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Aftermath of the Boom

NEMPLOYMENT figures are like stock exchange prices. They may have a greater psychological impact than their real significance justifies; OTTAWA—One of the CCFers has roused the ire of don't understand them.

The unemployment in this country, as in the parliament. United States, is too large this winter for anyone to brush off as insignificant; but it is apt to seem even worse than it should because of the very high levels of employment we have had in recent summers.

From the summer of 1956, when our labor market was too tight for anybody's good, to the winter of MPs who only turn up once or 1958, when a genuine reduction in the need for labor is piled on top of the usual seasonal decline, the contrast is too great for comfort. But there is no excuse for "talking it up" in emotional ways.

It is particularly irresponsible for opposition politicians and many newspapers to be treating the administrative count made by National Employment Service offices each week as though it were an accurate measure of unemployment. Former Liberal ministers at least know very well that it is not, and that it was bound to be larger this year simply because the scope of unemployment insurance benefits has been so much extended. (Another explanation of what it does mean appears on page 39 of this issue in an Ottawa despatch).

But the real beginning of wisdom in this matter is to recognize that the present trough merely complements the over-blown, inflating boom of 1956. No doubt the boom was more pleasant: it was like the evening of the party. But it made the morning's headache inevitable.

They have been arguing in Parliament about ETTERBOX what the Liberal government should have done last The Editor. spring to avert the rise in unemployment which started about that time. That is perhaps the best the politicians can do in the terms which they think the common people will understand. But it would be more useful and intelligent to carry the enquiry back a piece farther. The proper question is: "Why did not the Government in 1955 and early 1956 take more ap-Propriate and forceful measures to prevent the excesses of the boom and so stretch out genuine prosperity?"

Too rapid expansion, with its accompanying inflation, was certain to produce recession. Until we will accept that fact, it is a waste of breath to talk about "smoothing out the ups and downs," when what we really mean is that we want the ups without the dons. Life is not like that.

—The Financial Post.

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As See It

MP Roll Call

and they are constantly discussed by people who some of his fellow MPs by moving for a roll call of those present at the opening of each day's sittings of

MPs. It would make them feel twice a session are among the most useful in the whole House. over backwards to be fair to the absentees. It is falling flat on one's back.

THE curious thing is that the Senate has for years had a roll coll of those present and those absent. Each day's printed record of the Senate debates starts out with the list of honorable Senators present. But even that regulation does not result in a high rate of attendance in the

Upper Chamber. As a matter of fact, one of the arguments against a daily roll! call in the Commons could be made from the experience in the

Of course some would say that without the printed record, to show those on the job, the Sen-1 ate ratio of attendance would

The Daily News:

We are classed here in North America as Christian Nations, Portant votes are nardly ever but are we really Christian? That taken on Fridays or Mondays. is the question I would like an- and committees rarely sit except

In this time of trial when the week. world is threatened by guided! frantically prod our scientists tral Canadians. to greater efforts in order to invent something more diabolically ods of speeding up and streamslaughter, when we have assurance doubly sure from the 17th verse in the 54th chapter of

"No weapon that is formed the work of Canada's parliaagainst the shall prosper: and ment could save a good many every tongue that shall rise weeks of lost time every year. against three in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heri- ing workers are penalized for the lage of the servants of the Lord, slacking of the drones and artand their righteousness is of me, ful dodgers. saith the Lord."

R. C. WILSON, Prince Rupert.

BIRD WATCHER

WINDSOR, Ont. O -- Bird watchers concentrating on the first robins of the year yielded honors to Mrs. Jack Baughman, who spotted 25 of the harbingers of spring.

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2. The proposed E, law may be inspected at the City Clerk's Office, L'ty Hall, Fulton Street, between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive.

. All persons who deem themselves affected by the proposed by-law will be afforded an opportunity to be heard in matters contained in the by-law.

R. W. LONG,

City Clerk-Comptroller.



