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The Voice of the Valley

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AIR CARNIVAL AT PRINCETON LABOR DAY

Skill and Stunt Flying, with Motorbike Thrills and Sports Program, Dance

Pre-Zero Hour Blitz, With Prizes and Secrets

BOMBINGS, PARACHUTES

PRINCETON will take to the air on Labor Day, with a new spectacle — a full-flight air show—with trimmings.

A carnival of stunting planes forms the core of the attraction in what should be Princeton's biggest celebration — and certainly biggest thrill—in years.

A pre-dawn L-Day alert will blitz the countryside with paper missives, with free admission to the sharp spotters who pick up the key clues.

Dave Smith is bringing over fast planes and daring pilots, featuring parachute jumps by Cyril "Dummy" Brown. There will be formation flying, target bombing, stunting and air comics, as well as straight and curved and even crooked flying and air axi-ing.

FLAMING WALL

A bombing competition, open to the public, will give realism, and there is no official objection to making the wife the target, or vice versa.

Supplementing the areonautics is a spicy sport program, with the added thrill of a Similkameen championship motorbike race, and motorbike crashing of a flaming wall. A streamlined box-football tournament will add thrills of another color, and for a laugh there will be the inevitable greasy pig, open to the under 16's and over 60's, and of course to the porker.

A model plane competition and the presence of the air cadets in full regalia will give the scientific touch. A dance at night will round off the festivities.

Tickets will carry chances in a prize drawing, and expert announcing will keep you fully informed of the technical skills. All in all, ther has been nothing like it since Simikameen saw its first swallow—or took it.

Proceeds will be used to provide accommodation at the airport for flyers using the field, and to promote interest in flying. There is every prospect of it becoming an annual event.

Tulameen Tops Is Truly Tops

WHEN Tulameen got a sawmill it also got a champion.

Mr. W. T. Squelch's eight-month old English setter, Tops of Tulameen, was at the Okanagan Kennel Club's competition acclaimed the best puppy in the show—all breeds. Tops lifted the Canadian Kennel Club trophy.

Mr. Squelch sold another pup, Step of Tulameen, to a Calgary admirer.

Tops is not only a fancier's fancy. He is a hunter's dog too, and already can sell a bird like —well, like the good setter his pedigree and his prizes say he is..

Tops's mother was adjudged the best setter in the Victoria show this spring.

Mr. Squelch, a veteran fancier, is now breeding his own dogs. He is an experienced judge and plans to promote a parlor show in Princeton shortly.

Mr. Price of Princeton was a winner at the Okanagan show last year, and there are a few other real dog lovers in the district. Encouragement of good dogs would be an ideal antidote to the present condition.

Princeton Senior baseballers will play at Oliver on Labor Day.

Retiring...

JOHN BRACKEN, M.P.
Conservative Leader

A convention is being called to select his successor—due to ill health.

WATER WORKS FOR OUR RIVER?

CALLS for tenders for drilling on the Similkameen River have roused interest and speculation.

It is likely that they are concerned with water conservancy. No immediate irrigation project for Similkameen is foreseen.

The formal but intriguing notices appeared in the Coast news papers. They simply concern drilling at two places — near Bromley's, about 12 miles below Princeton, and at Ashnola, just above Keremeos.

There is no official information, but it is surmised the drilling is for test purposes, possibly with some future conservancy works in view.

The Similkameen is of course an international river, and subject to joint Canada-U.S.A. convention. The position seems to be that American demands are heavy, and there are more works than there is all-year water for. Some kind of storage in our reaches of the river will soon

There is need for a major reorganization of irrigation means at Keremeos, and large tracts of fertile bench land at Cawston, only awaiting water.

Dr. David Turner, B.C. government soil conservancy expert, here recently making a survey, spoke enthusiastically of the local possibilities and the need for large-scale river control.

He recommended the main reservoir at Tulameen Lake.

After All, They Are WALKER Hounds

PAT and Jill are back and if cleanness is a criterion, Princeton's famed cougar hunting dogs are not so good at hunting for themselves.

Princeton was much upset about their being lost. With Game Warden Allan Gill, they gained considerable fame by their cougar killing exploits.

Then the Gill's went for their summer vacation and considered Pat and Jill might prefer a fortnight in the wilds to one in the big city. They were so obviously right.

Pat and Jill were left with friends in the Three Brothers Park. They liked it all right—but not the sequel.

