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A Continuing Challenge

"NO MATTER how great our economic resources, if we are spiritually bankrupt, the future is indeed bleak."

These were the significant words of warning spoken last night by a newcomer to us who is destined to have a vital part in helping many to ensure that no such bankruptcy occurs.

No matter what one's denomination or faith, the arrival of a man of Bishop Watts' eminence and purpose is an important occasion.

For those of the Church of England in this part of the province, the arrival of Bishop Watts cannot be called simply important.

It is a responsibility for which Bishop Watts is particularly well equipped.

He is a man of definite and unpretentious character who will assuredly allow himself no qualms as he surveys the 350,000 square miles of rugged countryside that comprise his territory.

In his sermon last night, the Bishop listed three challenges which the Diocese of Caledonia has already presented to him.

The third challenge is a continuing one. We are confident, however, it is not so big as the man.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Now that the Empress of Canada has burned and other liners scorched, aeroplane carriers are being investigated.

Harry Truman, returning to his home in Missouri, was given what's called an emotional greeting.

Curiosity sometimes asks the meaning of the Fourth Estate. It is said to have originated in 1797, when Edmund Burke, a British member of parliament, so described the newspaper profession.

First Avenue in the general neighborhood of Second Street could do with study sidewalks. We'll wager the Canadian Legion, a hotel, good sized warehouses, people on foot, cars all day and half the night, mothers and babies in carriage and splashes on skirts have a few notions on the subject.

A Vancouver had 25 wet days in January. Prince Rupert had also quite a few. But had there been an error, such as 24 instead of 25, we doubt if the Vancouver press would have made the correction.

A pessimist is a man who always notifies the local undertaker of a change of address.

Dieting is the art of letting the hips fall where they may. It is the triumph of mind over platter.

Be it known there are three Fridays the thirteenth in 1953—February, March and November. This is merely mentioned not because we dislike anyone in particular, but with the idea that one might be a bit superstitious and enjoy worrying.

We were praying it would not happen, yet it is a bleak fact that daylight saving will be back in 1953. Date is April 26. Nevertheless, have cheer. It's not wanted, and more folks do not disguise this particularly in the north.

MILESTONES

40 Years Ago Today F. G. Dawson was elected new president of the Board of Trade, succeeding Frank H. Mobley.

Mr. P. Margets, new manager of the Bank of British North America has arrived in the city from Winnipeg. He succeeds F. S. Long who has been transferred to Calgary.

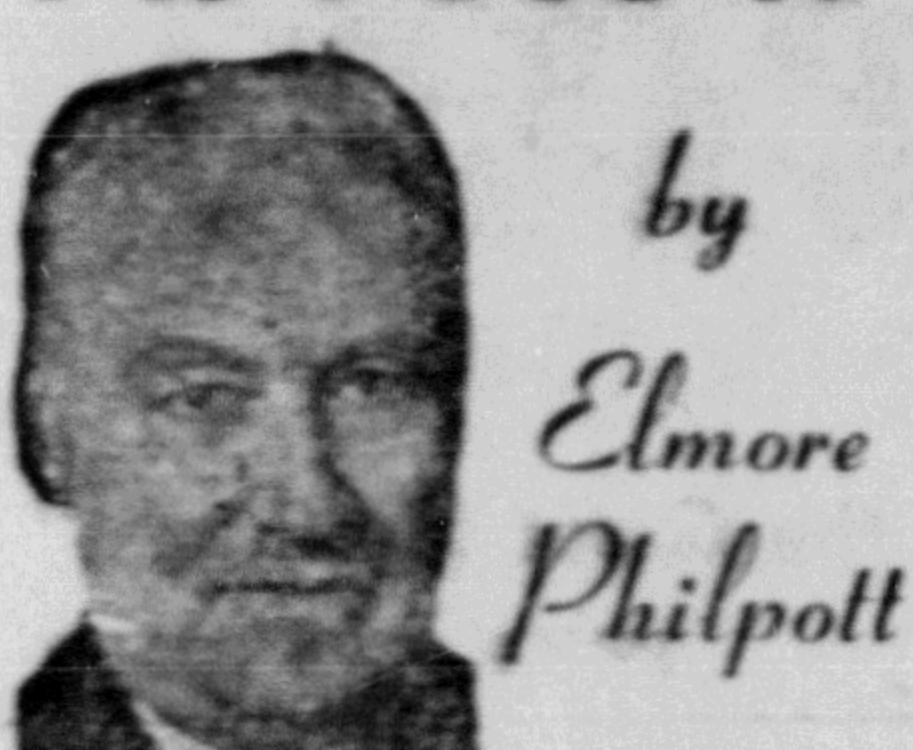
30 Years Ago Today The staff at the city hall made a farewell presentation to W. D. Vance and Ernest A. Woods on the occasion of their retirement.

