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Handle With Care

WAS just six months ago that a sumptuous civic The Drug Probe dinner was held at the Canadian Legion for the THE Senate of Canada is power industries group of com- nerve specialist.—Stratford Bea- cran Canadian Pacific Railway the mubble colorious state of the purpose of basking in the wonders of the new automatic telephone system to be switched on in a few the most important investible at Taku Inlet on the begreen hours. No one could say enough that night about tigations ever conducted in between B.C. and Alaska. Air to sit back and wait for the corporate person. For rarely has just one of the breaks that well and long to be installation. The manufacture of the installation the manufacture of the breaks that well and long to be installation. the marvels of the installation, the savings that had been effected in getting the work done and the gratitude felt towards the staff that had toiled bravely with the old system but would now have to be re-

Let there be no doubt about it, the tributes were thoroughly deserved and the dial phones have amply proved their efficiency. But some of the enthusiasm might have gone from the occasion if the guests had been given a glimpse into the near future and seen the spectre of increased rates. Certainly there was nothing about the dinner to suggest that soon the city council would be asked to pass a by-law authorizing higher telephone charges all along the line. Nor was there any intimation of this in the entire history of the negotiations leading to the installation.

When the telephone by-law was put before the public in 1952 ratepayers were warned that maintenance costs of the old system were eating up practically, all the revenue from one of the city's best assets. There was no question about this being true but the inference was that the new system would be a saving. In addition the by-law itself made it quite clear that the \$675,000 debt to be incurred could be liquidated by the revenue from telephone rates with room to spare. (Estimated telephone revenue for 1952 was given as not less than \$127,000, and first payment on the debt as \$20,000 plus interest.)

So the mystery now is what has changed this agreeable picture. The amount of \$22,000 to be raised by increased rates is precisely as large as the payment due on the principal of the loan this year. It would appear from this that the debt is getting out a of hand already.

With an improved telephone system that presumably involves much less maintenance than before. it is difficult to see why this is so. Moreover if we have reached such a tight position so soon, the outlook for the future is not encouraging since payments on the loan increase annually until the last is more than double this year's.

There is no question here of whether or not the city's telephone operations are efficiently handled. Prince Rupert's reputation in this respect is ace high, and apparently it was an engineering miracle that the old system was kept in service at all.

But there is a question of public faith involved. The build-up given the new system left no room for doubt that telephone-users were in for a better deal. Mechanically that has proved quite true but no one was led to suppose that financially the picture would be very different. Although the city council has changed in membership since plans to install the new system were made, its responsibility to keep faith with the public in this matter remains unaltered.

