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Canada is a big country. The province of British Columbia alone is three times the size of Germany. Vancouver Island, which sounds a bit like city fun island, is as big as Belgium.

I could make further numerical comparisons at this point. But nothing lets you feel distances like this better than driving for hours on deserted serpentine roads - without cell phone reception, although you have urgent professional matters to clarify.

The second time (yes, it was two) this happened to me in the Rocky Mountains. Actually, I've been on vacation for a long time. There was just this one appointment that I really wanted to take with me on the journey from the west to the east coast. A freelance photographer and I planned to visit a Hutterite colony. And because our original contact had ended, I was now desperate to make telephone contacts with a largely reclusive Anabaptist community. It worked. Visiting Spring Point Colony in southern Alberta became the final story of my trip, and one of my favorites. Of course, the photographer and I had to plan more than four hours of travel time. As my editor in Vancouver used to say, 100 years is a long time for Americans. For Europeans, 100 kilometers is a long distance.

Why Vancouver?

If you want to spend your Burns time in Vancouver, you should know a few things in advance:

First – the distances are huge.

Second - because the distances are so huge, the East Coast, and therefore everything that happens politically in Ottawa, is a five and a half hour flight and a three hour time difference away.

Third, anyone planning to write breaking stories about Canadian federal politics is in the wrong place. For everyone else, the west coast has plenty of alternative material in store. There are mainly topics that are rather underreported in Europe: the opioid crisis, indigenous rights, environmental and real estate crises.

I had hoped for three things from my stay in the Vancouver bureau of The Globe and Mail: An editorial team from which to learn something. A team that is manageable enough to make friends. And to understand a city that is considered one of the most livable in North America - despite the massive drug crisis. In the end, I couldn't have wished for a better placement.

All beginnings are difficult

It didn't really look like that in the first week.

Because 2022 was also a Corona year and the start of the scholarship was shaped by the pandemic. When I turned on my cell phone at Vancouver Airport, I had 107 unread messages. Almost half of our Burns class had contracted Covid-19, and quite independently, so had my editor in Vancouver. I myself was spared. But I spent the first working days alone in the office, because my contact person was ill and the other colleagues worked in the home office. I researched a few topics, but quickly realized that writing would be difficult without communicating with the editors. The ideas I brought with me turned out to be complex in practice. I noticed that, for example, when I read a supposedly simple story about the protests against the clearing of ancient primeval forests in Vancouver

Iceland researched – and suddenly found itself deep in statements about indigenous rights and Supreme Court decisions from the 1990s.

So after three days I sat on a bench in downtown Vancouver on my lunch break and thought about what Frank had given us: that at some point in the first two weeks we would probably be sitting on a bench in a foreign city and wondering what the hell we were actually doing here.

Arrive

However, Frank had also announced that things would mostly go uphill after that. And I should be quick too notice how much easier work and life becomes with the support of colleagues and hosts on site.

I had questioned myself beforehand if living with my office manager would really be a smart idea. (According to the skeptical eyes of those around me, the answer was probably no.) But Vancouver is an expensive city, and I had a good gut feeling from just emailing Wendy Cox. She offered me a room with a private entrance to the house. I booked an Airbnb for the second month of my stay and accepted her for the first half. It was one of my best decisions.

Nowhere have I learned as much about Canada as over dinners with Wendy, who is a great journalist, and her family. About politics and history and backgrounds that are extremely useful were for my work. But also about everything that a family of five talks about at dinner. They say Canadians are hospitable. But the hospitality I experienced in Vancouver was extraordinary.

To work

The Globe and Mail is Canada's largest daily newspaper. The head office is in Toronto, where the vast majority of the workforce is based. About fifteen journalists work in Vancouver.

I had previously assumed that working in a country office would offer many points of contact for a foreign journalist. The fact that there would be appointments that had to be filled, and because newspapers are chronically understaffed, I could be useful. But that's not how the local colleagues worked. Simple appointment journalism was not announced. All were highly specialized, one colleague even doing what would otherwise be left undone.

My German background was only of limited help. Because in an editorial department that reports on the province of British Columbia, references to German are extremely rare. In the end, the stories I wrote for my guest editor mostly arose from research for German articles.

Otherwise I concentrated on features for the homeland. My colleagues were a great help in this. Without the conversations with them, the research would have been longer and the stories weaker. They helped me to take the shortcuts that only those who have dealt with a topic for years know. They also shared their contacts and wrote introductory emails.

They were worth their weight in gold. Otherwise, I often received rejections when I asked questions, despite my Globe and email address. Once I was even canceled an appointment I had already made when it became clear to those involved that the story would only be published in Germany. One of the most important lessons I learned in Vancouver was to ask for help.

I also learned:

-what a "nutgraph" is: the texts of the Globe follow a very specific structure and the nutgraph (why, why, why?) is irreplaceable.

-what "gooning" is: namely to follow an official to where he can no longer ignore e-mail and telephone inquiries. So to ambush someone. Only in polite.

-that "good for you" mostly really means "I'm happy for you" and not "nice for you", which is a crucial difference.

-that fans of the Canadian football team "Saskatchewan Roughriders" wear hollowed-out watermelons on their heads, but that's another story.

Thank you to everyone who makes this scholarship possible, first and foremost Frank and Alison. A big thank you also to the other fellows, German and North American, who shared their experiences, joys and sorrows and made apartments available. We didn't throw bikes in the Airlie pool, but we grew together.

