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Motorists Deserve Better

LTHOUGH no one has seen it, many district drivers are completely convinced that the B.C. Department of Highways has obtained the services of WHO was the smart American who coined the wise an infernal machine called a "pothole digger"!

It is not so very long ago since the Hon. P. A. Gaglardi said some pretty wonderful things about the need for a highway link to bring Kitimat into the Northland Empire of Terrace and Prince Rupert. I is an even shorter time since he boldly announced that this had been achieved in the opening of the Kitimat-Terrace highway.

Let us describe it to you.

On January 16, it was some 40 miles in length and t reminded one of the Lake of the Woods in western Ontario. Here and there, tumbling cataracts crisscrossed the road. Between these main arteries of water-borne transportation were thousands of one to three-foot portages connecting miriads of sprakling lakes, many a good 12 inches deep.

One motorist we saw had broken a motor mount in his 1957 car. Two others had simply bounced right into a snow bank.

We submit that travel on this highway is as necessary to the economy of this district as a branch of a chartered bank and that motorists deserve much better.

Our final word for this time ... if you're going to Kitimat from Prince Rupert or Terrace... or if you live in Kitimat and want to travel out, for the sake of your car, your nerves and your pocketbook . . . take the train!

Credit where credit's due, however . . . you can drive in comfort from Prince Rupert to Terrace.

Worthless Money

MAGINE (if you can): you wake up one morning to learn that all paper money is worthless — by order of the government. You have 10 hours to tradein your old bills for new ones, but only for the cash equivalent of \$16.

Any funds over and above this magnificent sum can be deposited in a "special account" at the state bank; you may, repeat may, be lucky enough to have some part of them made good in the new currency at a later date. But first there is the little matter of | How long would it take by taxi? "explaining" them to the satisfaction of government

Fantastic? Impossible? Not a bit of it. It happened but recently in East Germany. And, of course, as a sure-fire remedy for inflation there's nothing, but nothing, like it. For in dispossessing everyone from party bureaucrat to the ordinary workers—of all but a fraction of their liquid assets, you are certainly going to the root of the problem.

There's just one little catch. A government which tried to get away with such wholesale thievery in any tolerably free country would likely last something less than 10 hours. High taxes and rising | These you could buy for a mere prices, these a free people may stomach for a time; but not outright confiscation.

Such considerations, of course, do not apply in East Germany. It is one of the so-called "People's Republics," dedicated to the proposition that man is made for the state. No doubt the currency swindle will not sit well with those East Germans who, until lately, were worth a little more than the equivalent of \$16. But they must put up with it.

- Should they be disposed not to do so, the puppet regime will soon show them who is boss-with, no doubt, the aid of as many Soviet tanks as may be pecessary.



WINTER SPRAY --- Sunshine and ice combine to produce scene of glistering beauty at Niagara Falls as the frezen spray couts trees and bushes nearby. Photo was taken from Cout Island with the Horseshoe Falls in the background.



As I See It

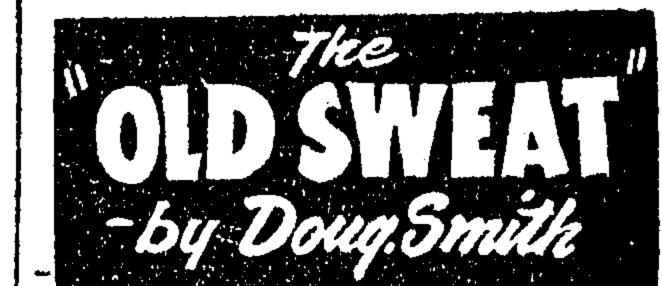
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saying that what this country needs is a good five

cent cigar? paper-covered books.

Now one Canadian publisher Ross. has taken the plunge. McClelcopy. This is a little higher Canadian family book shelf. hasten to add that the new Can- ada who have asked themselves Indian paperbacks are of super-

the paperback series include this volume by Leacock.



Troop trains were undoubtedly he most boring and uncomfort-'em, when you look back, they were a lot of fun.

fellows who were kissing their just a wee bit too depressing for gals goodbye on the station plat- front Saskatchewan town was form. Nothing or nobody was no doubt pretty grim in the ter-

appreciative whistle.

Somewhere along the aisle baby, natch" Shoot the works" this paperback edition. "I'm bust. Anyone want to buy This simple and moving story a good wristwatch?"

Usually after the first day the train was dry. There would be feverish councils of war. The planning and the strategies for Was there a liquor store there? How far was it from the station? If not possible, did the taxi driver know of a bootlegger? How much? Then the hurried priest. forking up. "Here's my two! bucks." Lend me five 'til payday, willya? I'm broke."

stretching periods at the sta- to be convincing. counter where you fought to get The first four paperbacks in the Edgar A. Guest, the poetaster glasses. cheese sandwich drying of old al good.

few bucks, or nearly three days'

Gad, what a racket! The slushier and more tear-jerking the verse, the greater the sales. They tell me that certain jokers n Montreal and Toronto-retired after the war filthy rich. I can The Editor, vell believe it. They got eight The Daily News:

bucks belonging to me. I now have two such mothaten cushion covers around the ouse that I would love to trade ack for half-price. Only 1 Civic Centre doors will be wide and anybody connected and Joman would scalp me.