The present government takes be lower than it is. the position that such a change would lower the dignity of the like schoolboys, says one cabinet minister. But the hardy minis- shirkers amongst the elected Hon, Vincent Massey, Governor-, the coin "Memloose Chickaman" ter does not stop there. He goes MPs. Surely that is not only leaning handling his correspondence. In 1905, Haidas from various

reduce injustice to the MPs who come to Ottawa from great dis-As things now stand, the MPs: from the far west and the far east in Canada are forced to pay in lost time for the fact that the MPs' from central Canada

> Because so many MPs from Ontario and Quebec go home Thursday night and turn up again Tuesday morning the heaviest work of parliament i unduly concentrated in the three linuare days of each week, imin the three middle days of the

find it easy to take long weekl-

small fortune on plane fares.

missiles, and we have evidence from distant points like B.C. or of Russian ingenuity in outer Newfoundland are each year kept space, whatever that may por- in Ottawa for weeks or months; tend, if we really are Christians of extra time, because of the why should we cringe in fear or long weekend habits of the cen-

> lining the work of parliament than in the suggestion for a daily roll call or register. But a proper spreading out of

As things now stand, the will-

No party has a monopoly of the good ones or duds.

Skidedate, Haida Bands Not Consulted on

The Editor. The Daily News:

dollar, may we venture to set the Chief Councillor, of design.

We beg to advise that as far My own years as an MP con- as Skideeate Mission is concernvinced me that a daily register ed, the Hereditary Village Chief of absentees would be a good is Edward Collinson, Chief Skidthing. It is a disgraceful fact that egate, who had the honor of beshere are a very few drones and ing presented to His Excellency, . General of Canada, and to wel- was just looking for a little free One MP served for a good come His Excellency to our vit- Dublicity when he ventured to many years and was hardly ever lage on behalf of the Skidegate criticize the choice of design in the House, except for a vote. Band of Haidas on the occasion but in any case, Haidas have lis secretary's main duty, beside of his visit here on July 17, 1956.

was to phone him in time to have villages on Graham Island and him make Ottawa before all the Moresby Island moved to Skideimportant votes. He spent a gate Mission and Haida (at that time called Massett) and were Another chap in another party allofted land by Cnief Skidegateonly turned up twice in two (Uncle of Mr. Collinson) and his years-vote or no vote. These counterpart at Massett, in order ' were the rare exceptions to the to run the affairs of the people!

general rule. By and large the more efficiently. elected MP of all parties is at Among the descendants of (pretty hard-working and faith- those from other villages who that one of the first tenets of J 12 who bear Chieftain's names, fore printing." ONE reason why I would like to and who may be considered. Yours very truly, I more or less to be guests of Chief [call or register is that it would Skidegate in that they live on his

Our friends in Haida live un-

der the same setup, in that they prepresent a considerable num-In regard to your recent ser- ber of now-abandoned villages ics about the "storm" alleged to with their own Chiefs, but they be brewing over the selection of have only one Massett Chief a Haida Motif for the Centennial plus their elected Council and

