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## Drydock Issue Looks Better

MUCH credit is due the city drydock committee for the progress it has made towards finding a solution to the thorny problem for which it was established.

There is, of course, a great deal of ground still to be covered. Interest in the right source has been created but there is by no means a guarantee that any signatures will go on the dotted line.

However, as chairman Orme Stuart remarked, the outlook is brighter than it has been since the property was put up for sale. If the prospects become fact, Prince Rupert will have a going concern on its waterfront which, under private ownership, may reach new levels of activity.

To those who attended the last committee meeting it was apparent that Ted Applewhaithe has done a great deal of work for which he has not received recognition. Although the drydock is an explosive issue, it cannot be explosively handled. Since the CNR was convinced it could not operate the plant economically, there was no alternative but to look for another owner. This was a task calling more for patience and care than for oratory.

Mr. Applewhaithe's part in finding a prospective buyer has been a valuable one. Some day it may be possible to tell the whole story but any premature remarks will do only harm.

There are others, too, who have made important contributions towards raising our hopes that a satisfactory solution will be reached. In fact, whatever its outcome, the issue will go on record as one in which all factions and interests joined in an effort to do what is best for Prince Rupert.

If every dark cloud has a silver lining, that, in the now famous case of the drydock, must be it.

## Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

The steamship Prince George—or rather passengers travelling on her during June—are still remembering that month. June 17th was the 37th anniversary of the arrival of the "Golden Hind" in Drake's Bay, near what was to become the Bay of San Francisco. On the day set for flying the Cross of St. George, the Prince George was at Prince Rupert in the morning, and by late afternoon reached Ketchikan, Alaska. And O Boy, wasn't everybody historically minded?

"Do you want the two-dollar steak or the three-dollar one?" the waitress asked.

"What's the difference?"

"With the three dollar steak," she explained, "you get a sharp knife."

### A.R. SHOULD KNOW

More unemployment of the second half of this year than last day, the B.C. Labour Minister thinks. He was one of the first to forecast it, and never worried to suggest a more hopeful situation.

June was a tough month. Twice as many were seeking jobs as in the same month the year previous. Sometimes you meet a fellow who doesn't tell you what he's doing.

There's said to be no fewer than sixteen different nationalities represented in or around Kitimat, performing the round jobs, and incidentally doing their best to learn the English language. For it's a disadvantage being unable to pick up the B.C. lingo. Suppose you worked in Yugoslavia—but couldn't speak it?

Signs in an Osage, Iowa, fire station: "May our fire department be like the old maid in this town—ever ready but never called on."

From its derivation, the word "classic" means first class.

### THIS WEATHER BUSINESS

After all, perhaps one of the reasons we talk so much about weather is that there does not seem much else to do. The mental exercise that comes to us as a consequence of discussing the climate can hardly be said to enrich the mind. At a matter of fact, if we studied a few hours daily, instead of indulging in idle chatter, we would be better informed and know lots more concerning nature.

Ten dollars reward for south side apartment. Large enough to hold up to ten billion keep young wife from going home to mother. Small enough and McNaughton, the cheapest building material, iron costing only electrical power in the whole world.

Mr. J. F. Bouzek, Canadian Customs officer here, and his family have left by plane for a vacation in the south. Mr. R. H. Handy is here as relieving officer.

Mission boat "Willie Shank" was in Stewart last week, conducting Vacation Bible School classes.

