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Shift system threat if new school rejected

September it will be worse.

that are shareable with the provincial government must be presented to the voters for approval. Current capital costs for existing schools include such items as work on the various school sites and equipment.

All this and the new school costs must be approved Thursday by the satisfactory situation.

T this moment elementary school taxpayers or the elementary school children living a block from Con-situation in this city will become a rad Street school have to attend King shambles. Parents have been crying Edward school. Students not far from out for better education for their King Edward must attend Roosevelt children but there will be no improve-Park school. In other words the ment if their children have to go on a school boundaries are all mixed up. shift system of attending school. That The reason for the mix-up is the shor- is what faces the school board if more tage of classroom space in the Seal classroom space is not provided. Cove and Conrad Street area. It was Furthermore Prince Rupert has had enough this September. Next enough trouble obtaining teachers to handle the present number of pupils That is why District 52 School in the current conditions. Where will Board is asking for \$148,621 of a \$164,- the teachers come from next Septem-()()() by law for the construction of a berif the students have to be placed on new four-room school and auditorium a shift system? There will be too many at Seal Cove. The remainder of the pupils for the classrooms or there will bylaw is for current capital costs in not be enough teachers for the stag-1959. Under the new Public Schools gered shifts of pupils. The new school Act all current capital expenditures will not only alleviate the classroom shortage in the east end of the city but will give schools in that section of town a school auditorium and lunchroom for the first time. At presentthe basement of Conrad Street school serves the purpose there, a most un-

Let's beat old firehall to the draw

NCLUDED with the pyramids and the world should be the Prince Rupert new home for the city's valuable firehall. The main wonder is that it equipment. A new firehall would give is still standing after all these years. the regular and auxiliary firemen new the landscape that houses the city's vide extra room for training and also firefighting equipment undoubtedly include living accommodation for place the fact that it is still more or Fire Chief Earl Becker. By having the

has defied time and the elements, but saved. which it is built.

VICTORIA REPORT By James K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—Next Monday, December 15, the of all Canada—will be focused on Rossland-Trail, that vast and beautiful riding up in the Kootenay country.

There, in a by-election, made necessary by the resignation from the Legislature of Robert Sommers, Mr. Bennett's government will face its most severe test at the polls, much more severe than in the general elections of 1953 and

A defeat for Social Credit in Rossland-Trail will certainly be interpreted—and rightly so as a defeat for the government, because this by-election is much more than a local test, with only local issues at stake. Because of the Sommers case and the Briggs case the whole government record has become the issue; the very life of the government, one might say, is at stake.

The Premier knows it, though he won't admit it, and that's why he and most of his cabinet ministers are taking part in this byelection-why CCF leader Robert Strachan, MLA, and Liberal leader Arthur Laing and Conservative leader Deane Finlayson (note the

Hence the City Council's request of Colossus of Rhodes as wonders of the taxpayers for \$130,000 to build a Persons who have visited this blot on sleeping and recreation facilities, proless upright in the miracle category. fire chief living on the premises, the Built in January, 1912, the firehall salary of an extra fireman is thereby

the firemen who spend long hours Voting in favor of a new firehall is there on blustery, stormy nights will not only a humanitarian action to preswear that one of these days soon, in vent someone from being injured in the midst of a gale, the firehall will the old building but would avoid the dissolve in a heap at the corner of humiliation the citizens would feel if Fraser Street and Fifth Street above the firehall fell down. Let's build a new one before that happens.

absence of the initials, MLA after these two politial eyes of all British Columbia-indeed, names) are throwing their all into the fray, convinced that it's now or never for them.

The three opposition parties would rather have any one of them take the seat, than have Mr. Bennett's government retain it. Even Liberals and Conservatives, the avowed political enemies of CCF socialism would prefer to have Rossland-Trail go CCF than have it stay in the SC camp—a strange set of cirumstances, but then, as the old saying is, politics makes strange bedfellows.

