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School building program must continue

NCE again city schools are bulging at the seams as the number of pupils outgrows available space. In a hurried but quite feasible move District 52 school board and principals of city schools found it advisable to shift pupils westward so that the Seal Cove and Conrad Street schools could accommodate the large influx.

The increase was not a total surprise to either school board trustees or principals. When school closed last June there were 1,207 elementary school pupils in attendance. When initial registrations were made Wednesday that number had increased by nearly 70.

Principals and school board trustees were not caught too unprepared. They had estimated an increase of about 44 but did not count on such a boost in pupils in the east end of the city.

Such a development reflects the growth of Prince Rupert and while it is pleasing in the sense of progress, the rapid growth of one section of the city with its subsequent demand for school facilities, calls for speedy and adequate action.

Only two years ago District 52 school board thought it would have a breathing spell following its almost continuous school building program after the end of the Second World War. Crowded conditions at the high school plus parents and teachers dissatisfaction with the joint junior-senior high school system, however, brought about a program for a new senior high school. Construction is expected to start soon in Algoma Park.

No sooner do they have that school launched than this new problem arises. This time addition of two more rooms, as was carried out before at Conrad Street, school, will not suffice. A new roomy school with adequate classroom space planned to take care of the future is necessary as soon as possible. The trustees should waste no time in pressing their case before the taxpayers for a new school immediately while the public can see that a crisis is developing and before a really desperate situation is created next year and the year after.

Bigger output - fewer men

MANY of those workers now on haps 100,000 will never be needed to never see the inside of a steel plant

Because fewer and fewer workers are needed to produce the same amount of steel.

Where it took 16 man-hours to produce an American ton of steel in 1941, it only takes 12 man-hours today. That's a reduction in human labor of a whopping 25%. In the United States it is estimated that of the 655,000 steelworkers employed at the peak of produciton in November, 1956, per-

strike in the steel industry may make steel again. And the trend is precisely the same in Canada.

This gain in productivity hasn't been the result of human sweat. Nearly all of it stems directly from more and better equipment and the greater use of automatic or nearly auomatic machines, which in turn have been brought into use through steadily rising wage costs.

"All you need to inspire an engineer is a rise in labor costs," said a shrewd American steel executive the other 'day. And in the post-war years, goodness knows there has been plenty of such stimulation.

From The Christian Science Monitor

Perhaps the same thing is happening to books and reading as happened to music. When music began pouring out of radio earphones and then out of loud-speakers prophets of doom proclaimed that this meant the end of all amateur and most professional performing. Then came television and "hi-fi". And instead of musical performance being mechanized, community orchestras have been proliferating

all over the land. There seems no doubt that at certain ages juveniles become affixed to the TV screen instead of to the traditional child-story books. And this applies to legions of adults with respect to any books. (But would many of these adults read anyway?)

At any rate, Congress has recently approprinted twice the amount the President dared ask to promote library facilities in rural areas

-to communities under 10,000 for existing libraries and for "bookmobiles" to carry reading matter down the highways and especially along the byways. From observation we would venture a guess that this project will carry books not merely beyond TV frontiers but into competition with viewing screens even within areas of dependable TV reception.

The director of the United States Library Services Branch speaks of "this tremendous hunger for books and information. The demand is much greater than we can meet." And he credits network radio and television for building the appetite. The appropriation is for \$13,050,000 for a five-year program on a matching basis. All the states but three are now participating.

As with the grains of the field, the better the soil is prepared the better the harvest.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Naval operations playing havoc with fishing

Canadian Press Staff Writer

The Royal Navy's uncomfortable role of Goliath refusing to be pushed around by an Jeelandle David in the Atlantic fishing grounds is being watched by most Britons with amusement tinged with embarrassment.

The practice of repelling boarders by dousing them with firehoses and then warming them with cups of cocon is unlikely to call for an early revision of the naval textbooks outlining the tactics that won the day at Trafalgar, Jutland and the River Plate. For the moment, the world of comic opera has taken over.