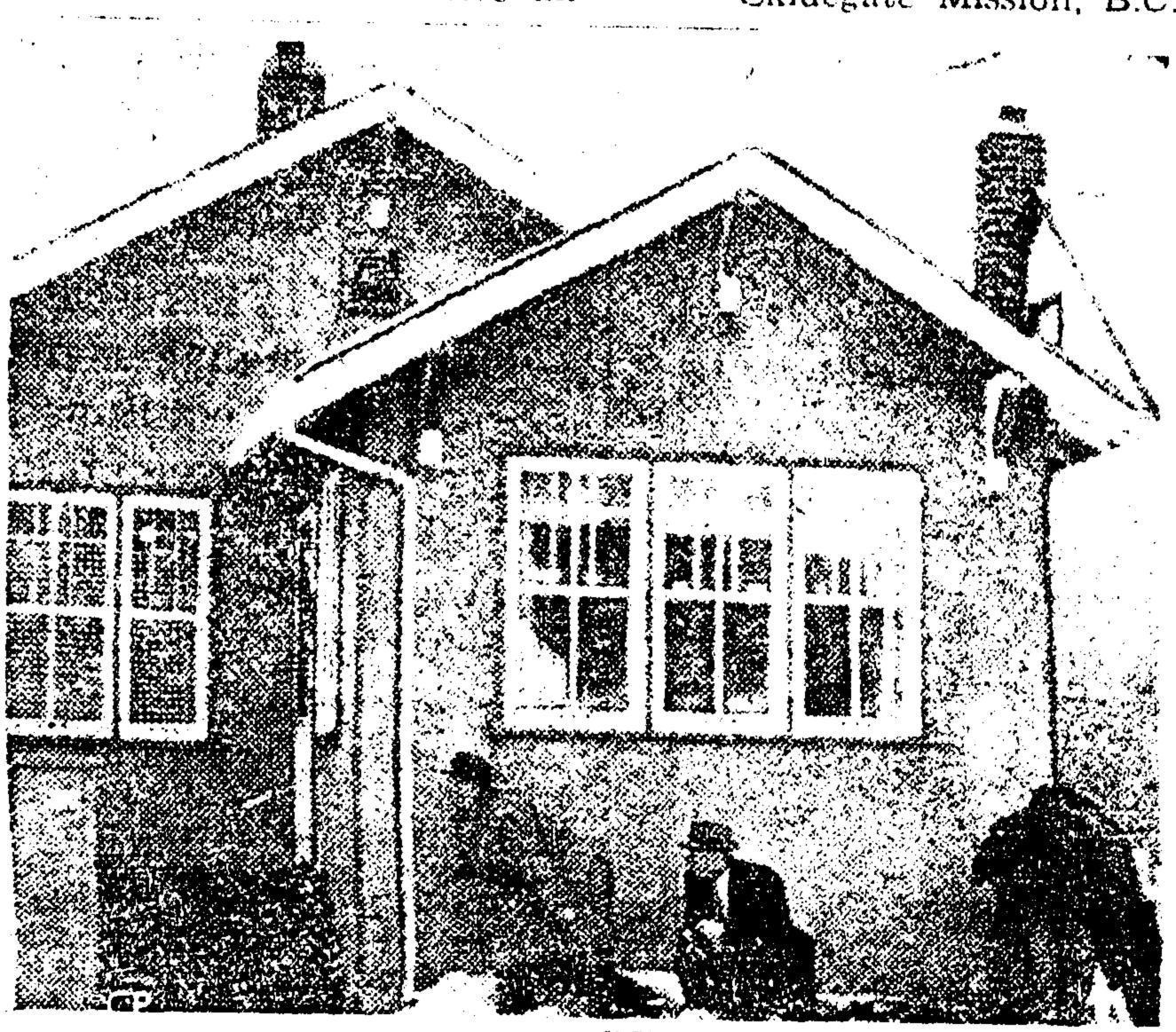
record straight on a few things? May we venture the remark Ore reference was to "A Haida that had the Council of eithed }} Chief" who has had considerable Haida or the Skidegate Band of ||| publicity via various papers by Haidas been consulted when the replying to critics of the choice Haida Motif for the coin was selected, in order that the matter could be brought before elther Chief Skidegate or the T Massett Chief, much unfavorable 3" publicity could have been avoid-

> Perhaps the man who called U never considered his tribe to be experts on Haida carving.

The "Expert on the Totem Carver's Art" may be an expert on Khatsalahno and Kwakintl) carving, but even a superficial ' (examination of the picture of the (coin your valued paper would " reveal the prominent meisors of P the Beaver, which by no stretch [fof the imagination can be liken-

(ed to "A Bear Mother and Child." came to Skidegate are counted good journalism is "Verlfy be-

PETER N. MARTIN. Chief Councillor, Skidegate Band of Haidas, Skidegate Mission, B.C.



GUN BATTLE - Crouching detectives with drawn guns move forward to lob tear gas bombs into the Winnipeg home of George Rush, 39-year old railway worker who fired at the first police who arrived to investigate a disturbance. After the gas barrage Rush was found dead from what police said was a self-inflicted

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