Scottish Crown buggested For Margaret

EDINBURGII, Scotland (A) ---3cottish nationalists suggested been looking for is it not? of Scotland.

meeting sponsored in this cap- our share now. dal city by the Scottish patriot

wear old princess as a Scottishi lets make this 100th year the

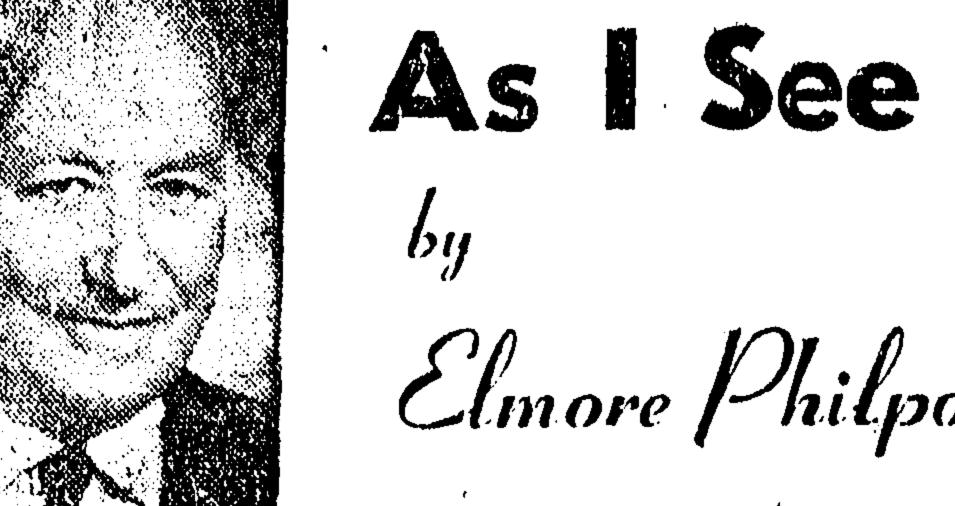
lion," said Miss Wendy Wood, a veteran nationalist who heads the patriot movement, "I mean no disrespect to the showed the bigger cities in B.C.

present sovereign. Queen Eliza- that the teenagers beth is the Queen that England Rupert are not a bunch of young

that English people like, but it to the Civic Centre on Sunday is not possible to have character- at 1 p.m. and start the ball rolllatics which both the Scots and ing. We couldn't have asked for the English appreciate."

and learn our ways."

(CP Photo)



For years I have been telling "Literary Lapses," by the great all and sundry that what Can- Stephen Leacock; "Over Prairie da needs is a smart book pub- Trails," by Frederick Philip isher who will tap the vast po- Grove; "Such Is My Beloved," by ential market for inexpensive Morley Callaghan; and "As For Me and My House," by Sinclair

Nearly all literate Canadians and and Stewart have already are familiar with at least some in of the work of our greatest humorist. But this is the kind of a book which should be on every the There must also be scores famous British Penguins. But I thousands of newcomers to Can-"well where is Canadian literacannot imagine any better introduction to really THE first four books issued in good Canadians writing than in

> British Columbia is full of old timers from the prairies. Although Grove's book "Over Prairie Trails," was written about his travels during the First World War, I am sure that ex-prairieities, will almost be able to smell the living prairie in these pages. "As For Me and My House,"

by Sinclair Ross, is a fine work art. Some of the experts say able form of travel. Yet. bless it is as powerful a work of Canadian literary craftsmanship as has ever been produced in this You kidded the pants off the country. But I find the story rible thirties. But the characters

Photographs were produced by do not quite come to life, for me. the score. A picture seemed the If this new Canadian paperonly remaining link you had with backed series had given us nothyour loved ones. Whether the ing but a reprint of Morley Callass was comely or homely, the laghan's excellent novel, "Such polite thing to do was to give an is My Beloved," it would have been well worth while.

I am ashamed to say that would come the click-click had never read a page of this that the verses are a little thing Other films based on Canadian of the rattling bones—"Come on, fine book until I got a hold of the announcer dashed off be- stories will follow.

the next stop on the timetable, parishoners, who pull strings the public-domain crowd can Canadian colony. with the bishop—and so on.

