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## Tired Of Waiting

IT IS intolerable that the city should be faced with the danger of a disrupted and inadequate power service because the question of whether or not the B.C. Power Commission will take over here remains unsettled. If it is so difficult to reach a solution, negotiations should be started at once with the Northern B.C. Power Corporation with a view to having it continue as power supplier for the city.

It may well be that on a long-term basis it would be to the advantage of Prince Rupert if the power commission assumed this responsibility. Its province-wide scope undoubtedly would put it in a better position to meet the expanding needs of the city and district.

But this advantage does not outweigh the immediate uncertainties that beset us. As long as the discussions drag on, nothing can be done by the private company to ensure that existing needs will be met. With complete justification it explains that no plant expansion can be carried out while it is "threatened by insecurity of tenure, expropriation and a situation over which it has no control." Consequently the city is placed in the position of enduring present inconveniences on the chance that something better will come along. But since it is just a matter of chance and since there is no way of telling how long we must wait, this test of patience hardly seems worth the effort.

Possibly the letter that city council proposes to write to Premier Bennett will produce definite assurance of fast action. It is worth a try. But in fairness to the Prince Rupert public in general and the NBCPC in particular, nothing short of such assurance should be considered acceptable.

We are tired of delays and explanations of difficulties. They are no substitute for adequate light and power. If we are going to be asked to put up with any more, let's start talking business with the supplier we now have and be done with it.

## Retail Sales Stamps

RETAIL organizations are alarmed by the inroads into Canada by trading stamps or other premiums used to promote sales.

It is natural for merchants or other sales people to use every proper method to increase business. But some gimmicks can backfire, both on retailers and consumers. It is possible trading stamps might benefit those who use them in the initial stages. But, if they became so prevalent that virtually every merchant used them, their benefit, in a competitive sense, would disappear.

The trading stamps are basically an unsound idea. They shouldn't fool anyone. The consumer pays for them, in the cost of the items he buys. Those merchants who use them don't do so to lose money. From the consumer viewpoint, it would be more acceptable if the price of commodities were reduced by the equivalent of the value and cost of handling the stamps.

The idea was tried long ago by the tobacco companies, by putting little cards of various sorts in boxes of cigarets. But these long since have been abandoned.

—Windsor Star.

## SCHOOL HELPS WITH PARK MAP

Students at Booth Memorial High School, under the supervision of Industrial Arts teacher Bruce Bennett, are working in conjunction with parks board commissioner, Robert Eby in constructing a plywood contour relief map of the Algoma Park area.

The map, when completed, will be used to analyse the park development and will give the Board an overall picture from which to draw conclusions on future park development.

A three man committee consisting of commissioners, Eby Duncan McRae and Alek Bill, has been set up to analyse the area from the map and their suggestions will then be forwarded to an expert on parks development for his recommendation.

