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Fire Fund Needs Boost

ALMOST anyone with a glimmer of self examination can tell whether they have done a good job or not. They know when they have completed their own day's work, a job around the home, fixing a chair, repairing a broken switch or even washing the dishes, whether they have done the task to the best of their ability. Prince Rupert citizens, therefore should realize that they are not doing a very commendable job financially, of helping the victims of last week's McIntyre block fire. It is all very well, to sit back and think, "Well, that sort of thing is up to the Red Cross. I've been contributing to the Red Cross for years, let's see them use some of the money I've given." The Red Cross moved quickly and provided $200 immediately after the fire. A private collection aided one family after a fellow worker took the trouble to make a round of Columbia Cellulose workers. Under the urging of Mrs. Yet Wong who has been looking after her tenants before herself and her own kin, firms have given generously where needed. But these are people who have been burned out of their very shelter. Their very necessities, their personal belongings, their money in some cases, their children's clothes went up in flames during the sudden disastrous fire.

Just sit and think what it is like to go through a really bad fire. Imagine that you and your family go to a movie. When you return your home has gone. You have nothing but the clothes you stand up in. You still have your job but you have no roof over your head. You only have the money in your pocket, payday is still some time away, there are bills to be met, you have to feed your family until payday. You have no more clothes in which you can keep sending your children to school. Everything for which you have worked and saved is gone. You are on rock bottom.

Sure, you are proud. You've suffered a setback and you'll beat your way up again. But let's face it, it would be easier if you had a little money to go on. Just enough to help out so that you won't go into the hole so deep that you'll never get out in a million years. That is why money is needed for the McIntyre block fire fund. To give these people a hand until they get on their feet again.

You don't have to give a great amount. What is needed is a lot of people giving a little. If you can't give much, we don't care. It's the spirit behind it that counts. If you want to get credit for it, we'll print your name. If you don't we won't. But let's see the money roll in to help the victims of last week's tragedy. Let's build the fund up quickly, get it over with and distribute it while it can do some good.

The Daily News gets nothing out of the campaign, it is strictly a collection base for a good cause. We are willing to take your donation, give you a receipt and take the money up to the bank. As of last night there was $140 left over from the King George rooms fire of 1953 and $33.80 within the last few days for the McIntyre fire.

Let's go to town and show these people that the city and the people that live in it have a heart, a big generous heart. Always remember, it could happen to you. Fire respects no one.

Canadian Trend Non-Liberal

LIBERALS who think the next Dominion election is "in the bag" should take a look at the population figures by provinces as issued last week by the Dominion bureau of statistics.

In our population, now above 16 millions, three provinces have Liberals governments—Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland (the two smallest) and Manitoba—and altogether 1,364,000 Canadians live in them.

But by comparison almost five times as many Canadians live under provincial governments that are Conservative: Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia accounting in all for 6,652,000 of our people.

Quebec's Union Nationale government cares for 4,628,000 people; Social Credit's total population in British Columbia and Alberta is 2,531,000 and thus far ahead of the Liberals; and the CCF rules Saskatchewan's 880,000.

It is quite true, of course, that the provinces do not necessarily vote in general elections as they do in their local affairs.

Nevertheless there are signs of a trend which must be causing concern to Mr. St. Laurent and his strategists.

—Ottawa Journal.

— GEMS OF THOUGHT —

I never found the companion that was so companionable as solitude. —Thoreau.

As I See It

by Elmore Philpott

• Kashmir Facts

THE press of the western world has never been friendly, or even fair, to Prime Minister Nehru of India. It has always resented Nehru's assumption of the position of self-appointed conscience to the civilized world.

But the western press has never made itself quite so ridiculous as in the past few weeks, since India formally incorporated Kashmir into the Indian Union.

As I have previously pointed out, that incorporation was probably a mistake on Prime Minister Nehru's part.

But it never was true that the Indian army "seized" Kashmir, as many of the American newspapers are now stating, with a complete disregard for the actual facts.