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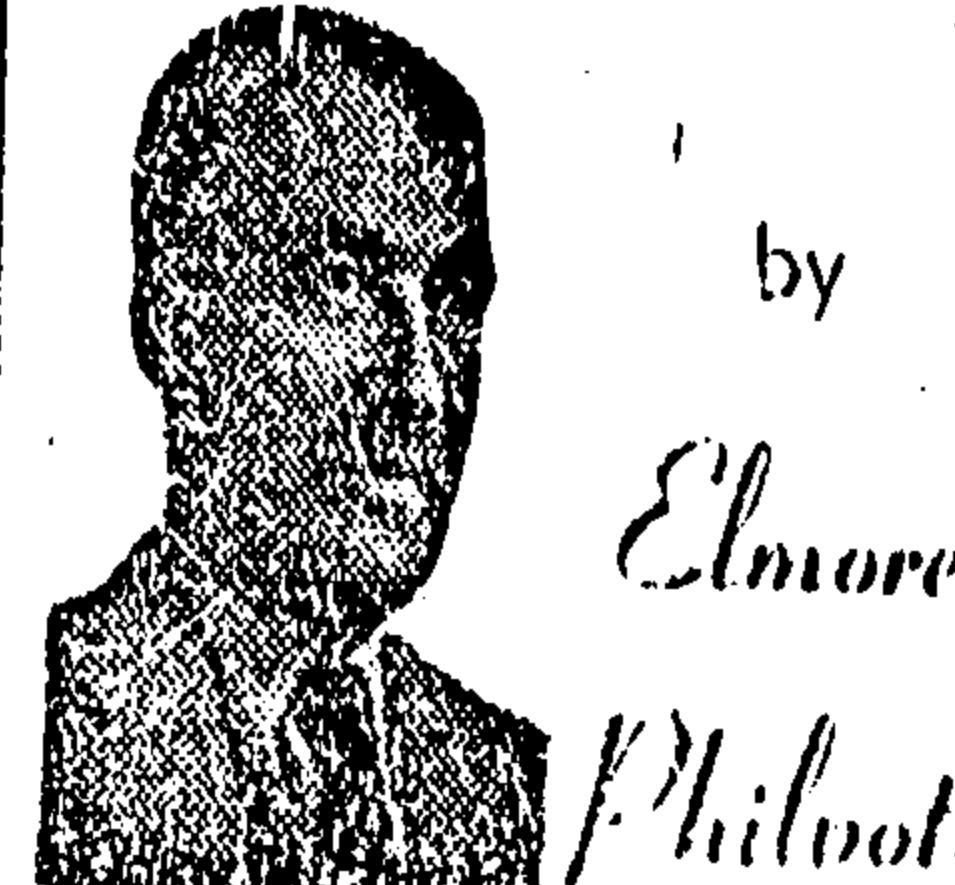
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## As I See It



No Gas—No Power!

THE time has come when Canada should talk like a Dutch uncle to Uncle Sam.

We should tell Uncle Sam, in four-letter words, that if he won't admit our B.C. gas, then he can't have any part of our B.C. waterpower.

Only a few weeks ago the U.S. Federal Power Commission rejected the application of the Westcoast Transmission Company to supply gas to the states of Washington and Oregon.

Yet now Uncle Sam is making overtures to Canada to build a huge water storage basin on the Upper Columbia river.

Uncle Sam wants it both ways.

CANADA needs the U.S. market for our natural gas. Otherwise the tendency will be to build a small-sized feeder pipeline down from the Peace River or Alberta.

It boils down to this. If the doors to the U.S. gas market are kept tight shut to B.C. gas, the cost of gas to Vancouver users is going to be a lot higher than it need be.

In other words, if Uncle Sam will act as a good neighbor and admit our B.C. gas, on the same basis as he now admits our electric power, then B.C. users can get cheap gas supply too.

But if Uncle Sam won't admit our B.C. gas then we will have to pay a good deal more for our natural gas, delivered in Vancouver.

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CANADA holds all the aces and a couple of jokers, in this international poker game that Uncle Sam has started by playing a Texas joker.

We think Uncle Sam needs our B.C. electricity more than Canada needs the market for our natural gas.

We agree that it is none of our business if the U.S. Federal Power Commission chooses to pay off a Republican party political debt by awarding the gas supply contract in the State of Washington to distant Texas. But it is very much our business whether we allow any works on the Kootenay and Columbia Rivers, to increase Uncle Sam's supply of cheap electrical power.

Canada has it completely within her legal and moral power to permit the U.S. plans for large water storage basins; or to reject these plans. There are various versions of the general scheme. One preferred by U.S. authorities, is based on dams at Crows Flats in B.C. and would mainly benefit the Libby Dam in U.S. A Canadian-preferred alternative would reverse part of the flow of the Kootenay, north into the Columbia. This is literally a tidal scheme, which

cannot play the poker game both ways. He can't keep out our B.C. gas with one hand, and grab in great handfuls of cheap B.C. power with the other.