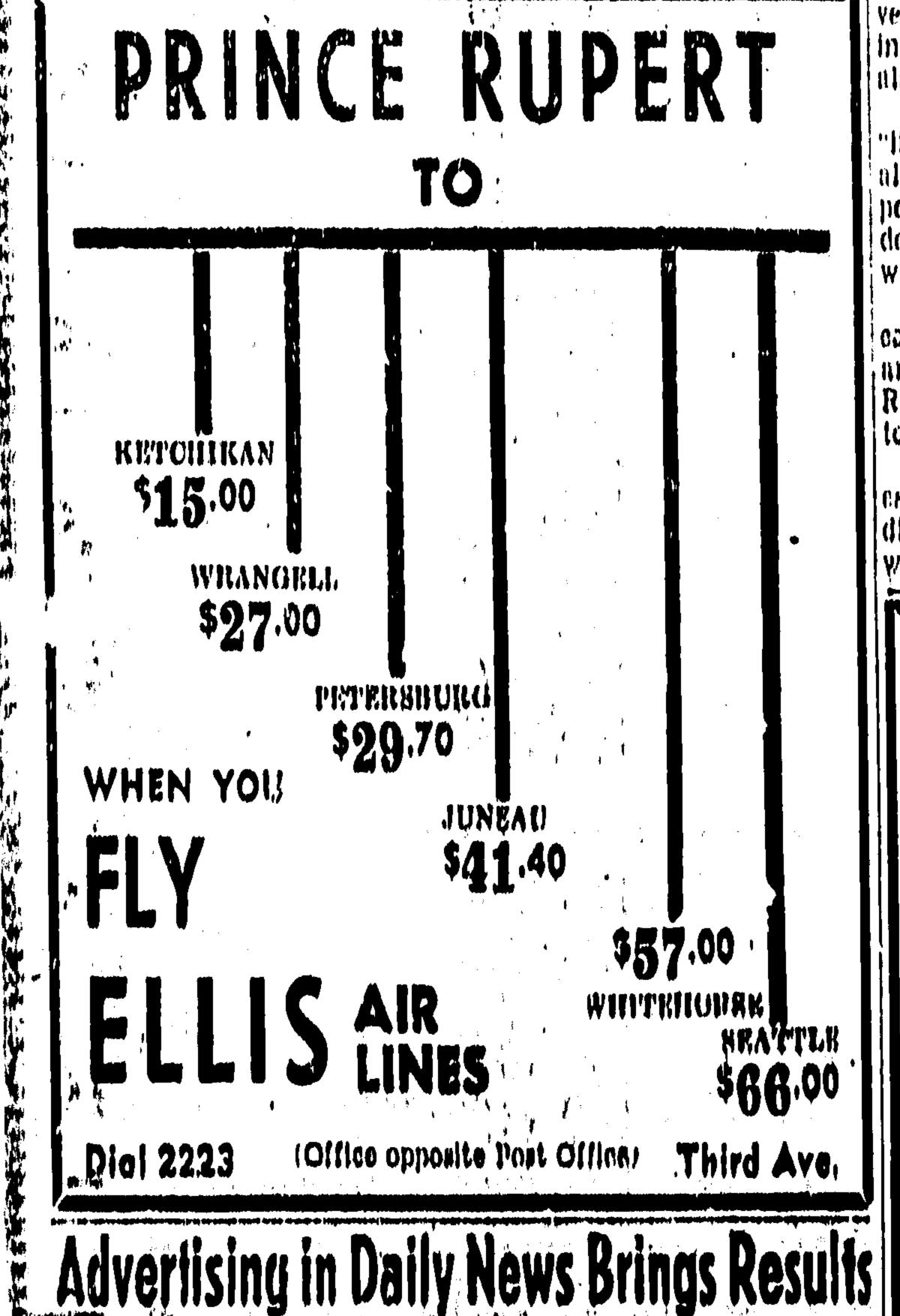
If the electorate is ever to be called on again to approve costly new projects, that proposed by-law is must be handled with care.

PICKERSGILL HOPES INDIANS

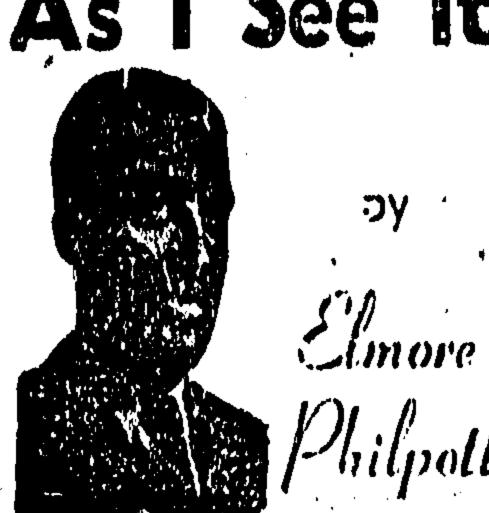
OTTAWA () -- Citizenship Minister Pickersgill sald Wodnesday he hopes that Indians some day will decide they no langer want to remain on reserver as wards of the government. "You can't push it," he told the Commons estimates commillee. "You can only act when everybody is ready to act."

Mr. Pickersgill said the government's hope for the future is that Indians will want to take their place "as common, ordinary Canadian citizens."