They apparently decided that the ideal holiday for a couple of well-disciplined cougar hounds would be to go off and hunt a bear by themselves.

But Pat evidently forgot his grid maps, and Jill had a bit of a cold. They got good and properly lost. For two weeks they were lost, and they'll admit it.

But when they went to find them, they found them coming home—not very happy.

Pat had swum the river. Jill, not so good at it, had gone a long way round—after all, she is a WALKer hound. Pat was waiting for. They were about 14 miles from the camp.

It is reported in the Canine Chronicle that Pat and Jill are converts to the holidays at home movement.

YOUR GUIDE TO FIRE SAFETY

4. Extinguishers
(a) WATER

ALL fires start small. They are most easily extinguished when small, least wasteful, least costly. No one profits by waste. Fire fighting services exist not for glory, but to prevent loss.

They won't resent your depriving them of the chance to show their skill. They'll cost you less the less you call on them; they'll be ready when, despite your care and co-operation, you must. Fire is a public enemy. In a very real sense everyone is a fireman, and every fireman has his job. As a citizen, you do yours best when you avoid having to call out the brigade, and when it has to be called, leaving the job to their skill.

The best fire is no fire; the next best the small fire. In another section we shall consider how to prevent all fires—an ideal, of course. Here we are concerned with how to prevent serious fires by catching fires—for fires will happen—when they are small.

Your best weapons are a cool head, a brave—but not rash—hand, and a hand extinguisher. This is about hand extinguishers

We have seen that in the main there are three kinds of extinguishers—water, gas and foam.

We recall that fire is the rapid combustion of a fuel—anything that will burn—with oxygen—air — at the burning, or flash point. To quench fire you shut off the air and / or reduce the temperature. All extinguishing agents do one or both.

Water does both better than any other, but only spreads an oil or electrical fire because oil repels water, and water conducts electricity and ruins electrical apparatus.

Chemicals produce a gas that does not support combustion, and cuts off the oxygen. But some chemicals are injurious to certain substances and some are more effective in blanketing than others.

Foam is a chemical, but produces a blanketing froth instead of a gas. It is best restricted to electrical fires.

For ordinary fires, water efficiently used—see Chapter 3, the types of fire and their extinguishment—is your best bet

But the all-round safe extinguisher for any type of small fire is a carbon dioxide (pyrene type) hand extinguisher. If you don't wish to go any deeper, make it your weapon and know how to use it, and make Chapter 2 (Fire First Aid) your bible.

Remember, equipment that lets you down in emergency is worse than none. Firemen spend much more time keeping equipment prepared than in fighting fire. Keep your simple apparatus reliable. It is your best insurance

a fireman when in doubt. He knows you may be saving him work and danger.

Here is a schedule of manual extinguishers and their use:

BLANKET

Effect—Cuts off oxyyen, smothering the fire.

Anything that will do this will do, for tiny fires. Sand is fine. A rug or blanket. When wetted, it has a better smothering effect, and also cools.

WATER

Not for oil or electrical fires.

PLAIN WATER

Effect—Smothering and cooling.

Bucket or hose. Especially in a confined space—as a chimney fire—a spray is better than a stream, and less damaging.

Cartridge—Simply a means of assuring that water is at hand. They can be bought or made, should be kept filled and sealed and inspected at least once a year. Some have a hand pump attached. A garden hose, stirrup pump or other hand pump will throw a stream 20 to 25 ft.

And remember—water freezes.

ANTI-FREEZE

(Calcium Chloride in Solution with water — NOT an alcohol or other combustible anti-freeze)

The function is simply to keep water from freezing. Though these are manufacturer's units, they are just plain water—safe water. The small amount of chlorine generated has a negligible chemical (gas) effect.

Operate as with water, and renew contents at least once a year.

SODA AND ACID

The old standby "chemical" is not a chemical at all It is just a water cartridge, the water being expelled by gas, as by pump Though the gas is carbon dioxide, it plays no more part in extinguishment than the chlorine in anti-freeze.

The cartidge contains a solution of sodium bicarbonate in water, also a flask of sulphuric acid. When the acid flask is broken the acid acts on the soda to form gas, which forces

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AULD ILK TAE PLAY AT FITBA'

THIS time the tables are turned. The constable has a kick. And he is going to entertain you with it.