The sum of \$2,400 was set aside by the School Board to set up a free dental clinic in the public schools.

20 Years Ago Today Ten special constables arrived on the boat today bound for Anyox where a strike is in progress at the Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting plant there.

Blake M. Wilson, manager of Sterling Meat Markets announce-

As I See It



Duke Otto Off Beam

ARCHDUKE OTTO still hopes to get back the throne of Austria-Hungary, which his family lost as a result of the First World War—which their government did even more than the Kaiser's to start.

You can't blame the man for that, even if the chances seem slim. As a matter of fact, Otto is not a bad chap personally, as some of us found out when he was touring these parts around the time of the start of Hitler's war.

But Otto has been making a speech in Toronto which takes the cake for dangerous silliness. According to the Globe and Mail for January 14, Otto made two big points in a lecture to 1300 ex-Hungarians:

1. "India will soon be controlled by a Communist regime because it lacks a positive religious belief" and

2. "We must co-ordinate our political warfare (in east Europe) so as to throw the Soviet on the defensive." This is the same plan which President Truman said flatly would bring on world war.

INDIA may or may not go Communist. A great many people think she will. Out in India and nearby, I found many foreigners who were convinced that India was, as they put it, "the next China." I found also within India a great many disillusioned and cynical Indian intellectuals who were also sure that India would soon go Communist.

These were the people who had been brought up to believe that everything that was wrong in India was due to British imperialism. When the British raj came to an end, and India still had all her old troubles, plus a great many that the intellectuals did not even know existed, they became like ships without an anchor.

BUT SURELY Otto's statement that India lacks "positive religious belief" is so off the beam as to be ludicrous. There is not a single country in all the world which is so saturated with religion as India.

But in fairness to Otto I think he has groped toward and then mis-stated a point I have tried to make myself.

A general characteristic of Indian life is passivity. When strong willed figures like Gandhi, Nehru or the Communist party come along they do wield far greater influence than they would in other countries, precisely because they have the push, the dynamism so different from the general characteristic.

I think India will make her democracy live and thrive because the dynamic democrats, typified by Nehru, know what India wants and needs better than the Communists do.

NO, I DO NOT think that India will go Communist. But that will partly depend on how much understanding and help India gets from us in the west. It seems incredible that there are people in high places who are toying with the idea of backing Chiang Kai-shek in a wild gamble to reconquer China. Yet these same people are not only blind but quite indifferent to the fact that if India goes Communist the whole balance of world power will swing that way.

The Arab, African and Indonesian areas would swiftly fall if Indian democracy collapses. What happened in Hungary would be peanuts.

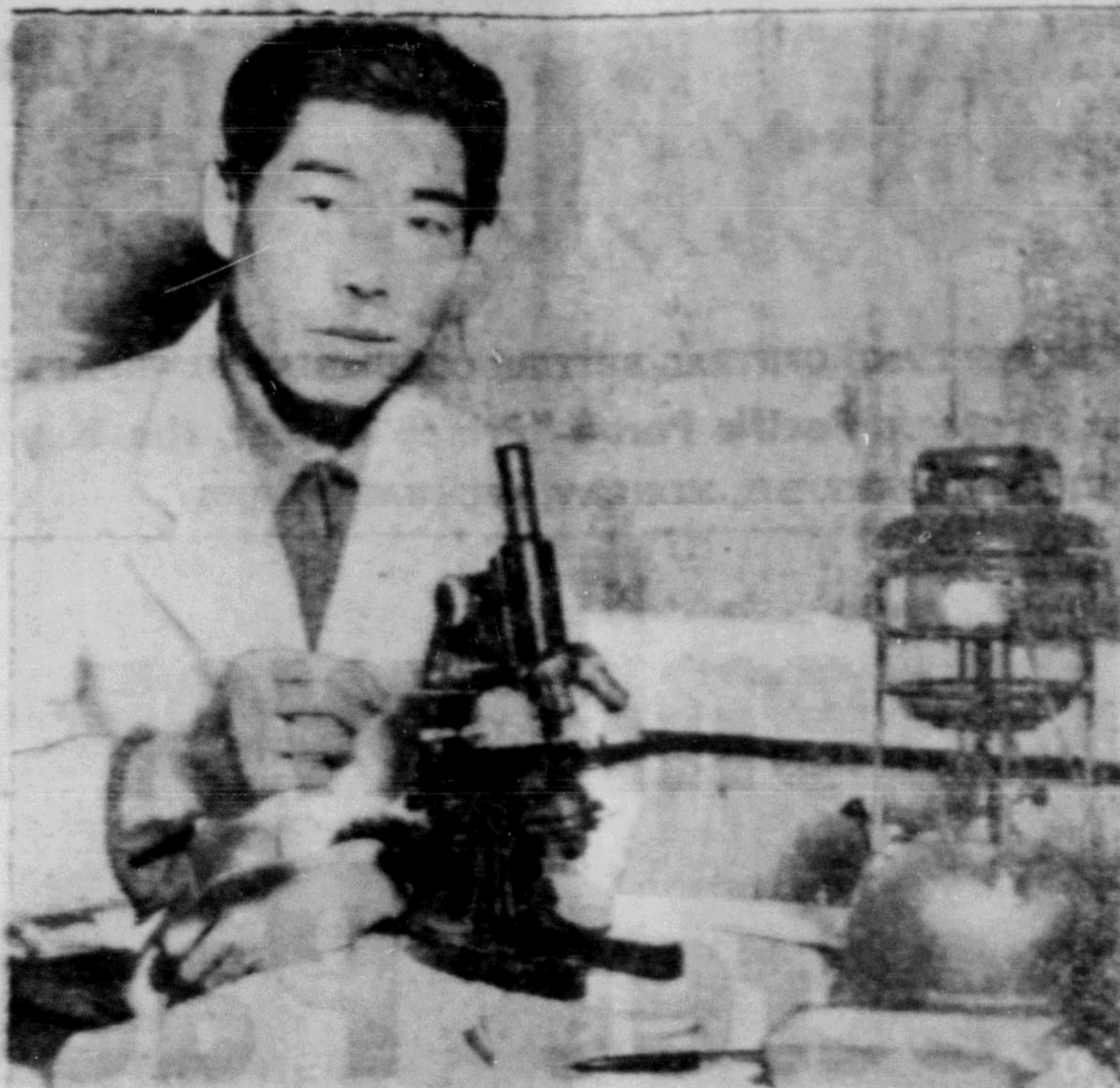
ed his company will take over the local Burns and Company meat market.