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Drug Policy While the federal government is pushing for legalization, Canada is taking the step already completed in 2018 - those responsible waver between euphoria and disillusionment

The business with the intoxication

BY ELIANA BERGER

Vancouver. In South Granville, In an upscale shopping district of the Canadian city of Vancouver, the sales staff advertises their favorite cannabis products in the display case of a store. Julie recommends a local strain of marijuana called Black Truffle: CAD\$42.99 for 3.5 grams.

Loud Product description it tastes like “spicy Coffee, fresh, fruity Grapes and Blueberries”. “We don’t want people send something home what we didn’t like ourselves.” says seller Angus. He wears Shirt and a denim apron over it, glasses with black frames. During his tour of the shop, he passes loose things Marijuana and pre-rolled joints, oils and drinks, Cannabis gummy bears and Chocolate. Everything in pharmacy-like packaging enclosed behind glass. So the law requires it. “The shopping here is with the Comparable in a wine shop,” says Mike McKee, chief financial officer and real estate director

by Muse Can nabis. All in all five locations the company has in the city, a year put them about three million euros around. “Many People like wine, but they don’t know much about it - that’s why they are dependent on the expertise of our colleagues.” Cannabis sale after Model of wine: While the traffic light coalition in Germany is still struggling over the details of legalization, belongs to hemp on the other side of the Atlantic has long been normality. Canada was there in 2018 as the only second country in the world that cultivation, trade and ownership of cannabis nationwide legalized. Since 2019 are also so-called edibles, foods enriched with cannabis, permitted. When asked about the goals and consequences of legalization in Germany are working. So, take a closer look to the Canadian experience.

“Canada introduced the Cannabis Act because the government felt that a on criminal prosecution based approach to controlling cannabis health and safety of Canadians not adequately protect according to the Canadian Ministry of Health on request. The government wants

telaw enforcement agencies relieve, she wanted the sale to curb youth and the health risks curb consumption. Besides, criminals shouldn’t Make more profits from cannabis – instead he gets state a lucrative sales tax of one dollar per gram sold. After an evaluation of the Management consultancy Deloit te has the industry until 2022 contributed more than 40 billion Canadian dollars to the gross domestic product. The number of youth who use cannabis consume was actually stable to declining recently. And the Canadian Center on, once created by Parliament Substance Abuse and Addiction (CCSA) writes in its current report of a “dramatic reduction” in reported cannabis offences.

But when you look at the health consequences, there are still some open questions. So comes a recent study University of Ottawa in the province of Ontario concluded that that since 2019 significantly more adults the consumption of cannabis in land in the emergency room. Then it was market after one comparatively restrictive Start phase wide open, edibles were allowed to

open in Ontario numerous new businesses. “We noticed that- when the market expands when new products hit the market when the number of stores grows from 62 to hundreds and thousands and sales are increasing – too the number of submissions in the emergency room accordingly study author Daniel Myran. A possible influence of the corona pandemic is unclear. Another shows that also the number of Children who are taken to the hospital with cannabis poisoning, increased – because they accidentally eat hashed foods like cookies, gummy bears or brownies.

Nevertheless, Myran is not opposed to legalization. “The criminalization of cannabis leads to enormous social and health problems Damage,” he says. Previous convictions used to be above average often imposed on members of ethnic minorities that the policy had racist implications. “But you can do these social



The Toronto store looks like a cross between a hip start-up and a pharmacy.



Mike McKee (left), Muse Cannabis' chief financial officer and real estate director, with an employee

Largest supplier for Germany

Since the declassification of cannabis to medical and scientific purposes in 2017 Germany imported around 57 tons of the drug. That comes from one Treasury Department response to an inquiry of the FDP parliamentary group, about the on Friday first of the "Mirror" reported. Statutory and private health insurance companies also registered Cannabis Medicines between 2017 and 2021 according to sales of more than 588 million euros. Thereon are almost 94 million euros accrued on sales taxes, as listed by the Ministry of Finance. functioning, legal market worldwide,” said the FDP MP Maximili to Mordhorst the "Spiegel". Germany could participate in this market if Cannabis complete quickly would be legalized. According to that The federal government's drug commissioner, Burkhard Blie nert (SPD), wants the traffic light coalition to start 2023 a bill 2023 a bill show: Already now there is egg submit. (dpa)

and damage to health probably eliminate through decriminalization or very strict legal regulation. You don’t need a commercial cannabis industry.” Other scientists want to

draw no similarly clear conclusions. Shea Wood emphasized by the CCSA that one must keep watching the numbers to determine if the increasing hospital admissions are a long-term trend. Also the question of whether the number cannabis-induced psychoses and schizophrenia have increased dont answer. "It's closed early to assess the overall mental health effects to see.” David Hammond of the University of Waterloo calls the legalization “overwhelmingly a success”. The cannabis industry blames black market products for the rise in medical emergencies.

According to different estimates, it also holds almost four years after legalization, it still has a market share from 30 to 50 percent. A tough competitor for industry: “The black market has one big head start,” says George Smitherman, former Ontario Secretary of Health and now Chief

by the Canna bis Council of Canada. “We pay high taxes, we have income costly regulatory Surroundings. Our buildings are built like pharmaceutical companies. These are very difficult ones conditions of competition.”

