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Get Highway Traffic Out of Mud

SPRING break-up has hit the highway from Prince George to Terrace and reports say that cars are getting hopelessly mired in the mud—in the middle of the road.

This is the only main highway in British Columbia in which such a situation has been tolerated by the Provincial Government. It is the misfortune of North Central British Columbia that it should have this distinction.

When cars travelling one of the three east-west highways in British Columbia can settle down to their oil pans in jelly-like mud, the term highway is not properly descriptive of the road. It is a poor makeshift for a thoroughfare. Only the fact that the country served has never known anything better causes the condition to be tolerated. Every year since the highway was built this spring break-up of the the road has occurred. It is as much a local phenomenon as the going out of the ice in the St. Lawrence in spring. But everywhere else in British Columbia major roads, if not in prime condition, will at least support vehicles from sinking down half out of sight. It is not unknown on the Northern Trans-Provincial Highway for tractors to go to the rescue of cars and for tractors to be called to pull other tractors out of the river of mud misnamed "highway".

British Columbia's Minister of Highways promises that this road, step by step, will be black-topped, over the next few years. Why so slowly?

If it is a matter of available funds, then we suggest that British Columbia get help from Ottawa.

It may not yet be generally realized how far the St. Lawrence Seaway Project is exceeding all cost expectations. There is now little likelihood that the seaway tolls will carry the capital cost. Canada must dig up its share of the money. This means all Canada, including British Columbia.

The Seaway is of no particular benefit to this province and yet taxpayers here are going to have to put up their share of the total expanded budget. That being the case, we in British Columbia have an excellent case for more assistance from Ottawa. We should not ask for political pap or luxuries. Help in building and improving the development of roads that run to our new, promising regions in the northern half of the province can be asked for with a wholly clear conscience. The Federal government itself will be the greatest beneficiary from such expenditure since it will obtain direct tax revenues from the wealth thus tapped.

Canada has recognized this principle not only in grants in aid of the Trans-Canada Highway but in the building of the Cassiar Road. It should be applied to the rapid hard-surfacing of the highway from Terrace to Prince George so that it will be a dependable, first-class, all-year highway.

—Kitimat Northern Sentinel.

All Aboard *By G.E. Mortimore*

The thinkers are knocking themselves out to invent new labor-saving devices.

Shuffling a pack of cards is not exactly a fatiguing chore. You don't see poker players fling the cards aside and lie down for a rest, panting and sweating from the effort.

Yet some creative genius has devised a machine to relieve mankind of the job. I saw another day in a stationery store window.

Some future generation of poker players may look back with incredulity to the rough pioneer time when men had to shuffle their own cards, handjogging it all the way. They may sympathise with the underprivileged gamblers of the 20th century, who had to do all their cheating by the old-fashioned manual method.

"Grandpa," some moppet of the year 2200 may say, "tell us about how hard you worked as a boy, when people had to press the buttons of the labor-saving machines by hand, instead of just breathing on them."

Things haven't yet reached that pass, but I see in the Atlantic Monthly that two companies are manufacturing a power nailer. One of the automatic hammers, feeding itself nails through a tube as a stapling machine feeds staples, can ram home 60 nails a minute.

A carpenter wielding one of these machine-gun nail-pushers will no longer be able to mash his own thumb, but with one slip of the hand he might sew himself to the wall like a patch on a pair of jeans.

Carpenters earn fair money. As soon as their employers can lay hands on power nailers, they'll be figuring out some gentle, humane way to axe three-quarters of the labor force.

There is only one deterrent—and it is the big reason why the human being will never be entirely replaced by the machine. Machines cost too much.

All kinds of labor-saving widgets, ranging from automatic grape-peelers to power toothbrushes, for all I know, are on the market. I can't afford any of them. Nor will I be able to afford a power nailer to patch up that loose board on the porch, because the new machine will retail at $1,000 a copy.

TONGUE SLIPS

VICTORIA (CP) — Slips of the tongue occasionally provoke laughter in the B.C. legislature. During the last session Mines Minister Kenneth Kiernan once addressed Mr. Speaker Thomas Irwin as "Mr. Swooker." Provincial Secretary Wesley Black start one speech with "Mr. Sweaker."

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As I See It

by Elmore Philpott

• Press and Politics

WHEN THE SOCIAL CREDIT campaigners invaded eastern Canada there was violent argument about one simple but important fact:

How many people were at the meeting in Massey Hall, which holds just over 2,200 when jam packed full?

The one thing which all the newspaper reports agreed upon was that Massey Hall was not full when the meeting began, and that a good many of the people who were there when the meeting started had departed before it came to an end.

But exactly how many persons did the Social Credit speakers draw? Was it 1200 as one report said, or was it 1700 as another newspaper recorded? Was the hall half or only quarter empty?

To those of us who are getting up in years there is nothing new about such press arguments at election times.

