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Co-Op has made invaluable contribution

OFFICIAL opening of the large, modern Prince Rupert Co-Operative association's \$500,000 store is a joyful occasion for the membership of this continually growing organization. It marks still another step in an expanding establishment dedicated to the welfare of its members. Out of frustration and poverty 18 years ago, the determination and courage of both rank and file members and the different boards of directors have built an enviable monument to the spirit of sharing and co-operation. With the growth of the original Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association, the establishment of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Credit Union and amalgamation with other co-operatives and credit unions, the PRFCA has made a gigantic and invaluable contribution to the economy of this city.

Over the years the Fishermen's Co-Op has struggled against heavy odds, laid its plans and managed to

come through with gains every time. Now, with the construction of this gleaming new Co-Op centre, the business section of the city has been broadened into an area hitherto branded as worthless. With all its facilities, tidily laid out under one roof and the offices of the various organizations able to work side by side, greater efficiency will result.

The entire project, talked of by directors and members for years, first as a dream, then as a proposition and finally as a reality, means but one thing to Prince Rupert . . . progress.

It is with pleasure that we extend hearty congratulations to the board of directors and the entire membership of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association, the Fishermen's Credit Union and other Co-Operatives and credit unions. From the outset the PRFCA has added much to the city's advancement throughout the years and we express a sincere wish for its future success and expansion.

More wages – more profits

EUGENE Forsey, the CLC's director of research, told a Winnipeg audience last week that trade unions owe it to their government and their communities to go out this year for the best pay increase they can get. He charged that it is inconsistent to urge increased consumer spending to curb the recession and at the same time to call on labor to withhold its demands for salary increases.

Well, how consistent is Mr. Forsey willing to be? If his argument holds good for trade unions, it also holds good for investors and businessmen whose duty. Forsey implies, is to try for higher dividends and increased profits. If productivity is rising, these "duties" can be carried out. But productivity has not been increasing, so that any gains in income to trade union members are likely to be offset by declines in income for the people

who make jobs and in governments, who tax profits more than they tax wages. The result is likely to be no increase in aggregate spending at all. In fact. the result of excessive wage claims is apt to be a decline in aggregate spending.

What's more, Mr. Forsey's argument applies only to a closed economy -certainly not to one as vulnerable as Canada's to outside influences. We cannot increase real income by pricing ourselves out of our overseas markets. We cannot maintain domestic prices at levels high enough to cover excessive wage claims, if prices are falling abroad. Forsey's advice, if followed in the Canadian situation, would not avert a recession; it would simply shift income from the weaker groups in the economy to those who are highly organized.

-The Financial Post.

By G. E. MORTIMORE

Great projects often have small beginnings. Recently the girls in our building were alarmed by reports that a mouse was at large in the ladies' lounge.

They found mouse toothmarks on a curtain Inside the

Polson was put out for the mouse. A week or so later .a lady having lunch in the lounge became aware of a thick gamey smell.

She began a search. Lifting a seat-cushion on the sofa. she found the corpse of a mouse, squashed flat.

The discovery upset her so much that she put her sandwiches back in the bag and left the building. She didn't think she could

finish her lunch. It would be disrespectful to the dead. Also, the idea made her sick. After a while she was able to force down a hamburger. However, nothing would in-

duce her to tackle those sand-

wiches again.

a/seat cushion.

A wave of panic and disgust spread through the ranks of the female employees when it became known that there had been a mouse flattened under

The girls hadn't noticed the smell in the lounge before, but now that they knew that a mouse had died in there they began complaining of nausea. The building superintendent moved swiftly to stave off a collapse of morale. He had the

ed and cleaned. While he was at it, the girls suggested he might as well send out the chesterfield chairs to be cleaned too. He

sofa taken out to be overhaul-

* It was also pointed out that the walls were beginning to look dingy. It would be a shame, wouldn't it, to bring those clean chairs and sofa back into a dirty room.

Sooner or later the walls would have to be repainted. Why wait for spring? Do it

So the walls were repainted, too, in a pretty shade of green. When everything was finished the entire women's lounge and its furniture had been cleaned and redecorated from top to bottom—all as a result of the death of one.

The little fellow died a martyr. His death was not in vain. His posthumous achievement, in fact, would have done credit to Supermouse.

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A cynical male was heard to remark that it would take a lot more than the passing of a mouse to bring on the redecoration of the hole-in-the wall loosely known as the men's lounge.

A hyena suffering from a contagious disease could lurch in there and die in convulsions, and it wouldn't impress anybody," he said bitterly. But he was known to be a chronic sorehead, and nobody took any notice of his mutter-

They have money

From the Sault Ste. Marie Star

We do not have a depression nor the extent of recession some people would have us believe. Just look at some of the prices on special items, the prices of meals and rooms at some of the better big-city hotels, or the rates which must be paid for a great many services, both privately and publicly-owned.

Brother, those are not depression prices, but people are still paying them.

Faith and works are like the light and the candle; they cannot be separated.

off the dirt of a century, he found an Adam sideboard of circassian walnut.

A young Toronto lady wasn't TRY THE so lucky. She let an old picture of Brooklyn bridge go for 75 cents before she realized it was by Currier and Ives. When two prints by the same firm came up at another sale, she bid and bid until she got them. The frames were old; she didn't like them. When she took the prints out, she found they were in excellent condition. They were reprints from a bank calendar of 1955.

