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Mission Accomplished.

MISsion accomplished—that is the fine epitaph that can be written for the civic airport committee which is asking the city to release it from its duties.

In its files the committee is now preparing to close there is a story of endeavor, progress and accomplishment which could serve as a sort of object lesson to any volunteer group recruited for community service.

Four years ago there seemed to be no real hope that Prince Rupert would get an airport, at least not for a long time to come. Dating back as far as 1936 surveys had been made of the area by the department of Transport, the RCAF and Canadian Pacific Air Lines. There were promising results but somehow none of them made the project seem quite practical.

At the same time more attention was being given to Terrace and it was felt that ultimately, with good feeder service between the two points, this might serve as an air centre for Prince Rupert as well. At one stage it was even proposed that helicopters might shuttle passengers over the intervening distance.

But a small group of citizens in town refused to accept the idea that Prince Rupert could not be served by air as a growing and strategic centre of the northwest area. Their views so impressed the mayor and city council that the civic airport committee was formed, with J. T. Harvey as chairman.

For a while there was nothing specific to suggest, other than ground which had already been covered, until two or three members became interested in Delusion Bay, a long, shallow strip of water enclosing the southern end of Digby Island. It was believed that by damming the entrance, an almost ready-made airstrip could be obtained at low cost.

The idea was found to be impractical but by now the government's interest had been gained to the extent that engineers had a good look at other sections of Digby Island. This interest was fortified by the fact that the committee had an independent engineer draw up proposals as to what might be done and, after incorporating these with a comprehensive study of the need for an airport here, obtained the city's approval to send two delegates to Ottawa to present its submission personally to interested officials.

Meanwhile at that end E. T. Applewhaite, MP, had laid the groundwork to ensure that the submission received sympathetic consideration and that study of the matter would continue. The upshot was that Transport Minister George Marler and members of his department came out here personally to look the situation over. The rest is familiar history.

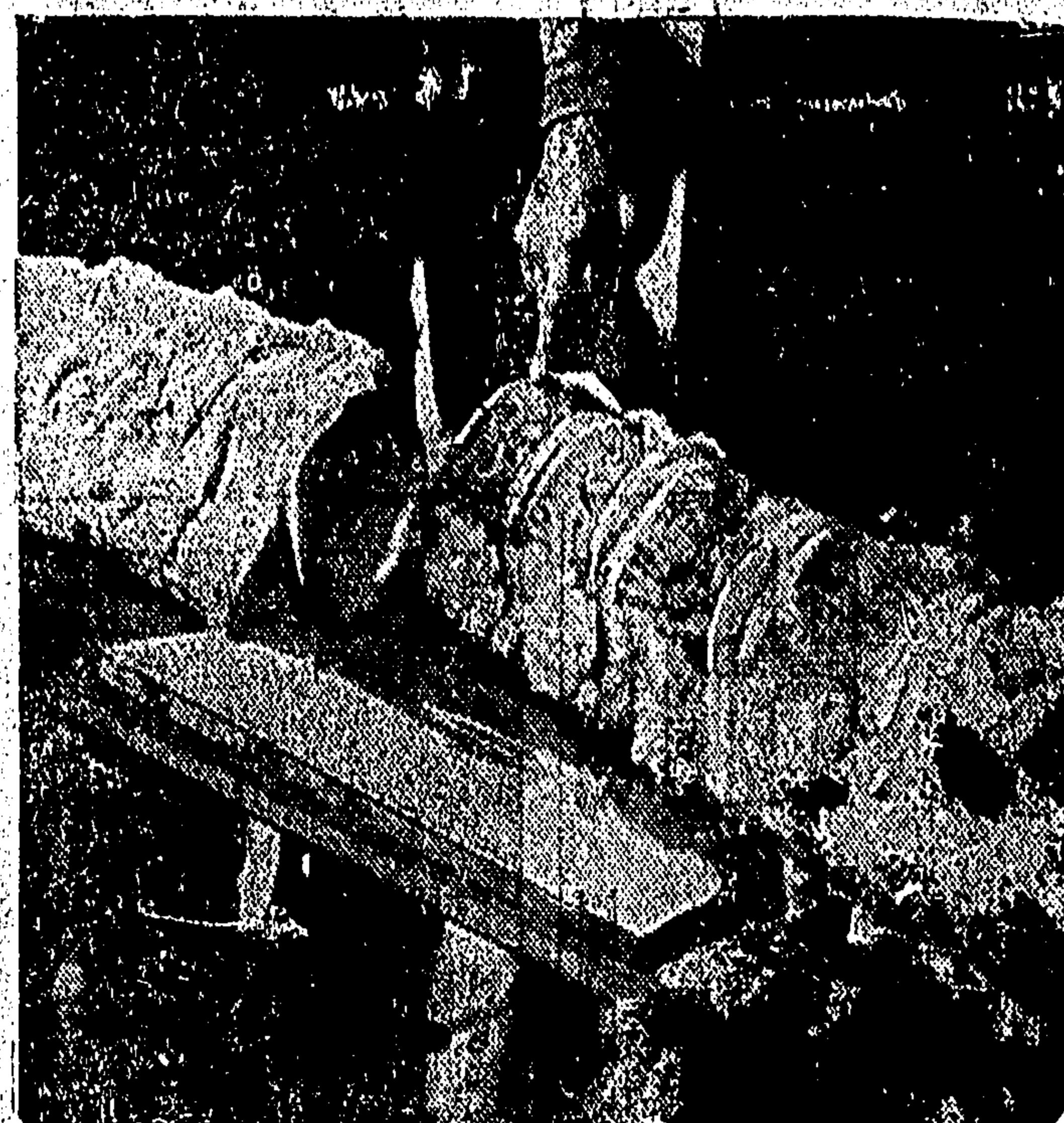
Inevitably there were anxieties and headaches but, in retrospect, they now make the success of the effort that much more gratifying. This mission accomplished is a proud and important mark in Prince Rupert's history.