"Green Rush" is long gone The industry is currently in difficult waters. The so-called "Green Rush" the days of legalization are long gone over. At that time, quite a few rose major investors in the market on, companies reached market capitalizations in the millions and billions even before the sale of cannabis even started. "At the beginning investors thought the road was paved with gold”, so Mike McKee from Muse Cannabis. “Production has the need exceeded by far.” The Speculation bubble burst – and today the stocks are the big ones Vendor in the basement. canopy Growth, once the star of the industry, posted a loss in the billions in the first quarter. “Every industry has growing pains,” says McKee. He sees them Industry is still on the right track: “Nobody buys theirs Gin today with someone who has him brewing in his bathtub.” Meanwhile, the Canadian Cannabis industry yearning to Germany: “There are for no major one for us at the moment Market priority,” Smither said. “There are some Canadian ones Companies that are very internationally oriented – and they wanted to go to the one there Participate in possibilities and opportunities.” Our author is a business editor at the "Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger" and is currently reporting from Canada as a scholarship holder of the Arthur F. Burns Fellowship.

Abolish advance payment So far, flight tickets have to be paid for in full immediately when booking will. An alliance of consumer advocates and politicians wants to change that [page 9](#)

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Energy from Stephenville for Germany

A plant for the production of green hydrogen is to be built in Newfoundland, Canada

BY ELIANA BERGER

Stephenville/Vancouver. The small town of Stephenville has around 7,000 residents on the west coast of the Canadian island Newfoundland. The area is known for their salmon, for their wind – and as Host for Chancellor Olaf Scholz. The head of government is signing a hydrogen agreement with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau here this Tuesday. Then here, at the easternmost tip of Canada, should a plant for the extraction of green Hydrogen is generated with the help of wind power.

"Never in a thousand years would I have expected a project of this magnitude to come here," says Stephenville Mayor Tom Rose.

in the video call. "And then also the German Chancellor." For his The Hydrogen Plans are one region economic and social opportunity: He expects 1200 to 1800 new jobs for the Construction of the plant and the associated Wind farms, plus 300 long-term jobs on site." And there could be other business opportunities. that will be a turning point for Stephenville."

Germany's international search for alternatives to Russian gas has become an opportunity for Canada's energy industry. While immediately after the outbreak of war primarily natural gas deliveries were discussed, the focus has now shifted to the topic of (green) hydrogen



Green hydrogen will soon be produced in the industrial area of Stephenville on Newfoundland.

stands at the current state visit of Chancellor Olaf Scholz in the spotlight.

"Russia is not a reliable one business partners more," said Scholz at a press conference with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Montreal. That has consequences for the energy security. be hydrogen a "raw material of the future". Canada will become a world in gaining it to play an important role. "We would like to be a partner." Accompanied Scholz on his trip from Economics Minister Robert Habeck and numerous industry representatives.

"Canada has the labor and experience to produce clean hydrogen for export. But

so far we haven't had any customers," says Mark Zacharias, Managing Director of Clean Energy Canada, a program of Simon Fraser University in Vancouver ver. The hydrogen agreement with Germany could change that – and thereby "stimulate the development of a new Canadian industry".

The country is already one of the ten largest hydrogen producers worldwide. Much of it is currently gray hydrogen that is obtained through the use of natural gas. one According to a study by Harvard University but Canada is one of the states with the greatest potential to produce clean hydrogen. "It takes ten liters of fresh water, by a kilo Obtaining hydrogen through electrolysis," says Zacharias. "This is where Canada has a competitive advantage."

The green industry is still young. Some projects are already in the making, so build for example Thyssenkrupp an 88 Megawatt water electrolysis plant in the province of Quebec. The project in Newfoundland, meanwhile, is being replaced by a Consortium of four Canadian companies called World Energy GH2 advanced. In a first step, 164 onshore wind turbines are planned, which will provide the energy for operation



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ner production plant for hydrogen and provide the derivative ammonia.

"It is expected that these markets in the next few years due to the increasing efforts towards decarbonization as well as towards energy independence and security growth will be recorded", means it in the project plan.

But the hydrogen technology is not without pitfalls. The best way to export the energy source currently consists of putting it in ammonia convert and ship. Then Hydrogen itself becomes only at minus Liquid at 253 degrees Celsius, while ammonia is already at minus 33 degrees. The entire process – from obtaining the hydrogen to its reconversion at the destination – is very energy-intensive. And expensive: According to Mark Zacharias the price for one kilogram of clean hydrogen is currently around five US dollars. "He'd have to be on a dollar, 1.50 Dollar going down to make it really competitive as a commodity with natural gas."

The natural gas producers would also like to do business with Germany - but are on the current state visit receded a little into the background. "It is good that the Chancellor and the Canadian prime minister is talking about hydrogen, be it green or blue," said Stewart Muir of Resource Works, an organization representing the Interprocesses.

