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## Why R.C.M.P.?

DRINCE RUPERT, having had its law and order upheld for twenty-five years now by the British Columbia Police which, on the whole, we would say, has done a fairly creditable job, is directly interested in the move whereby the respected provincial force would be replaced by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Legislation authorizing such a change has been introduced in the House at Victoria and, being sponsored by the Attorney General and, therefore, by the government, will, doubtless, be put through.

We suppose it might be considered rather unusual to wax sentimental about such a matter as policing but there does seem to be something harsh about the proposed "scrapping" of our British Columbia Police. Its tradition and honored record, like its age is second only to the of the R.C.M.P. which would replace it. There is something sad about the prospect of its passing.

There may, of course, be good reasons for the change. Those of us who have through the years favored the policing of this municipality by the provincial rather than a local force did so because we felt it was important that such a service as the police should be well removed from local politics. We also saw the advantages of more efficient, economical and disinterested service. We also thought of the advantage of flexibility of personnel and the ready availability of augmented or special service when required.

It may be argued that the advantages which we saw in a provincial rather than a local force might be possible even more so with the national force. But we wonder if the national force, after all, might not be carrying things a little far. We wonder if the autonomy might be removed beyond the point of desirability. Of course, we should not be actuated entirely by sentimentality but to have our maintenance of law and order governed by a national force, no matter how fine its record and its personnel may be, seems embarking just a little far into the realm of bureaucracy and remote control.

We shall be interested to hear from the government and the Attorney General the reasons for this somewhat surprising and sudden move There may be considerations other than that of the efficiency which could, no doubt, be derived from co-ordination and centralization.

At the moment we are not so sure that our favor for provincial over city policing would extend so far as bringing this important function under the remote national control.

### UNDESIRABLE SECRECY

T HERE ARE THINGS which a government-local, provincial or national-cannot shout from the housetops. But many things which a government thinks must be secret need not be secret at all and in a democracy should not be. Yet all governments, it seems, grow into thinking that the people cannot be told and that the public cannot be trusted with too much knowledge. It is something, apparently, that grows on those entrusted with power.

A lot of this secrecy by bodies conducting public business is not only inappropriate and unjustified if not insulting but is sheer nonsense. It would be better if governments and public bodies cultivated frankness wherever possible. It would not only impe!co-operation but would inspire more confidence and it might even result in more progress in getting things done.

### REAL EMPLOYMENT

THE SERICUSNESS of having 370,000 persons listed as unemployed in Canada is something that cannot be minimized. It is something over which real concern is justified and to which attention may be paid. However, there is no point in getting panicky or shouting calamity.

Suggestions are being made to federal and provincial governments that the time has arrived to embark upon large programs of public works some of which, indeed, are already under way (although not so many in this part of the country.) Possibly the more important aim toward which to strive is that of steady, general recovery with all industry moving forward. That, suggests Financial Post, is the goal we must keep in mind and we can achieve it if we keep our heads. Above all there must be the great possible encouragement for the investment of new capital for only in that way is there hope of more permanent employment, more national development more prosperity for all. Panic measures and panic thinking at this time will only aggravate the situation. They cannot cure it.

## Education Week

#### Business of the Home by ELIZABETH MORTIMER

The word "education" is derived from the Latin "ducere" which means "to lead" and the prefix "e" meaning "from." This is the true meaning of education: not to force knowledge into the mind, personality and talents of the child. Where is there greater oppor-

tunity for this development than in the home? A man is leading a pony. The man does not get behind and push the pony nor does he brace NO Keduction in his feet and pull the pony. He leads the pony, easily, confident-Service Is Seen ly, and the pony follows of its own free will. The man is the home, the pony is the child and

tween the two. Too often parents try to force a child into a preconceived pattern, instead of allowing him t develop naturally. The child is an individual, not a copy of his rarents. This does not mean "free expression" which is "lack of discipline". Like the pony the

child is controlled. There is a sense of direction and purpose, of understanding, co-operation and companionship This is the ideal home where the rest and the finest in educattion can be achieved.

### Chelohsin May Voyage Again

OTTAWA Special to Daily the "lead" is the relationship be-News)—Hearing of the Canadian Maritime Commission on application of the Union Steamships Ltd. for a subsidy on service to Queen Charlotte Islands and . mern British Columbia part was adjourned yesterday.

After the hearing, at which he appeared. E. T. Applewhaite, M. P. for Skeena, expressed confidence that the services would be

The Chelhosin grounded last November on a reef near the enwas refloated in January.

Reports said that Victor David of Vancouver, who bought the ressel after Union Steamships td. had termed her a total loss



OLD LADY ON HER LAST RUN - The S.S. Aquitania, once the pride of the transatlantic passenger trade, and well known to thousands of Canadian troops, is shown about to start her last voyage from Southampton, Eng. This time her destination was not New York, but a scrapyard on the Clyde—the same Clyde where she was built some 36 years ago. The Aquitania was an armed merchantman in World War I and a troop transport in World War II. The last of the four-funneled liners, the Aquitania carried 1,890,000 passengers during her career as a luxury liner. Her furniture and fixtures were sold at auction at Southampton before she left for the wreckers.



### Ray Reflects... . . . and Reminisces

It's not often a story from Tuesday did not carry enough China creeps into this column authority for Whitehorse to be but possibly it will bear re- known, officially at least, as telling. Narrated by the young city. But perhaps that wil seems a rich merchant in Can- between aviation, the Alaska ton went every night to the highway, the Soviet bugaboo theatre for he had fallen in hydrogen bomb talk, campaign love with the star singer. Fin- training in zero weather-all condition is not serious. ally he married her. The following morning was the first horse is developing into a cenone he had ever seen her in tre of increasing importance. daylight. He stared in amazement, "Sing" he screamed "Sing quick".

It is quite likely the many or she may be are not any more that each might be able to in-

Of all the provinces, British Columbia is thought to be, from he standpoint of tourists the inite-but it will not become a most attractive. It's a fact, they floating cannery. The vessel may do swarm this way every sumcontinue to ply in her old trade | mer. And now, with a strong trance to Vancouvr harbor and further enhanced. Like the mountains they can be viewed any number of times and it doesn't cost a cent,

> The president of France and his good lady are the guests of the King and Queen and tha observant broadcaster, Matt falton says Britain is having 'e real party". Gone, for the me being, political and finanher worries. This is a party with springtime dawning, and the public gladly making the 1 3" of an occasion, Haltor alutes the visitors. But for France, he says, in all Europe,

Lian-Shin-Yang, it come next time. Nevertheless "iknown years ago-White-

Although formally proclaimed in Vancouver, daylight saving in British Columbia, this spring, is more ill-fitting than ever. Oranized farmers are dead to the legislature. Parents pronumerous than sourdoughs who test. Correspondents, especially stare at strangers and conclude from the north, multiply. And

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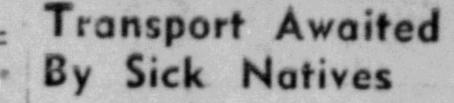
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