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Safety Rules Pay Off

A CLEAN slate at the end of the Forest Industries Safety Week drive, in which the Columbia Cellulose Co. took part, is proof of how 100 per cent co-operation by all concerned can reduce operating hazards.

The pulp and paper industry in B.C., made up of 13 mills, was recently averaging four compensable accidents per week. To reduce this to zero must be credited to something more than just luck. The spirit of competition comes into it somewhere, which in turn keeps the instinct of self-preservation sharpened to a fine edge.

But when all is said and done, the real competition is not with the other fellow or company but with the old bogies of injury and death which are hanging around all the time, ready to take on all comers.

The enforcement of safety rules does not add to the pleasure of life, from the short-sighted point of view. It means that somebody has to be a dirty so-and-so who takes a very sour view of seemingly harmless oversights. But in the long run it adds to not only the pleasure of life but the length of it.

It also helps to avoid the painful time when you're lying in bed and the boss comes in to tell you it's your own fault. The really painful part of it is that he is probably right.

Recommended Reading

A SUGGESTED book for your library which has just been published is the Gazetteer of British Columbia. It is the second volume of the Gazetteer of Canada which was started in 1949 by the Canadian Board on Geographical Names. The first volume dealt with south-western Ontario.

The new Gazetteer contains the names of all populated places, coastal features, rivers, lakes, mountains and other topographical features presently listed in the records of B.C. Locations are given by means of short geographical descriptions, which include the names of the land districts. These land districts, which are subdivisions of the province for administrative purposes only, are shown on a map at the back of the book.

As this is the only complete gazetteer of coastal names in B.C., the book has special significance for all individuals and companies with marine interests. Its use, however, will not be restricted to specialists. The historian, the teacher and any connoisseur of names and places will be able to enjoy a study made exciting and fascinating by the Indian placenames that are used so frequently throughout to describe B.C.'s unique geographic features.

The price is one dollar and the book may be ordered from the Geographic Division of the Department of Lands and Forests, Victoria.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Ottawa reports a new issue of inknotes can be described as "him." One might never have noticed it. As a matter of fact, most of the notes we've been introduced to still show traces of malnutrition.

The Wall Street Journal offers this good advice: "It's much better to sit tight than to attempt a drive in that condition."

THINK OF IT

We chanced to skim over a grocery account from the Gosses-Miller Ltd. made out away back in 1932. A few of the items included a pound of coffee 40c, three pounds of butter 75c. There were plenty of other details, as well, but this will be taken care of in a mere nonchalant moment.

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Pioneers of Prince Rupert had to pay rent from the very beginning, and that was not so easy. Pioneers of Kitimat are not doing that. Instead they are buying a house, instead of renting it. The minimum cost is somewhere or other around \$10,000, and that does not sound so easy or simple either. But the population, in a few years won't be less than 50,000, predicts Kitimat.

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THE POPULAR PAY DAY parade is only a few days off and it is the duty of the brigade pay officers to see that the currency is available. The men of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade in Germany are paid in British BAF's (British Occupation money) and here the brigade paymaster passes out bundles of BAF's to the unit pay officers. Left to right: Major D. S. Church, East Riverside, N.B.; Lieut. J. R. Cornwall, Ottawa, and Lieut. G. D. Smith, Dorchester, N.B. (National Defence Photo)



As I See It

BY

Elmore Philpott

M.P.s To Close Gap

Is there anything new under the sun? Many students of history in Britain are pointing out the close parallel between present day McCarthyism in the U.S.A. and the hysteria whipped up by a shady character called Titus Oates in the time of Charles II.

In the British case, the hysteria was over a so-called "Ponish Plot," which turned out to be a complete phony and fake. But the revelation of the complete falsity of the charges was not established until the whole country had been demoralized, and scores of innocent people had been persecuted.

WALTER LIPPMAN seems to be one American who can keep his head when so many of his colleagues seem to have lost most of their sense of proportion.

Lippman points out that the only possible way to intervene effectively in southeast Asia would be to ask the Asian democracies to write the ticket for such intervention.

If the U.S. and her allies were simply to intervene by force in the civil war in Indo-China we would have, in effect, a new "Holy Alliance," such as the European kings set up after the Napoleonic wars.