10 Years Ago Today Dr. E. J. MacDonald has been named coroner to succeed Government Agent Norman A. Watt who has resigned.

A Vancouver power boat caught fire at the Yacht Club with the loss of one life and several men badly burned.

Healthy Oldster

LITTLE POND, P.E.I. (CP) — James Mills celebrated his 100th birthday with the remark that he had never had the doctor in his life. A non-smoker and teetotaler, he believes in the old adage of early to bed and early to rise.



DR. KIM KYO HOUN, 30-year-old graduate in veterinary science, from Seoul National University, is the number one man on parasitology at the 25th Canadian Field Dressing Station in Korea.

LETTERBOX

Editor, The Daily News—

In the early 1900s a few pioneer men and women with courage and vision came trudging over the unknown trails from Hazelton and Bella Coola on pack horses.

Their purpose was to build for themselves and their families a future in the Ootsa Lake valley.

These men and women, with all the newer settlers through the years, were the makers of the settlements known as Marjilla, Ootsa Lake, Sireatham and Wistaria.

These settlements lie along the north shore of Ootsa Lake, a long fertile valley facing south.

Life for the early settlers was one of hardships and heartaches, but they knew the country was good and that their efforts would some day be worth while.

As the population grew, roads were made, stores and post offices were built. A government telephone line was put through and schools were built. A community hall was erected at Wistaria in the 1920s, around which the life of the four settlements was centred.

CONTENTED AND HAPPY

"The Farmers' Institute meetings were held. People met there for games of badminton in the evenings with others singing around the piano. There the community dances were held and also moving pictures were shown, once a week. Every year the school had its Christmas concert there with a tree for all the children. There was a players' club and many a good play was acted for the entertainment of those attending. A ball field was made on the hall property and a good baseball and softball team was formed among the young men from the settlements along the lake.

The people were contented and happy. They raised good cattle and went in for mixed farming. There was some logging and trapping. All in all, life was good in the Ootsa Lake valley.

By the year 1951 the valley region was well populated where people lived in contentment and happiness, well satisfied with what they thought was the best place in Canada, in fact in the whole world!

A MAGIC WORD This is only the beginning of the story. That year along came representatives of the Aluminum Company of Canada, telling the people, at a mass meeting at the Community Hall, that a wonderful thing was going to happen. They were going to build a dam in the Nechako valley below the watershed of Ootsa Lake. This dam would raise the water level of Ootsa Lake nearly 150 feet. The water would then run back through a tunnel to Kitimat where it would generate power for a large aluminum plant. A wonderful thing for British Columbia, as well as Canada.

Progress! A magic word. But there was a catch in it as far as the people of the Ootsa Lake valley were concerned. They were to give up their homes and land. Yes, for a price, of course. Some of these people had lived on their land for nearly fifty years.

