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Industry for Prince Rupert

In view of the mounting interest in the proposed Frobisher Ventures power development of the Nass River we are reprinting an article dated May 16 by Bill Ryan, Vancouver Province business editor, on the part that Prince Rupert may have in the scheme. The article says:

Prince Rupert may become another industrial "cock of the north," even as Kitimat has become as a result of Alcan, Prince George hopes to become through the Wenner-Gren project.

The key to a possible great new era of development for Rupert. The huge Frobisher-Ventures power and metallurgical undertaking.

We suggested to the consulting engineer on the project (the initial Nass River stage will cost about \$50,000,000, the ultimate project envisioned may call for investment of \$700,000,000) that the industrial site and town site likely would be on Alice Arm, just north of Prince Rupert.

J. R. Wardle replied: "Likely. But there are other spots."

"We haven't overlooked Prince Rupert itself."

The final decision, of course, he pointed out, is up to the directors of Northwest Power Industries Ltd., the F-V affiliate which is handling the B.C. venture.

Wardle said the Nass River phase would reach the design stage by the fall.

"We had a good year last year. We have done a lot of work."

The Nass development includes a main dam for power and storage of water, and eventually two additional storage dams, one on Bowser Lake, which would be built first, subsequently one on Meziadin Lake. The payoff—450,000 horsepower.

Wardle expects Northwest Power directors will reach a decision within three weeks at the latest on the extent of work and money to be spent this year in reaching the design stage. A little more drilling is to be done at one of the storage dam sites.

If the B.C. government would be advised when design stage is reached, tenders would then be called, said Wardle. ("It will be on a tender basis, I imagine.")

How about the bigger phase of the project, harnessing of the Stikine, Iskut, Yukon and Taku rivers?

"Someday, maybe," said Wardle, pointing to U.S. designs on them, since they are partly in Alaska. Wardle is optimistic the salmon problem on the Nass River can be solved.

"We know we can get the fish up. The fingerlings are the hard ones to handle. But it's not an obstacle that can't be overcome," he feels.

Whether Prince Rupert gets the decision or not, even as an adjacent community it stands to gain much from the project.

Financing of '56 work was shared 40 per cent by Ventures, 30 per cent by Frobisher, 30 per cent by Quebec Metallurgical Industries Ltd., another affiliate.

Significantly, one unit of the F-V enterprise would be a primary steel industry, drawing iron ore from the Queen Charlottes.

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Victoria Report

by J. K. NESBITT

VICTORIA—Our Premier Mr. Bennett says he and his government must give their first attention to B.C.'s affairs and then, that done, they are perfectly free to take part, as Canadians, in the June 10 Federal election.

Big U.K. Papers Offering Help To Weak Rivals

By KEN METHERAL

Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP)—The sudden closing of a picture magazine and the reported pending merger of two national daily papers have thrown into sharp relief the struggle for survival now being fought in Britain's newspaper industry.

So serious has the situation become that in this, the most competitive of industries, the more prosperous publishers now are giving serious consideration to the problem of helping their weaker rivals.

The most forthright offer of help has come from The Daily Express, owned by Canadian publisher Lord Beaverbrook.

UNDER ADVERSITY

Commenting on an announcement by Hulton Press Limited that the once-thriving weekly Picture Post will cease publication June 1 and on "uncontradicted reports" of a forthcoming merger between The Daily Herald and The News Chronicle,

The Express says it "stands ready to do its part in any plan to fortify newspapers that are struggling under adversity."

Tom Blackburn, chairman of The Express, says the initiative for such a plan should come from outside the newspaper—"We can hardly go prying unasked into the business affairs of somebody else."

"But we are anxious and willing to help if any plans are mooted. We feel this is a matter that affects the health of the whole democratic community. It is in the public interest that there should be the fullest and freest expression of opinion in the press—the more papers the better."

Viscount Kemsley, chairman of the Kemsley newspaper group, whose newspapers include The Sunday Times, is another expressing concern for the future of weak or marginal papers.

NEED CHANGES!

In his annual report, Lord Kemsley says the general newspaper scene "will surely deteriorate" unless there are "radical" changes in the general business climate, and within the industry itself.

He says one boon to financially weak papers would be a reduction in newsprint costs, which now are six times the pre-war figure and which account for about 30 per cent of newspaper production costs.

In addition, he says newspapers must modernize their plants to make the fullest possible use of mechanical devices and suggests British newspaper owners and union leaders should meet to discuss such matters as "a matter of urgency."

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To Co-Operate

BUDAPEST (CP)—Hungary's Roman Catholic "peace priests" have decided to continue co-operating with the Communist-led "peace movement," the official MTI news agency said Tuesday. Roman Catholic leaders have opposed the National Peace Committee of Catholic Priests because it co-operated with the Communist regimes.

Some Catholics say only 600 of about 12,000 priests sympathize with it.

That may be true and correct enough, the only thing is that the Premier and members of his cabinet are running about all over this vast land electioneering for Social Credit to such an extent that a citizen coming to this capital and wanting to see them on business finds it quite impossible to find them at home.

That despite what the Premier says to the contrary, is the way it'll be until after June 10.

Oh, well, it'll soon be all over and then perhaps we'll settle down and try and forget politics.

But not for long—by the end of summer there'll be a "little election" in B.C.—three by-elections—in Delta, Burnaby and Cariboo, brought about by the resignation to run for the Commons of Mr. Thomas Irwin in Delta, and two deaths—Mr. White in Burnaby and Mr. Chetwynd in Cariboo.

It seems we can never be free for long of electioneering in this province. However, it does keep things exciting and does instill into the people a knowledge of, and curiosity in their own affairs, all of which is healthy.