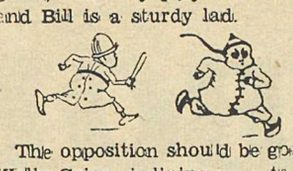
Const. Bill Hare signed up for the big soccer show, signed on Saturday night, and when anyone signs a constable on a Saturday night in Princeton, somebody's keen.

Bill, though a dark horse, is the star catch so far for an unincorporated Princeton's Old Gray Mayors who are to strive mightily for the honors in Princeton's Labor Day tourney.

Not that this is burlesque. It is serious sport, concentrated thrills, with the same entertainment as any other sport.

The old timers are taking it seriously. They just figure that in short spacms, on the small pitch, their skill will stand up against the youngsters' speed.

Bill comes from England, where soccer is as native as the gorse, and they play it sturdily. and Bill is a sturdy lad.



The opposition should be good. Wally Griev is lining up a team of young bloods, and the school is expected to field two fleet fives.

Main interest will doubtless center in the old stagers. The revival has set up an electric surge in their ranks, and those who are too old to take the risk eye the chance wistfully. Jack Dixon, quite tower of strength in Blakeburn's all conquering heyday, might easily have been persuaded, and old Bill Forsythe dug up a glorious Married-Single game of 20 years ago, and he was a veteran then.

Jim Norman shone all over, but as Jim is a big boy, it would be a big risk.

Jimmy Fairley was the most disappointed lad in town when he found he might be away that day. If he's back, he'll play, with bells on, and anyway he's a cert for the vets-school classic on Armistice Day.

Don Metzler proved a ham and egger. You know, if we had any ham we'd have ham and eggs, provided we could get the eggs. Dead keen, but won't be here.

But Dick Gregory will, and Wally Patterson and Bill and George Francis are the list, with Art Ryder and Jack Powell and any of the old crew still around.

And though he will miss his tormentor Percy, an old favorite (?) will be out in the form —what form!—of the Printer's Devil. He is perhaps the only man in Canada with a Chinese international badge (so apt!) and the last game was alongside such ex-greats as Tom Jennings and Davie Mieklejohn in a Glasgow charity match.

Rudy Kozak is one of the disappointed ones. Like a lot of us, he played army football, and like most, got a broken bone.

It may well mean the revival of soccer in the Valley, which has become a lamentably one-sport place. It all depends on the youngsters. Several of the old stagers are ready to give them a hand, but the first essential to making a player is to want to play.

Amongst the flood of newcomers there must be soccer talent, and any who would like to play please get in touch with Dave Taylor. It's only five minutes each way and in running shoes; strips provided.

To stir old fires, here are the teams who played the first organized soccer in Similkameen (Copper Mtn. and Hedley were also in the league) in May, 1928:

Blakeburn had Nanaimoites who played, before or after, on Canadian championship teams; the result, 1-1, and we could still beat those bums any day:

Blakeburn — Bryden; Parkes and Edmonds; Bulloch, Slogar and Plaskett; Paulette, Lewis, Thompson, McIntosh and Haddow.

PRINCETON—W.Dodd; Norman and Rintoul; Sparkes, R. Foster and Taylor; Callaghan, Francis, J. Foster, Rossi and A. Dodd.

★ **FREE KICK**—A Glescan reader complains that Similkameen Scotch is ower broad for her. If our Scotch has a Shanghai flavor, we apologize—to the Chinese.

Retiring...

Rt. Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING, Prime Minister

Liberal Leader

The recent convention was called to name Mr. St. Laurent his successor.

J. Berryman Heads Similkameen C.C.F.

BUT the young C.C.F. is healthy and in re-electing leader M. J. Coldwell, admitted they were choosing the next prime minister, with which, despite the bye-election, some dour folk here abouts may not agree. But there is lively local interest in the conventions.

Similkameen Constituency C.C.F. has named J. Berryman of Princeton chairman. W. Miller, Keremeos vice-chairman, Mrs. Graham, Hedley treasurer and J. Dyck of Keremeos an organizer. A constituency picnic will be held at Keremeos to "meet your M.P.", Mr. O. L. Jones.

WATER Now WORKS FOR MOTHERS

LAST WEEK the water works were making work for the good wives of Allison, and we had to say it, because the good wives were saying it, and it was true. Of course we'd rather say nice truth, especially about nice people, and Archie is nice people. He didn't kick at all, just said it was true, was so nice about it that this hurt me more than it hurt you sort of thing.

