

Matter of Great Importance

PRINCE RUPERT ratepayers, District 52 school board and even the children who will be in high school by 1960 have a crucial four years ahead of them, when the detailed report of Dr. William Plenderleith, department of education co-ordinator, is taken into consideration. Whether the two first mentioned bodies like the idea or not, more secondary school classroom space has to be provided if the estimate of 1,000 junior-senior high school students by 1960 is anywhere near correct. Past experience with principals' projected figures of school population have shown us that it must be.

Dr. Plenderleith has given both the public and the school trustees a wide range of choices for action to be taken to remedy the situation. His survey, made on the spot here, is no fly-by-night check, that can be dismissed with a shrug and forgotten until the ratepayers find themselves faced with a referendum and wondering what it is all about. Every parent and every ratepayer should read yesterday's published account of Dr. Plenderleith's report until they are familiar with every phase of the tremendous problem facing the school district. The school board wasted no time in setting up a strong committee to make a thorough study of the different plans to ensure that whatever choice it makes will be in the best interests of not only the increasing school population but the tax-payers who foot the bill. Right at this moment they can look to Roosevelt Park school, now almost completed, which Dr. Plenderleith assured the board will help keep elementary school level accommodation stationary for some time to come. Yet even now new boundary lines between Roosevelt Park school and King Edward school are being drafted to take care that there will be no overflow at the latter.

It is too early for anyone to speak in favor of any of the seven plans suggested by Dr. Plenderleith for high school accommodation in this city, whether the choice is based on the demolition of the old Booth school or the retention of it. It is not to be supposed for a moment that the school board was happy to have to ask for a survey or be placed in the position of telling the public that more school space is needed, when the \$243,000 Roosevelt Park school is not yet occupied. Long-range planning is definitely called for in this instance for with school costs based on an average figure of \$13,500 per room, 1959 to 1960 will be no time for frantic last-minute action. The hard cold facts have been placed before the board and the ratepayers. Facilities have to be provided in time if swing shifts and disorganized education is to be avoided. Study the facts well for sooner or later you are going to have to vote on the matter. It is going to be sooner.

And Proud Of It!

A FEW days ago four youths of advanced 'teen age were in Fort William court, charged and convicted of disorderly conduct while under the influence, two of them as second offenders.

Believe it or not, there are youngsters of this kind who consider such things as an opportunity to strut their records before acquaintances; somewhat after the manner of the New York entertainer who, being charged in connection with a shooting, commented that "you cannot buy this kind of publicity."

Thus such things go back to others who are willing to bestow their admiration.

—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

As I See It

By
Elmore
Philpott

\$10 Prize for Stamp

THE Postmaster General has said that he would welcome suggestions for a special stamp to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of British Columbia.

Just to help the idea along I hereby offer a cash prize of \$10 for the best sketch of a proposed stamp to celebrate this occasion.

The contest is open to any girl or boy who lives in B.C. and is not over 18 years of age.

Simply make your sketch preferably in black and white and forward it to Elmore Philpott, MP, House of Commons, Ottawa. I will announce the winner and perhaps publish the winning design in this space. But in any event I shall pass on to the Postmaster General all the best suggestions. Will it be a thunderbird, or what?

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IN THE recent contest held by Liberty magazine to help pick a new flag for Canada there were about 2500 entries. The contest was divided into two sections—that is one for adults and one for youngsters in their teens.

I was one of the judges and we were given a selection of what were given the 50 best designs from the total of 2500.

To my way of thinking, the entries submitted by the youngsters were on the whole, far better than those submitted by the adults.

The winner was a Toronto boy whose flag design was as follows: In the upper staff corner is the Union Jack. The field of the flag is white. It carries a large single golden maple leaf with a circle of ten small golden leaves around it.

The design is simple and good—but in my opinion would be improved if the maple leaves had been red instead of gold. The red leaf shows up better on the white background.

