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Far Reaching Effects

The deliberations at the Commonwealth Mining and Metallurgical Congress which has been meeting in various Canadian centres since early in September are, of course, highly technical in nature and of interest mainly to specialists in the field.

We refer to the presence at the conference of men of different races and religions and to the mutual goodwill and respect which are evident among them.

At a dinner given by the Federal Government this feeling of friendship was expressed by Dr. Alhaji Muhammadu Ribadu, Minister of Mines in the Nigerian Federation which is well on its way to independence within the Commonwealth.

These delegates, by the time the congress ends a couple of weeks from now, will have travelled across Canada inspecting the various phases of the mining industry.

Seeking Higher Rates

Writing in the Winnipeg Free Press, Grant Dexter poses the question of whether the basis of our freight rates is to be changed, greatly to the disadvantage of the four western and four Atlantic provinces.

Since time immemorial freight rates have been fixed on what is called "the requirement formula." This formula is simple. The railways are given freight rates which will pay the fixed charges and dividends of the C.P.R. and yield a given surplus.

The reasons, as stated by the Transport Board, were that a rate of return basis would destroy the Board's usefulness. All the railways would have to do to get higher rates would be to invest more capital—wisely or foolishly—and ask for freight rates to yield the stipulated return upon it.

In May, 1956, the railways asked for a 15 per cent increase in rates. They were given 7 per cent at once and a further 4 per cent on January 1 last. The final 4 per cent was to come up for decision at the present hearing.

Emphasizing the importance of this issue, Mr. Dexter points out that the C.P.R. is asking for more than double the net earnings now contemplated in the requirements formula, or nearly \$100 millions additional.

Newspaperboy Day

This is National Newspaperboy Day—a special day set aside in the year's calendar to give, appreciative thought to the role which the newspaper boy plays in the life of the daily paper.

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An invitation to a fashionable ball, intended for the Marquis of Anglesey, was sent inadvertently to a London pub bearing that name. The proprietor and his helpers, as in duty bound, have accepted the invitation, provided they can find the necessary formal attire.



CASTING HIS SHADOW BEFORE HIM

OTTAWA REPORT

Trade Opportunity Knocking

Ottawa: Whatever else partisan voices may say about our political scene here since the tenth of June, nobody can charge that it has been dull. Ottawa has not seen so much happening in as long as most of us can remember.

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

The Dust Settles

The dust raised by the explosion of raising the Bank Rate over here to seven per cent is settling after a week of scurry and bustle. There will be other kicks of criticism and discussion, but the pains to come will not be so sharp.

Helpful Hints In Woing Sleep

By Herman N. Bundeesen, M.D. Millions of Americans do not sleep well. Trying to determine the actual number is like trying to count sheep; you lose track.

Listening to a quiet musical program on the radio probably is better than watching some of those late, late movies on TV. Now about those bedtime snacks.

REMINDER ARTICLE TWO? With this British proposal that the intended European Industrial Free Trade Area should now be expanded to admit us too, through a customs union with Britain, a glorious new vista of prosperity is opened up before us.

The Poets Corner

TORTOISE Box-like, withdrawn, his checkered shell worn thin, His wrinkled eyes from which strange wisdom peers, Lost now in time, since his dim origin

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The Age Old Story Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing in prayer.

NOTES BY THE WAY

One place where the Russians lagged far behind the free world was in discovering that Molotov and Malenkov were a couple of no-goods.—Winnipeg Free Press

Communist China's leader Mao Tse Tung has announced that he has swum the Yangtze River three times and not once as reported earlier. Also says Mao he covered the 12 1/2 miles from Wuchang to Hankow in two hours, which is faster than six miles an hour—nearly double the world swimming speed record.

Recent reports from the New York Times about developments in the Arctic repeatedly referred to the "islands north of Canada." The same phrase has appeared in other United States newspapers and news magazines.

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