It is quite true that the shilly-shallying between two rival western Canadian gas companies has played into the hands of the Texans. The southern Alberta gas interests and the Peace River gas interests have simply cancelled each other out and allowed Texas to grab the state of Washington gas market—though that is right next door to B.C.

But, for once, Canada can borrow the words of a great American hero, John Paul Jones:

"We have not yet begun to fight."

If Uncle Sam wants a fight on this gas business—perhaps because Texas voted Republican in the 1948 election—they Canadians should take up the challenge.

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## VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—Once more the Conservatives have no representation in the B.C. Legislature, year to keep the CCF down.

Dr. Lorenzo Giovanido, Nanaimo, only Conservative in the House the last two sessions, is no longer a Conservative.

After that extraordinary Tory meeting in Vernon when B.C. Conservatives tried to stop down their national leader, George Drew, Dr. Giovanido said he'll sit in future as an independent.

It would seem now that the Conservatives are through in B.C. There's no doubt they committed suicide at Vernon. They so downed-and-outed themselves that it seems impossible they can ever come back.

The Conservatives have had two periods of glory in British Columbia in 50 years—under Richard McBride, 1903-15; under Simon Tolmie, 1928-32.

The McBride Government was born a sickly child, but under "Handsome Dick's" persuasive leadership, soon grew stout and inewy, so stout and sinewy that the Liberals were unable to beat it down for more than 12 long years.

The current Conservative fiasco is another break for Premier Bennett. Politically, so far, he's the luckiest politician in all get-out. It was really he who started the Conservative debacle which reached its climax in Vernon, when he quit the Conservatives in 1951.

Thereafter he did his best to eliminate them; now the Conservatives themselves have helped the Premier achieve one of his greatest political ambitions.

The Premier will now be able to concentrate on the Liberals.

## Sacred To Mark 2nd Anniversary

VANCOUVER (CP) — A "Social Credit Day" dance and reception will be held here Aug. 2 to celebrate the B.C. Social Credit government's second anniversary.

Among those expected are Health Minister Eric Martin, Attorney-General Robert Bonner, Noel Murphy, president of the Social Credit League of B.C., and party members of the legislature.

Premier Bennett, who has officially declared Aug. 2 "Social Credit Day," is not expected to attend. He will take part in celebrations in his home riding of South Okanagan.

## LARGE FARMING AREA

Two-thirds of the land area of New Zealand is suitable for farming.

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## OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. MACLEOD

The St. Laurent government, illement Hill observes, it seemed has discovered that foreign policy is a good deal like appetite: the more you feed it, the more it grows.

Thus in the early days of Hon. Lester Pearson's elevation from civil servant to cabinet minister, enthusiasm for foreign policy was almost the chief characteristic of the government. Ministers and MPs alike looked confidently to foreign policy for a solution of national as well as international ills. The number of cabinet ministers abroad at top-level diplomatic meetings became accepted as a yardstick for measuring the success of government policy. The external affairs portfolio was well on its way to becoming the most important post no longer shows promise of becoming the key portfolio in the government. It has been cut back to size.

Fundamentally the government's "new look" in foreign policy is due to its realization of the insatiable costs in both money and manpower to which keeping up with the Jones' in the diplomatic world was leading. In the space of only a few years the government found itself with a multi-billion dollar budget on its hands required mainly for its commitments under foreign treaties. In addition, Canada had two armies overseas—one in Korea and one in West Germany—in a time of nominal peace. This nation had become amazingly the number one air-power on continental Europe west of the Iron Curtain. No other country could put 150 fighting jet planes into the air at the one time. Even Great Britain could only duplicate that feat by calling in her overseas air strength.

There could only be one eventual reaction to that developing picture: sooner or later the government had to recognize that it was growing at a rate disproportionate to the taxation ability of a nation of just 15,000,000 people. That recognition has come, and the more cautious, but also less expensive, Mackenzie King policy is in esteem once more, with indications that the swing back to it is going to be no less rapid than was the plunge a few short years ago into the vortex of internationalism.



