain MLA's are far too long-winded. They could make their points in much less time, thereby being clearer and more forcible.

However, the ideas and suggestions of most MLA's are well worth while and over the years they usually have some effect on a government. It's the old adage about a trickle of water eventually wearing away the hardest stone.

A few members are much like evangelists as they press for social reform. Others, more hard-boiled, pound away for roads and bridges and subsidies to farmers.

Burnaby's Mr. Winch, of course, is the leading social reformer of the Legislature. He spends his time between sessions poking around in jails, hospitals and various types of institutions where helpless people must live. We've had improvements in these institutions over the years and it must be said that CCF Ernie Winch has been largely responsible for them.

On the very extreme end of politics is Conservative Donald Brown of Vancouver-Burrard. Yet he and Mr. Winch have much in common as they press for social reform. Mr. Brown, a quiet man, delves into social questions and always comes up with a good suggestion for improvement. Let's hope Mr. Winch and Mr. Brown are never discouraged, even though beaten at an election. There is room for social reformers outside legislative halls as well as inside.

Mr. Winch once more this season said that B.C.'s methods of treating drug addicts is wasteful, inhuman and does no good. There should be a special institution for such people, he said. There's no use sending them to jail. Everyone knows this to be true and yet we go on jailing drug addicts—people who suffer terribly—and then they come out and go right back on the path of drug addiction because, desperate, they don't know what else to do.

There seems some hope now that the government is getting ready to start such an institution. There's a vote of \$50,000 in 1952-53 estimates for this purpose. Let's hope the government spends it. Governments have a time-honored habit of putting such votes in the estimates on

The Latest in Popular Records

ALL TIME HITS ALBUMS and L.P.'s at Rupert Radio & Electric

Papa doesn't pay me anymore!

Your first job! You're earning your own money, so every penny counts. And because you're a young lady, you'll be opening a Savings Account at your branch of The Commerce right away.

We're expecting you, and we have a welcome present ready. It's a handy purse size booklet called, "It's Simple When You Know How" ... filled with helpful tips on day to day banking. It was written especially for you.

Ask for your copy at your local branch or write to Frances Terry, Head Office, The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce

A WOMAN AND HER BANKING

Little for Great Deal

DISASTER is an ugly word. Anyone who has seen the inferno of devastation by fire or has experienced the sudden terrible destruction of a flash flood knows what the word means in human misery. It doesn't require much imagination to appreciate the problems that would confront any one of us if our homes were threatened at this moment.

No amount of preparation can prevent entirely the occurrence of disasters. What preparation can do is lessen the effects of fires, floods, epidemics, explosions and other catastrophes.

Perhaps no other organization in Canada has done as much in the way of disaster preparedness as the Canadian Red Cross Society. Within its organization, each province is under the constant study of a disaster services committee whose job it is to pin-point each community's resources beforehand and to arrange for the swift flow of aid to the scene of any disaster. Within each province are Red Cross branches, capable of caring for victims of minor disasters at once. Behind the branch is the provincial office, ready to help with transport, supplies and experienced workers. And behind each division is the national organization which can draw on the help of other provinces.

In co-operation with all other agencies, the Red Cross works to cushion the shock, to prevent unnecessary suffering, to save lives. Its main jobs during disaster are the provision of food, clothing and shelter, medical aid, transportation and the public service of answering welfare inquiries as to the condition of disaster victims.

In the first nine months of 1951, the Society provided these services at a total of 485 disasters, assisting 3843 persons.

The work takes money. This month the Red Cross is asking every Canadian to give a little. The need for all Red Cross work in the year is \$5,222,000. British Columbia objective is \$580,000 and Prince Rupert's, \$5500. It is a question, not so much of what we can afford, but of what we cannot afford to ignore. Prince Rupert's drive will be concentrated on Tuesday night of next week. Again we urge Prince Rupert people to be ready with generous contributions.

Chance for Alaska Trade

WITH Alaska Steamship Co. boosting its freight rates from Seattle to Alaska twenty per cent across the board, the opportunity seems presenting itself again for a new effort to be made to really establish Prince Rupert as the gateway for Alaska.

The Ketchikan Chronicle, which has long and faithfully boosted for more use of strategic Prince Rupert, suggests that the Canadian National might get busy and has the following to say after the hike in Alaska steamship rates:

Current (CNR) steamer freight service to Ketchikan is confined to meat and produce imported on the Prince George from Prince Rupert and Vancouver. While this amounts to considerable, it is only a small portion of this city's total consumption.

The Jones Act forbids ships of Canadian registry from hauling goods of American origin into Alaska. But it does not forbid American boats doing so. That means the fleet of small boats here could handle goods shipped in bond over CN rail lines into Rupert. CN has its own warehouse at Rupert, and its own routing official in the Twin Cities, which once before, during the Briggs Steamship Company days, tried to serve Southeastern Alaska.

CN also can expect more freight bound here from Canada, since its own steamer rates from Vancouver are under the new Alaska line tariffs. Thus the duty on goods of Canadian make would in many cases be less than the freight on American goods from Seattle. This is an inexorable law of competition which steamship employees seeking higher wages and the company seeking higher tariffs have to take into account.

The opportunity now presents itself to pave the way for a regular barge service between these two ports. Such a service to carry Ketchikan-made pulp is inevitable. This may prove to be the time to get the docking and handling facilities into operation, whether or not it proves to be a large scale operation.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." —1 Peter 2:21.

Babine Road Being Pushed

The job of hacking a road strong enough to carry heavy equipment over 60 miles of muskeg, rock, ice and snow is about two-thirds finished as the Department of Fisheries project is penetrating from Hazelton to a slide blocking the Babine River. Latest report from the handful

of men who have been toiling all winter in every kind of weather to break the trail places them near the junction of the Skeena and the Babine and some 20 miles from their objective.

As soon as the road has been completed, department of fisheries will begin to move equipment to this block in one of the province's greatest sockeye spawning streams and another job begins: That of clearing the stream or devising some method of helping spawning salmon over the blockade.

Regulations Pursuant To Section 35 of the "HIGHWAY ACT"

The undersigned being a person authorized by the Minister of Public Works in writing, to exercise the powers vested in the said Minister under Part II of the "Highway Act," and being of the opinion that the roads in the Prince Rupert and Terrace district may require load and speed limitations in the coming spring break-up, do hereby advise the travelling public that where such regulation is necessary notices will be posted from time to time on said roads. Dated at Prince Rupert, B. C. March 11th, 1952. L. E. SMITH, DIVISIONAL ENGINEER Prince Rupert, B. C.