If gold maple leaves are to be used then we might just as well take the present unofficial red ensign and change only that part where the so-called coat-of-arms now appears.

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AT LEAST 99 per cent of all the entries in the Liberty contest agreed on one thing—and one thing only: That is that the maple leaf must be the dominant feature of any national flag for Canada.

But there was no agreement on the main question—should the new flag contain the Union Jack or should it be exclusively Canadian?

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I AM swinging to the opinion that the way to end the impasse in Canada over the national flag is to make this a two-flag country, just as we are a two-language country.

There are a good many people who will always want to fly the Union Jack, which has always been considered as the flag of the whole British Commonwealth.

Canada is proud of her place in that Commonwealth, and a very large percentage of Canadians would hate to see any change made which would appear, even mistakenly, to weaken our Commonwealth connection.

But on the other hand, there is a great and steadily growing percentage of people in all parts of Canada who want the flag of our own, first, last and all the time 100 per cent Canadian.

So, why not let them both have what they want—having two official flags for Canada to march side by side in all military parades and to fly from twin flag poles in place of equal honor, or from single flag poles on alternate days?

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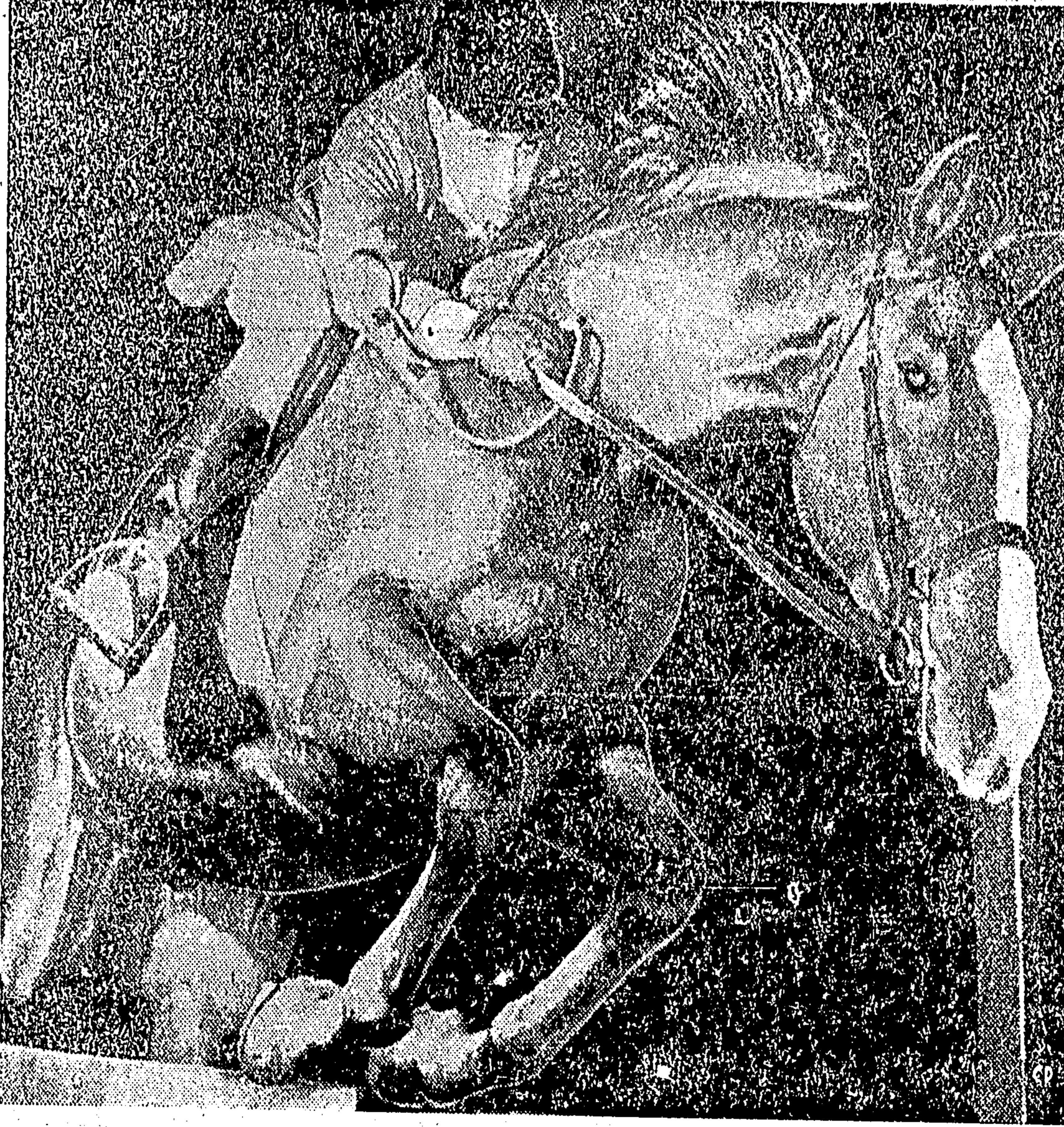


