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## Don't Regret Too Late

IT IS not pleasant to say so at the start of a week-end vacation but perhaps extra caution will be observed if it is noted that traffic experts estimate that between 3,000 and 4,000 Canadians will be killed on the nation's highways this year. The number is greater than the list of dead at Dieppe just 15 years ago.

Dieppe was war. As such, it can be explained in terms of sheer military necessity. But there is nothing necessary or unavoidable about these 1957 highway fatalities, and for that reason they are the more terrible.

A newspaper correspondent suggested recently that alarm on this score is probably overdone. There were, he pointed out, road accidents even in the days when a man's fastest means of transportation was his horse.

What he appeared to overlook, however, was the big differences between the oldtime horseman and the modern motorist in the matter of liability to accidents were not merely ones of speed and greater traffic, but also of power to kill or maim quite innocent people.

The horseman of yesteryear was almost the only victim of the accident in which he was involved. This is far from being true today when the weight of responsibility upon the motorist for the safety of others as well as himself is so much greater.

It is no answer to say that there will be accidents as long as human beings are imperfect. The situation is getting far too serious to be so casually dismissed. Most tragic aspect of the whole business is that more than 90 per cent of all road accidents involve drivers who are quite unimpaired and therefore presumably capable of sane judgment.

No doubt there is a need to improve regulations just as there is a need to improve the highways themselves, particularly in this part of the country. But the only effective control, in the final analysis, is self-control. It begins and ends with the solemn realization that a license to drive is not a license to be reckless, any more than it is a license to kill.

Let none of us forget it, lest we regret too late.

## Shade of Mr. King

SOME current political events certainly must be disturbing to the shade of Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, that master political strategist who ruled the Liberal Party for so many years. Chief among these occurred out in St. Boniface, Manitoba.

There one Laurier Regnier, former vice-president of the Manitoba Liberal Association and Liberal candidate in Selkirk in 1949, turns up as the Conservative candidate. But, by a strange quirk of political logic, he insists he will not resign the vice-presidency of the Mackenzie King Club.

Obviously this is a man torn between two loyalties. He has turned his back on his own party—but only partly. And perhaps it is in a perverse sense of loyalty to its late leader that he continues in the club which bears Mr. King's name. But we doubt if this would be of any comfort to Mr. King, who always insisted on undivided loyalty to the party and to himself—which were so largely synonymous for so long.

Incidentally, the shade of Sir Wilfrid Laurier also may be disturbed. Imagine a man by the name of Laurier Regnier running as a Conservative!

—Windsor Star,

## Scriptures

Men ought always to pray and not to faint, Luke 18:1.  
A cardinal teaching of the Bible is that nothing is impossible. Faith is a form of courage. We need it in the battle of life.

## As I See It

by

Elmore Philpott

### Doukhobor Facts

ONCE AGAIN a Sons of Freedom minority among the Doukhobors has threatened to migrate to Soviet Russia.

Once again a good many ordinarily level-headed Canadians have reacted to the news of the proposed Freedomite trek to Russia by exclaiming "good-bye and good riddance."

This is just to say that I do not believe the Sons of Freedom really have any serious intention to move to the Soviet Union. But if they really did go it would be a very bad thing for all concerned, but especially for Canada as a nation. The move would be highly publicized, especially among the peoples of Asia where it would be believed that Canada had persecuted and denied freedom to a religious minority.

IT SHOULD never be forgotten that the overwhelming majority of Doukhobors have puzzled and annoyed ordinary Canadians from time to time. But very few such Canadians have really tried to understand the root causes of these queer stunts.

The main root cause is that the Doukhobors are at heart an intensely religious people, whose forefathers suffered great hardships in Russia because of their resolute opposition to militarism and war. They came to Canada in the first place because they were guaranteed—or thought they were guaranteed—exemption from military service, and from the type of nationalistic and linguistic education which, the Doukhobors believe, automatically makes war.

The recurrent periods of separation among the Sons of Freedom spring from the fact that their leaders can plainly see that the overwhelming majority of Doukhobors have already lost the faith of their fathers.

Year by year more and more of the Doukhobors drift away and assimilate into the general Canadian population. It is this fact which is the root cause of all the troubles. The leaders of the Sons of Freedom again agree, but feel that he is overlooking an important aspect of the situation, which is:

Why doesn't the city clean up the mess at Algoma Park? I think that if our sanitary inspector would take a stroll around the edges of Algoma, he would be shocked. The drainage ditches, which are full of garbage and stagnant water, are a breeding place for rats, flies and what have you. Also, you can imagine how they smell on a warm spring day. And they'll be 50 times worse come summer's heat.

I believe that the sanitary inspector, who seems to feel that rats and flies are a worse menace than the H-bomb, will agree that these are not ideal conditions for our children to play in.

Hope to see the clean-up campaign get as far as Algoma.