Actually, even without the Sommers case and the Briggs case, it would be in the political cards for the government—any government— to suffer a reverse at the polls at this time. Outside Mr. Gunderson's defeat, Mr. Bennett has had it all his own way since he was first elected to the Premiership in 1952. He has marched on and on, victory after victory. This cannot go on indefinitely; no government can be so good that it dosen't get a slap in the face now and then.

Yes, an exciting by-election, and the result in Rossland-Trail next Monday will be long remembered by B.C.'s politicians.

Report from United Nations By FRANK HOWARD

This is one of a series of articles written by Skeena member of par-Dament Frank Howard who was recently delegated to attend the United Sations as a parliamentary observer. He will report his impressions of netivities at the UN from New York.

There are about a million visitors a year to the United Nations. Every few minutes there is a group of visitors that is taken on tours of the United Nations building. These visitors, of course, do not get to see every part of the three huge building, but only that part that is available to the general public. The conference and committee rooms are reserved for the

exclusive use of the delegates themselves. However, visitors do get an impressive tour of the buildings. They are given a very complete account of the history, present activities and

juture hopes of the United Nations. The guides who conduct these tours are very amiable and friendly. All to whom I have spoken exhibit a deep sincerity in their job. They do not not like the guides who conduct so many guided tours and who explain things and if they were giving a recitation learned for a school concert. The voices and friendly smiles of the guiden leave the visitor with the impression that there is semething exceptional

about the United Nations. United Nations leave with the feeling that the United Nations is the most important world

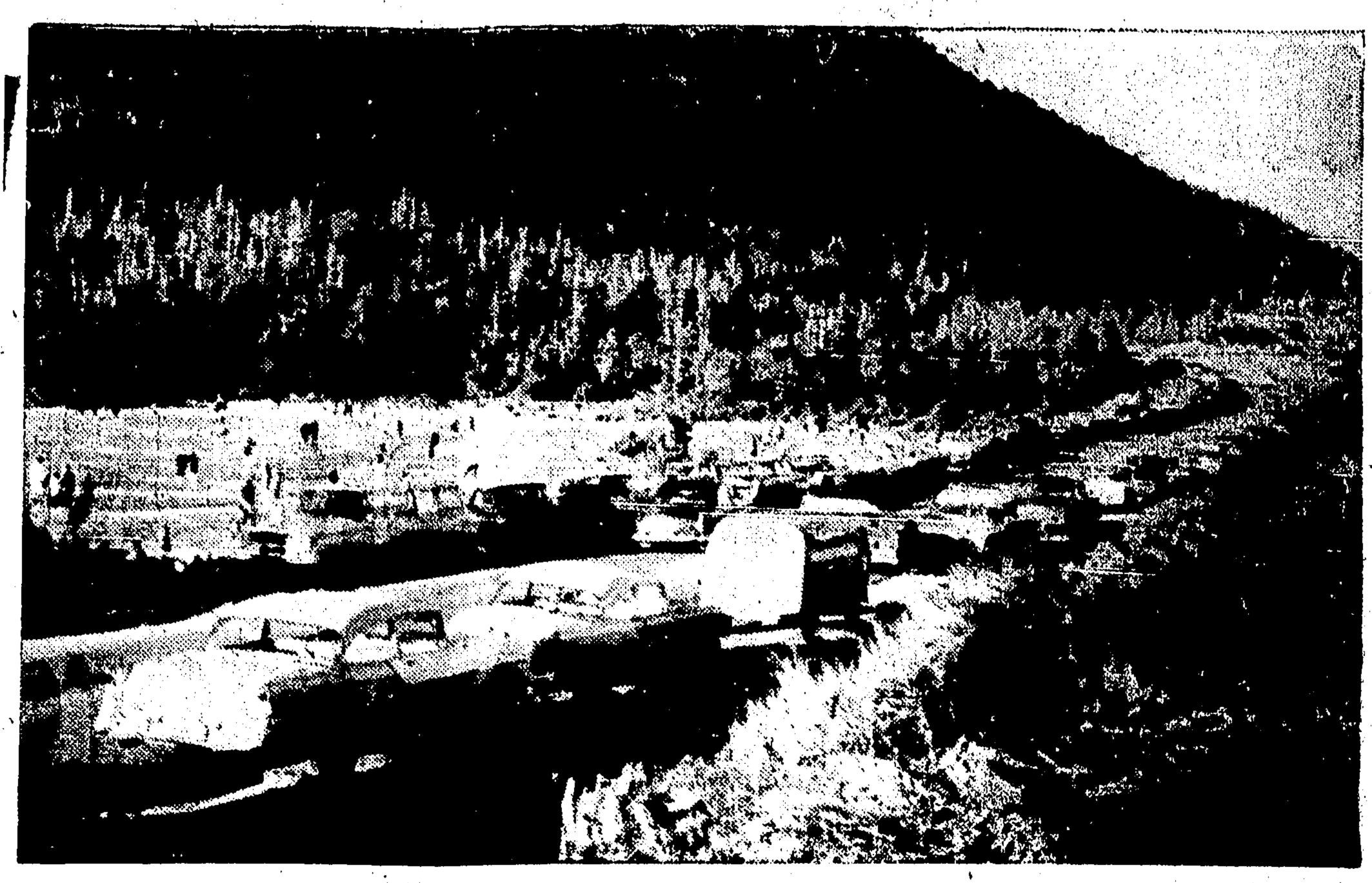
force for peace and that it must be maintained