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VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY NEWS

CHICAGO—Hospital costs will continue to increase at about 5 per cent annually for many years," predicts Ray E. Brown, president of the American Hospital Association.

"Only by the best efforts of hospital boards, administrators, medical staffs and all members of the hospital team can costs be held within that level of increase."

Mr. Brown, who is superintendent of the University of Chicago clinics, based his prediction on a study he has made on hospital assets. The total value of all short-term general hospitals was increased more than 30 per cent during the past nine years."

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SPECIAL TO THE DAILY NEWS

ures which permit the physician to diagnose and treat more varied and more complex conditions requiring a more exacting control and increased use of existing procedures. Cursory studies made on this question indicate that the number of routine procedures per patient per day has increased more than 30 per cent during the past nine years."

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Stuart Resigns

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 10—President Eisenhower today accepted the resignation of R. Douglas Stuart as ambassador to Canada and nominated Livingston T. Merchant, now an assistant secretary of state, to succeed him.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said Stuart is leaving because of "personal and business reasons."

Merchant, whose nomination is subject to Senate confirmation, now is assistant secretary of state for European affairs.

He accompanied Eisenhower to the summit conference at Geneva last July and also was at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., last month for the president's talks with Canadian and medieval leaders.

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MACLEOD

One of the genuinely significant attention was paid to it at the time. For the European post-recess budget has succeeded Payments Union (EPU) accounts in raising into shore funds for more \$50,000,000,000 in international trade annually. This is making these days as a basic little better than 30 per cent and required currency for international trade.

The movement back to the yellow metal started almost in spite of itself currency of upwards of 00 world monetary experts say per cent of international trade, several months ago. Little attention the come-back which the yellow metal is in process of making because most of the monetary obvious. The experts don't like experts were committed desirably to their undertakings to good and sufficient in their eyes, make inconvertible paper currencies—namely, the fact that gold currencies substitute satisfactorily in the international currency field; the

With gold restored as the official currency, the world's second largest economy experts who had sponsored production of gold, Canada has an important stake in the fortunes import, export and exchange of the yellow metal. There is the control. Their previous indulgence in Parliamentary moments of gold presented them with the qualifications required from a universally acceptable currency.

But the fact that the monetary bureaucrats were too stubborn to admit the failure of their paper currencies and return to gold didn't prevent practical world traders from sizing up the situation realistically. The use of gold for the settlement of international balances expanded steadily, if without the benefit of economic spotlight. While the so-called experts were proclaiming the importance of exchange and import-export restrictions which were drying up international trade wherever they operated, realistic world traders were entering into deals based on gold. And the more gold returned to practical use, the more international trade expanded.

Finally, the European Payments Union adopted gold some months ago as its official and required medium for the settlement of international balances. The decision was the turning point in the fortunes of gold, although

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