Disappearing Act

SOME independent candidates are just nuisances, more are airing grudges. Mr. J. B. Ball, nominated in Regina, is different. He has a cause and a platform. He'd abolish money—bills and coin. What he hopes to achieve by it is less definite.

It's all involved somehow in a form of national credit control this freight company agent has invented. His prospects of success on June 10 hardly could be dimmer. The speed at which money goes makes a lot of people suspicious it's been abolished already.

—Windsor Star.



Rupert's Sea Serpent Once Nine-Day Wonder

BY GLADYS BALDWIN

Ogopogo, the elusive monster of Okanagan Lake and Caddy, the also elusive sea serpent of Victoria, bring much publicity to their respective locales. Prince Rupert too, has had its day as the home of a "sea monster" and almost broke Victoria's heart in the process.

Hanging on the wall of the Museum of Northern British Columbia, like a string of huge gray beads, is the skeleton of the "sea monster" of the North Coast. Found on Henry Island, 23 miles south of Prince Rupert, by Hugo Sundstrom a fisherman, the weird, 30-foot "monster" of the deep was a nine-day wonder of the British Columbia press late in 1934. Victoria thought Caddy, or the Cadborosaurus to give him his full name, had deserted the sunny waters of his usual habitat to travel 660 miles north to die on the lonely beach of Henry Island.

SPOTTED CARCASS

Hugo Sundstrom's attention was drawn to the creature by the myriads of mewling seagulls flying above it. The badly decomposed carcass was in a long, narrow bay, just below high water mark. Sundstrom took samples of the skin, vertebrae, cartilage, spines and bristles. Through stormy, wind-lashed waters he travelled to Prince Rupert and showed the specimens to Dr. Neal Carter, Director of the Prince Rupert Dominion Experimental Station.

The next day Dr. Carter made a trip to Henry Island aboard a Fisheries Patrol boat to inspect the carcass. He found it to be 25 feet long from the snout to the end of the last vertebrae, but other vertebrae on the beach indicated it had been at least 30-feet long. The head of the creature resembled a horsehead, the skin was brownish green, like coarse sandpaper and covered with bristles eight to ten inches long. An enormous number of stiff quills, with hook-like ends and four to six inches long were found lying on the beach. The hooks seemed to have been buried in the flesh of the creature when it was alive. Under the backbone a large amount of red flesh suggested the creature was a warmblooded mammal.