The story, of course, could just some time. as easily have been written. You only get what you pay Film Board hired him in 1952. around the life of a Protestant for in this world. Let those ne-| Since that time he has made a minister as of a Catholic parish glected bards put themselves bright name as writer, producer

awee bit weak. The conscientous hearing about them. I wish they He has a keen creative mind priest had a mental breakdown, would get with it. I want to hear and a sardonic wit. He won't Welcome breaks were the leg-which seems just too contrived a radio announcer urging me to nake Bloor Street into another

tions. Mad dashes for the lunch But that is a minor criticism, bood book store and buy some no good for berets, and sun-

Jearing captions: "To my Sweet- rielle Roy, and "Sam Slick the bought rights to Morley Callag- of the U.S.A. heart"; "Dearest Mother Mine." Clockmaker," by Haliburton. han's collection of short stories, written anywhere in recent dec-, to the screen for world-wide dis-

Minister Starr said in the House of Commons last week that 698,153 persons were registered for work with the National Employment Service at December 26. An unknown percentage of these applicants, however, is people employed but looking for different jobs. The graph at left traces unemployment from 1931. It is based on labor force surveys in late May or early June or the years 1946 to 1955 and on census material for years prior to 1946. It shows Canada's highest total of unemployment at 817,000 in 1933 with the jobless figure dropping to 62,000, its lowest level, in the wartime year 1944. my taste. Life in a little false-front Saskatchewan town was Al Aboard By G.E. Morlimore If there is a society for the Word of the enterprise came to

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CANADA appears to be heading towards

its highest level since the depression of the 1930s. The graph

at right shows the monthly fluctuation in the numbers of

those without jobs and seeking work as reported in the labor

force survey of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics during

1956-57. At the last date for which figures are available, last

November 16, a total of 292,000 were reported jobless. Labor

25 Years

1931-55

prevention of cruelty to pests, me recently from Norman Klenagainst radio announcers who CBC's television program "Graread poetry on the air without phic," who is vice-president of once mentioning the poet's the company. President is his

No doubt the listeners are sup- vidson. posed to run away with the idea tween commercials.

get a plug in the air is to buy! Norman was working for Reu-

I thought the end was just the radio audience will soon be and CBC. hurry on down to my neighbor- Sunset Boulevard. The climate is

Miss Roy's book is of very high "Now That April's Here," and standard indeed, one of the best will adapt several of the stories

should take action at once man, former chief writer for former TV partner, William '

The cast will be all Canadian.

rings true. It is about a fine | So far I have not heard of Klenman, I was sitting on the young Catholic priest who thinks any commercial radio announcer floor of his place in London. it is part of his duty to befriend failing to give credit to the spon- drinking bottled ale along with and bring redemption to two sor. The only way that Long-Norman, his wife, Japhne, and This undertaking fellow, Shakespeare, James several other contenial people arouses the indignation of the Whitcomb Riley and the rest of chiefly members of the London

> ters then. Canada's National; right with the front office, and and director for the film board

a scalding hot coffee and a stale new Canadian dollar series are with the new miracle ingredient. But I suspect that Norman Klenman and associates are go-Shooting of an all-Canadian ing to launch a grown-up Cana-Above the magazine counters books will be coming out soon in full length movie begins next dian movie industry. If all goes would be seads of flashy silk the same series. These will in- month in Toronto. Klenman- right, people may say in 25 years cushion covers, all bearing en-clude "The Tin Flute," by Gab- Davidson Productions, Ltd., has that Hollywood is the Toronto;

> CENTRAL BANK The Bank of Canada started as a central bank of issue and rediscount at Ottawa in 1935.

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OPEN LETTER TO "NEGLECTED SEGMENT" OF PRINCE RUPERT On Sunday, January 19 the open to you and me. Lets do something about it.

We have been griping and crabbing because there is nothing to do in this establishment which we have on Second Ave. ? know because I have done just The Editor, as much crabbing as you. Well The Daily News: here we are, the board of directors, the administration, and Mr. Kincaid have given their approval to a "13-19" Club.

This is usactly what we have on Thursday night that Prin-| Congratulations are in order for producing a show like this is sess Margaret be made Queen all these people. The only way we are going to show them our

This is Contonnial Year, great year marking 100 years But enthusiasm for the 27- progress in British Columbia, club could go on for the next coverage and publicity.

I think it is high time that we thanks. "She has the characteristics referred to. Let's all get down

beginning we have lots of years ahead of us and if we don't start now to do things ourselves B.C.'s! next Centennial will soon be here and we will be to late:

Thank you for the opportunity I hope we will deserve this. ROBERT JENSEN, Prince Rupert.

THANKS EVERYBODY The management of the Civic

Centre join with me in expressing deepest gratitude to the many volunteers who assisted in making "Varieties of 1958" such a success. The time involved in rather staggering-for instance, the Cast, who spent hundreds of The idea arose at a public appreciation is to dig in and do hours making their work letter perfect, and the unsung heroes behind the scenes (which runs) the gamut from lighting to the the patriots, who have cam- supporting this club and doing special praise is the staff of the our share for Prince Rupert, This Daily News for their excellent 100 years. We have a place in these wonderful people, who have not shown where, Lets tangible contribution toward our Swimming Pool, my most sincere

> "IJUDDY" TAFT, Civic Centre School of Dancing.

MUST LEAVE

VANCOUVER (P- Housebout u better plate and also better occupants here have lest their Miss Wood said Princess Mar- people. These people are inter- fight against eviction. Supreme garet was born in Scotland an ested only in us, let's show them court ruled that city council may "is young enough to come here we appreciate this fine gesture, evict them without notice or Lets get moving the fun is just compensation.