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Black eye for Canada

THERE'S swift, routine answer complaints about the deplorable conditions encountered by air travellers at Canada's major port of air entry: Dorval.

"Wait until we get the new building. Then everything will be all right."

This is convincing—except to the traveller who comes through Dorval after experiences elsewhere. Then it becomes obvious that what is needed is nbt just a new building, but a new attitude. Unless the basic approach to the traveller changes, the new building now rising on Dorval's grounds will be just a larger area in which to irritate visiting tourists and departing or returning Canadians.

'It's true, that in the present quarters there's no possibility of providing comfortable lounges and other spaceconsuming services. Complaints on this score can properly be answered by pointing to the new building.

But there are changes that could be made, right now, to improve the traveller's first impression of Canada, without taking much space or incurring much expense.

The fact that no one seems interested in making these changes raises the horrid suspicion that conditions in the new building will not alter in respect to the small matters that can make or break the day for a traveller.

For example: there's the matter of currency change. The first thing a traveller needs on arrival at a foreign airport is some currency of the country in which he is now travelling. At any European airport he can get it, in exchange for his travellers' checks, at cash offices open 24 hours a day. At Dorval, he can't.

If he has not been prudent enough to supply himself with Canadian (or

exchange booths be set up at Canada

J. Chester MacRae, a New Brunswick

MP. Probably it is not a job for the

Customs service, but the Canadian

Tourist Association ought to consider

angrily objecting to taking a discount

on their dollars is far too common.

And the amount of the discount is li-

able to variations from one store to

All these disputes could be ended if

another, from a hotel to a bank.

The sight of American tourists

it seriously.

The idea as raised in Commons by

Customs posts along the U.S. border.

perhaps American) dollars before leaving home, he can't buy a cup of coffee, make a phone-call, or pick up a newspaper. Even if he has bought Canadian currency before leaving home, he is likely to have ten-dollar, twenty-dollar, or even fifty-dollar bills -certainly not silver, in which few foreign exchange markets are prepared to deal.

If complete banking services on a 24-hour basis can't be arranged, why not see that one of the concessionaires is reasonably prepared to deal with simple exchange problems?

Another point is language. Signs' and announcements at Dorval are provided in Canada's two languages, which probably meet the needs of most travellers. But it would require very little extra effort to provide signs, at least, in half a dozen other languages, thus giving the traveller whose English and French are shaky a sporting chance to find his own way in a bewildering new environment.

In the days when most air-line passengers were well-heeled experienced travellers prefectly capable of spitting in the eye of a snarling waitress or expressing themselves in several languages, all these small points were of little concern. But now, with heavy immigration, and tourist-class air travel more common, the passenger coming to Dorval is not so apt to be the type who can rise above irriations and win his battlers.

As matters stand now, the psychological effect of entry through Dorval is depressing and discouraging.

Certainly, among all major airports in the western world, Dorval has an exceptionally good claim to the title "most unpleasant."

money right at the border, at a uni-

form exchange rate right across the

country. Certainly they can buy their

Canadian funds at many U.S. banks

but they often don't think of it before

leaving home. The border-crossing

exchange bureau would be a most con-

would fit in well with the tourist busi-

ness's constant efforts to make Canada

different from the United States. It

would be an effective reminder to

visitors that they are entering a differ-

Andunos sus —The Vancouver Sun.

Such money exchange bureaus

venient service.

-Financial Post.

From The Terrace Omineca Herald

"Our town has a soul" was

the comment made by a prominent businessman this week. He-was speaking of an incident where a man suddenly taken ill this week was moved to' Terrace Hospital. It was found that he must be placed in isolation for observation, and would need constant athim all the time. One of the nurses on duty mentioned that her husband might be willing to stand a watch at the sick man's bedside. When he had to leave another suggested that someone else might be available and when that period of duty was done there were others who voluntarily offered their services. Many of them did not know the man lying in a precarious condition in the hospital—they only knew that he needed care and someone to be by his side during his hours of suffering, which we all hope will not be of long

But it does make us feel proud of the people of our community who will think of a fellow citizen in this way and want to give help in a time of need. It is a real community

We are very proud that we can have someone say "Our town has a soul," and we are also very proud that we have a hospital staff that can administer to someone who is very ill, and too ill to be moved to a more specialized centre of

Makes us think how important our hospital is—doesn't it!