However there were treaties, special rights and trust funds which exacaded back two conturies and more. The present goal was to speed up the process of making Indians into normal citizens without interfering with their rights except by agree-



As | See It



Its purpose will be to bring out ploration work. story of the narcotic drug menace in Canada.

The horrible, terrible truth is typewriters and a costly collecthat Vancouver has a higher rate tion of flags, paintings and tapof drug addiction than any other estries. part of the non-Asian world has ever had; and worst of all-two-! come contaminated while they car is us. are still in their teens.

THERE is no mystery about one part of the horrible story. Van- and Eve is a myth. We know a conver is the worst centre of the few folk who have their doubts drug traffic today because of its about both.

The opium habit was brought to Canada by Chinese immithe century. However, that fact can hardly be blamed on the there won't be so much phat. children and people generally. Chinese, as a race. Just a little over a century ago Britain lought the "Opium Wars" with China, which had the effect of | forcing China to permit large importations of opium from India ... then ruled by Britain. 🦠

China was even then trying to we're faced with a by-election There were shouts aplenty, and cope with the age old evil of in Lilloost. opium addiction.

ver papers of about fifty years ing to be an exciting one, and promises and the catcalls and doesn't compare with the publi-

There were violent riots in Vancouver about half a century ago when outraged citizens burned'down some of the then-legal; opium factories, where Chinese prepared the dope for legal sale. young civil-servant named Mackenzie King then wrote his report on the trouble which be came the basis for our present Opium and Narcotic Act.

is sure to delve deeply into two: espects of the problem:

What criminals are the real higher-ups in this drug trade, which is the most deliberately ovil activity in Canada --- delibcrately evil because the promoters know very well that in the vast majority of cases the drug! destroys the whole personality of the victim. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that those beaind the drug traffic are worse than wholesale murders, for they been sure in his own mind that retiply desiray wails as well as hodles of many victims.

BUT the main job the Senate | The Premier looked stunned, committee can do is to estab-|The Premier was completely| lish once and for all the good or taken aback. Not that the Prebad of the methods used in Bri-|mier wasn't glad to hear that] ; .

alarming rate.

Is it true or false that Britain his own, or at least, was pushed! "licked" the problem by foreing into it by his fellow Liberals. all addicts to register, and then i with narcotics under control?

ested question—and our federal and B.C. governments, and the ROMP, are all strongly opposed inder on that one—and you have l to the alleged British system.

But it is in everybody's interest to know exactly what Britain did do, does do now--and how i lworked.

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the spending of \$550,000 in Nor- whole armies of Celts marched poration competing against a new trans-continental train, \ thern British Columbia this year into battle entirely unclud. Later government - owned operation. "The Canadian." on surveys for their proposed on, more battalions undertook to And whenever that happens the Allegations that the govern-\$270,000,000 hydro-electric and do the same, only they were call- free enterprise company has the ment had forced the railway to metalurgical development. Pro- ed Doukhobors and others some- novel experience of getting some drop the word, "Royal," from the vincial lands minister R. E. Som-thing else. between the government and the In modern parlance, all work fortnight or so it has seemed to overseas for days on end. Never imers has tabled correspondence Frobisher - Ventures - Northwest and no play makes jack for the,

about to launch one of panies. The development will be con. and land surveys including six plums in the employment field, a private ownership company vate enterprise all too rarely refield parties will conduct the ex-

New York has closed after 58 By selecting Senator Tom Reid | years of service. The fittings as the chalrman of this investi- the glant establishment, which gation the government has actore being auctioned off include Times-Journal. knowledged that British Colum- four miles of show cases, 28 miles bia is the most deeply concern- of earpets, 30 trucks, four restaued part of Canada in this mat-rants, ice cream plant, a huge ergan, hundreds of desks and

To be perfectly honest about thirds of all those addicts be-'it, what we want most in a new

well, Eng., says the story of Adam

of the breaks.

The John Wanamaker store in have no grounds whatever for of things that money ordinarily criticising the New Canadians cannot buy. for snapping up what jobs thry can find, --St. Thomas (Ont.)

