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## Need Road to Alaska

IT IS reported, that Premier Bennett showed encouraging interest in the B.C. Chamber of Commerce resolution that his government adopt as a matter of policy the construction of a road connecting highway 16 at or near Hazelton with the present ember 23, which govern Alaska highway via Atlin.

In many ways this is a project which offers sions which are to be greater possibilities for northern development than 'granted to disabled civilextension of the PGE and, if the Probisher scheme to harness the headwaters of the Yukon goes ahead as planned; its construction will become virtually a necessity. Some connection with the outside world other than that now provided by river-boats will have to be established for the hundreds who will move north to take part in the development.

But with or without the Frobisher plan, a highway along what is commonly called route A has strong arguments in its favor. Because of poor or non-existent transportation facilities, the mining potential of northern B.C. has been barely tapped Communities in southeastern Alaska, to which the Americans are prepared to build connecting roads, would no longer have to depend on uncertain shipping, and in matters of defence such a highway would offer far readier access to strategic points than the present route from Edmonton.

The tourist possibilities of the road also would be no small consideration. Those who have flown over northwest B.C. can vouch that its scenery is impressive beyond description. Communities along the easterly stretch of highway 16 which have been soons are pain from age to unipain. It is death in case of the totally dist here now." indifferent to the scheme would be well advised to consider this fact. With heavier traffic moving up the Cariboo highway and continuing on to Hazelton for the trip north, highway 16 would be likely to receive a higher budget rating than it now holds.

For all points from Prince George to Prince Rupert it would be another much needed contact with the rest of the country around us. Prince Rupert, in particular, would be more than ever the gateway to the great northwest.

ETTERBOX

## CBC Inconsistent in Stand Says School Board Chairman

When the Board of School had difficulty in arranging a radio broadcast, I refrained from of Commerce and so to Ottawa. running for the council.

ter in last evening's paper.

When we approached the local we find the elected representarefused en the grounds that it while a candidate is allowed to was a controversial subject. Ligive a second hand report on the discussed the problem with Mr. issues. Make no mistake, Mr. Edi-Hankinson and pointed out that for, I am not criticising Mr. G. P. we were an elected body which Woodside, for his broadcast, j Winfed to report to the elector-, was a very fine effort; but my ate on what we had done and point is that the CHC were comproposed to do. I suggested that pletely inconsistent when they our broadcast would consist only allowed him to make it, and of a plain statement of the facts imight just as well have been? i.e. the size of the proposed build-against the referendum.

ing, the cost, and the effect on. In protesting to Ottawa we i broadeast would be submitted, beforehand. Mr. Hankinson agreed that our request was reach second and submitted it for us to Mr. Caple. The reply was that, we could not broadenst as there was a referendum and referenprepared to do this, we were un- 1 '90 days during the war years.

So much for the facts as they dition. Trustees of School District No 52 occurred. Now Mr. Editor, what airing the matter in the local fice, four were allowed to broadpress as I felt no good would be the remainder did not wish to. cast. Mr. Hankinson stated that \$40 per month: accomplished thereby. We made That apparently did not bar-the

However, Mr. Kenneth Caple One of the candidates spent seems to have no objection to considerable time arguing controversy, so long as it isn't favor of the school referendum. over the air, and I feel that I Since the script had to be submust, in fairness, state the school mitted to the station beforehand, feed himself also qualifies. board's case, in reply to his let- we must conclude that he did so with the approval of the CBC, So

the tax rate. No request for sup-seel we are protesting against a port would be made, and us: dictatorial and marrow-minded safe-guard the full text of the interpretation of regulations. R. G. LARGE,

Chairman,

MORE SCHOOLDAYS

dums were controversial. We clowly returning to the pre-war itself one big family-and that could, however, have a certain rule of 200 days of compulsory it is the duty of the strong and amount of time if someone were teaching at school. This year the healthy to lend a helping hand to | to broadcast for the same length term was set at 195 days, or five those who have been stricken by of time against the referendum, days longer than 1953 and the illness or poor physical inheri-Since we did not know of anyone | longest term since it dropped to tance.