Could any price make up to them what they were losing? Some were newer settlers, but all were here by choice, not by circumstance. They were finally paid off by Alcan and moved away—none satisfied. They all felt more or less that they had been sacrificed for progress.

This you may think to be the

Special Treat

WESTBOURNE, Man. (CP) — Freckles, a female deer, is a breakfast guest every morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Johnson. Given as a pet to their daughter, the deer gets one slice of buttered bread and two lumps of sugar.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Not just figuratively but very literally, Rt. Hon. "Jimmie" Gardiner has been worth many times his weight in gold to the Prairie farmers whom he has represented in the Federal Cabinet since 1935.

The pocket-size but formidable Minister of Agriculture, who has been crusading on behalf of the Western wheat grower on almost a 24-hour-a-day shift ever since he arrived in the Capital, tips the scales at approximately 145 pounds.

With gold at something better than \$33 an ounce, that would give him a gold value of close to \$30,000.

But in the years he has been in the Capital here Hon. "Jimmie's" cash value to Western agriculture has been well in excess of a half-billion dollars—or will be by the time the South Saskatchewan River irrigation project is built. And there's every indication at the moment that it's going to be built.

Back in the 1935 election then Conservative Prime Minister R. B. Bennett made a heavy bid for support from the Prairies. He offered the sum of \$1,000,000 per year for a period of five years to be spent upon a survey which would blue-print a plan of drought control and engineering works which the Western provinces then could carry out.

In those days \$5,000,000 was still a large sum of money. The Prairie farmers were impressed. It looked as though they might go for the Bennett offer.

But that was before Gardiner, at that time Premier of Saskatchewan, took to the hustings. He told them to elect the Liberals and the Federal Government would do more than pay for the engineering survey; it would construct the necessary engineering works as well.

It was a bold upping of the Bennett bid. The Conservatives charged that undertaking was insincere and made simply for election purposes. They warned the voters that if they trusted it they would hear nothing more about it after the polls had closed.

But the voters rejected the Conservative Bennett offer and bought the giant-size Gardiner deal. They have since had little reason to be dissatisfied with the package.

Here's what it has given them so far: Prairie Farm Assistance, \$140,000,000; Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Works, \$60,000,000; compensation for wartime British wheat agreement, \$65,000,000. That all adds up to \$265,000,000. But in addition, the great St. Mary River dam and the Bow River irrigation projects already are started, and the South Saskatchewan River project is imminent. Those three projects will boost the total safely over the \$500,000,000 figure.

SUPPORT THE MUSEUM

Editor, The Daily News: May I take a little of your valuable space to ask that the people of Prince Rupert support the Variety show "Impressions of 1952" on March 1 at 9 p.m. at the Capitol Theatre, the proceeds to aid our local museum.

The Credit Women's Breakfast Club is sponsoring this show, which is being produced and directed by Mel Thompson and Pat Bolton, who have become well known as local artists and have appeared in many of the amateur shows.

I am sure that everyone who attends will have a pleasant evening. Tickets are on sale in many of our local stores, and I am also sure that the citizens of Prince Rupert would wholeheartedly wish to support our Museum, in fact we should petition to have a real Museum in our city, a place that will attract tourists, be of interest to us locally and also an educational centre for our children.

We should have a Museum we can boast about, as Prince Rupert has many treasures which are now practically forgotten and before they become a thing of the past, they should be on display and kept for all time.

Let's all get behind this effort and see what we can do, nothing is impossible when we make up our minds, we want something.

AN INTERESTED CITIZEN.

Army Officer Finds Answer To Heat Problem In Trenches

By BILL BOSS

A Canadian colonel says he thinks he's found the answer to one of Korea's few equipment lacks—an inexpensive, safe bunker stove for the soldier manning the front-line positions.

LI-COL. Louis Trudeau, officer commanding the 1st Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment, wants Ottawa to invite Canadian industry to produce it for the army. When at the front, Trudeau's men, like all the others here, warm themselves nowadays by stoves of their own manufacture.

HOME-MADE STOVES The army gets them discarded ammunition boxes or shell cans, lengths of rubber and copper tubing and screw-taps, and tells them to make their own.

There are a variety of designs, some authorized, others not. All give heat, with more or less safety.

The 25th Canadian field dressing station receives an average of more than one severe case of burn injuries daily. Other lesser cases are treated at regimental aid posts and at the 37th Canadian field ambulance.

Trudeau says he thinks a British-issue stove the Canadians used in Italy during the winters of 1944 and 1945 is the answer. A few are available here.

For tents and messes behind the actual front the army provides United States-made gasoline stoves pot-bellied after the old Quebec heater-type wood stoves.

And another U.S.-made kerosene stove is being experimented with by Capt. Stan Campbell of London, Ont., the brigade ord-

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