THE State of Jammu and Kashmir was actually invaded by wild mountaineer tribesmen on October 22, 1947. The invaders swept across the country, exactly as their forefathers had done hundreds of times before, over a period of thousands of years. They looted, pillaged, burned and raped in a wild orgy of violence and distruction. On the fourth day of the invasion, the whole town of Baramula was sacked, and out of fourteen thousand inhabitants only three thousand survived.

While it is true that the ruler of Kashmir was a Hindu it is equally true that the victims of the invasion of Kashmir were mostly Moslems; and the whole Moslem population of the Valley of Kashmir was frantically appealing for protection from the wild invaders.

On October 26, 1947, the ruler of Kashmir wrote the Governor General, Lord Mountbatten, formally registering the accession of his state to the Indian Union.

India accepted that accession on the following day—October 27, 1947. At that time the invaders were less than five miles from the capital of Kashmir, Srinagar.

THE Indian Army at that time was still under the command of British officers. A combat team of three hundred and thirty-five men was flown in, in one of the most timely and clever air-borne operations of our times.

This small force arrived literally in the nick of time to save Kashmir, not so much for India, as from the violence of the mountaineer invaders.

It was considerably later when the Kashmir trouble degenerated into actual war between India and Pakistan. For weeks or even months after the original outbreak, the Pakistan government tried to convince the world that it had no direct part in events in Kashmir.

Time after time, UN arbitrators have found that Pakistan has no "locus standi", in Pakistan, on any basis of legality.

MR. NEHRU told me in 1951 that he was completely in earnest about permitting a free vote in Kashmir. But he insisted that Pakistan must meet certain prior conditions, including the complete withdrawal of her armed forces from all the disputed territory, before the vote.

Pakistan's retort to this proposal was that she would not do so unless Indian troops were also completely withdrawn.

The former premier of Kashmir, Sheik Abdullah (now held in jail) told me privately why India could never agree to that proposal. It would mean, he said, that Pakistan could rush her troops back in, in a matter of hours, while India—separated from Kashmir by high mountains—could not get back her troops for days or even weeks.

Adds $16,000 To Winnings

NEW YORK (AP)—Charles Van Doren, Columbia University instructor who celebrates his 31st birthday today, has booked his television show winnings at $138,000.

Van Doren won another $16,000 Monday night on NBC's "21" show by defeating two opponents, John Kieran Jr., son of the former Information Please expert, and Dr. Hall Griffith, author and political speech writer.

The $138,000 figure made Van Doren TV's leading single-show money winner but he is second to 11-year-old Lennie Ross of Tujunga, Calif., as television's top quiz show winner. Ross has won $64,000 on CBS' The $64,000 Challenge and $100,000 on NBC's The Big Surprise.

Israel Mum On U.S. Plan For Gaza Strip

JERUSALEM (AP)— Israeli foreign ministry officials had no comment today on the new United States proposal to get Israel's troops out of the Gaza Strip and Egyptian territory along the Gulf of Aqaba.

A spokesman said the proposal, made Monday by State Secretary Dulles, had not yet been received officially by his government.

Report From PARLIAMENT

By E. T. APPLEWHAITE, MP Skeena

I am hoping, most devoutly, that we have at last broken the back of the problem of providing mail service for Kitimat. And, I frankly admit, it is about time.

With the main post office and sorting depot for receiving and dispatching, at the Service Centre, and postal stations at Nechako, Smelintersite, Riverside and Anderson Creek, postal services should be greatly improved. As soon as this system is operating smoothly, I would propose to press for action on the Federal building, but I have always felt that the first requirements was adequate service now.