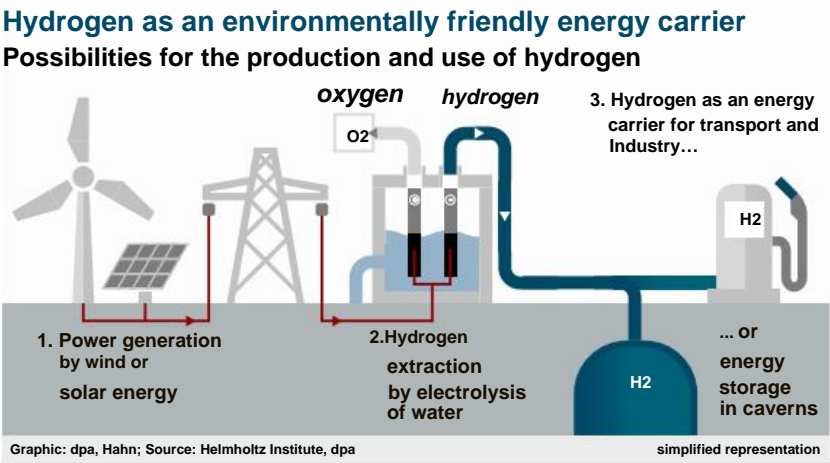
food represents the industry, in advance.

"But if we look at how energy will probably be used tomorrow will become, should we desire that canadian liquefied natural gas at all send Europe. Although in the eastern Canadian provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador the construction of corresponding facilities discussed, but the plans are ready to be decided nowhere. The natural gas would also have to be in most cases by province Québec be transported - the new rejects pipelines.

The news agency AFP quoted Government circles, according to which one in Germany only "in the medium term" with a noticeable increase in Canadian gas deliveries to Germany count. The export of green hydrogen is also a long-term project. World In the project plan, Energy GH2 is aiming for commissioning in the second quarter of 2024. The plant could be fully operational in Autumn 2025. However, it has not yet even gone through the relevant approval processes.

In surrounding communities there are also environmental concerns, local residents worry about the consequences Wind farms for the ecosystem: for water, forests and wildlife. tom rose believes that every industry has its pros and cons have disadvantages. "When we end up have to decide for one of the day then the green one." For him, the opportunities outweigh the risks. He hopes the investment will attract other industries in his community. "We are in the right place at the right time."

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DHL package elevated Prices

Next to a higher base rate must business customers two pay new surcharges

Bonn. The Post subsidiary DHL Paket increased at the turn of the year the prices for business customers. The reasons for this are the volatile ones development of energy prices and the increased transportation and labor costs, the shared Post on Monday in Bonn mit. the Prices for DHL parcels sent by private customers remain unchanged.

In addition to a significant increase in the base price The company announced that the price measure also included the introduction of two new surcharges. That's what it is a variable energy surcharge and a peak surcharge in times of particularly high parcel volume.

The energy surcharge will decrease levied on January 1st. His The amount is transparent and comprehensible on a monthly basis based on the price development Diesel, gas and electricity determined. In the particularly high-volume ones because of the Christmas celebrations months of November and December, the company also wants a peak surcharge in Amount of 0.19 euros per shipment raise. reasons for that necessary investments in the own infrastructure, a high Personnel expenses and higher purchase prices. (dpa)



Packages are becoming more expensive for business customers. Photo: dpa

business trips Eurowings again more in demand

Cologne/Frankfurt. The airline Eurowings sees one strongly increasing demand for business trips and has expanded its offering to corresponding destinations in Europe. From September it will be 30 percent more flights in the program than in last year, shared the Lufthansa subsidiary on Monday in Cologne with "Even if we do Pre-Corona level not yet have achieved, show us the Incoming bookings clearly reflect the progressing normalization also in this segment," said Eurowings boss Jens Bischof. The processes on the ground and in the air would have turned in again normalized so that Eurowings guests to their destinations with a reliability of 99 percent bring (dpa)



