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Northern International Sore Spot

PRESENT and potential development of northern B.C. and the Yukon is a source of great pride to Canadians. Yet this development is being restricted by a foreign-owned strip of land. Almost one-half of B.C. is denied access to tidewater by the Alaska panhandle.

It is very obvious the situation will become more aggravated as the north country develops and becomes of greater importance. A number of incidents point this way.

The northern B.C. copper mines located back of the panhandle would have to use U.S. ships to haul their ore to Tacoma smelter if loaded at Alaska ports because of the Jones Act. With U.S. shipping rates considerably higher than Canadian, copper mines in the Yukon and northern B.C. face greatly more cost if they wish to ship to Tacoma which has the only copper smelter on the Pacific coast.

Another example of the panhandle adversely affecting Canada's northern economy occurred last September when crews on the Alaska side of the White Pass and Yukon railway went on strike. For a month they tied up this transportation system which hauls ore from Yukon mines.

Residents of Canada who have not yet obtained citizenship papers have been refused permission to travel across the panhandle to work at a B.C. mine.

Advocated as the solution is granting by the U.S. to Canada of narrow strips of land across the panhandle so that Canadian ports can be developed. Establishment of these corridors and subsequent development of hydro power, mineral and other resources would bring greater prosperity to residents on both sides of the panhandle boundary.

In urging corridors be established, Canada is merely asking the U.S. to live up to the moral, if not legal obligation contained in the original Treaty of 1825 which reads . . . "shall forever enjoy the right of navigating freely and without any hindrance whatever, all the rivers and streams, which, in their course towards the Pacific ocean, may cross the line of demarcation . . ." When the panhandle was created to cover nearly half the B.C. coastline, there was no intention of restricting development in that part of Canada. But the situation existing is a sore spot blotching friendly relations between the two nations. A permanent solution can be made by creating the corridors and it should be done as soon as possible.

—The Journal of Commerce Weekly.

NEW STAMPS TO PAY TRIBUTE TO PULP INDUSTRY, RESEARCH.

Ottawa, April 6.—Two new stamps, saluting the development of Canada's secondary industries, will be issued in 25-cent and 20-cent denominations June 7, the post office department announced today.

They will pay tribute to the contribution of the chemical industry and the pulp and paper industry.

The red, 25-cent stamp, designed by A. L. Pelletier, Toronto designer, will depict a laboratory vessel to represent the equipment widely used in chemical research.

The green, 20-cent is an illustration of a paper machine to pay tribute to Canada's largest single secondary industry. The stamp was designed by A. J. Casper, Toronto.

Both stamps will be printed and distributed by the Canadian Bank Note Company at Ottawa.

Mines Minister Hints New Firm Would Build Line

EDMONTON, Alta., April 6.—Federal Mines Minister Prudham said Thursday a new company has indicated it would build a natural gas pipeline from Alberta to eastern Canada without government assistance.

Mr. Prudham, after reviewing development of plans for gas line to be built by Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd., said he learned of the new group three days previously. He did not elaborate in making the reference in an address to the Red Deer Liberal Association.

Under present plans for a natural gas line, the section across northern Ontario would be built by the federal and Ontario governments and leased to Trans-Canada, with the company having an option to buy.

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All Aboard

By G. E. MORTIMORE

The little girl bounced impatiently on the seat of the bus, waved her arm and looked at the signal cord far above her head.

"Two stops further on, you can pull it," said the lady in the gray squirrel coat, who seemed to be the child's mother.

The bus rumbled along. "Is it time now?" the little girl asked.

"Not yet," said mother. Another woman sat down nearby. Her face crinkled with that special smile that women reserve for small frisky children. "Is it time now?" the girl asked.

"Nearly," said mother. "Oh-oh. Someone else has pulled the cord. Never mind. You pull it too."

The tiny girl stood on the bus seat and reached as high as she could. The bus was slowing, and it seemed that she would be too late. One or two passengers moved as though they were going to lift her.

Just then, however, the moppet attained the cord with her finger tips, and the signal near the driver sounded: "Ting!"

"There!" said mother. "You hear the noise?"

The small girl nodded, and jumped down, grinning with triumph. Answering grins broke out on adult faces all around.

"It's a great thrill for her," mother explained to the rest of the bus, as she moved to the door. "The first time." Mother's tone was half-apologetic. But her fellow-passengers were pleased.

For each of them, the incident brought back that half-forgotten time when simple things lighted up the world.

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