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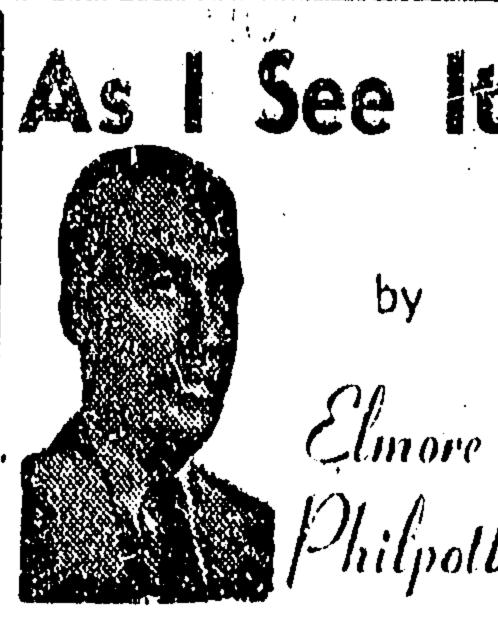
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THE Hon. Paul Martin has just sent me the regulations, passed on Nov-

the \$40 per month pen-The new act is a partnership

affair, between tht Dominion and the provinces. But the administration will be in the hands of the provinces.

In B.C. application forms for these pensions may be obtained at the nearest office of the provincial department of Health and Welfare

HFRE is a digest of the new law: LETTER BOX It provides for pensions of \$40 per month to all totally and permanently disabled persons in Canada. There is the regular means test in connection with it. that is if the applicant already | has an income of, say, \$10 per: month, the pension will just! make up the difference to the total of \$40-in-which case that particular applicant would get

Applicants may apply any time Macey's, my wife and I, when the damage before the next sailafter they are seventeen years Magistrate W. D. Vance came in. ing date. That incident made and six months of age. The pen- "The dry dock is leaving," he me forever aware of the importsions are paid from age 18 till said. "It is just about opposite ance of the dry dock and its

men, or as missionaries, etc.

THE core of the new law is that film we took off for Section Two. touch one of the many rocks and to qualify for the grant, the The massive tug "Hercules" sit as I had done more than once

The grants are not payable to Op floats for a last look. I I thought of a combination persons confined permanently. As we turned we were surprise picture of someone with a Karsh

constitutes total and perman-terfront. On the Fairview break-treacherous voyage through the

able to leave home without an My thoughts went back to that years. Then there's Wright, Mill. attendant, or unable to climb summer eve in 1920 when I left bank and Queen Charlotte.

NOBODY knows exactly how night I stood at the prow of the ada who will qualify for these thick fog. As I looked ahead I ! ed that not all lotally disabled rather substantial Island or rock. civillains will be eligible to draw Lowas-on the point of crying these grants. Those who are out but remained quiet until 1 already able to support them-|heard a shouting and bells

some 30,000 to 40,000 crippled We slowed up but not enough to Canadian civilians will soon be keep us from hitting the fast. drawing these allowances,

School District No. 52, great forward step in laying a serious danger and to be making new and more humanitarian bas, no water except in the forepeat; is for our society,

The ideal is rapidly crystalliz- Prince Rupert. HALIFAX ( --- Nova Scotla is ing that this nation considers

One of the most encouraging | features about the new law is 7 that-while it was inaugurated [ nationally by the Liberal govern- | ment at Ottawa, It was based on [ an earlier Ontarlo law, brought ! in by the Conservatives.

Provincial governments of all [ stripes--Social Credit, CCF, Con-(servatives and Liberal have) wholeheartedly co-operated with the national government to tachieve this great reform.

FORDS



TIMELY CHRISTMAS CAROL - By Jack Boothe in Chatham

## Drydock's Leaving Recalls Memories of Plant's Value

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pensioner must be totally and from Puget Sound Tug and Barge 'till the next tide?"; permanently disabled. Anybody with its tow, the main section of The wind was cold. "Are you who can be restored to a life of the floating dry dock, was al-cold?" I asked my wife. "Yes." disefulness by proper treatment ready past us, so we delayed she replied, "but I am not leavrehabilitation; does not long enough for one color photo ing yet. I want to see all there

to institutions. However, the ed to see that we were not alone Churchillian wartime portrait pensions are payable for a term in this sentimental journey and the dry dock in the distance. The Editor, able to take advantage of the the pensioner requires hospital similar thoughts, some of whom tray the attitude and feelings of treatment to improve his con-had been, associated with this the Prince Rupert citizenry as a Prince Rupert landmark for as whole, but the dry dock was alhappened subsequently. Of the HERE is the definition of what customed place on Rubert's wa- Then we thought of the long

ent disability to qualify for the water we found we had been pre- "Mystic Inside Passage" of the ceded by another faithful dock travel folders and remembered The applicant must be suffer- employees who, with the same the many ships with old experour protest through the proper four who did. Presumably there tal disability. He must either be to the breakwater. We stood and up on this passage from end to ing from a major bodily or men-intent, walked the railroad track ienced skippers, which had piled

> short stairways or walk short Vancouver for Prince Rupert to Sounds and Seymour Narrows distances on level ground. A help in the biulding of those and Ripple Rock. person who is unable to dress or famous freighters the "Canadian Again I say I hardly wish

Scottish" and "Canadian Brit- them any hard luck in this spec-In short, the grant applies to isher." We were on the old Prince tacular tow from Prince Rupert anybody whose physical condi- George on one of its more event- to Puget Sound, but I wonder if station for time to explain the tives responsible for the refer- cannot carry on on a self-reliant he in on rather a strange hap- its safe arrival at its new home. At about 3 a.m. on the second

many people there are in Can-Iship, peering ahead through the pensions. It must be remember-realized we were headed for at selves financially will not quali-clanging and a rumbling of engines indicating the reversal of | 3. But the best estimates are that | the engines, but it was too late, | approaching rockbluff.