Cannabis-related hospitalizations up in years since legalization, study finds

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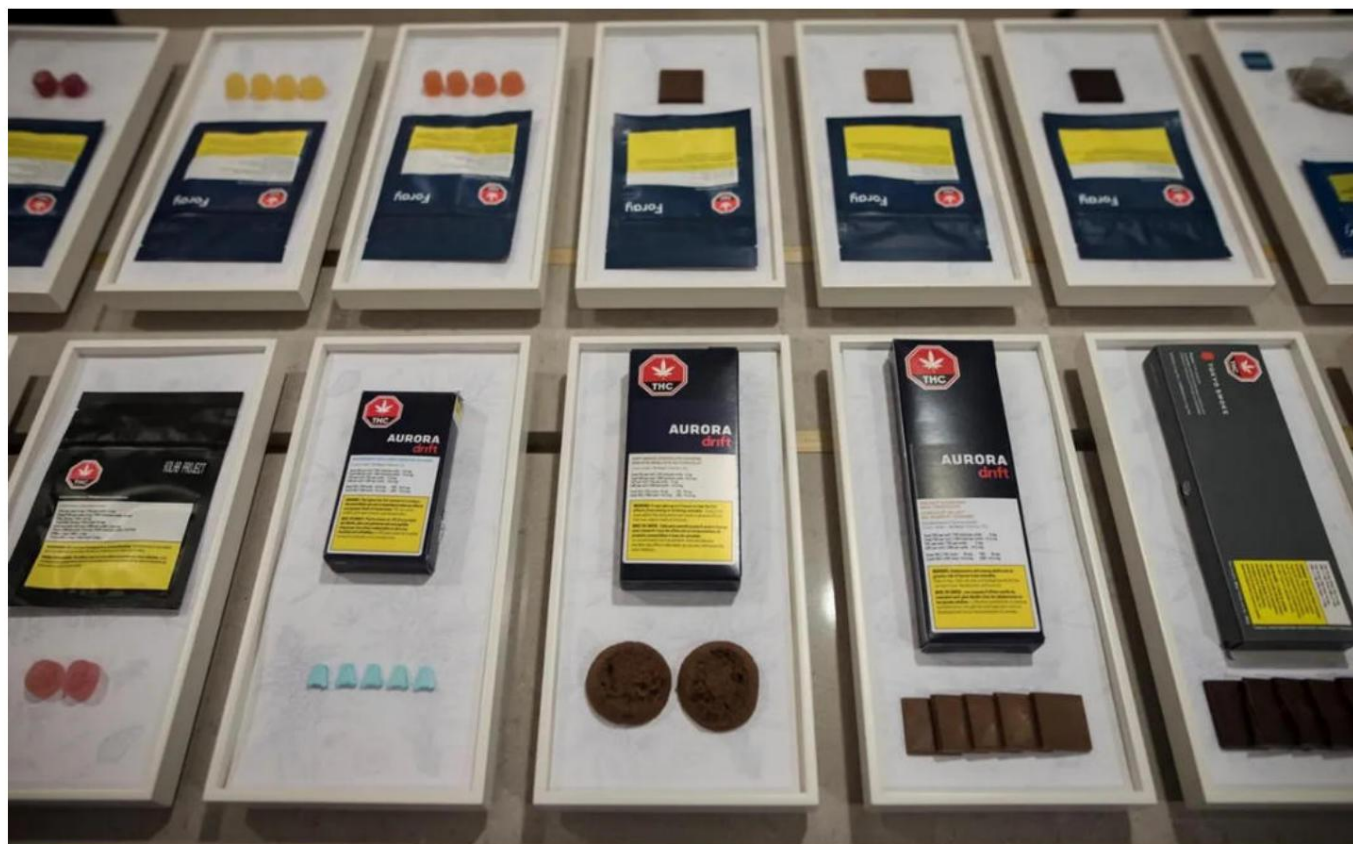
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A variety of cannabis edibles on display at the Ontario Cannabis Store in Toronto.

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Researchers are asking the federal government to tighten restrictions on cannabis, after a new study

But industry proponents are arguing the opposite. Cannabis producers, they say, will have trouble running viable businesses without loosening of restrictions in the 2018

federal legislation that governs the weed business in Canada. Among other things, producers are

That legislation, known as the Cannabis Act, contains a provision that obliges Ottawa to examine legalization's impact after three years.

Spike in accidental cannabis poisonings among kids sparks calls for more limits on edibles

The new study, funded by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction and published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, was released this week. It found that the rate of hospitalizations for children under 10 with cannabis poisoning was more than 6 times higher by September 2021 than it was in October 2018, when legalization went into effect. Although the rate of hospitalizations for pediatric cannabis poisonings went up across the country, the surge was more than double in provinces that allow the sale of cannabis edibles, according to the study.

"It's important to note that the provinces that permitted still had strict rules, including plain and child-resistant packaging, a maximum of 10 milligrams of THC per package, and consumer education campaigns," said Daniel Myran, a health services researcher at the University of Ottawa and lead author of the study.

"Our findings suggest that countries that allow the sale of legal edibles as part of their approach to

A total of 581 children were hospitalized across the country for cannabis poisoning between January 2015 and September 2021, the study says.

Cannabis poisoning means exposure to THC that leads to harmful effects.

In previous research, Dr. Myran studied the number of cannabis-

related emergency room admissions in Ontario between the date of legalization and early 2020, when retailers.

While Ontario's strict retail controls were in place, the researchers found, admissions did not increase significantly, compared to pre-legalization levels.

"When you create new products and allow lots of retail stores, a lot of promotion and industry expansion, you start running into these health impacts," Dr. Myran said.

He cautioned that it is unclear whether the pandemic had an impact on the numbers in his studies.

Among

the changes the cannabis industry is hoping the federal government will implement during the Cannabis

"Our ability to talk about our product is very limited. So it's very difficult for the license holder to create kind of a brand connection to the consumer," said George Smitherman, president of the Cannabis Council of Canada, which represents Canada's licensed producers and processors of cannabis.

Mr. Smitherman also criticized the "serious limitations in product formats," especially the government's requirement that each package of cannabis edibles contain no more than 10 milligrams of THC, which he called a very low dose for a regular consumer of those products.

"This is where we say to the government: We can't offer the consumer the product that they are looking for."

Mr. Smitherman, who is a former Ontario health minister, said it is those illegal products that are responsible for the increase in hospitalizations.

Other industry demands include stronger action against the black market for cannabis. The Cannabis Council is also calling for tax cuts. The federal excise tax on cannabis has remained \$1 per gram, even as retail cannabis prices have drastically dropped.

David

Hammond, a professor at the School of Public Health Sciences at the University of Waterloo, who was

"When you have a commercial industry, it's in their interest to promote their products," he said.

The public needs better information about the health impact of cannabis, so consumers can make the best choices for themselves, Prof. Hammond said.

"Most Canadian consumers are quite part literate when it comes to things like THC."

