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Year-Round Job Well Done

IN THE welter of figures and details in yesterday's police report for the year 1957, there emerge one or two significant facts. One is that the RCMP detachment hired to police the city, 18 men in summer, 14 in winter, had a reasonably busy year. There were more complaints lodged and investigated. There were more police court cases, there were more incidents involving liquor. They attended more fires, 131 to 59 in 1956 and discovered in foot patrols that more business men had been careless about leaving their premises locked.

The other feature of the report was that apart from two holdups, a scattering of break-ins, theft and bootlegging cases. Prince Rupert was largely free from major crime in 1957. For this the public owes members of the RCMP a heart-felt vote of thanks. Theirs is not an enviable job. When they are handing out parking tickets, staging a check-up at a road block or enforcing the law in general, policemen are not very popular. With some people they are never very popular but to the law-abiding citizen the police are the first people they call when they are in trouble or their rights have been abused. Despite their stern and apparently emotionless mien policemen are usually most sympathetic to people in trouble. They stand by to prevent vandalism at fires and disasters and they do a great many unpleasant tasks associated with the sordid life entailed in dealing with criminals. In the bigger cities and also here they stand ready to give their lives to protect the public.

These are just a few thing for members of public to ponder when they see a constable trying doors on Third Avenue, stopping a speeder, racing behind the fire truck or handing out a parking ticket.

Overseas Duty Gets Rougher

THOSE who fear that Canadians are turning into a nation of softies will find some support for their views in recent item in The Beaver, publication of the 4th Canadian Brigade Group at Soest, West Germany.

Article in The Beaver tells of what it rightly calls a new luxury for servicemen—that of sleeping in on Sunday morning with the assurance that they will not have to go hungry until lunchtime. Now, it seems, soldiers who rise later can look forward to getting "brunch" anytime between 9 a.m. and noon. This mid-morning snack includes grapefruit or tomato juice, eggs, ham, bacon, liver, hamburger, potatoes, peas, toast, jam, marmalade, tea, coffee and milk. What The Beaver doesn't say is whether Defence Headquarters at Ottawa has plans for serving breakfast in bed to servicemen overseas.

—The Letter Review.

HEADS PARTY GROUP — Douglas Jung, member of Parliament for Vancouver Center, is congratulated by Prime Minister Diefenbaker on his election as president of the Young Progressive Conservatives Association. Mr. Jung won election to the House last June to become the first member of the Commons of Chinese descent. (CP Photo)

SWEDISH SCHOOLS

Elementary school education in Sweden has been compulsory since 1842.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Southern Rhodesia Focal Point

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Southern Rhodesia, a land of beauty and sunshine, has become a focal point in Africa's many growing pains.

Prime Minister Garfield Todd, a 49-year-old former missionary, has been dismissed, an action with clear meaning. The powerful white minority feared his liberal policy toward the native population.

This has special significance when it is remembered that Southern Rhodesia borders on South Africa, whose apartheid policy—separating whites and Africans—is one of the world's most controversial experiments.

It is being freely predicted the independence of the federation of Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, hitherto expected in 1960, may be delayed.

SCRAMBLED SETUP

In fact, one influential African spokesman in Nyasaland, which never has been enthusiastic about union with its neighbors, has demanded that the federation be "unscrambled."

He fears South Africa's racial policies are inevitably being extended to Central Africa.

It remains to be seen what will be done by the next prime minister, who apparently will be Sir Edgar Whitehead, minister to Washington since 1953.

He promises moderation. Todd was deposed by 300 delegates of his own United Federal party, meeting in a Presbyterian Church, after he authorized a 30-per-cent wage increase for Africans. There also was a clash over school funds.

COTE RESTRICTED

Sir Roy Welensky, prime minister of the federation and also a member of the United Federal party, was present but made no move to save Todd.

The federation is a landlocked area of romance and paradox, with Southern Rhodesia the only self-governing part, the others being protectorates of Britain. Comparatively few Southern Rhodesian natives have the vote, which is based on salary and property.

In an area of 488,000 square miles, smaller than Quebec and bigger than Ontario, the federation has a population of approximately 7,000,000, with only about 300,000 Europeans, the others being Africans, coloreds half castes and Asians.

NYASALAND UNEASY

Animal life ranges from monkeys to elephants. Men who produce chrome still believe in black magic. Resources are rich, with tobacco, gold, asbestos, cobalt and uranium as well as chrome. In Rhodesia is the grave of Cecil Rhodes, the great Empire builder.

In Southern Rhodesia, the most advanced part, one-half the land is owned by whites, who comprise only eight per cent of the population. Half of that eight per cent came from South Africa as immigrants, both British and Afrikaners (Dutch).

Small as is Southern Rhodesia's white population, it is much larger than that in Nyasaland, which distrusts federation because it fears further domination by the Europeans. Fighting in the densely-populated area broke out on this issue in 1953, but fell far short of the Mau Mau rebellion in Kenya.