The charter of the UN provides an excellent basis for resisting international aggression. But the charter of the UN contains no provision for intervening in civil wars—much less in colonial wars.

Surely Mr. Lippman is on solid ground when he urges the West to ask India, Burma and other such democracies, to tell us what they want us to do. If we try to tell them, or worse still, try to intervene without asking them for their advice, we are headed for big trouble.

AMERICAN newspapers are giving much space to explaining the failure of the Dulles policy at Geneva.

Surely the main reason for the failure was that political conditions in the U.S.A. were such that the Secretary of State did not feel free to do at Geneva what he was sent to do—namely, to negotiate.

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They have formed the Can-

adian NATO Parliamentary Association. This will be confined to Canadian Members of Parliament, who will meet on a non-partisan basis to study everything connected with NATO.

The Canadian MPs hope to encourage the formation of similar bodies in all other NATO countries, and to meet with such in joint sessions.

Sponsors of the Canadian move hope to arrange a conference with American senators and representatives early next year. They hope that the American-Canadian meeting will be the forerunner of the first full NATO parliamentary conference, probably at Paris, France.

The reasoning behind the formation of the new body is that the missing link in the whole western set-up is lack of recurrent consultations at the parliamentary level.

Bigger Area Assigned To Engineer
W. R. "Bill" Meighen, public works divisional engineer for Prince Rupert and Skeena West, has been given some additional territory to serve.
He has taken over the southern section of the Atlin district from District Superintendent J. W. Morris, who has been moved to Pouce Coupe. Mr. Morris also will supervise public works in North Atlin district.

Mr. Meighen made his first visit to his new territory last week, flying in to Stewart for inspection of activities of public works crews.

VICTORIA REPORT

By J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA — Some of the sightseeing bus drivers here, as they enter Beacon Hill Park, say: "Now folks, this is politicians' lane—I don't know why they call it that except because maybe it's so crooked and shady."

This wisecrack, naturally enough, brings a laugh, and it does have a certain amount of clumsy humor.

But hearing about this I couldn't help but regret such a wisecrack and wondered why politicians are always called crooked and shady, and they're automatically suspect.

Perhaps too many of them, themselves, have brought what should be an honorable calling into disrepute.

After all, politics is the basis of our form of government, and it's a pretty good basis. Has anyone a better basis to suggest?

It is by the system of politics that we, the people, rule ourselves. If politics gets into disrepute too often it is because of the lethargy of the people in their own affairs. If there was a more alert public opinion at all times, if more people would vote, politicians wouldn't be said to be shady and crooked as the sightseeing bus driver intimated they all are.

The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary defines a politician: "One versed in the theory of government, or the art of governing; one practically engaged in conducting the business of the state."

From that we see that our politicians have a tremendous responsibility. And the dictionary definition gives no suggestion that politicians should be automatically crooked and shady.

Some of them are, of course; there are crooked and shady characters in all walks of life.

True, politicians can be ruthless; there is often little loyalty in politics. But that is true elsewhere. There the many who, suave, charmingly, will use friendship in order to achieve their own ends, and who, when they've achieved it there, will search for what appears to be personal friendships elsewhere in order to achieve further ends. They use individuals as one might use the rungs of a ladder. When they leave one rung they break it; sooner or later, of course, they get to the top. Often when they have to come down they find no rungs and so they crash. Some politicians are often in that predicament, as

are other people. Premier Bennett is perhaps the most outstanding example of a politician to whom personal loyalty meant nothing, absolutely nothing.

A highly ambitious man, he was thwarted in 1946 by Herbert Ansonb.

He and Ansonb both wanted B.C. Conservative leadership. Ansonb won. Bennett's pride was hurt. He determined that day that somehow, some way, he would get the top, come what may. From that day he commenced to fight Ansonb, at first clandestinely, then openly.

In 1949, Ansonb and Bennett both Conservatives, Ansonb the leader of Bennett, the sniping of Bennett against Ansonb became so bad that a convention of the Conservative party was called. Ansonb resigned the leadership. He contested it again once more against Bennett. Ansonb again won!

Mr. Bennett thereupon was more determined than ever. He was so thwarted he could hardly contain himself. What now? How could he get to the top? The Conservatives wouldn't have him in preference to Ansonb! And so Mr. Bennett proceeded to fight Ansonb in the Legislature until he left the Coalition and the Conservatives and joined Social Credit.