Thus Canada takes one more; The ship was found to be in no tank, so we set off again for

Arrived in the city of the float.

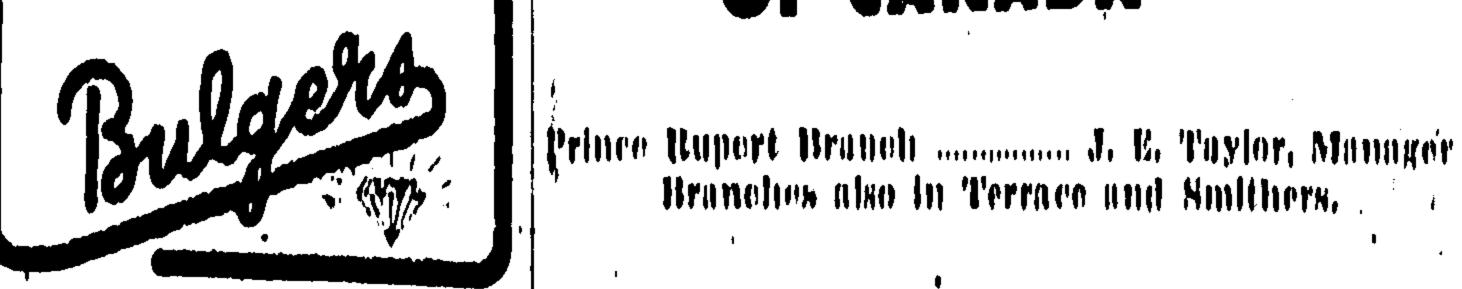
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The purpose of Dr. Bates' recto have received lately some very then sank. tempting financial offers from other governments, including the United States. Dr. Bates retthat more than £800 worth of ernment is understood to have week. felt under obligation to reward .... his loyalty as opportunity offered. The post of Deputy Minister freight were soon unloaded and of Fisheries paid only \$15,500, in in the ship dry docked. A crew contrast to the \$22,500 that he will receive as Housing Czar.

The fishery provinces are said to resent keenly the implication! that Dr. Bates was worth only \$15,500 in the top fisheries job, strategic role in this north Pabut that he rates \$22,500 in the housing post. Their argument is that the top post in fisheries! should be recognized as a key! position in the economy and that? it should pay even more than the housing job, with its mainly administrative duties.

> Parliament Hill circles are genferally of the opinion that the fisheires provinces have a strong; case. The expenditure which the

One of the recent actions of government lavishes on the the government that's due for wheat industry of Western Canwhat seems certain to be a very ada is cited as a precedent. The vigorous going-over when Par- government Wheat Board, which liament meets is the recent supervises the sale of Canadian transfer of expert icthyologist grains, is recruited from top Stewart Bates from the post of economists and specialists in the Deputy Minister of Fisheries to grain field, without regard for the top job in the Central Mort- expense. It is realized that any

gage and Housing Corporation. Imove by the government t The main fisheries provinces— transfer Chairman George, Mc-Newfoundland, Nova Scotla, New Ivor of the Wheat Board to any Brunswick, Prince Edward Is- other post simply to give him an land and British Columbia—are increase in salary would result in reported to be up in arms over on outery right across the Prair.

that Dr. Batts, as possibly the The case of Dr. Bates is regard. world's leading authority on both ed as strictly comparable. The the scientific and the practical storm that is brewing over it BEVERLEY GREGG problems of the fishing industry, will cut across party lines, Liber- Ottawa holds a letter should have been worth in the als, PC's and CCFers are expect- Queen Mother Elizabeth

STRANGE SUB SPOTTED.

PEARL HARBOR IN-A United States Navy spokesman said a patrol plane has sighted visually and with radar what appeared ent transfer was so as to give to be a submarine in the Midway him a remuneration more in island area, 1,100 miles northwest keeping with his outstanding of Pearl Harbor in the Pacific. abilities. Recognized as one of The plane radioed that the parthe ablest members of the Fed- tially submerged object remained eral public service, he was known in visual sight for a half minute,

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