> Sixty-eight years ago a group of nuns left Montreal for New York with a dollar in eash and ands to prospective tourists. It a resolve to help unmarried mothers. They founded first American community the Sisters of Misericorde. Next

year a \$7,500,000 monument the five nuns will commence rising in the form of a new Misericordia General Hospital-one of Bishop Frank Barry of South- the finest in the nation.

An Australian emu was clubbed to death in Stanley Park, Vancouver, last week. Police would like to find the killer. The In England, a gentleman whose bird somewhat ostrich-like in L name is George Phat, reports he appearance, was utterly harmgrants, even before the turn of is too fat to get through his front less and of no small interest to stretch of river-mountain scendoor. A little less phood and frequenters of the park and

pense, please, Mr. Premier!

VICTORIA REPORT ... by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA - And now, with But certainly there was a lot

Will this province, politically there'd be days when everything speaking, never settle down? For was so quiet it was boring, and perienced enough to know that READING over the old docu-three years now we've been in then, of a sudden would come ments about the drug evil in political uproar — and the end another explosion. Your MLA's Vancouver, I have been struck seems not in sight yet. Well, it's were a temperamental lot this by the fact that history repeats interesting -- mighty interesting 1955 session. tself, even in this young coun- watching the Liberals and the Soon now the politicians will SC'ers trying to exterminate set their sights on Lillooet You

Many of the sensational news- each other, and the SC'ers doing see, we can't stay away from these days. paper stories of Vancouver in far better a job in this extermin- Lillooct, it's such an intriguing 1955 are, in a sense, just re-writes ating business than the Liberals, place, what with a by-election in log-reports in the same Vancou-| The Lilloost by-election is go- sight. Lilloost will echo to the

> SC'ers hate each other with a louder catcalls of the politicians, political hale that's deadly. 🚑 It was a dramatic moment election campaign. We can hardwhen Liberal Mr. Gibson stood ly walt to learn who's going to in his place in the House, and take Lillooct. Please, Mr. Prein that great roaring, boomins; mier, have the by-election as voice of his, announced that he soon as you can. Mr. Olbson may was resigning. Everyone was completely rocked back. No one

expected it. Even Mr. Gibron appeared surprise at what he'd There's good reason to believe I THINK the Senate committee Mr. Gibson had no intention of resigning a few hours earlier, but | was talked into it by his fellow! Liberals. Indeed, it may even bot suspected his chief, Mr. Laing, game him strict orders -- as is

> Mr. Laing's right, and it's Mr. Oibson's duty to follow his chief's orders, or resign from the party." The second Mr. Gibson was through his resignation speech, Mr. Laing jumped up and pumped Mr. Gibsen's hand. Would Mr. faing have done this had be

Mr. Cibson would have convint through with it? Relief seemed to sweep over Mr. Laing.

Mr. Gibson was resigning, so The fact is that British meth-|causing a by-election that the ods have had marked success in Promicr wants, because he's con-l reducing the number of addicts, vinced SC will take the seatch This has happened during the thus routing the Liberals. No, the very period when drug addiction, Premier was pleased about the in B.C. was increasing at such an by-election, but he was annoyed I | because Mr. Clibson resigned on |

The Premier would have propermitting certain trustworthy ferred that he, with a flourish, i doctors to supply those victims spectacularly, demand in the House that Mr. Glbson resign, This is a very big and compile and have the resignation come i about that way, But Mr. Cibson I and the Liberaly beat the Proto be pretty amart to out-man-'oouvro the Premier when' it

comes to politics. Yes, Mr. Olbson and the Liberals frustrated Mr. Bennett --and the Premier doesn't like being frustrated, especially by the [