VICTORIA PEED

Meanwhile, in Victoria, a "Bring back our Caddy" movement had been started and was gathering force. Victorians thought, since Caddy was a local product the Provincial Museum was the place for him. Premier Patullo also thought the sea cow, Zawekash, or what is it, should rest in the Provincial Museum.

However, Dr. Clemens identification was verified by Dr. Meyers, Marine Zoological expert of the Smithsonian Institute and Prince Rupert's much talked of "Sea Monster" turned out to be a plain garden variety basking shark. When Victoria found that out, they decided to let Prince Rupert keep "Oscar."

Scattered Possessions
LONDON (O)—So many articles were lost at a British Legion women's conference at Albert Hall that the lost property office asked delegates to claim their property promptly, to make room for further losses. About 5,000 women attended the conference.

PUZZLED EVERYONE

Removed to Prince Rupert, the "monster" caused all kinds of comments and conjectures. Some thought it was Victoria's Caddy, others admitted they were puzzled. Some experts came up with the idea that it was an ancient sencow, the Rhytina Stelleri, a huge species of northern sencow, extinct for 10 years.

Old time Prince Rupert fisherman believed it was Zawekash, legendary Indian "Monster of the Sea." It was said he had been seen disporting himself on the north side of Stenhouse Shoal off Dundas Island.

Finally, Dr. A. W. Clemens, director of the Biological Station at Nanaimo identified it as a basking shark and said "he didn't believe in sea serpents anyway." He said a basking shark sometimes reaches the length of 40 feet and as soon as

LETTERBOX

VOTE IF YOU FEEL LIKE IT

The Editor,
The Daily News:

Now that Voting day is almost upon us we can look forward to a brief respite from the din of politics that has beset us for the last two months but before this respite we will more than likely be exposed to another "Get out the Vote" campaign by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. I believe that with a little thought the Jay-Cees would see that this campaign is superfluous and in the same class as "social uplift" efforts and "do-gooders." Those voters who cherish their rights and accept their responsibilities have taken the trouble to study the issues, weigh the merits of the candidates and judge the parties. Is it reasonable to expect that they will not vote unless they have a good reason not to do so? Most certainly not.

The rest of the eligible voters

are the stay-at-home who prefer to sit in front of the TV or

radio soaking up beer, reading comic books or listening to Elvis or just letting their mind go blank for which they have a great ability. Would such a voter cast an informed vote?

Would such a vote mean anything? Would it serve any purpose other than to upset the predictions of the galling poll?

Please Jay-Cees do not try these dead-beats from their hide-outs on Voting Day leave it to the politicians to "deliver the vote."

Yours truly,

EGGHEAD,

TRAFFIC FLOW BETTER

The Editor,

The Daily News:

For a long time the Taxi Association of Prince Rupert had been deeply concerned about traffic congestion on city streets and overparking of vehicles.

Since the inception of the parking by-law which restricts parking between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. we have noticed a considerable improvement.

We wish to congratulate the city officials who instituted this program and hope they are equally successful with their one-way street by-law.

PRINCE RUPERT TAXI OPERATORS' ASSOCIATION.