and expanded. This is public relations and diplomacy at its best. The more that the general public realizes the necessity of using the machinery and facilities of the United Nations to the fullost, the better chance there will be for keeping peace and harmony throughout the

Many public institutions do not work to the limits of their capacity because of lack of public information about them. The United Nations could easily fall proy to complacency and apathy if adequate information is not

given about it. Many other organizations, both private and public, also become bureaucratic and disdainful of the public's interest because of lack of

interest by their membership. The million visitors a year who come to the United Nations got adequate information, given sincorely, of the United Nations, These employees of the United Nations, who conduct I'm sure that visitors who come to the these visitors though the U.N. perform exceptionally fine service to society, by assisting in the preservation of the humanities.



HUNDREDS OF SKATERS dot the ice at Oliver Lake, where last weekend city residents enjoyed the brilliant sunshine and bitterly co d weather. -Photo by Eric S. Martin.

Man bites dog, or journalism gets reprimand

discussion about the CF-105

and what the Prime Minister's

has been a lessening of the

clarity that should proclaim

whether a newspaper is stating

fact or fancy. The newspaper

profession should not follow

the vagaries of radio and tel-

evision in this matter. It

should be our duty to make

absolutely clear the three main

types of message that come

into our newspaper: a straight

news report (signed or other-

wise), a signed personal opin-

ion, and the unsigned editorial

opinion that is the opinion of

the editors or, if you like, the

The Journal, for its own part,

hopes to heed this deserved

newspaper.

From The Ottawa Journal

Canadian newspapers exercise their right to criticize most anything and anybody and we think they should. When newspapers in turn are criticized they should take careto receive the charge in good grace and grant at least the possibility that the critics may be right.

In such a mood do we look upon the observation last week of Air Vice Marshal John L. Plant, president of Avro Aircraft. According to The Canadian Press "he criticized reporters; as apart from editorial writers, for placing interpretation on stories and 'pass-

ing them' as facts." Air Vice Marshal Plant was referring particularly to the

LETTERBOX

WATER SITUATION

At last night's meeting, Al-

derman-elect Hills stated that

he would vote against the

Sewer Bylaw because it was

being given preference over

the Water Bylaw and he felt

that the water problem was

more acute and more impor-

tant than the sewer problem. I

realise that many voters have

the same misgiving, and in or-

der that everyone may know

think it is only right that the

situation regarding water

should be explained before the

The City Council have been

equally concerned about our

water supply, and instituted a

survey by the Associated En-

gineers. Their report was

available early this year, and

it was the intention of the

Council to introduce both by-

laws at the same time. Unfor-

tunately, the change in the

power rates recently granted

by the PUC altered our fig-

ures and the delay required to

re-assess the situation was

just enough to prevent the by-

law being ready for the De-

cember plebiscite. It should

be ready for presentation

Four alternatives have been

presented, but the Council are

pretty well of one mind to ac-

cept the one known as 2b. This

is the cheapest and involves

pumping the water from Sha-

watlans and scrapping the

pipe line to Woodworth Lake.