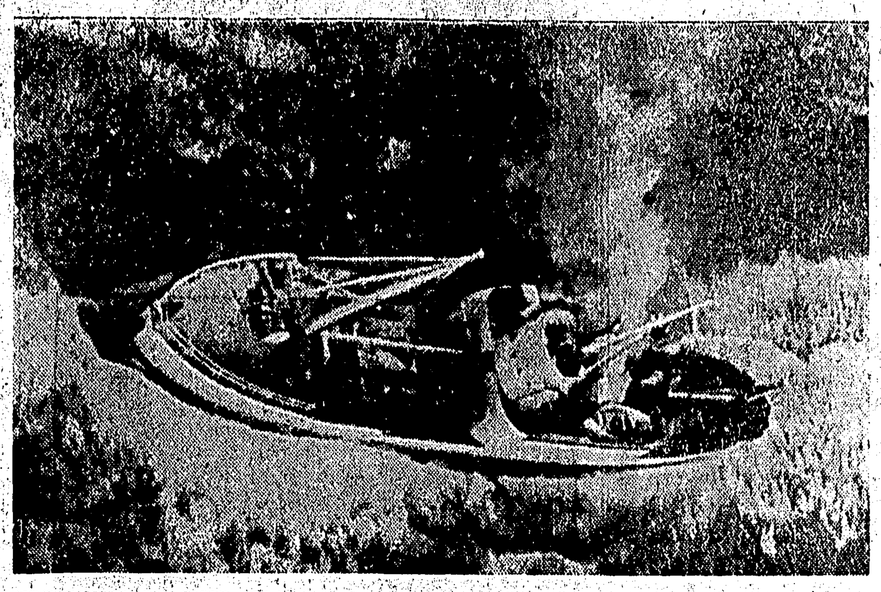
I would like to add my request to all people at Kitimat to instruct their correspondents to address their mail fully including the name of the proper postal station. And I know that I am expressing the views of post office officials at headquarters, as well, I am sure, as when I say that the Kitimat those of the people of Kitimat, when I say that the Kitimat postal employees have done a wonderful job, under most trying conditions.

The agreements made by the provinces and the territories with Canada in accordance with the provisions of the Old Age Assistance Act were amended during the fiscal year 1955-56. By amendments to the regulations that came into force on January 1, 1955, two items were added to the list of income payments which are NOT to be included when calculating the income of a disabled person, namely, cost of living allowances, or supplemental allowances paid by any province to any person in receipt of an allowance under the Disabled Persons Act and the income calculated on the cash surrender value of life insurance up to $500 available to a recipient or his spouse. In order to give effect to the amendments it was necessary for the provinces and the territories to enter into supplemental agreements with Canada amending the agreements previously completed. There were no other changes in the main agreements, all of which continued in force throughout the fiscal year 1955-56.

President Eisenhower has not asked Congress to pass a new and liberal immigration law, he has asked it to Liberalize the existing law. His proposal would do a good deal to help the "homeless" and the "tempest-tossed" to whom the Statue of Liberty is supposed to beckon. If Mr. Pickersgill is circumscribed by the present legislation or regulations, he can be, reasonably sure that Parliament will approve of any changes proposed by the Government. But we in Canada do not have the quota system of the U.S.A. where the quotas reflect the national origins of American citizens, not as of the last census but as of 1920.

And now, may I have just a line or two to offer my very sincere congratulations to Bernard Kruisselbrink of Smithers and Mary Pauline Dieleman of Telkwa, respectively, first and third prize winners in the Pulp and Paper Essay Contest.

I was very surprised at the speech made by G. W. McLeod, Social Credit member for Okanagan-Revelstoke, B.C. on the resolution to set up the Canada Council. He definitely opposed it on the grounds that the money was needed for more material things. Later the same day, Rev. E. G. Hansell, who I believe is national president of Social Credit, stated that according to the discussion which had taken place the resolution appeared to be generally acceptable, but that did not mean to say it should pass without full examination which would perhaps bring out other facets of the subject. He then attacked the idea pretty violently and at he same time found occasion to refer to UNESCO as "an evil thing." The following day Solon Low spoke briefly against the Canada Council being set up at this time. He had expressed grave doubts in an earlier speech. Finally the resolution carried, 101 to 5. The five who voted "No" were the five Social Crediters in the House at the time, and did not include Mr. Hansell or Mr. Low.