So this time we're very happy to say nice truth about Archie. The water is beginning to work for the good wives.

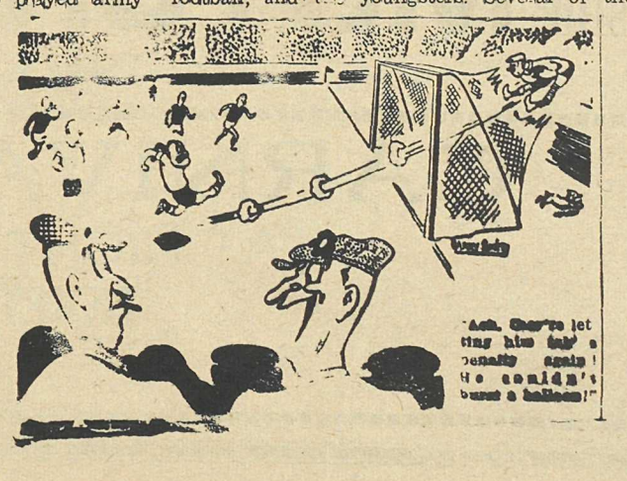
They kicked a bit when in the long delayed chore of having water on to the Flats the big mechanical ditcher tore the area open—but no pipes.

Well, now there is plenty pipe, and already a thousand feet of it is laid, and several services are connected. Mr Jerry Mulvihill of a pipe company was here in connection.

And if the mud bothered the mothers via the younkers' clothes it also bothered the water workers. They are forced to work from the far end because the Flat is well saturated.

Ten men are all work and progress is now quite good, says Archie, and applications for connections are coming in fine.

And Archie kept this appointment to the stroke, and next week we are sure to have more good news.



HEDLEY HAS COLORFUL PROGRAMME

Vancouver Team In Labor Day Baseball Tourney; Old-Time Contests Too.

MISS SIMILKAMEEN CHOICE

Fun For Young and Old In Traditional Holiday Fete

WHEN Chris Colombo sent Marcus Dolo out scoutin' in the five and ten for nickel plates, there was Yorkie Meher a-sittin' in a glory hole fryin' eggs—it was Labor Day.

And every Labor Day since, Hedley has been a glory hole.

Despite tradition, it has not always been a Hedley mohopoly. For many years there was a parallel celebration at Coalmont, and in the hungry thirties Princeton doubled on the day.

Nevertheless, Hedley's fete goes way back, and while they take a dim view of the counter-attractions, they are going ahead with double enthusiasm.

With Princeton baseballers flying the coop to Oliver, Hedley reacts with a suitable substitute in — Vancouver. We are not told which Vancouver team it is, but they have our sympathy. The McGonigle kids can give the Caps a go in their own backwick.

LOGGING, MUCKING

Copper Mtn. and a combined Keremeos-Cawston team are in opposition.

Yorkie and his drills will be missing, for Hedley is a town without a toothache, but there is old-time relish in a log-sawing contest (the judges keep the cuttings) and a mucking contest, which—a word to chechakows—is not open to gossips, mucking being a mining term.

At the other extreme, ultra modern is the beauty contest to crown Miss Similkameen, her predecessor, Andy Vaydik, having retired from this happy valley after being crowned with a ball vait.

For the younkers there is a parade and you can take your pets or vice versa, and there is the usual junior Olympiad—and a senior one too, though we're not telling about that.

There is also a challenge bicycle race. A dance crowns the day—and the queen.

The event is sponsored by the Hedley Moose Lodge.

THRILLS!

PRINCETON

FIRST MONSTER

AIR SHOW

LABOR DAY

MONDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER, 1948

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CARNIVAL DANCE

AT NIGHT — ELKS HALL

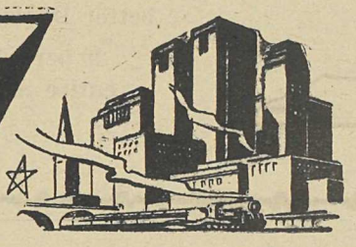
TICKETS TO AIRSHOW $1.00; CHILDREN 25c

★ Entries and Enquiries to Box 150, Princeton, B.C.

★ This Year *Let's Go* to the

HEDLEY

LABOR DAY



CELEBRATION

Grand Parade From Cenotaph— 10A.M. *Prizes, Music, Kids, Cars, Pets, Floats*

CHILDREN'S RACES PRIZES TO WINNERS AND ALL CHILDREN UNDER SIX YEARS — ALL WELCOME!