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Canada's Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples

Premier Trudeau pays tribute to the victims of the residential schools where children were abused for more than 100 years

BY ELIANA BERGER

Ottawa. There are days when the vacation of a head of government as a political affront and the “National Day of Truth and Reconciliation” was 2021 for Canadian Prime Minister Justin

Trudeau one of them. Trudeau spent it with his family on Vancouver Island – during memorial services for the thousands across Canada indigenous children took place those of the past century died in Canadian boarding schools. The outrage was great. This year, the Premier attended three events to commemorate the victims of the so-called residential schools. It is the responsibility of all Canadians to



Justin Trudeau at a memorial service with a Residential Schools survivor

keep listening and learning. “On the way to reconciliation we all have a role to play,” he said in an address. Boarding schools form a dark chapter in Canadian education Story. Between 1831 and In 1998 more than 150 000 indigenous children to visit the schools forced. The state-funded and church-funded operated facilities served their assimilation white western culture. The children were often under Forced to be separated from their parents, the use of their language

severely punished. Instead of this should they grow up Christian and speak english. Thousands of children died in boarding schools: more than 4,100 deaths are officially documented today, the actual number will be estimated at up to 6000. Outbreaks of diseases such as tuberculosis were the leading cause of death. Besides that the children at school systematically experienced emotional, physical and sexualised violence, were malnourished and neglected.

Last spring were the consequences of the brutal Indigenous people as “cultural genocide”. Through a process of assimilation, an attempt was made to existence of indigenous peoples to end cultural, religious and ethnic entities in Canada. Running the boarding schools was a central element this policy.” Indigenous people in Canada are taking action made up of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. 2021 was five percent

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of the country's population one of the three groups. Overall formulated the Commission 94 calls for action to avoid long-term consequences of residential schools and to promote reconciliation. divided they were, for example, in educational, health and cultural policy measures. Then the long years of structural oppression reverberate. Indigenous people are disproportionately unemployed in Canada, they have a lower level of education, more health problems, are more often in the prison and live in cramped conditions. Many of her Languages are almost extinct.

How many of the 94 claims have been implemented so far difficult to understand. Although the commission in 2015 numerous suggestions for one policy of reconciliation some of them only appear with the discovery of the graves to have gained momentum. The National Day for Truth and reconciliation” became first Officially declared a public holiday in 2021 (demand number 80). The papal apology for the role of Catholic Church as operator of many Schools (claim no 58) followed this summer. Pope Francis traveled at the end of July

on a six-day “penitential pilgrimage” across Canada. “I humbly ask forgiveness for the evil that so many Christians believe committed by indigenous peoples,” he said at a meeting with First Nations in the Canadian province of Alberta. Canadian society has also been dealing with issues of indigenous reconciliation since the end of the United States

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Justin Trudeau, Canada's Prime Minister

Covering the anonymous graves significantly more positive towards. in the In 2007, 44 percent voted of respondents to the statement that indigenous people deserve compensation for the injustices inflicted on them. In 2022, this figure was 52 percent. And also the Canadian one Premier has recognized that he Day of Atonement not on should spend on the beach. Our author is a business editor at the “Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger” and is currently reporting from Canada as a scholarship holder of the Arthur F. Burns Fellowship.

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When the activist like the hua Wright to collect a piece of rainforest want to prevent power for not much to the untrained eye forth: a green braid on the Bark of a gigantic tree embedded in moss. Of the 19-year-old Wright did it when Hiking on Vancouver Island discovered. Here where the trees more than 40, 50, 60 meters high growing, a local timber company is planning to clear a previously untouched piece of forest. "This is an extremely rare lichen. She was born in British Columbia only in 53 places proven, and many of them have already been cut down," says Wright. "But this area here has not been from the provincial government for clearing Approved. We can try to prevent this from happening comes."

The lichen, known as old growth specklebelly lichen, is in this context more than one Species worthy of protection: It is the symbol and means of a protest movement that wants to stop the industrial felling of trees that are hundreds of years old on Vancouver Island. The protests, which began in August 2020 with blockades in the forests around the watershed Fairy Creek began to be considered largest act of civil disobedience in Canadian history. For German observers, they bring back memories the occupation of the Hambacher forest Climate and Ar are also on the agenda on Vancouver Island

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protection in times of global warming, it also happened here violent clashes by the police and activists. Yes the lines of conflict are more complicated. Because on the island, not only environmentalists and industry face each other. It It also deals with the rights of Canada's indigenous population on their territory.

Vancouver Island is an island the size of Belgium other canadian pacific coast. if the botanist Trevor Goward When talking about their forests, he likes to refer to them as "antique". The trees that grow here are sometimes several thousand years old, the ecosystem that surrounds them even older. your tree tops only sees who's head deep in lays the neck. The undergrowth grows dense and tall here. at the woods around Fairy Creek it is moderate

Coastal rainforests: humid, dense, species-rich systems with conifers in it, whose Trunks a diameter of reach several meters. "When we had these trees cleared in the 1950s we have no idea how important they are," says Trevor Goward. "But today we know That. And yet nothing has changed." According to the environmental organization Canopy, three quarters of the so-called productive old-growth rainforests on Vancouver Island have been cleared up to now. protests against deforestation of rainforest and old-growth forests not new to British Columbia. However, as Joshua Wright, a Teenage boy from Washington State, in the summer



A logging road winds its way through the ancient rainforest on Vancouver Island.

fight for rainforest

On Vancouver Island in Canada, environmentalists, indigenous Races and industry collide in an ancient ecosystem

BY ELIANA BERGER



The trees, some of which are thousands of years old, reach a diameter of several meters.