Then, by those strange twists in human affairs, he made it; Ansonb crashed, though he had been forthright and honest. Mr. Bennett achieved what he set

out to achieve, the Premiership of British Columbia. Long ago his subconscious determined him to achieve that; some blind force drove him on, forced him to take any path in order to get there. He got there!

I have observed many politicians during a goodly number of years. I have seen some traitorous ones, some who would stop at nothing in order to curry public opinion, in order to make themselves feel important.

But, by and large, I would say the vast majority of our politicians are honest men and women. Sure, they like the prestige and the money, but they went into this business because they honestly thought it the best way of helping their fellows, which it is. And most of them have been highly loyal to their leaders. Fortunately, disloyalty is rather a rare vice.

So it is that most politicians shouldn't be sneered at, but thanked.

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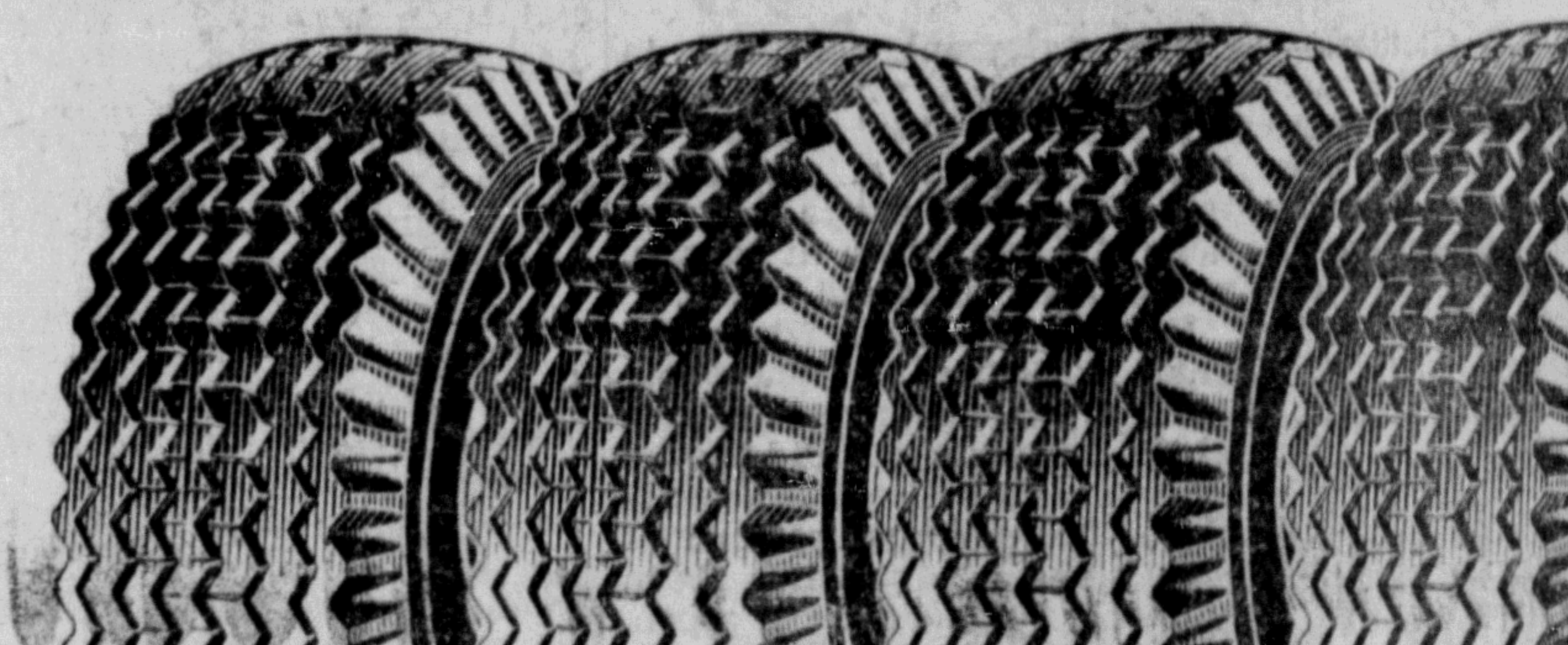
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