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Misdirected Bonanza

WHILE the residents of Port Clements are to be congratulated on their bonanza, no doubt they are as surprised as anyone that the federal government has decided to adorn their waterfront with a very expensive breakwater.

The passing years have seen this little village decline steadily in importance. Even with the best facilities, its function now as a mooring for fishing boats would be doubtful. Its industrial activity is negligible, the main logging operations there having been abandoned years ago. A census would probably disclose that most of its 15 or 20 families are dependent on the government payroll.

In these circumstances, it is extraordinary that Ottawa should decide that now is the time to spend more than $120,000 on a breakwater there.

If public funds were readily available for projects on this part of the coast, there might be no argument. Conceivably a protected harbor at Port Clements will prove of some value to fishermen, though the prospect is not impressive. But when cries of the need to economize greet our more urgent demands, this latest expenditure comes as a bewildering contradiction of policy.

If the government had been as generous in its attitude towards repairing the Cow Bay floats, for example, there is no doubt that the fishermen for whom this bonanza is intended would have been much more satisfied.

Replying To Letter

IN A letter to the editor today Alderman George Casey suggests that the Daily News accepts dictation by some mysterious body called the "intelligentsia" in its coverage of city council proceedings.

We do not know who these brain busters are and assure Mr. Casey that we care less. Imagine the plight of the harassed reporter if, after taking notes on an involved and verbose council meeting, he must take more after class from a group of conspirators! Usually he is wondering if he must work all night to write up what he already has, so that anyone with further ideas is poking his nose into disaster.

The trouble is that Ald. Casey apparently confuses reporters with politicians. The reporter gains nothing by slanted publicity. He is not running for office. He is not trying to prove anything. All he wants to do is to report the news in a fair and interesting way that readers can understand. He leaves the making of that news to others.

Mr. Casey's letter calls to mind the common experience of the press that there are always so many public figures trying to get into the act. These dignitaries believe that a news story is not complete or accurate unless they are about the only ones mentioned in it. Unfortunately they forget that they are their own most interested readers. The public has a way of wanting to know if someone else had something to say.

It's an odd and tragic fact, Mr. Casey, but it's true.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

One good turn and you have lost of the bed covers.

"I'll take a meal out occasionally but I never go to the same restaurant twice," remarked a man. To which his friend quickly replied: "I don't leave a tip either."

OPTIMIST

A girl who mistakes a bulge for a curve.—Ring Lardner.

Sixty-three millions in Australian oil shares dropped on Monday. It was just another of those little adventures. It's even some salt water was taken

Halibut fisheries can be said to be on the way back but there is nothing to feel excited about yet. Nevertheless a few points may be worth heeding. The department issued the following times for the season: Area 1B and 2, August 8; Area 3 and 3B, the far western area off the Aleutians, August 10, but the latter reopens August 15 and may not reopen until September.

About 24,000 persons attended the official opening of the BEG and that gave ample reason to suspect plain and fancy performances but which had nothing to do with sports. There were robberies and some victims felt so relieved, they wept.

Field Marshal Viscount Alexander of Tunis will be back overseas are long following his visits to Washington and Ottawa and Vancouver. The big shows will shortly be over and affairs will all quiet down. But there is one little yarn that still remains untold. A brace of old pals chanced to meet. Said one "Hello Alex." said the other "Hello Ike."

A SNACK BAR for pooches is the service offered by a Vienna, Austria, pet shop. Hot and tired from a shopping trip with their masters, the dogs can stop by the bar and refresh themselves with free food and fresh water, which is changed every five minutes. A sign over the feeding place reads: "Dog Bar."

Output of Leather Industry Below 1919 Production Level

MONTREAL (CP)—The machine age may have speeded up most industries but it still takes as long now as it did 100 years ago to change a cow's hide into a pair of shoes.

Although most processes in the leather industry have been mechanized, the tanning process is still a time-consuming one, the National Canadian Bank says in a newsletter devoted to a study of the industry.

Despite modern chemicls which have replaced tree bark puices, it still takes almost the same number of steps to prepare animal hide for use, the bank study found.

Drying the hides and removing hair and bits of flesh takes anywhere up to a month. The second phase consists in the tanning, with chemicals, juices and various oils being worked into the hide. Then the tanned hide is submitted to different treatments, mostly mechanical, to curry and shape it for the shoemaker or other ultimate destination.

The processes can stretch out for several months, depending on the leather quality desired.

The Canadian leather industry has had sharp ups and down in this century. In 1919, leather production was valued at $45,000,000. This dropped to $14,000,000 in 1932 recovered somewhat before the Second World War and zoomed to a record $70,000,000 in 1947.

However in 1952, the last year for which complete figures are available, the leather industry's production had dropped again, to $46,000,000 -considerably below the 1919 figure if the decreased value of the dollar is considered.

Ontario leads in production with about 85 per cent. Most production is centred in Montreal and Toronto.