19-year-old environmental activist Joshua Wright performed in the August 2020 the protest action started.

compensate if necessary. Also forestry companies and First Nations are working together more and more closely: they set up joint ventures and share income or conclude declarations of intent to create jobs. The Pacheed Stitch

First Nation, for example, on whose territory a large part of the played Fairy Creek protests, has been working for more than 15 years with Teal Jones.

The processing of the old trees is lucrative for the local community Forestry, which has fallen sharply in recent years Bark beetle plagues, forest fires and trade disputes suffered with the US. "Without

The forest will never come back in its current form regrow

Access to these high quality tribes it would be very uneconomical, the younger tribes to harvest," says Conrad Browne, Director of Indigenous Affairs at Teal Jones. The company emphasizes that numerous old trees are already protected and are therefore exempt from clearing.

How complex is the balancing act between protecting the fores indigenous rights and economy in practice shows this action of the provincial government. She resigned last year on, deforestation to 2.6 million hectares of acutely endangered old-growth forest to want to suspend – if the more than 200 affected First Nations agreed to that. Some peoples rejected the proposal off, others asked for more time for the decision. So far, the clearings have been like this based on only 1.7 million hectares. Wrestling So keep going around the old forests – also in the wooded area the rare lichen. At the request of the Canadian daily newspaper The Globe and Mail the forest company Teal Jones with, the company will follow look for endangered species before there is a deforestation plan at the submit province. The Ministry of Forestry says the lichen is not on the acute list endangered species.

For botanist Trevor Goward, these are just details. "It it's not about a specific lichen or a specific tree," he says. Of the

man researching plants, looks alone at the thousands year old forest. "He will never never again in his present regrow shape when we fell him."

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mer 2020 on satellite images When he discovered a new forest road, he set off a protest movement that had overtaken the province. The Forest road was in the Proximity to the hitherto untouched Fairy Creek watershed, a landscape that "after hundreds of years of industrial logging has become extremely rare," says Wright. activists set up protest camps in the woods and blocked the work of the forest company responsible, Teal Jones. This in turn obtained a temporary injunction. In the subsequent police operations almost 1200 people were arrested.

Since June there are no longer any blockages near Fairy Creek. Instead, members of the movement organized demonstrations in the cities, block highways or, like Joshua, document rare ones species in the forests. "We are currently definitely in a recovery phase," says Wright. "But the deforestation will continue, so will we also continue our protests. We have radicalized a whole generation that is ready get up and for the receipt of the ecosystem." But the indigenous peoples thousands of years before Arrival of European ships lived on Vancouver Island have the protests on their land

repeatedly criticized. "The First Nations are without permission in our traditional Territory penetrated", says Chief Councilor Brian Tate, elected leader of the Diti Daht First Nation in the Southeast from Vancouver Island. "They never asked us about our position." Forestry is for First Nations like the Ditidaht are a key source of income: "We've always been a very isolated community," says Tate. "There are few job opportunities here. We try to create a balance between business, culture and nature. It we're not trying to harvest everything," says Tate. "Animals and Old-growth forest will be on our

territory to be protected." It is important to the Ditidaht that "nothing on our territory without our knowledge and our approval happens". That's what the indigenous people have peoples in British Columbia Right: Because unlike the rest Canada's joined the British Krone almost no contracts here in the 18th and 19th centuries with First Nations. In a groundbreaking judgement, the Canadian Supreme Court 1997, that the indigenous tribes after as before a legal right on their traditional territory. On projects land that is owned today of the state, the Government affected First Nations consult and against

At first glance it works

Accessories of an ordinary doctor's office: a syringe, Alcohol swabs, water and a Filter, neat with a tied with blue ribbon. Only the deep metal spoon doesn't really fit into the picture. He used to heat substances such as heroin. The bundle should Drug addicts in a consumption room on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside from poisoning protection.

"The filter is placed on the End of syringe," says Rodrick John Harding, called Rod, and takes the kit with practiced handles apart. "If the drugs are contaminated with dirt, it doesn't get in the body. Because one can Causing endocarditis, ie clog the veins of the heart."

Harding, himself for 30 years dependent on opioids, works as a volunteer at the drug consumption room downtown Eastside. Up to 600 people come every day to inject heroin and fentanyl, smoking crack and meth too consume. With the exception of a few operationally responsible persons everyone who works here is addicted to a substance. The name of Sponsoring association: "Overdose Prevention Society" – association to prevent overdoses.

"Here we have an oxygen bottle and next to it naloxone, an opioid antagonist. When a person together



Tents on the sidewalks of downtown Vancouver's Eastside: the neighborhood is characterized as one of the poorest in all of Canada of homelessness and drug use.