In the general excitement, everyone's wondering who'll win! Lilloool - Liberals or BO'ers, But leave us not forgot the COF will be in there fighting too --and from this distance, it looks na if the COP, under quiet, soho- [larly Arnold Wobster, has a very good chance indeed of winning, Lilloont nearly went COF in 1983. It was quite a session that has Just ended. There was a tremendous amount of business done, though none of it controversial. You might any it was a Spring cleaning session legislation was tidied up, all was put in order, but there was no new! decoration actions. Speatabillar now decoration only aomon on the ave of an election.

and turn their backs on jobs that been known in these parts to run vato enterprise all too rarely reseem distasteful or shade be- in such luck. The things that it ceives. neath their dignity, then they has got for nothing are the sort

> The latest development is the elaborate booklet which the Canadian Government Travel Burjeau has just published for distribution by the tens of thousis easily the most magnificent, the publication of its kind ever con-

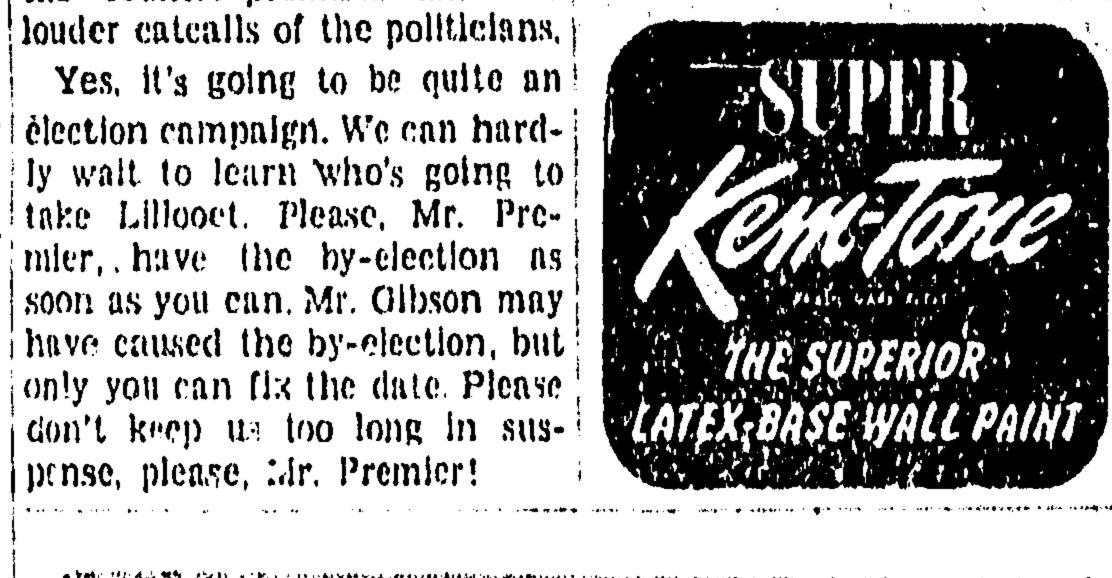
ceived in these parts. Being a government publication, it nor- four years, 1551-55, to conquer mally should give the breaks to Peru. the government - owned tourist transportation services, the CNR da and featuring the privately- 550 Gal. Tanks . owned stations?

