Experienced Employables

IN VANCOUVER there is a move afoot to prove that life should not end at 40. Sparked by a letter AS my wife and I board to one of the city newspapers, a group called Ex- the CNR train for Otta- truly be called truly remarkable. We hear much these days of commons have been working for charges of steam-roller tacties. Fixed limits for these truly remarkable. perienced Employables is in the process of forma- wait is raining in Vancou- The latest reports of the Trade hydro-electric power, so impor- a number of years on suggested But the government feels now bates, could shorten the tion to advance the cause of men over 40 who are ver. But, overnight as the and Industry department says tant in our expanding economy, rule changes, but for the most that the time has come for dras- sions of parliament constant in the changes, but for the most that the time has come for dras- sions of parliament constant in the changes, but for the most that the time has come for dras- sions of parliament constant in the changes, but for the most that the time has come for dras- sions of parliament constant in the changes, but for the most that the time has come for dras- sions of parliament constant in the changes, but for the most that the time has come for dras- sions of parliament constant in the changes, but for the most that the time has come for dras- sions of parliament constant in the changes are the contract that the time has come for dras- sions of parliament constant in the changes are the contract that the time has come for dras- sions of parliament constant in the changes are the contract that the time has come for dras- sions of parliament constant in the changes are the contract that the time has come for dras- sions of parliament constant in the changes are the contract that the time has come for dras- sions of parliament constant in the changes are the contract that the contract the changes are the cha looking for work.

In criticism of the plan, it may be argued that jout effort, up into the economic expansion." hunger respects no age limits. An unemployed man Rocky Mountain country, British Columbians, in 1954, Trade and Industry says: "Bri- uon groups. The government ing, he binted broadly that if he record, A brief pointed men of 25 may be faced with much the same problem of we reach the land of the had somewhat higher incomes tish Columbia ranks third, after members say the Opposition only were returned to power again much more difficult to keeping himself and his dependents alive as one of deep snows. 50. But the argument does not bear scrutiny for the simple reason that the younger man stands a better chance of overcoming the problem.

It has become fairly well established that men leaving 40 behind are tess likely to impress a prospective employer than their younger rivals for the job. Part of this is often due to the employer who may feel the older applicant is too near retirement age to put in a worthwhile term with the company or suspect that he has become a little slow.

But the applicant can be equally to blame: "I know from my own experience in personnel management that the older worker frequently lacks skill in selling himself," U.S. Labor Secretary James Mitchell said recently. "Often he is so affected by the shock of being unemployed that he reacts in interviews either with overtimidity or overaggressiveness. Moreover, he suffers rapid loss of morale after being repeatedly refused employment."

The truth is that the suspicious employer and the inferior-feeling older applicant are generally both wrong. Census figures prove that as they adyance in years, workers are more likely to stick with one employer, so that it is deceiving to think only in terms of retirement age. Young men "retire" from companies at a far more rapid rate than their older colleagues.

In addition, there is nothing to support the belief that efficiency in a worker decreases with age. In the U.S. a National Association of Manufacturers survey, made of 3,000 companies employing three million people, indicated that 93 per cent of the reporting companies felts that workers 45 and older were equal or superior in performance to ýounger workers.

Under the circumstances, Experienced Employables in Vancouver appear to have a good case. It is to be hoped that they succeed in destroying the myth that 40 is a point of no return in life when all the time it is just a beginning.

V/ORD comes from the Ontario government that in conjunction with the St. Lawrence Seaway development, it is intended that a St. Lawrence parks commission be formed to properly plan and llevelop a beautiful public parks system even more claborate than that at Niagara Falls. One hopes that this intention becomes a reality.

The seaway project is of course primarily economic and commercial in character, yet there is no reason why the ends of recreation and beauty can- Jects. not be served at the same time. A parks commission Would seem to be definitely in order here.

-Brockville Recorder and Times.

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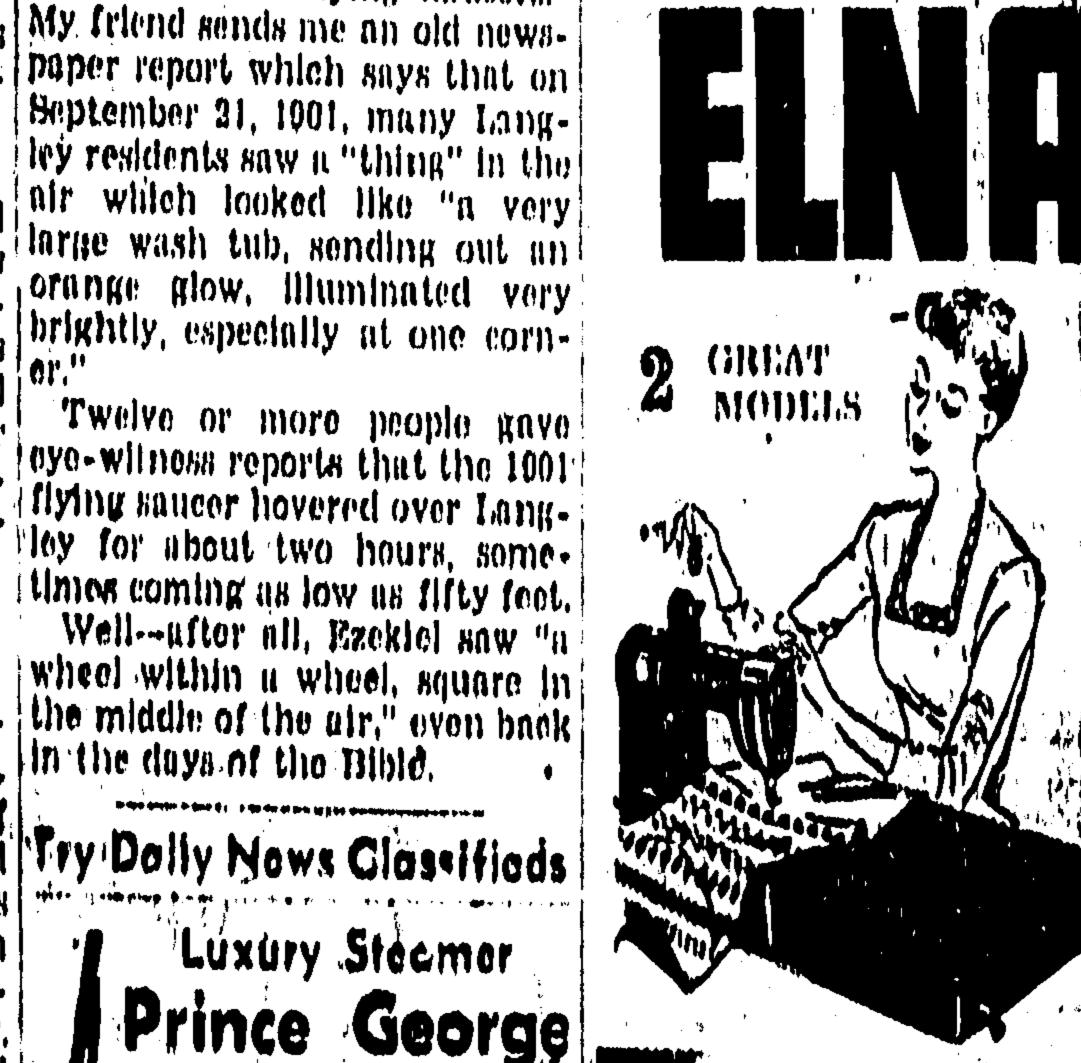
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