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B.C. Must Be Cautious

IN HIS address here George Hees showed good sense in drawing attention to the need for more vigorous development of British Columbia hydro electric power. It is a subject with considerable audience appeal, particularly in this part of the province, because with increasing emphasis we are looking to our water resources as the main key for opening up B.C. But the program of development must never be pressed at sacrificial expense.

Mr. Hees warned against an easy surrender of Columbia River power to the United States. The same need for caution applies equally to northern power and maybe more so, because as time goes on the temptations probably will prove greater. The vast potential of the Yukon headwaters which, at an estimated 4.5 million horsepower is almost a fifth of that of the whole province, has proved a source of fascination to U.S. industry ever since the great Kitimat venture was launched. With Alaska so close by, there would be a certain superficial logic in letting American interests have a major part in its development. In fact, some Canadians have gone so far as to suggest that participation by this country is feasible only if Canadian corridors are established through the Alaska panhandle.

This kind of vacuous thinking points up the need for care in utilizing the potential, even if it means a few years of delay. They are years that in the long run could put B.C. expansion far ahead of what it otherwise might be. The water power development of this province will not be advanced by a blind refusal to talk business with anyone else. But B.C. will be the loser if the guiding principle of development is speed at any price.

Amendments Desirable

NUMBERS of British Columbia municipalities have now decided to dispense with the obsolete road and poll taxes of other days. They have found themselves hampered in this by the present state of provincial law, which gives the authority but has not yet removed the contingent effects of the former levies on other civic matters. Thus Victoria City required a year to get rid of its poll and road tax. Similarly, Esquimalt has found the anomaly of a $2 fee coupled with registration on the municipal voters' list. Simple amendments in one or more B.C. statutes at the next session could clear up these obstacles with very little difficulty.

The municipal voting restriction did not arrive in the statute by accident. It was once held that a voter had to show proof of his civic consciousness and responsibility in some tangible form. Ratepaying was the obvious first choice, and its derivatives by way of road and poll taxes were part of the original concept. Today however conditions have changed radically insofar as the municipalities are concerned. Road and poll levies have become "nuisance" levies, costing in collection out of proportion to their results. Even more acutely, fee-paying should be separated from a "free" and secret ballot. There is no reason to doubt that if the municipalities request legislative action on the matter it will be forthcoming in due course.

While they are about it, the municipalities no doubt will examine other obsolete requirements in the municipal law, the base of which was laid down years ago under much different conditions in British Columbia.

—Victoria Colonist.

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OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

It may be just a coincidence or it may be that daily pressure of events is setting political nerves on edge. But whatever the cause, the fact is clear that Liberal cabinet ministers are highly allergic these days to what is written in the press.

In one 24-hour period during the past week no less than three cabinet ministers—including Rt. Hon. Mr. St. Laurent himself—had letters in the Ottawa press protesting things that newspapermen had said about them.

It was an all-time high for that sort of controversy. In the past there has never been more than one minister at a time engaged in the unprofitable pursuit of trying to have the last and most effective word in an argument with an editor or a political writer.

The three cabinet ministers involved in the past week's breach of the peace between the government and press correspondents were the PM, Justice Minister Stuart Garson and Fisheries Minister James Sinclair.

Of the trio the PM was easily the most vigorous and the most embittered. He took a towering verbal belt at the press gallery correspondents during one of his rare conference meetings with them. News men couldn't escape the feeling that one of the PM's motives in agreeing to the meeting had been the opportunity it would give him for getting some of his anti-press views off his chest. His complaints seemed scarcely equal to the violence of his feelings. An editorial criticizing the manner of dismissal of RCAF clerk Stanley Staples had aroused his irritation. In addition, he was put out by the treatment in the press of his proposal to do something for retiring PC chieftain George Drew.

In the main the correspondents ignored the PM's outburst. The Rt. Hon. Mr. St. Laurent didn't recover from his peeve so easily. The next day he dispatched a lengthy letter of complaint to the editor of the local Ottawa Journal.

Almost side-by-side with the PM's letter were missives in similar vein from cabineteers Sinclair and Garson. The Fisheries Minister was stirred by a misquotation arising out of the visit of his recent Soviet colleague. Justice Minister Garson took issue with views a columnist had expressed on the Staples case.

What impresses veteran parliament hill observers about the sudden urge on the part of the cabinet to rush into print is the fact that under normal circumstances none of the matters at issue would have been considered worthy of serious protest. The interpretation being generally placed upon them is that they disclose a high state of nerves as existing in cabinet circles.

Ranchers Plan Winter Shipping

SMITHERS — Bulkley Valley cattle ranchers, hard pressed by a critical hay shortage, will ship about 3,000 head of cattle to Edmonton this month.

District agriculturist Ken Jamieson said Wednesday it will be the first time that ranchers have been forced to consider winter sales.

"The 6,000 head in Bulkley Valley will be reduced by 50 per cent or more," he said. "It will take three or four years for them to build up their herds."

Dairymen are purchasing feed with provincial government loans through the Distress Area Assistance Act.

B.C. Power Commission "Progress"

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Problem-Plagued Power Men Still Able To See Funny Side

VICTORIA—B.C. Power Commission people, working hard to keep up with power demand in this area and throughout the province, can still see the humor in many of the daily problems which beset them.

The cartoon reproduced above is from the Commission's employee magazine "Progress," which went out this week to its 2,600 readers across B.C.

The cartoon, and a number of others which brighten the pages of "Progress," is the work of editor, J. W. "Bill" Fellows, of the Public Information Division.