JUST IN CASE

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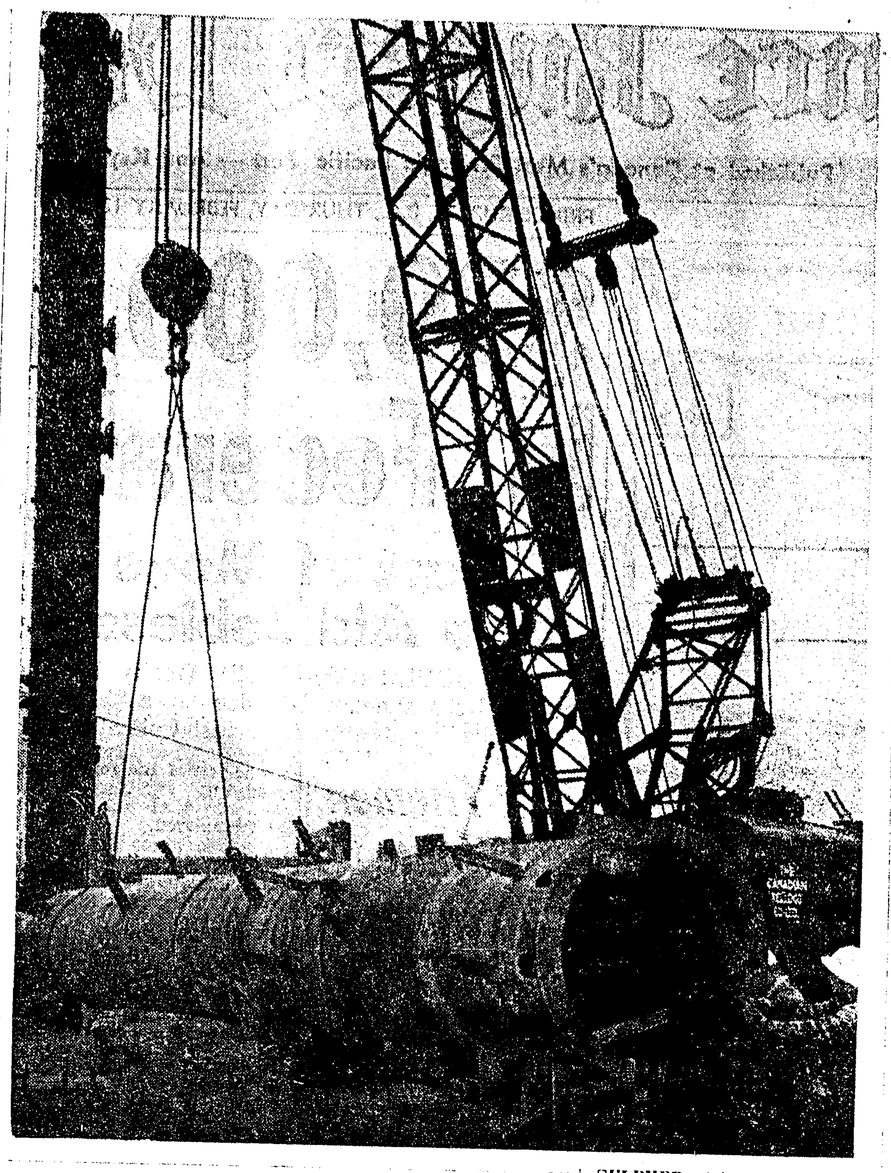

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Retarded Children's School Has Waiting List, Vacancies

VICTORIA (CP)—Provincial secretary Wesley Black said Tuesday it is true there are vacancies at Woodlands school for retarded children and also that there is "considerable" waiting list for entry to the school.

Mr. Black said the situation is due to a lack of trained psychiatric nurses. Woodlands has been selected "for a political attack on the government" because of the apparent discrepancy, he said during the budget debate.

"I wonder whether the motivation of members of the opposition and certain sections of the press has been inspired by . . . high principals or whether this sudden interest stems from a desire to make a futile gesture whereby the government might be embarrassed."

He said Woodlands has been caring for more than 1,000 mental defectives "day in and day out" for years.

He also criticized "many allegations" being made about reductions in staff. No permanent civil servant has been laid off because of the government's policy of "general re-adjustment," he said.

The policy has been to effect a reduction in the number of permanent positions by filling vacancies as they arise by transfer within the service.

Dealing with his own riding at Nelson Creston, Mr. Black said his constituents have paramount interest in roads, ferries and bridges.

The people there are somewhat impatient in this respect, he said, and want the new road over the Cascades built as quickly as possible to provide access to the coast.

Meteors travel at a speed between 10 and 45 miles per second.

VITAL COVER

An inch of topsoil that may have taken centuries to accumulate can be washed away in a single bad storm.

NORTHERN FISH

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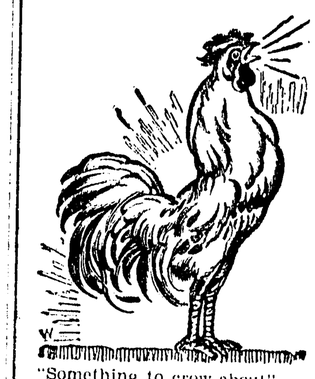
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