Next time you come here to your capital, you'll see Capt. Vancouver atop the dome of the Legislative Buildings in a new glitter of gold paint.

It's a good thing Capt. George Vancouver has been taken down some weeks ago for cleaning and painting. There was much publicity about his removal, and the statue, in its new coat of paint, was put on public view, so that the people of this capital, for the first time, really came to know who it is that dominates the Buildings, looking out over Victoria and floodlit at night.

Visitors are always curious about the statue on top of the Buildings. When they ask the citizens who it is, however, the citizens show great ignorance. They just didn't know, most of them, until now. Now most people here know it's Capt. George Vancouver, who explored the coast waters in HMCS Discovery in 1792-93-94.

Now that the famous old March is being torn away, the statues on the library wing of the Legislative Buildings are being exposed to public view, and it's just as well citizens should know who they are, for tourists have tremendous curiosity about statues, and ask "penetrating" questions about them.

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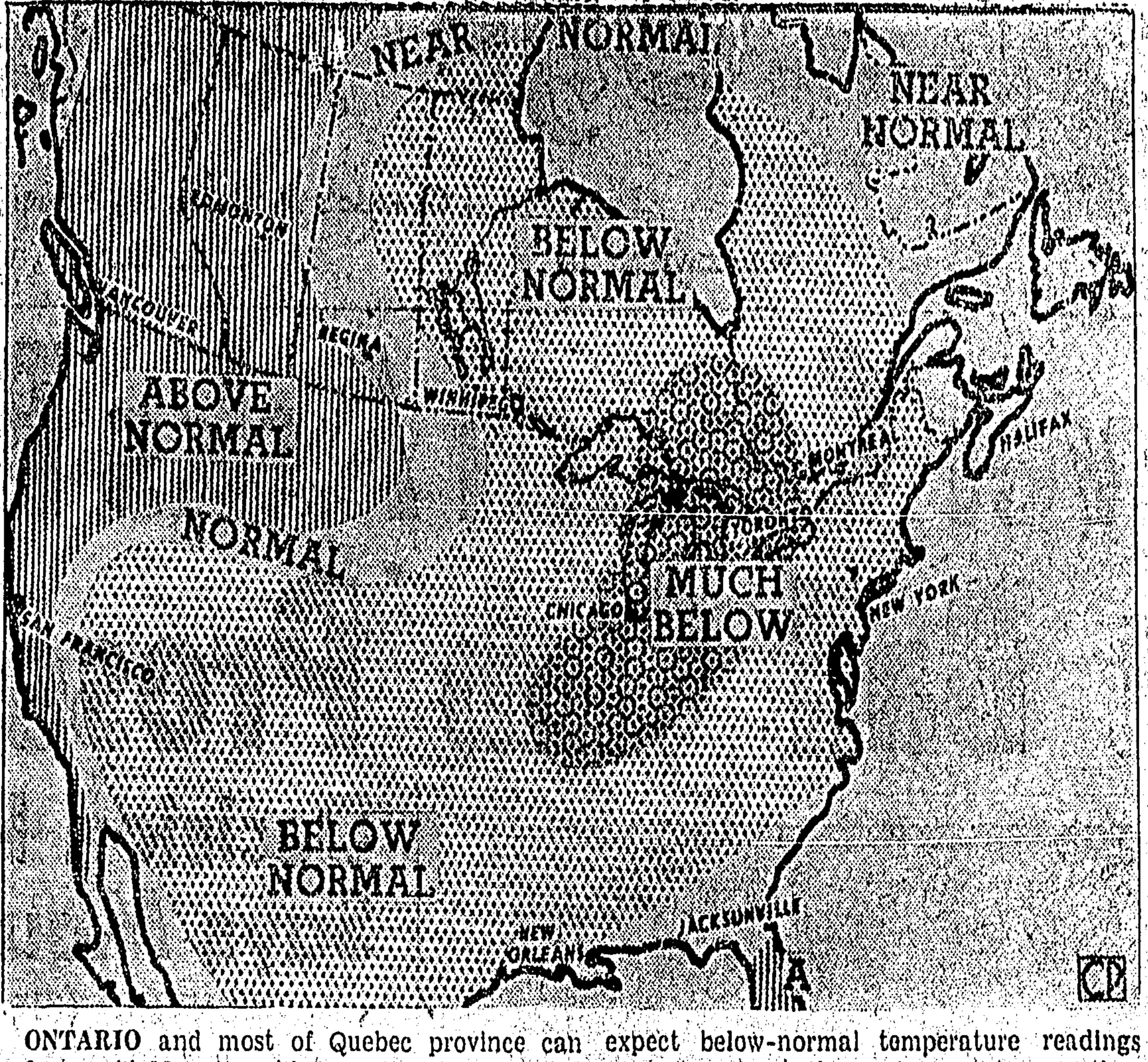
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THE LETTERBOX

NOTABLE RECORD

The Editor, The Daily News,

Your support of Mr. Applewhaitte as shown by your last two editorials should cause him considerable concern, if your previous record in supporting causes and people is anything to go by.

• The Daily News endorsed keeping the Dry Dock—the dry dock is gone.

• The Daily News endorsed Liberal Bruce Brown. —Bruce Brown was defeated.

• The Daily News endorsed the Power Commission—wrong again.

• The Daily News endorses the building of a museum on taxpayers' money—enough said on that subject.

• The Daily News endorsed the hotel owners two for a quarter beer—beer is still ten cents a glass.

I'd rather walk under three indiners, spill salt, have two black cats cross my path on a moonlight night, break a mirror, or hear a banshee than have the Daily News support me in any election.

BOB PLAYER
Prince Rupert.

EARLY SYMPTOM

Diabetes may be recognized in an early stage by an increased sugar content in the blood stream.

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