CHALLENGE BICYCLE RACE

ADULT CONTEST—

"LITTLE OLYMPICS"

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LOG-SAWING
MUCKING
CONTESTS

Surprise Prizes

BASEBALL

TIMES

1st Game - - 11 a.m.
2nd Game - - 1 p.m.
3rd Game-3:30 p.m.

TEAMS:
HEDLEY
COPPER MTN.
KEREMEOS-CAWSTON
VANCOUVER

PRIZES
$125.00 — $75.00
ADMISSION TO GROUNDS - 50c

And in the Evening:
HEDLEY COMMUNITY HALL, 9:30 P.M.
MEANDER WITH LEANDER

DANCE

. . . to Music as You Like It!

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HEY, GIRLS!

"Miss Similkameen"
Beauty Contest at Dance
PRIZES

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FIRE SAFETY

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out the water. The stroke of the handle shatters the flask in some types; in others, turning the flask over spills the acid

To use the extinguisher, pick up the nozzle with the right hand, the flask with the other, and **thrn the flask upside down.** Break the flask, and direct the spray on the fire. It carries 25 to 30 feet, and gives 80 to 120 lb pressure and the 2 1-2 gal tank empties in 1 1-2 minutes.

When the extinguisher is used, the charge must be renewed. Scrub the inside of the tank. **In a clean bucket** pour two gallons of LUKEWARM water. Stir in thoroughly 1 1-2 lb of sodium bicarbonate. Bicarb. is baking soda, the stuff that works wonders in pills for folk with imaginary ills, but you had better buy the chemically pure commercial NaHCO3 from Don the druggist.

Now strain the solution into the tank. At the top sits the flask of H2SO4, commercial sulphuric acid, also chemist's stock. Fill in 4 1-2 fluid ounces.

Seal off securely with a lead stopper (the casing, that is).

With any gas-generating extinuisher make sure the hose and nozzle are not plugged or a serious explosion may result.

Actually the soda and acid has little to recommend it over an ordinary pump can.

Being virtually water, it also freezes at the same temperature 32F.

Check all extinguishers at least once a year and mark date on an attached tag.

Mount them where they are easily accessible and never more than 4 1-2 feet high.

PUMP TANK

This is simply a tank with a self-contained double action pump. Simple and effective for small fires except oil and electrical. See that is filled, and add a little calcium chloride as anti-freeze.

STIRRUP PUMP

The wartime domestic defence standby is worth hanging on to. Keep it in a bucket, handy to water supply. Technique as with pump tank.

The forestry people have a handy knapsack pump can that straps on the back. Weighing about 35lb it is ideal for chimney fires and good brigade equipment.

Use of a spray cilp with any type of manual water device gives an effective spray.

In general, see that water devices are handy and either filled or handy to water supply, with hose and nozzles clear, and protected against freezing.

NEXT—Manual extinguishers, chemical.

British Columbia's
Population
Has Increased
More than
27 per cent.
in Six Years . . .

. . .That's One Reason
Why It's Hard
to Meet the
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Thanks!

And So Long

Fairway's Farewell

Though our stay among you was not as long as we planned or hoped, we wanted able, and we met many you to know it was enjoyfine folk. Thonk you and Au Revoir!

JOE KLEIN

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NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF MINES

Any free miner wishing to apply geological or geophysical work as assessment work on a mineral claim or placer mining lease should acquaint himself with the revised regulations which can be obtained at the office of the Mining Recorder.

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
VICTORIA, B.C.

An Important Announcement from the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service To All Residents of British Columbia

It is the aim of the Provincial Government, through the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service, to provide British Columbia citizens with necessary general hospital care at premium rates which everybody will be able to afford. The Plan also provides for the establishment of hospitals on a sound financial basis and is the first step towards creating better health facilities for British Columbia. The Hospital Insurance Act states that all residents of British Columbia will participate in the Government-sponsored plan.

TIME OF REGISTRATION

Registration is compulsory and will begin early in August.

PREMIUMS

$15.00 per annum for single persons 16 years of age and over who are supporting themselves financially.

$24.00 per annum for Head of a family with one dependent.

$30.00 per annum for Head of a family with more than one dependent.