I do not propose to discuss the

reasons for this but only to

intlmate what it will cost the

The scheme involves two

1. A pumping station at

2. A new large main to the

The first of these is assen-

Shawatlans and a second res-

water front area to improve

tial as our water source is in

jeopardy. The second is im-

portant but not essential at

the moment. The cost of the

first is \$460,000; the cost of

he second \$226,000. Thus the

In line with Provincial Gov-

ernment rulings this cost will

have to be met by a utility

charge. There would be no

increase in taxes. If we do the

whole thing at once it will re-

sult in a 40 per cent increase

in water rates, or 90 cents a

month more for the house-

holder who is now paying

If we only install the pump-

ing station and reservoir

which will make our supply

safe, it will mean a 20 per cent

increase or 45 cents a month.

Bylaw, therefore, the tax pay-

er can figure that early next

year he will be asked to auth-

orise an increase in his water

rates of this amount. I trust

that this explanation will re-

lieve the minds of many who

are concorned with the

thought of astromendous ex-

pense for water in the near

Yours sincerely,

ALD, R. G. LARGE.

Phiance Chairman.

In considering the Sewer

total cost would be \$686,000.

ervoir on Montreal Heights.

the distribution system,

tax payers.

early in the New Year.

vote on Thursday.

the true state of affairs,

The Editor,

The Daily News.

statement meant or did not mean. We need not get into a debate about that here, for we have no reason to believe he was referring to reporters of this newspaper. But there is some weight in his criticism of today's journalism if it be made as a general statement and not related specifically to the CF-105. In the last decade or so there

has been in Canada and elsewhere an increase in the custom of what might loosely be called "personal journalism." First, more articles are signed by the reporters' names, and the distinctions between news and opinion have on occasion been somewhat obscured. Second, there is the increasing use and popularity of "columnists," men or women who put their name to a regular column of comment or interpretation and who are given some latitude by their editors on the understanding that readers will not assume their comments to be necessarily those

of the newspaper. If a newspaper is not carefully edited there is a tendency from these two circumstances that reporters supposedly writing a "straight" news story intentionally or unintentionally lapse into the role of a reporter writing a signed "interpretive" piece, or even into the role of a columnist with some licence to free

The result of any research vigilance over these matters is that a newspaper reader whether he be an Air Vice Marshal or a candlestickmaker—is left with an understandable confusion not only as to what is fact and what is opinion, but if it is opinion whose opinion is it?

Let us say at once that THE JOURNAL does not inveigh against "columnists" as such; indeed we have several in our own paper, ranging all the way from Walter Lippman on the world to John Bird on birds. We know that the public likes signed columns if they are bright and informative and give an interesting opinion. Nor are we much against the more liberal use of "bylines"—in an age of personalities who are we to hide our lights under a bushel; look to the radio, for example, where the chap who tells you the time tells you then his name and the name of the fellow who has wound the clock!

But Air Vice Marshal Plant is right in suggesting that there

Competition

From the Ottawa Journal Canada is not engaged in a competition of giving but the West has to be aware of the increasing economic strength of Russia which permits her to export technical assistance and money in addition to the political theories so long her chief offerings.

Conditional relief

From the Calgary Herald It is a common sight, indeed. to see transit buses during the rush hours so crammed with passengers that the ontooker ann only fool a sense of rollef that he or she is not in the vehicle---unless he is waiting to board that particular bus.

Dubious honor

From the Peterborough Examiner

Canadians have the dublous honor of living in one of the best-fed and worst-read countries among the civilized of "this globe. If figures about the reading of books collected in Burope, North America and the British Commonwealth are to be trusted, we read fewer books per capita than any other civilized land, with the exception of the U.S.A.