FREIGHTER BEACHED—This is an aerial view of the burning 408-ton Bahamian freighter Maid of LeHave, aground on the rock shore of Cape Sable Island near the southwest tip of Nova Scotia. The seven-man crew were able to reach shore after fire broke out in her cargo of diesel oil. Smoke rises from the after hatch, sealed in an attempt to smother the flames. The Maid of LeHave was bound from New York to Halifax. (CP Photo)

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

There are a good many members of the Upper House who are still casting an envious eye on those of their Senate colleagues who are members of the Senate Committee on Tourist affairs, for those select few who are members of the committee last week had one of the pleasantest committee meetings ever held on Parliament Hill.

The notices for the meeting went out at the request of the Chairman, Sen. Gordon Isner (L-Nova Scotia), in the usual way. The only unusual feature about them was the time—6:15 p.m.—and the place of the meeting—one of the private dining rooms on the sixth floor of the Center Block. There the committee members gathered at the appointed time, with Sen. Isner at the head of the table, and the committee members spread out to each side of him. The press was there to cover the meeting, and the Committee Clerk was on hand. All was in readiness for a meeting, duly called, duly constituted.

But first, there was a pause, and a very pleasant one, while the committee members dined on fruit salad, consomme, filet mignon, broiled tomatoes, french fried potatoes, green peas, baked Alaska, and demi-tasse. Cigars and cigarets were passed around, the Queen was toasted, and then Sen. Isner called the committee meeting to order.

Sen. L. D. S. Trembly (L-Quebec) was unanimously elected vice-chairman, a steering committee was appointed, and Sen. Arthur Roebuck (L-Ontario) moved a resolution that the committee enquire into all aspects of federal government and private travel agency assistance to the tourist industry. Carried unanimously, with a round of applause. A motion to adjourn the meeting was put, and carried unanimously. Another round of applause. Committee meeting over.

But then the main purpose of the gathering was reached. It was to wish "bon voyage" to one of Canada's most widely-travelled civil servants, D. Leo Dolan, retiring director of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, who leaves Ottawa next week to become Canadian consul-general in Los Angeles. This was a gathering of parents saying farewell to their favorite son. For it was on the recommendation of a Senate Committee on Tourism that the Government Travel Bureau was founded, 23 years ago, with Dolan as its head.

Dolan will still be promoting Canadian Tourist travel in his new job. And committee members reminded him that he should come back to Ottawa occasionally to appear before the committee. Better still, one senator suggested, the committee might take its enquiry to Dolan's new office in Los Angeles.

Dean Deplores Bedlam In Education

VANCOUVER (CP) — Education has become "almost a political issue," says a leading B.C. educationist.

Dean Neville Scarfe, head of the University of British Columbia's college of education told Vancouver Institute that politicians listen "too much to those who shout and too little to the quiet, whispered wisdom of those who are in honest doubt."

Medical men, the clergy, the businessman and the professor all placed different emphasis on the needs of education.

"And so we get an educational bedlam of voices claiming this and that," said Dean Scarfe.

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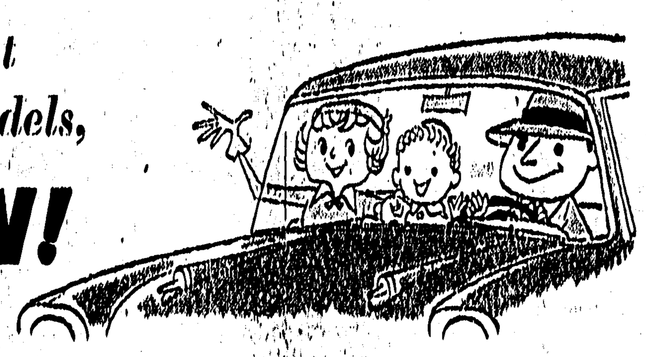
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