LETTERBOX

The Editor, The Dall" News:

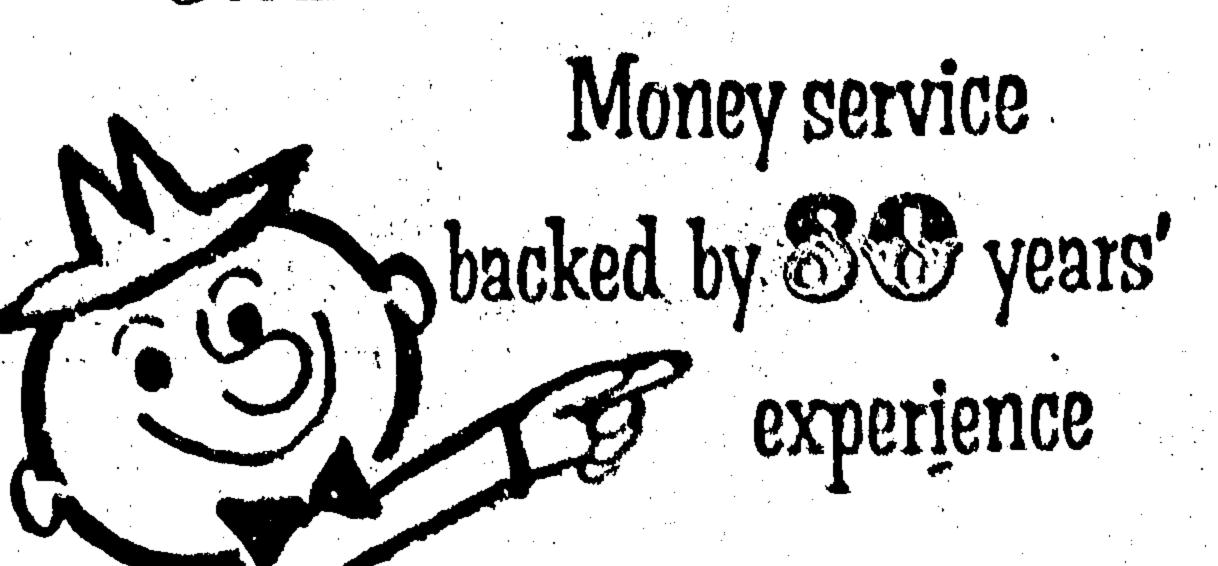
Will, a view to the better preservation of the City's totem pole collection, I would suggest that a palisade fence be put around each one out of metal or wood, together with a warning sign against acts of vandalism as well as a description of the meaning or history of each pole. The reason I'm writing this is because I stopped two lads who were making one of the totems a target for

knife throwing in the Park adjoining the Salvation Army Hall Saturday afternoon.

t don't suppose the boys knew the seriousness of their act and they may be even strangers to the community. These totems may be restored but they can't be replaced, each one is a masterpiece of the art and skill of totem pole

Rev. Canon S. Kinley. Kitkatla, B.C.

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By G. E. MORTIMORE

Tourist convenience

THERE is a great deal of common the incoming tourists were to ex-

sense in the suggestion that money change their U.S. funds for Canadian

Now they're planning to call Canadhan lobsters: "Maine lobsters" in order to share in a big Maine lobster promotion campaign on the American

There are no lobsters either side of the border on the Pacific Coast, so we are unlikely to higher a chorus of protests from the West against this betrayal.

It's true that lobsters are indifferent to national loyalties. The average lobster would not be troubled by the thought that he was going to his death under false colors.

The protests, if any, will have to come from human. rathof than crustacean, Canadjans. To me there is something genuinely disturbing about the idea of a Nova Scotla lobster being marketed as a Maine lobster in order to take advantage of a publicity

campaign. ' um so naivo, in the first place, that I don't think lying in a good business tactic. That goos to show that I'm not n businessman, and nover will po. But I can't resist stating

my belief. A lobster merchant could rationalize his way out by saying that most Nova Scotla lobsters are only tourist lobsters from Maine, traveling through on a vacation. He could say that lobsters are the same, anyway, whichever aide of the border they live. But he would still be lying. Quite a number of lies are already current in the world of commerce. I can't help win-

cing when a new one is added -ovon a small one like sending Canadian lobsters to market with the Stars and Stripes printed on them.

And the question of the lobsters brings to mind another irritating fact: Bly men and big nations often got credsmall nations do. Several re-Twain, I bollove, were actually made by other men, hayseed wits and editors, of rural

but the world still found i handy to give him credit for most of the funny remarks

made in his time. Another generation chose to make Mae West the central figure in boudoir humor. Any number of ribald remarks which sho never made were attributed to her, and she became a folkfigure in her own time.

In much the same way, it is convenient to call Nova Scotia lobsters Maine lobsters. The American public has heard of one, not the other. Maybe we could eash in on

American tourist propaganda as well. Purely for commercial purposes, we could sell Canada as the 50th state, and invite visitors to come and spend their money in such cities as Victoria and Prince Ruport in picturesque southern Alaska,

two months by becoming inturested in other people than yon can in two years by trying

-Dalo Carnogle