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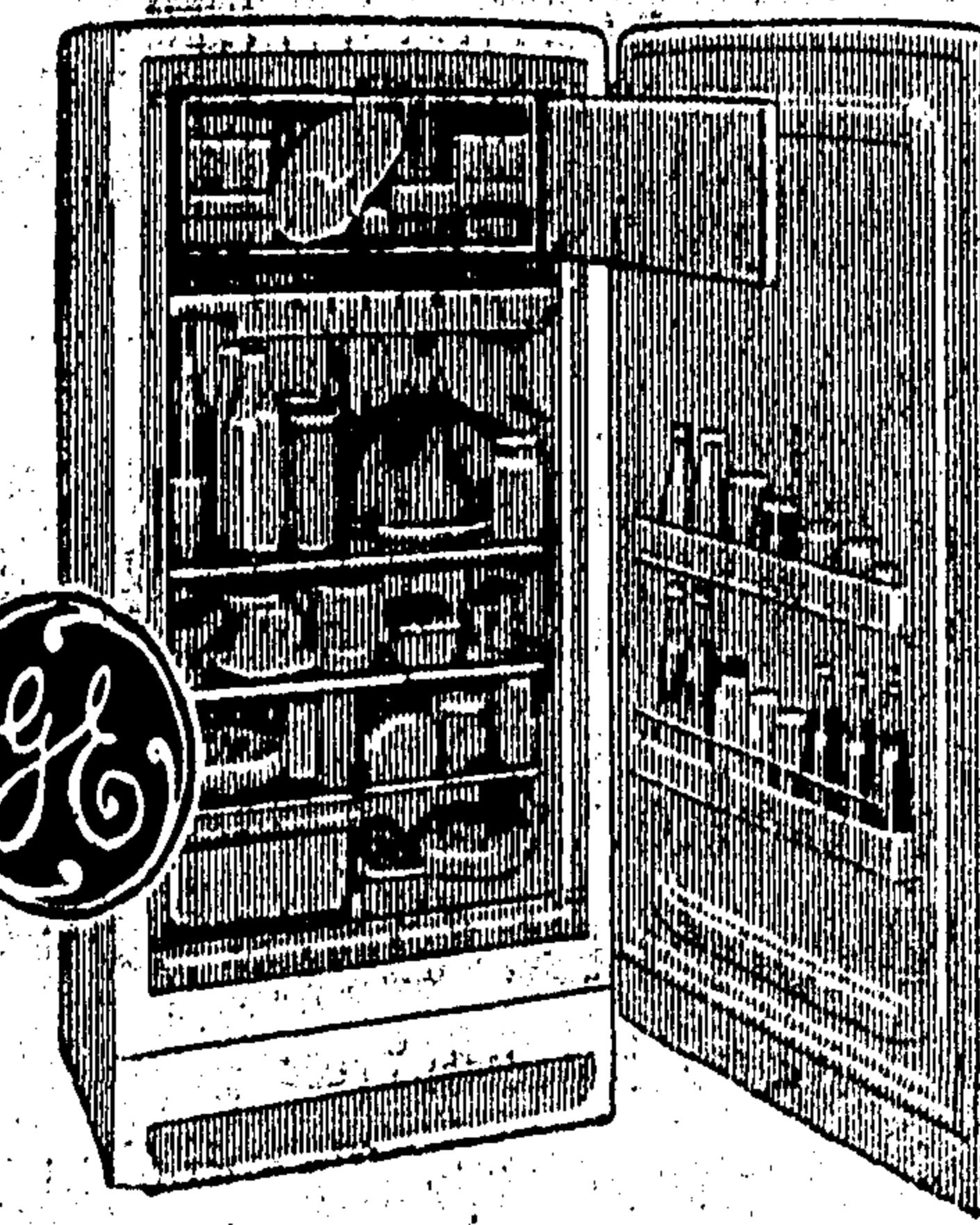
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- 1 -

The Liberal Party is asking for your support of its candidate Ted Applewhaite, on the record of his, and the Liberal Party's service to the people of Canada. Ted Applewhaite has represented you, the electors, of the Skeena Constituency for the past eight years.

- 2 -

Canada has progressed more than any nation in the world in the past twenty years, and this progress has been done under a Liberal Government and Liberal policy. This policy has been, during these years—the maintained

- 3 -

The value of the output of Canadian factories has nearly doubled in eight years. More goods than ever before are being produced in Canadian plants. One out of four persons working in Canada today is employed in Canadian Manufacturing plants.

- 4 -

Canada's expansion pays yearly benefits, as month after month, year after year, Canada's destiny unfolds, and Canadians are living better, enjoying more of this world's goods, have more leisure and better care and health. Then why should you, the electors, support an untried political party seeking power to carry on the affairs of Canada, when the Liberal Government and Ted Applewhaite have done all this for you.

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