Dependents—A wife, and children under 16 years of age or other members of a family group living with or apart from the Head of a family for whom he is financially responsible. Further details are provided with registration forms.

BENEFITS

Public Ward Accommodation, Meals and Special Diets, Ward Nursing Care, Operating Room Facilities, Surgical Dressings and Casts, Available X-ray Service, Available Laboratory Service, Available Physio-Therapy, Approved Drugs.

Hospital Maternity Care without a waiting period.

No restrictions on the number of times or extent of time that may be spent in hospital, so long as hospitalization is necessary.

Hospital Benefits will be available in the case of illness pre-existing the date when the Plan comes into effect.

Payment to Hospitals will be based on Hospital costs of public ward accommodation and services.

REGISTRATION AND PREMIUM PAYMENTS

Registration and payment of premiums may be carried out:

(a) by individuals,
(b) as a group,
(c) with the co-operation of Management.

Arrangements will be made for registration and payment of premiums under group plans, sponsored by either employees themselves or with the assistance of Management.

METHOD OF PAYMENTS

Payment may be made by one of the following ways:

(a) Payment in full; (b) equal monthly installments between October and March for coverage for the full year 1949. This is intended to help those persons who cannot pay the premiums at one time.

EXEMPTIONS

All Insurance Companies, Associations and Societies providing Hospital Insurance coverage in British Columbia and persons subscribing to such plans are advised that under Section 8 subsection 1 of the Hospital Insurance Act, persons may be exempt from payment of premiums by the Commissioner, only where benefits to Beneficiaries and payments to hospitals are at least equivalent to those provided under the Act.

Unless specifically exempted by the Commissioner, persons subscribing to other Hospital Insurance Plans will still be required to pay premiums under the Government Plan. To avoid such a possibility subscribers to other plans should obtain assurance from their particular Company or Association that the conditions providing for exemptions under the Government Plan will be met. Insurance Companies, Associations and Societies intending to meet the above conditions are invited to submit all necessary details to the Commissioner, Hospital Insurance Service, Parliament Buildings, Victoria. Exemptions other than that outlined above are as follows:

(a) Residents of an area where provision of general hospital service is not practicable.

(b) Adherents or members in good standing of the Christian Science Church.

J. M. HERSHEY, M.D.,
Commissioner.

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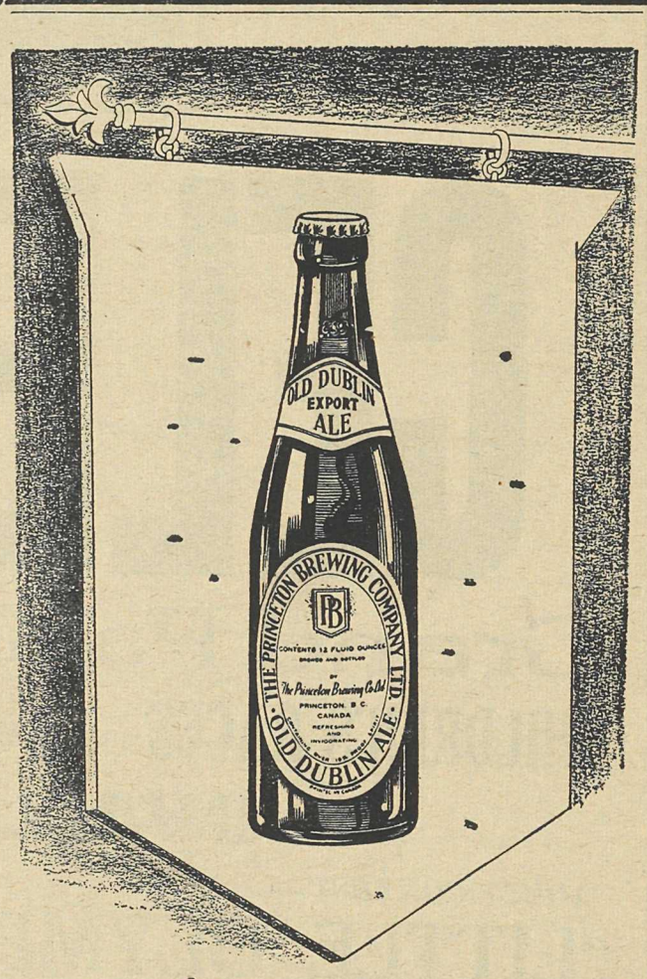

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