FRUSTRATES YEGGMEN

A combination padlock has been perfected with a built-in "sound effect" that frustrates the lock-picking trick of "feeling" or "hearing" tumbler clicks

Airlift Planned If Rail Workers Go Out on Strike

CALGARY (CP)—Gordon Wood of Montreal, TCA vice-president, said in an interview here that TCA is organizing a trans-Canada airlift for use in the event 135,000 railway non-operating employees strike.

Mr. Wood, visiting TCA western terminals, said TCA is "prepared down to the last detail" for any emergency which might arise out of a strike.

"We would cut down our overseas service and put as many planes as possible on the domestic lines," he said. "It would mean a virtual air-lift, a reshuffling of schedules, extra man-hours for all TCA staffers and an overwhelming increase in air cargo work."

Price Index Up in June

OTTAWA (CP)—The consumer price index rose by one-tenth of a point in June to 116.2 from 116.1. It was the second consecutive monthly increase in living costs.

The jump, however, was sharply below the increase of three-fifths of a point in May, which was the biggest rise in 30 months. The index is based on 1949 prices equaling 100.

As in the previous month, the June advance was sparked by higher prices for some foods, as well as rents and home-ownership costs.

There were price advances in June for eggs, beef, lamb, fresh and canned fruits, potatoes, coal, cleaning supplies, paid household help and a number of hardware items. Rises also were noted for newspaper rates and local transportation fares.

These advances generally overbalanced declines for pork, lard, sugar and some fresh vegetables, as well as a few furniture items and appliances as well as nylon hosiery.

THE LETTERBOX

QUERIES REPORTING

The Editor,
The Daily News.

I strongly object at the way City Council meetings are reported to the public. Ridiculous is too mild a word in description. Apparently it matters not what is said but who said it is all that counts. I prefer the Swede version, which says one man is just as good as another and a darn sight better.

Of course I do not know who compiles the reports that are published in The Daily News. But I am inclined to think that certain members of the City Council have more to do with it than has the reporter.

It may be I am old and dumb and do not understand modern reporting or journalism. Where the stuff comes from that gets in The Daily News reports I have no idea. I notice that after each council meeting the "intelligentia" surround the reporter and it is my opinion that there the menu is prescribed for public consumption. That is my version, let the chips fall where they may.

ALD. GEORGE B. CASEY.

A FRUSTRATING SIGHT to any G.I. barber is Pfc. Reginald Nellalsingh of the 10th Ordnance repair shop at Giessen, Germany, who has been granted special permission by the Pentagon to keep his long mane. Nellalsingh and his brother, who's in the Army and stationed at Aberdeen, Md., are members of an Indian Sikh caste which forbids its male members to cut their hair. The Army respects the tradition and also has plenty of respect for the brothers themselves who are first-class soldiers.

All Aboard By G.E. Mortimore

At the British Empire Games in Vancouver, lawn bowlers have been the target of certain coarse ridicule.

Instead of the packed stadium, the thunder of applause, this orphan among British Empire Games events had vacant seats, subdued conversation and thin bursts of polite clapping. Old men puffed gnarled pipes. Some of the players were grandfathers.

Yet lawn bowling is a game of high skill, and rich with history. Drake finished his game of bowls before he sailed to meet the Spaniards. Those pesky Spaniards could have saved everyone a lot of trouble if they had sent a lawn bowling team to England instead of an Armada—although the British would probably have beaten them all the same.

We Canadians had better think twice before we scoff at those men who travelled thousands of miles to roll a big black ball along the grass at a little white one.

Think back to the last Olympic Games—as distinct from the Empire Games. In that contest, Canada won a solitary gold medal—for trap shooting. Now there is an unlikely sport. It doesn't seem to be Olympic material at all.

If they have trap-shooting, they might also have dice-shooting—to give Harlem polo its polite name. Many people swear that this is a game of skill. They say that the dice show signs of intelligence and will respond to kindness.

So if the spectators see a group of athletes kneeling in a circle on the turf at the next Empire Games, with cries of "seven come eleven" "Natch me, bones," and "Baby needs new shoes," they will know that dice has been added to the list of BEG events.

One good thing about having non-athletic events at the Games is that it gives us non-athletes something to shoot for. I have never played lawn bowls, but with a little effort I can conjure up a day-dream in which I am bowling for Canada at the Empire Games. On the other hand, I just can not raise a mind-picture of myself running the mile. Not even my imagination is that athletic.

At the Empire Pool in Vancouver, spectators were amused between races by girls who gave demonstrations of water ballet. This is a kind of submarine dance which allows the watcher a fine view of the performers' foot waving above the water. Very graceful feet they are, too.

The swimming pool announcer said that devotees of water ballet were plugging to have this pastime added to the list of international competitions. I hear that the Vancouver Majorettes and Baton-Twirlers' Association walked off with a big baton-twirling prize in the U.S.A. Perhaps we will have a baton twirling event as well.

As an afterthought, perhaps not. The BEG does not allow team sports. But the way is open for some other mild and pleasant games to sneak into the card. For instance: darts, croquet, pie-eating, hopscotch, arm-wrestling and bobbing for toffee apples.

The next Empire Games will be in Cardiff in 1958. If some of us begin practising now, we may have the honor of representing our country there at snakes and ladders.

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