Civic questions and answers

This is one of a series of questions on city affairs, problems and projects to which Mayor P. J. Lester has offered to provide answers. Questions should be sent to "Clyle Questions and Answers," City Hall, Prince Rupert, together with name and address. The answers do not necessarily reflect the opinion of

Q. For some time I have noticed that Second Avenue West from McBride to the unction of First, Second and Third Avenues West is not weather and parts of Second Avenue are hazardous, particularly on the section from Mc-Bride to Third Street West to Ninth Street. Is this the city's responsibility or provincial department of highways?

A. This is the city's responsibility and our Public Works Department has instructions in icy weather to sand the steep hills and corners in the ity first, then the main traffic arteries and if the slippery conditions continue to endeavor to sand all streets in the city first, then the main

Obviously it is impossible ... to sand all city streets immedlately and we expect that the motorists will take the usual was precautions such as snow chains or snow tires in the intervening time that it takes the city crews to get all the streets sanded.

Charlottetown Patriot Minister of Fisheries J. Angus MacLean has served notice that any attempt next year to indulge in illegal lobster fishing will be met with the sternest of government measures. There can bé no doubt whatever that the minister means just what he says; equally, there is little doubt that some fishermen will ignore the

BIG INDUSTRY

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Charcoal Sketch by Eghert C. Reed

Wilson Mills Southam Publisher of The Ottawa Citizen, 1897-1920

It is said of many notable newspaper personages that they had "printer's ink in their veins". This may or may not have been so in the case of Wilson Mills Southam, but probably more to the point is the fact that he undoubtedly got it on his hands.

Closely associated with the printing and publishing business for nearly 60 years, Mr. Southam made his first contact with it when he was only 16 years old. He went to work in the old Mail Job Printing Company which was founded by his father and which eventually became Southam Press, Toronto. This early contact with the actual production of printing was never forgotten.

by W. M. Southam. He never lost interest in the techniques of printing or in the personalities and welfare of the men who were entrusted with the mechanical phases of producing his newspaper,

Wilson Mills Southam was born October 2, 1868, at London, Ontario, eldest son of the late William and Wilson Mills Southam. He moved with his family to Hamilton in 1877 when William Southam and his partner bought The Hamilton Spectator.

Educated in public schools and Hamilton Collegiate, he joined his father in the management of The Spectator on the death of the partner, William Carey. In 1897 he became managing director and publisher of The Ottawa Citizen when it was purchased by his father. He retired from active direction of The Citizon in 1920 to take over management of Southam Limited, at that time the helding company for all the Southam interests.

He retired from active husiness in 1926 and died on August 24, 1947. At the helm as a newspaper publisher, Wilson Southum's questing mind would Jord him to explore new paths. Indoctrinated by Lord Grey, a liberal-thinking Governor General, he collaborated in founding the Proportional Representation Society of Canada, and in enlisting Mackenzie King's monthership. At the end of World War 1, when the Great War Veterans' Association lacked

Tunds to rout adequate office space, The Citizen's publisher made offices available ront-free, practically one entire floor of the Citizen Building. From this pioneer boginning of the G.W.V.A. emerged the Canadian Logion. After retirement from active service in the daily newspaper field, Mr. Southwin

continued to follow crumiding public. During the years of chronic depression, he asponsed the views of Maynard Keynes in favour of a more liberal monetary policy, to counteract deflation. Prime Minister Bennett agreed with him but failed to win the support of cabinet colleagues or economic advisors, who feared a recurrence of inflation.

Mr. Southan was one of the first to some the value of claudiled advertising to the readership of his newspaper, as distinct from revenue, and he festered it carefully. The result was that classified advertising excellence became a tradition with The Citizen.

In his liberal thinking. Wilson Southam was far ahead of his time. From his carliest newspaper days he had the keepest sympathy with the labor mevement and privately published many pamphlots and brochures on enlightened labormanagement relationships. He was also an advocate of a revised World Calendar when this was considered a plaything for visionaries. In 1800, Mr. Southam married Henrichta A. Cargill, third daughter of the

Into Honry Cargill, M.P., of Cargill, Ontario. They had four some and two One of a veries featuring Canadian Editors and Publishers

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