In those "good old days" which we hear so much about all the newspapers brazenly slanted their news reports to try and help the party they were supporting.

The Grit newspapers would grossly exaggerate the numbers of people who were supposed to have been at Liberal meetings; and just as grossly underestimate the number who turned out to hear the Tory orators. The Tory papers did the same thing the other way around. The general public took all this for granted. Nobody expected any newspaper to be strictly honest and fair to "the enemy" about such matters.

NOWADAYS no self-respecting paper would stoop to such low tactics. All the papers, clean across Canada, give pretty accurate reports about political meetings. By that I mean that cases of deliberate "slanting" are few and far between.

But I am sorry to say that, while all the papers are far less fiercely partizan than they used to be not one paper in the whole country is giving as ample "coverage" of election meetings as they used to give.

If you look back in the bound volumes of the newspapers of Canada say to 1911, or 1921 you will see that all the papers used to print columns and even pages of verbatim reports of the speeches of the party leaders. The leaders actually did carry on a sustained running debate, on a national level — and the whole country was able to follow what they said. Now few of the papers give more than snippets of election news.

Of course when the Prime Minister of Canada turns up for an important meeting, such as the one to be held in Vancouver on Friday, May 3, the local papers really spread themselves for that particular occasion.

But ordinarily they just do not dream of devoting the space to political speeches that they all used to do, as a matter of routine in the days of Macdonald, Laurier, Borden, King, or R. B. Bennett.

THE SAME principle applies to news from parliament. There are more reporters assigned to the press gallery at Ottawa than ever before in the history of the country. But there is less and less space given to the parliamentary proceedings, in proportion to all the printed matter in the paper, than ever before in the history of our country.

I am not blaming the newspapers for these changing trends—simply pointing out they are a fact.

If one had to try to explain the changes he would have to take into account all sorts of things. The newspapers are bigger and bulkier than they were fifty or a hundred years ago, but now they all use far bigger type in their news stories, and hence they just can't print as many words per column as they used to do.

But, also, the fixed "features" which all newspaper readers have come to demand appropriate most of the space which used to go to news reports. The comics, the cartoonists, the columnists and so on all take up an extraordinary amount of space.

It is also a fact that a good many of the people hear some of the news over the radio, or see and hear it via TV, long before they ever get their newspapers at all. For these, the newspaper pages explain, verify and amplify what they heard—or think they heard—over the air.

All these things add up together to give us the new relationship between the press, the people—and the politicians.

It may be better, worse, or partly better or partly worse. The one tying sure is that it is all very different.

PHILIP J. ROCK of Drumheller, Alta., who breeds some of North America's best sheep, was paid $100,000 in compensation by the federal government when a herd of 654 head had to be destroyed because the animals had contracted scrapie, a disease of sheep.

Big Expansion Completed By Edmonton Steel Mill

EDMONTON — Alberta's continued industrial growth was emphasized with the announcement by Premier Steel Mills Ltd., of the completion of a substantial addition to their mill just east of Edmonton.

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This expanded ingot production has enabled the plant to produce a full range of angle and flat bars from the small merchant range to the structural sizes. Plain round and concrete reinofrcing bars of the full range produced by the company play an important part in our booming construction industry. In June of this year Premier will be producing grinding rods and forged grinding balls for use in the mining industry to the north and west of Edmonton.

From its origin in 1955 with a floor area of 70,000 square feet and employing 107 employees, the mill has in two years established a new basic industry in Alberta, and now has a floor area of 100,000 square feet and a payroll of over 300 people.

THE LETTERBOX

WAITER SPEAKS PIECE

The Editor,
The Daily News:

I work in a beer parlor and these hotel owners aren't fooling me. This last so-called "wage increase" cost them maybe $5 a day in wages. They sell on a yearly average about 2,220 glasses of beer a day which grosses them $220. Raising the price of beer brings their gross up to $277.50 a day, an increase of $55.50 a day.

I've got no objection to the price of beer being raised. What I think is dead wrong is that these hotelmen are using a wage increase of $30 a week total to increase their take by $330 per week and blaming the beer waiter whose wage is still below a laborer's.

It's a good thing the Labor Council's got enough guts to tell the Government about this latest caper.

Please don't use my name, I've got to work for a living.

"BEER WAITER"
Prince Rupert.

LIKE HOSPITALS

BRANTFORD, Ont. (CP)— Three Hungarian doctors, newcomers here after fleeing their homeland, said they were impressed by Canadian hospital standards. Better drugs and more modern surgical instruments caught their eyes and one, Dr. Francis Kristof, added that Canadian nurses are better trained than those in Hungary.

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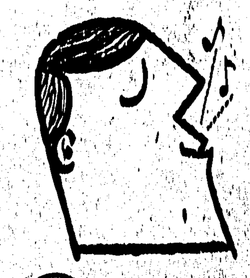

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