Hard drugs on prescription

The Canadian province of British Columbia has been stuck for years in a severe opioid crisis - now they are breaking new ground there

BY ELIANA BERGER

There are many Evidence for the harmful effects of criminalization from drugs

Kora DeBeck

breaks and isn't breathing, we give her both," says Harding. Last year there was the city of 700,000 inhabitants Vancouver 535 drug deaths. in the Despite an average of two to five overdoses a day, the drug consumption room has not died since it opened in 2016. The Canadian province of British Columbia has been stuck for years in a serious drug crisis. In 2016 she called in the face of the rapidly increasing number of deaths from drug poisoning created a public health emergency. However, the number of dead has continued unabated since Soaring: from 994 a year 2016 to 2269 in 2021. For Comparison: In North Rhine-Westphalia, around three times the population died in 2021 700 people through drugs. To face the crisis one goes to the canadian West coast new ways. Next year, British Columbia will be the country's first province initially for three years decriminalize drugs. Of the Possession of up to 2.5 grams for personal use then with impunity. While Germany is on the way of cannabis legalization is the debate about the Dealing with intoxicants here a few steps further. Drug use is a health problem, not a crime problem, according to the Ministry of



Rodrick Harding volunteers at the drug consumption room on the downtown Eastside.



Amy Evans is the Administrative Director of the Overdose Prevention Society. In her view, the drug crisis is "worse than ever".

mental health and addictions. "There's a lot of evidence for the harmful effects of criminalization of drugs, agrees Kora DeBeck from the British Columbia Center on Substance Use research institute (BCCSU) in Vancouver. "We know from many studies that the drug prohibition was a political failure." DeBeck points to a study by the BCCSU which found that imprisonment had no effect on the inmates' long-term drug use. who addict going to jail usually resorts to drugs again as soon as he leaves. Simultaneously carry out the confiscation of substances such as heroin or Fentanyl for personal use more crime—because the addicts needed money to to pay replacement. What the experts Experts in the region the largest

The greatest concern is the composition of the drugs themselves. Because they are more poisonous today and therefore more dangerous – because ever. The drug crisis is "worse than ever," says Amy Evans, Administrative Manager of the Overdose Prevention Society. She is sitting in her office on the Grounds of the drug consumption room. The room is narrow and cramped, the walls colorfully sprayed. A sweet smell hangs in the air. The open courtyard in which the visitors their substances can smoke is located just opposite. The crisis has begun Taken in 2014, Evans says: as pushed the synthetic opioid fentanyl heroin off the market. Fentanyl is comparative cheap, but the effect of the painkiller is up to 50 times stronger than that of heroin. "There are no more real heroin in this town," says Evans. she points on a list on which recorded will, who here when which Dro

gene consumed. "Up" is the one street name for cocaine, "Side" stands for methamphetamine, "Down" for heroin or fentanyl. "When people say that they use heroin, it is probably fentanyl." "Fentanyl is such a dangerous drug," says Rodrick Harding. He speaks slowly and considered. Only his hands are restless, always on the move, twitch here, there. The 46-year-old has a long addiction history. When he saw that accidentally." The 46-year-old first time injecting heroin, he is 14. Lives for decades Harding, with his addiction, works as an electrician without his employers noticing. But as heroin from market disappears and he too Fentanyl attacks is not more is possible. Lie for that few hours between Syringes he puts himself. Since the Corona pandemic are many drugs as well benzodiazepines shifted:

Active ingredients used in medicine against anxiety disorders and insomnia are used. That creates dangerous interactions. proven means of preventing More often than not, overdoses don't work. It means even them Street dealers wouldn't know more what exactly they make – and the addicts not what they consume. "I hate to Take meth," says Harding. "But sometimes I take it accidentally." The 46-year-old has been withdrawn several times tries. Someday, he says maybe he can do it. Until then he wants access to safe drugs. "Without benzos, without Meth. I think so a heroin addict clean should get heroin." What sounds radical is one attitude shared by many search experts in Vancouver. she argue that this is the only way to save lives in the short term. Also the provincial government

announced last year to create programs for a secure supply of drugs. Doctor Christy Sutherland does what Harding demands – and even more. Since April 2022 prescribes and sells them drug addicts in the frame a health program on the Downtown Eastside pharmaceutical fentanyl. Sutherland has been working for more than 20 years with drug addicts. First she treated opioid addicts with methadone, then also with suboxone, kadian and hydromorphone. The fabrics are used as substitutes for substances like heroin prescribed to to alleviate withdrawal symptoms. Straight hydromorphone is a very strong opioid. "But even that is not enough today more because the drugs on the street have changed so much," says Sutherland. The most dangerous thing about them is the unpredictable dosage Pollution. "That's it, what people die of." Today Sutherland prescribes, medical director of the ge

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Amy Evans

nonprofit PHS community Service Society, its patients up to 100,000 micrograms of fentanyl per day. There are also voices that view new approaches critically. Above all, they complain about the lack of Studies and warn of the danger of the administered substances. Addiction doctor Vincent Lam from Toronto warned in a guest post for the newspaper The Globe and Mail", "other than anecdotal evidence, there is little objective evidence to date that the "safe Supply« the use of fentanyl or deaths reduced". The substances dispensed on prescription could be resold and thus make more people dependent. Donald MacPherson sees that different. He is the founder of the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition. Of the Association advocates for the end of drug criminalization. He understands the concern that the number the drug user with safe could take care programs. "I think that is a valid fear, but it is not necessarily something what's going to happen," he says. It don't go about advertising for Doing drugs. Out of a vague fear, not a sure one Offering care "to current drug users is putting them in a death trap leave". For him, decriminalization is just the first step. So express it many who at the Downtown Eastside work. "But every journey starts with a first step," says Rodrick Harding. Our author is a business editor at the "Kölner Stadt Anzeiger" and is currently reporting as Arthur F. Burns Fellow Fellowship from Canada.