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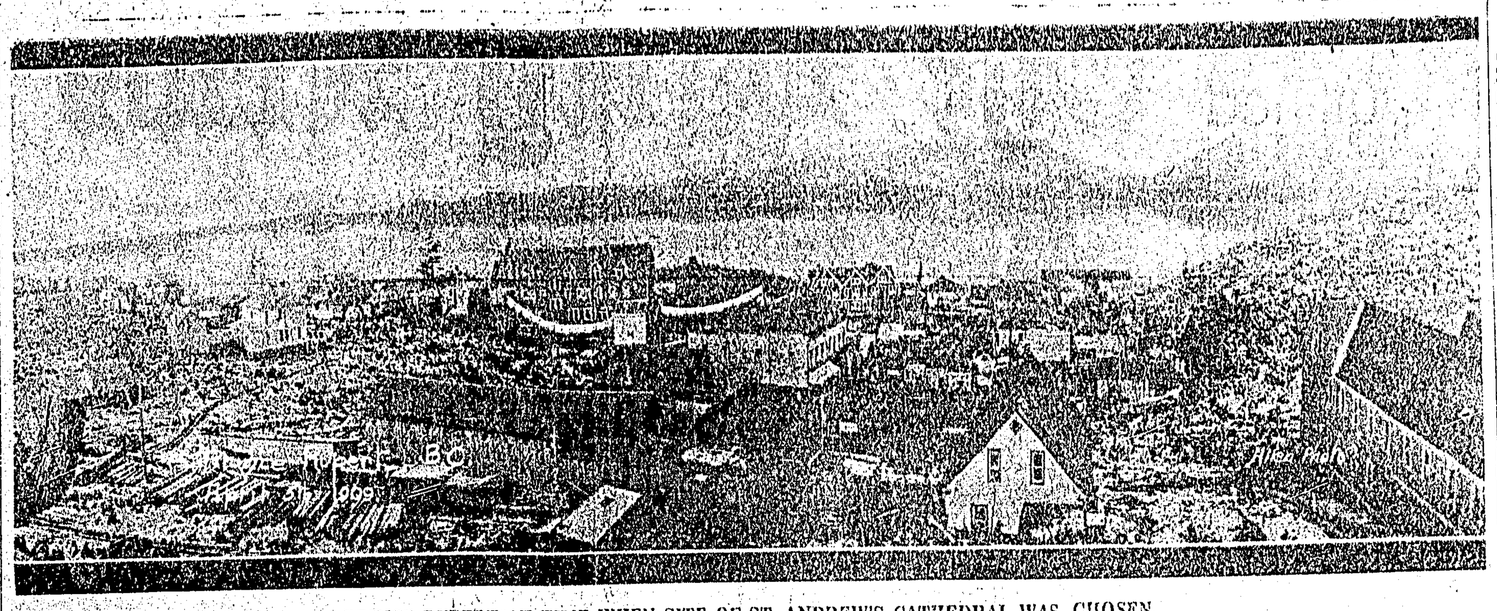

PRINCE RUPERT AT TIME WHEN SITE OF ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL WAS CHOSEN.

## As I See It

by

*Elmore Philpott*

### Eden Winning

LONDON—THE British nation was at first split right down the middle on the landing of troops at Suez. But the British nation is 100 per cent united in horror and outraged indignation at the bloody Russian repressions of the revolt for freedom in Hungary.

One significant result of ruthless Russian reaction to the uprising of the freedom fighters in Hungary has been the mass resignation of hundreds of British members of the Communist party.

The most reliable estimate is that at least 500 former Communists have turned in their cards, in many cases torn up in a token of contempt. Some of those who have so resigned were key figures of powerful unions.

But most of the resigned are rank-and-file workers who until the last few weeks have failed to understand the true nature of the new Red imperialism that holds Hungary and other Eastern European countries in an iron grip.

SEVERAL FACTORS have tended to push the Suez crisis out of the picture here. The cease fire in Egypt changed the public attitude in the twinkling of an eye. Instead of being damned up hill and down dale by half the nation as the man who got Britain into a war, Eden was and is increasingly hailed as the man whose timely action prevented the Third World War. It must also be remembered that while the parties in Parliament appeared to be fairly well united on the Suez question, this was not true among the people generally.

Several staunch supporters of the Labor party have told me privately that they think the prime minister did the right thing in the circumstances. On the other hand, I never previously heard such bitter criticism of any British prime minister as I have heard in the past week from one true blue British tory who believes that Eden's intervention at Suez has started a chain of consequences which will mean economic distress and perhaps outright disaster for Britain.

ALREADY BRITAIN is feeling the pinch of a coming gasoline and oil shortage. The British are attempting a voluntary rationing system at the filling stations. Some of the public buildings, including the House of Commons have applied 10 per cent reductions in the amount of heating fuel used.

As British public buildings are never comfortably heated according to our hothouse North American ideas, the change is certainly not popular with visitors from across the Atlantic.

But now you do not hear people here talking of a Suez or world war, as they did a couple of weeks ago.

If they talk of Suez at all it is most likely to be to discuss the length of time it is likely to take to raise the sunken ships and get canal in operation again.

Ultra-optimists say six weeks. Ultra-pessimists say a year. Moderates say from three to six months.