Official exchanges between the British and Teclandic governments continue to deal with the situation with appropriate solominity. Disputalias from Raykjavik may indicate that Jeoland takes a grave view of the hestilities.

But in Britain, where the dispute over Tealand's nawly proclaimed 12-mile territorial limit had troubled many observors with thoughts of possible rifts in the NATO Alliance. the shift from bollloose communiques to a type of warfare resembling nantical cricket provides an irresistible break in the tension.

London's newspapars, almost without exception, are offering play-by-play reports from correspondents aboard the trawlers or mayal ascort vousely or on aircraft skimming close to the buttle area. Their accounts carry the strong implication that things will blow

over any day now. In Iceland, where leftlet elements are attempting to build up the affair into a full-

scale ideological dispute, the broken windows in the British Embassy indicate that everyone isn't taking a similarly light-hearted view. But the government's restraint reflects a desire to leave the way open for compromise.

If the Icelanders were on shaky ground in their unilateral extension to 12 miles of their previous four-mile limit, their supporting argument that shallow-water operations Urrenten to deplete their fishing grounds is worthy of investigation.

British trawlermen, faced with the expensive alternative of modernizing their fleet with vossels eapable of fishing in deeper waters. are strongly opposed to any move that would bar thom from their traditional fishing grounds. But the government, while refusing to rocognize the 12-mile limit, has repeatedly expressed its willingness to talk over the problem of fish conservation with the Ice-

Both problems were discussed at length parller this summer at a United Nations confaronce in which Canad led an unsuccessful campaign for an international agreement on wider territorial limits. The United States Joined Britain and other Western European countries

in apposing the move. Among the parties most anxious to see the problem shifted back from gunboat crows to international experts are the Aritish trawler captains. They're beginning to complain that all those naval operations are playing hob with the fishing.

The Biggest Bargain in Town.

THE INDIAN FINGERS

hill about two miles this side of Telkwa, known as Spud

Murphy's Hill, if you look carefully up on the hill to the left

some distance you will notice two stone pillars sticking up

out of the ground, standing there side by side. They are

Indian tribes living in these parts were always at war with

each other. They both came to realize the futility of war. No

one ever won and the fighting only brought misery and

sorrow to the members of both tribes. So they arranged a

about it, to stop fighting and smoke the pipe of Peace. The

two head chiefs, with all their tribesmen and their women

and kids and all their dogs, arrived on the appointed day,

arranged at the Full of the Moon. The meeting place by ar-

rangement took place on the hill where we see the Indian

One Chief suggested that they both agree to keep the Peace

and to make the arrangement binding and sacred to their

forefathers and the Great Spirit, they both agree to kill one

of their women folk and thereby bond their promises in blood.

The other Chief, who proved to be a much better diplomat

and a deeper thinker, turned the suggestion down but came up

with a counter proposal. His speech proved the result of deep

thought and was a great success. He said, "My brother, you

and I are agreeing to a peace between our tribes by killing

two of our women, to bind the agreement with blood, we are

making others suffer, and you and I do not suffer at all and

spill no blood: We both should do the suffering and spill our

own blood as we are the chiefs. I propose that you and I, my

brother, both chop off the forefinger of our right hand, so

that in the years to come, every time we look at the stub

of our foresinger it will remind us both of our signing of the

Peace agreement and help us to keep the Peace." The other

chief had to agree or else 'lose face.' The two chiefs cut off.

their fingers and stuck them in the ground side by side on

Spud Murphy's Hill, where we see them today. The fingers

have grown a lot over the many hundreds of years and have

turned to stone. The signing of the Peace Treaty and the

smoking of the Pipe of Peace was a great success as never

After a lot of ceremony the Peace talks got under way.

meeting to talk things over and see if they could do something

The old-Indian Legend connected with them is as follows:

One time many years ago; in the remote past, the two

known as "The Indian Fingers."

Fingers today.

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