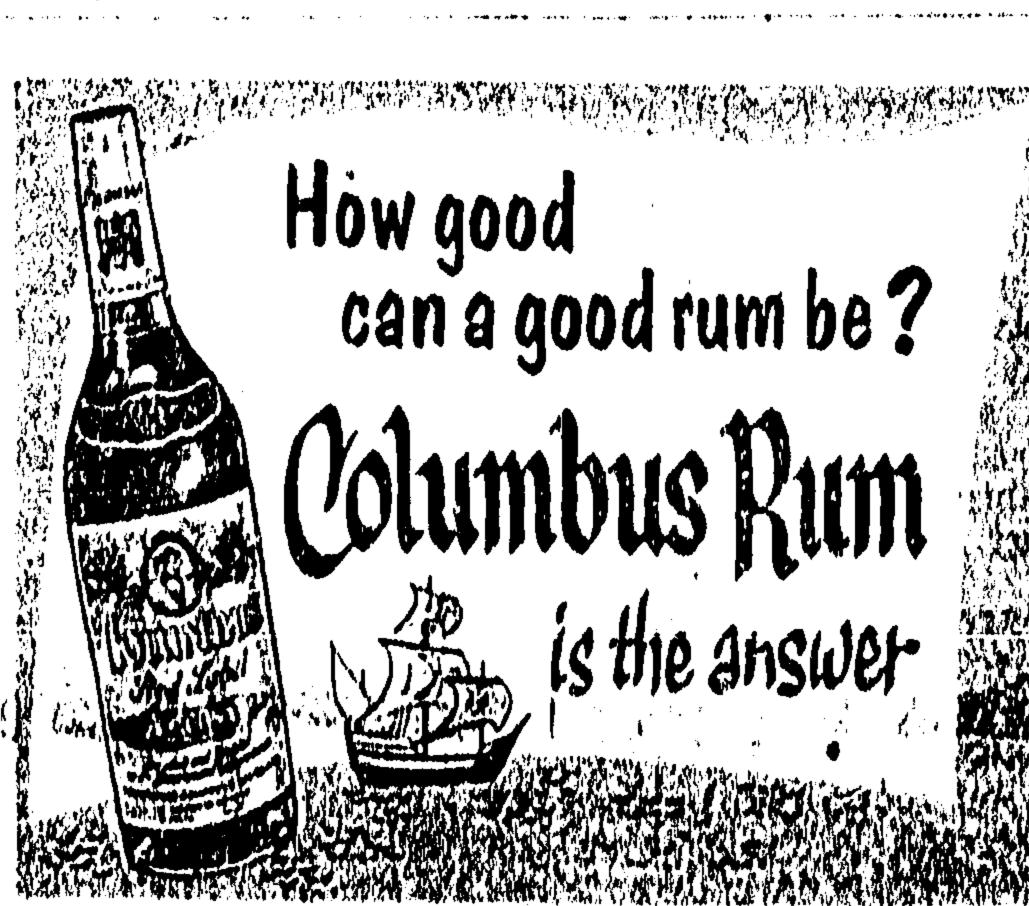
But believe it or not, the new de luxe government travel booklet pictures just one train winding its way through a spectacular INDUSTRIAL WELDING! ery. And that one train is plainly identified on the side of Its? double diesel engines as the Canadian Pacific luxury transcontinental flyer. Then on another page the only plane in the book-

let is shown winging its way through a cloud-flecked sky. And again the plane is not a TCA The imperial government of the 1955 session out of the way, of political talk at the session, North Star, but an imposing four-engine Canadian Pacific] lots of name-calling, and then airliner. Parliament Hill circles are ex-

when these things happen it is i. by pure accident. But that never excuses the responsible agency. It is a safe wager that somebody down in the government travel] bureau is wearing a very red face |

But unexpected as this propaganda bonus was for the CPR, it | a bitter one, too, for Liberals and the counter-promises and the





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TAWA DIARY BY NORMAN MOCLEOU

Occasionally an upset occurs in city jackpot which the railway) the normal pattern of relations hit in the Parliamentary con-The Frobisher interests plan About two thousand years ago between a private ownership cor- troversy over the naming of its

For example, over the past in the press of the continent and Parliamentarians that the vet- before has a new train basked in Company must have been pack- the public relations staff of the ing an unusually powerful rab- railway had planned the coup, If unemployed men are going bit's foot somewhere around its it couldn't have been more suc-

TOP ANGLER Jean-Paul Blackburn won top WORK SHIP prize in the annual fishing con-

11% pound dore, or yellow pick- 33.50. HISTORIC STRUGGLE Spain's Francisco Pizzaro took | Men's

and the TCA. That's the way DOMESTIC FUEL TANKS the CBC would play it. Can you 110 Gal. Tanks \$50 | \$2.00 imagine them publishing a bro-chure on broadcasting in Cana- 275 Gol. Tonks \$75**\$110**

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