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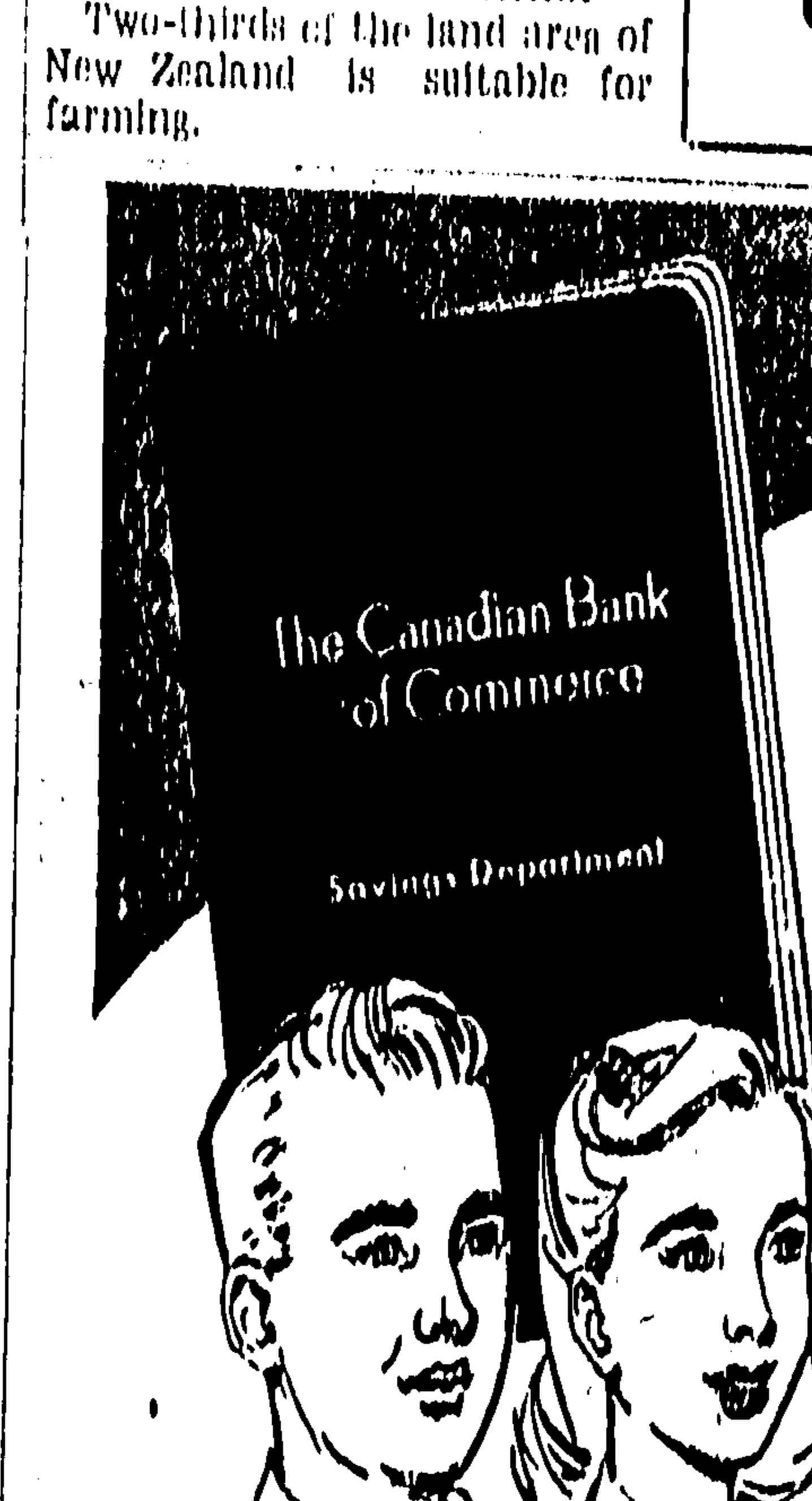
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