## THE LETTERBOX

### THANKS FROM CARS

The Editor,
The Daily News:

On behalf of the directors of the B.C. Division of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society please accept our very grateful thanks for the splendid publicity you have been giving to our hard working campaigners for funds in your area.

We appreciate how very helpful your newspaper has been in keeping their efforts before the community—nothing has more influence than the local newspaper.

Every dollar collected from the district is used as economically as possible and is used for the benefit of patients in that area.

Not only at campaign time but throughout the year your paper performs valuable service by keeping before readers the necessity of seeking early diagnosis and treatment for the arthritis diseases, giving them up to date information on our intensive treatment program, already producing worthwhile results, and information on research. The CARS B.C. Division is currently sponsoring four research projects.

So again, our sincere thanks for your support.

(Miss) Mary Pack,
Executive Secretary,
CARS B.C. Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

### WITH INTEREST

NORTH BENFLEET, England (AP)—A man who stole one shilling from a church in this Essex town 50 years ago has sent the vicar 35 shillings, with a note saying "I had a blackout, but it all came back to me in a dream recently."

## Name St. Andrew Chosen For Church Because of Four Significant Reasons

By CANON BASIL S. PROCKTER, Rector of St. Andrew's Cathedral

The story of the early days of St. Andrew's Cathedral would be incomplete without reference to the bells.

Dong Sing, for many years now associated with the Prince Rupert Hotel, struck the first church bell which was the cook tent triangle. When St. Andrew's Hall was built, it was a proper sort of bell which still peals out in Prince Rupert. It is the bell of St. Peter's church, Seal Cove.

The name, Saint Andrew, also has a significant history. It seemed entirely right to Bishop H. P. DuVernet who named it, for four reasons. He recalled that Saint Andrew was both a missionary and a fisherman. He also recalled that Saint Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and this land's old name is Caledonia and that name has been retained since 1879 for the Anglican Diocese. Finally, he was also a Saint Andrew man, having been made a Bishop on Saint Andrew's Day, 1905.

The years, 1906 to 1909 must have been years of logging and dynamiting. Every tree was cleared off the townsite before it was surveyed and divided up into lots. The top was blown off several hills.

One particularly big blast was scheduled for 8:00 o'clock one evening in the early summer and all the people were warned and they left their places of abode to go up on another hill and watch. One old-timer said that it was just like the Day of Judgement. The whole hilltop moved up into the air at a tremendous explosion and then slowly settled down all over the place. Pictures of the houses built before the First World War taken at the time show nothing around them but fragments of rock with no trees and no vegetation.

It was in 1909 that the selling of the townsite began and the present location of the Church of St. Andrew was selected so that the future structure might be a landmark to ships in harbour.

The basement portion was completed in 1915, which was a year before the second disaster struck this community. The first one was when Charles M. Hays went down in the Titanic. The Second was the disappearance of so many young men at the call to arms in 1914. In the church there is a list of the men who left St. Andrew's "for King and Country." Three names there are known to us only for what is named after them. Grant, Emmerson and Agnew—the latter was killed at Vimy. Other names which still have significance for many present readers are Peck, Tinker, Philpott, Allen, Booth, Silversides, Fuller, Goodsell, and our good friends, Charlie Youngman and Hubert Ward.

But the sinking of the Titanic and the 1914-1918 war postponed the fulfillment of many dreams in this community and it is not surprising that the text which the Bishop found most apt to the local situation was Hebrews 13 and 14:

"For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

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## Changes in City Bus Service

Since the new schedule went into effect on November 19th., quite a number of regular users of the Bus service have brought to our attention that certain of the scheduled trips did not fit their needs. Consequently, the following departure times and added trips will go into effect immediately. Please change your pocket copies of schedules accordingly:

**CHANGES:**

Leave Bus Depot 6:55 AM. will now be 7:00 AM.
Leave Seal Cove 7:10 AM. will now be 7:20 AM.
Leave Seal Cove 7:45 AM. will now be 7:55 AM.
Leave Seal Cove 1:00 PM. will now be 12:55 PM.

**ADD TRIPS:**

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Leave Bus Depot 10:30 AM. Leave Seal Cove 10:45 PM.

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