A NINTH WEST RESIDENT.

THE CRUX of the latest B.C. grievance of the Sons of Freedom is that the Social Credit government has separated the children from Doukhobor parents who refuse to send them to school.

It has always been my view that this latest mass separation of families was a grave mistake.

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### Prince George Hoodlumism Dying Down

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.—Hoodlumism in this central B.C. city, a source of deep concern among officials last month, has died down. Teen-agers have been appearing regularly in city courts.

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**READY TO ROLL** — Never too young to learn, 10-year-old Edward Swaine, propped up with some pillows, gets his first driving lesson from 12-year-old Marilyn Wilson at a special track opened by Marilyn's father, former racing car driver Leslie Wilson, in London. The kids take their lessons in standard automatic shift autos, regulated to reach a top speed of 15 mph. Marilyn's sister, Suzanne, 7, and her brothers, Anthony, 13, and David, 9, also give lessons at the track, which, Wilson says, makes the children better pedestrians once they learn something about driving.

50 CENTS PER SHARE.

## Aluminium Ltd's Income For First Quarter Up

MONTREAL — Aluminium Limited's consolidated income statement for the three months' period ended 31st March, 1957, shows a net income of \$14,958,991 or 50 cents per share, compared to \$10,436,193 or 35 cents per share in the first quarter of 1956.

Earnings per share are based on the number of shares outstanding at the end of each period and after giving effect to the three-for-one subdivision which became effective on 4th May, 1957.

Consolidated sales and operating revenues showed an increase from \$102,825,397 in the first quarter last year to \$122,818,491 in the first quarter of 1957.

Last year's results were adversely affected by an abnormal water shortage which caused a production cut-back at the Company's Quebec smelters.

Aluminum Company of Canada, Ltd., whose accounts are consolidated with those of Aluminum Limited and whose results in 1956 were affected by the same conditions, showed a net income in the first quarter this year of \$11,034,318, compared to \$10,558,247 last year.

ed to \$5,221,659 in the same period a year ago. Alcan's sales and operating revenues were \$88,360,332, compared to \$63,379,798 a year ago.

Aluminum Limited's consolidated cost of sales and operating expenses for the period were \$73,474,900 compared to \$66,442,738 in the first quarter last year. Depreciation provision was \$9,336,502 compared to \$7,441,089 last year, while income taxes, current and future, required a provision of \$12,120,085 compared to \$8,558,247 last year.

## TIME and PLACE...

### WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR KITAMAAT VILLAGE

By GORDON ROBINSON

Quite often friends and acquaintances have asked the question: "What will happen to Kitamaat Village?"

Lacking a crystal ball we can only attempt to answer the question by examining the present occupants of the village, then base our guess on their characteristics and trust that they will not exercise their human ability to adjust to new and unforeseen changes quite quickly if the changes are desirable in their own eyes.

Because they have never been previously exposed to an industrial development, the majority of the villagers will find themselves completely unprepared and untrained for the well-paying jobs which may be had in the new town.

Being untrained, the majority cannot work as tradesmen and must perform work as laborers if they are to seek employment in the new town of Kitimat.

Although they have no training as tradesmen, all of the villagers are experienced commercial fishermen and they all like the rather exciting life of the fisherman. Moreover, most of them have considerable investments in boats and fishing equipment so that they are hesitant to leave a familiar occupation—where they are their own bosses—for the often insecure lot of the laborer.

Another factor which will tend

### Motorists Prayer

Lord grant me a steady hand and watchful eye  
That no man may be hurt when I pass by,

Thou gavest life, I pray no act of mine

May take away or mar that act of thine,  
Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear me company

From evil of fire and all calamity.

Teach me to use my car for others' need,

Nor miss through love-of speed

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### Queen Receives Lieut.-Governor

LONDON (UPI)—Frank M. Ross, lieutenant-governor of British Columbia, and Mrs. Ross Tuesday were received in audience at Buckingham Palace by the Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross are here on a visit. They will go to suburban Petersham Sunday for a commemoration service for Capt. George Vancouver, the explorer for whom Vancouver is named.

### Family Gathers

MOOSE JAW, Sask. (UPI)—Five generations were present for great-great-grandmother Mrs. Ida Rutherford of Moose Jaw. The party included the eldest daughter in each generation of the family.

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We live today in a world of explosive contradictions. While Canadians enjoy soaring prosperity, millions elsewhere are hungry. While we strive for peace, the threat of war is ever present. The age of abundance for all mankind now is possible, so is world-wide atomic destruction.

- 2 -

These are the big issues. Today, as never before, Canada's freedom and prosperity and the future of our children—all the things we love and want most—depend on events in the world around us.

- 3 -

It's essential to elect a government which promotes prosperity at home and peace abroad. History shows we can't have one without the other.

- 4 -

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