SKEENA RIVER is so low and still that both highway and railway brides at Terrace are reflected in the tranquil waters below. River drifting lazily under bridge also reflects snowfield on mountain to right. While sunny spring weather is increasing size of snow-fed creeks and freshets, coolness at " night has prevented any large runoff.

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sap begins to rise in the trees, the township roads break up

Auction sales

An Editorial by Hugh Templin,

Editor of Fergus (Ontario) News-Record This is the time of year when

that was bought in 1900 to the late model farm tractor. The auctioneer is a man of character and strong lungs. He smokes terrible cigars because he thinks this helps to toughen his troat. One local veteran conducted his 1,000th sale recently. He trades his car each year for a longer, more expensive model. It helps keep down his income tax, he More and more city buyers are attending these town and

and auction sales become nu-

those conducted in plush auc-

tion rooms in the city. The

customers stand around in the

snowy barnyard and move to

the spacious, bare kitchen

while the household goods are

sold. Everything goes, from

the moth-eaten buffalo robe

The farm auction isn't like

farm sales. They are looking for antiques. To the disgust of town dwellers, also hungry for antiques, the newcomers have boosted prices considerably. If the sale list in the local paper mentions grandfather clocks, spinning wheels or candlesticks, all the dealers in the district will be on hand.

There were more bargains a generation ago. We know a house where the massive round table cost \$3; the century-old walnut breakfront was added for \$17. The lady spent \$29 for a large farm sideboard and went when it was delivered to her house because it was so big and black, but when the furniture expert had scraped

be suffering from bottled-up hostilities and use smart remarks to ease his aggressive tendencies.

"A wit," says the doctor, "Is an angry man in search of a Some people, of course, are

only angry half the time.

Veneer of laughter (From The Montreal Gazette) Dr. Martin Grotjahn, of the University of Southern California, says that the person who's the life of the party may

"A wittleism starts with an aggressive tendency or intent," says the psychiatrist, "-an insult-like, shocking thought. By clothing the insult with the vencer of laughter and the convention of a joke, the wit brings his bottled-up hostilitles to the surface in a manner acceptable to society." If he didn't have this outlet, then a migraine-type headache might result.

Aunt Slug says a mother-inlaw is a referee with an interest in one of the fighters.

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WESTERN CANADA'S FAVORITE COFFEE --- BY FARI

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Gordon report destined for pigeon hole

By DAVE McINTOSH Canadian Press Staff Writer

a recession.

.The report of the Gordon royal commission on Canada's economic prospects likely is headed for the deepest available pigeonhole in Ottawa. The report, made public Tuesday, was ordered by the former Liberal government. It disagrees in many major areas with announced Progressive Conservative government policy.

Not only that, Commission Chairman Walter Gordon, Toronto accountant, is, rightly or wrongly, suspect with the Conservative government,

Mr. Gordon openly supported Liberal leader Lester B. Pearson in the last election campaign and some planks in Mr. Pearson's platform bear a marked resemblance to some commission suggestions.

Moreover, the commission has reiterated a suggestion contained in its preliminary report of January, 1957, which was attached by the Progressive Conservatives during the 1957 and 1958 election campaigns. This had to do with federal financial assistance, as a last resort, for some coal miners and farmers in the Atlantic provinces who might want to go to other regions of Canada to work.

Large sections of the report are likely to be anothema to Conservative politicians now in power.

For instance, the commission says that in times of economic expansion and inflation, governments should budget for surpluses. In periods of recession, governments should be prepared to reduce taxes and budget for de-

This was the chief plank in Mr. Pearson's platform. Announced Conservative policy is heavier spending on public works. The commission says such a program takes a long time to launch.

The commission forecasts that Canada's foreign trade appears likely to increase more with the United States than with Britain and Western Europe.

Announced Conservative policy is to switch 15 per cent of Canada's purchases in the U.S. to the United Kingdom, Mr. Pearson campaigned for "expansion, not diversion" of trade.

The commission sees dangers in what it terms "unreasonable" demands for more pro-

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cessing of Canadian raw materials in Canada.

campaign pledge was vast development in the

be stable even during mild recessions.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker's main 1958

The commission says immigration should

The Conservative government sharply re-

These examples prove the commission's re-

duced immigration last year with the onset of

From the Hanover (Ontario) Post

Too few people really read. How many homes do you know that house a decent collection of books? How many home libraries do you see that are obviously nothing but decoration because there are book shelves that need filling? How many new, modern homes are built where there is evn a place for books? Beautiful recreation and television rooms, yet. But libraries or even book shelves, no.

Billion and half new buying ' From The Montreal Gazette

In the 10 years from 1946 to 1056, immigrants brought to this country more than \$873 million in goods and eash, \$050 million in eash and the rest in settlers' effects.

At the same time, the million-and-a-half immigrants who have come here since 1946 have created a purchasing power equal to that of Montreal or Toronto. Last year, the consumer requirements of these New Canadians were estimated at \$1,484 million.

The new Canadian shares the cost of the government and all its services, at the same time that he adds his share to national productivity and increases the domestic market for goods, thereby reducing Canada's dependence upon foreign markets.

Canada is blessed with great natural resources, but the most valuable resource of any nation is its people.

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