Feature of the publication this month is a six-page section of photographs illustrating the work being carried out at the Commission's Georgia generating station at Chemainus and the Upper Campbell lake and Elko Falls projects on Campbell river. There is also an article on inter-connection of the lines of the Commission in the Okanagan Valley with those of the West Kootenay Power Company in the Slocan Valley, and an explanation, in layman's terms, of the meaning of power "demand."

THE LETTERBOX

COMMENDS RCMP

The Editor,
The Daily News:

On the question of police protection in this city a quotation was attributed to me which would indicate that I felt that local police officers were not capable of meeting an emergency such as that which occurred outside a local cafe recently.

Such was most definitely not the case. I feel that our RCMP officers are to be commended for the fine job that they do, and what I wished to imply in my statement to council on Tuesday night was that I felt that properly trained police officers such as we have are of much greater value in such cases than so-called "bouncers," who would merely move the affray out onto the street where the problem could easily become one of drastically increased proportions.

As a citizen of the city of Prince Rupert, I emphatically state that I am in favor of law and order in its infinite sense, and will always be available in upholding the same in this or any community. That, I feel is one of the privileges one gets as a citizen.

Alderman G. P. Woodside,
Prince Rupert.

Poster Contest Winners Named

Two 12-year-old Booth Memorial High school students were announced winners in the Prince Rupert portion of a Canada-wide poster contest, based on the theme of "Visit Your Museum," yesterday afternoon at the Museum of Northern British Columbia by curator Mrs. Jocelyn Bolton.

Mrs. Bolton welcomed all 30 entrants and thanked them for their support in the national contest, sponsored by the United Nations Education, Social and Cultural Organization, backed in Prince Rupert by the Prince Rupert Jaycee-Ettes and the local museum board.

Presenting winners, Donald Martin and Marlene Lazornek with their prizes of the book "Soogwilis" written and compiled by Dr. R. G. Large, was vice-president of the local Jaycee-Ettes, Mrs. G. D. Poffenroth, poster contest chairman.

Mrs. Bolton congratulated the winners, wishing them and the other contestants further success in their art work.

Judging the excellent posters were Mrs. G. A. Hill, N. A. Beketov and P. F. P. Bird.

The two prize winning posters were sent to Ottawa for international competition, being held in conjunction with "National Museum Week" October 7 to 14.

Other contestants were Donald Magor, Larry Veitch, Peter Sampson, Richard Reekie, Tom Harding, R. Anderson, Larry Lindseth, Marie Radsdale, Derek Bartlett, Dianna Pierce, Marcia Mah, Linda Ferguson, Priscilla Maki, Richard Harris, Lorne Sinclair, Jennifer Large, Bruce Mitchell, Billy Pearson, Jimmy Tough, D. Scott, Wayne Watmough, Laraine Dickens, Donna Anderson, Peter Van Tankeron, Heather Haldane, Donna Long, Donna Roach, Karen McBride.

Museum Briefs

By JOCELYN BOLTON

This is Museum International Week, and we hope that everyone will feel free to come and visit the museum, especially on Sunday, October 14, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a sandwich. Mrs. Vern Ciccone is convening the tea party and we know that she and her organization, the "Jaycee Ettes," are planning a very enjoyable affair. The Credit Women's Breakfast club members are helping with refreshments and we take this opportunity of thanking both these organizations for their interest in the museum and for helping during the whole season. The museum has been the project of the CWBC for many years now, in fact since the club was first organized and during the present year the Jaycee-Ettes have taken an active interest in the museum. Mrs. G. D. Poffenroth was chairman in charge of poster contest and we believe were extremely pleased with the 30 entries. Yesterday all contestants were invited to the museum when the two winners were announced, namely Donald Martin who won first prize and Marlene Lazornek second. These posters were forwarded to the National Museum in Ottawa for final judging. International Museum Week is world-wide and was sponsored by UNESCO.

We hope you have noticed our posters at the museum, also in windows around town, they came from Paris, France, and will be in evidence all over the world during this week.

On Sunday we must ask that children be accompanied by their parents. Children are always welcome at the museum, but on a day like Sunday we feel that they should be with their parents as we hope to have many visitors and we do want those who pay us a call to see the exhibits and enjoy their tea.

May we also extend our sincere thanks to The Daily News and to radio station CFPR for their cooperation and for all the trouble they have gone to to make Museum Week a success. John F. Magor of The Daily News headed the museum advertising committee and Rod Falconer of CFPR has worked very hard to make the broadcasts interesting. Many thanks to all who have been kind.

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Outgoing Grain Shipments Set Record For Churchill

(Special To The Daily News)

WINNIPEG—The Port of Churchill has closed another navigation season and has set another record in its handling of outgoing grain shipments the Canadian National Railway reported today.

The SS Gardenia, last ship to clear the port, sailed Monday with some 220,000 bushels of grain from the elevators at the end of the CNR's line in northern Manitoba.

The 1956 season saw 48 ships leaving the sub arctic port between August 2 and Monday. They carried some 16,250,000 bushels. By comparison, the 1955 season saw 38 ships clearing port with 13,077,045 bushels.

The SS Warkworth, of British registry, was the only ship to bring cargoes into Churchill. All other ships arrived in ballast. CNR trains will continue to move grain into the port for winter storage, in preparation for the 1957 shipping season.

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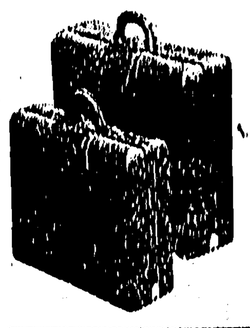

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