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Little to quarrel with in election budget

HETHER or not a provincial elec- Conservative leader though he may be, "Teution is called this year, Premier is another "voice in the wilderness" ernment goes to the people.

health.

Social Credit government had taken happeh. in increased assessments and could lead to further tax increases in the future" is hardly constructive since the same pattern is followed by any government when it is planning to hold ar election. Certainly the homeowners are not going to quarrel with Mr. Bennett's move and Mr. Bennett is not going to boost taxes until his government has received another mandate from the people of British Columbia and he can find some legitimate excuse for seeking more

Seatless Liberal Leader Ray Perrault is absolutely correct when he said that it was an election budget to "clazzle and delight" the electorate." However, he is way off base when he says that the premier has misjudged the people "if he thinks he's going to buy his way out of purgatory" with his debt-free budget. That is just what owner grant boost and increases to the Mr. Bennett does think and Mr. Ben- civil service, Premier Bennett is set nett is an expert judge of people. to go and from where we sit, we can-Furthermore, past events have proved not see how he can lose, whether we him right. Deane Finlayson, able like it or not.

Victoria Report by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA—Your MLA's are now deep in ensure their attainment." discussion of Premier Bennett's record breaking \$331,000,000 budget. Social Crediters say it's wonderful, simply wonderful, showing this SC government to be the most human government in the history of B.C., so human it almost brings tears to your eyes. CCF'ers and Liberals say it's nothing but a budget designed to woo the voters.

In the budget debate MLA's are supposed to stay with the budget, but they seldom do. They wander all over the place, sometimes playing politics, as in the Throne Speech debate. This is a time-honored habit, hallowed by tradition.

The Bennett budget, 1960 version, is most certainly a monumental work of spending the people's money on the people. The CCF, while finding it politically inopportune to oppose hand-outs to the people—Socred dividends the Premier calls them - says they are merely political bribes, the government hoping they pay good dividends on election day, whonever that will be, and the Promier isn't tolling yet.

The CCF and the Liberals in the House, are convinced, positively, that it's an election budget. Certainly, it's the type one expects on election eve-filled with goodies, and boasts of how wonderful the government is, how income other government could do as well, how no other government can guard the future as this

The Premier, in his 1000 budget, was taking no chances—that's to be sure; if he wants an election any time he's all set, as far as budgeting is concerned. Porhaps, after all, the election will come this year, for there couldn't possibly be another budget so filled with goodies, at the 1961 session,

Indeed, to be frank, the Premier spoke several times as if appealing for votes right than and there, just as if he was on the hustings, thusly: "This government is proud, and justly so, of its achievements. Gratifying as those may be, the future holds promise of successes transcending by far those already achieved, and propriate co-operation, this government can is so inadequate is unbearable:"

Bennett's "something-for-everybody" with not only no seat but no representbudget promises tough sledding for ative in the legislature and his state-Opposition critics until such time as ment that the budget confirms that British Columbia's Social Credit gov-there is going to be an election is anything but original. The record \$331,000,000 budget Although the budget makes no al-

with its \$56,000,000 increase in spend-lowance for 1960 as an election year, ing, offers little for the CCF, Liberals there is nothing to prevent the governoi: Lories to carp at, except to say the ment from calling one. Premier Benobvious—that Premier Bennett is nett has budgeted \$83,583 as general wooing the electorate with a boost in government expenses under elections. the homeowner grant, bigger social In 1958-59, \$79,155 was spent keeping service allowances and bigger approp- up the election machinery. In the riations for highways, education and 1952-53 election year, the government spent \$787,500 on elections and there is For CCF leader Robert Strachan nothing to stop the government from to say that the \$22 increase in the passing a supplementary estimate at homeowner grant is the Socred's way a later date to provide for a 1960 elecof returning to the people "what the tion and this is what we think will

> Enumeration has already started in the south and gets under way this week, in a limited fashion, in this district. At any time, the government can boost the tempo of vote listing and as soon as the outlying districts have been tabulated we believe that the city enumeration will begin.

> One thing stands out clearly. With the government dipping into its surplus to such a degree this year, Mr. Bennett cannot afford to "top" his budget of this year in 1961. Therefore, the election has to come this year and we believe that it will be in June before school is out and the electorate starts wandering out of and about the province on holidays.

> With a 20 per cent increase in allowances for the aged, handicapped and mothers allowances, the home-

That's certainly a phrase designed to appeal for votes — "given appropriate cooperation." In other words, the Premier wants the people to co-operate with his government by re-electing it, when he issues the call.

Also in electioneering vein, the Premier took a whack at what he calls the state socialism of the CCF: "Most British Columbians have made it abundantly clear that they believe in free enterprise, and wish to preserve tne creed of the individual who prefers equal opportunity in a creative, progressive and cultured society to a regimented existence; the individual who welcomes competition and who is anxious to preserve his right to work with freedom of choice in contrast with a controlled labor force.'

This one, too, could well be an election paragraph in the Bennett budget: "This govornment-bolloves in free enterprise and is dedicated to the constant development, use and conservation of British Columbia's immense natural resources, and industrial potentials in a manner such as to ensure that without special privilege or favor-every man, woman and child may secure and enjoy the greatest possible measure of cultural, social and economic progress compatible with the

common good." In the next B.C. general election, whenever it comes, the Ottawa Conservative government will be out to defeat the B.C. Social, Credit Government, and so, in his budget address, the Premier took the offensive: "Tight money, continuing high unemployment in the midst of an economic revival, declining net farm income, and a growing imbalance of trade provide serious observers with grave misgivings. Smouldering resentment against the exchange promium is now breaking out into floree protest. Ontarlo's premier has joined us and a large section of the financial press in resenting this grievous handleap that is now costing Canadians \$150,000,000 yearly for every one per cent premium on our dollar, To be deprived of such a formidable amount there is now ample evidence that, given ap- at a time when the demostic supply of eapital

Let youth have a chance

no protonce of being an export in foreign affairs. But he hadisa home-made theory of he once was. what is wrong with thom. The mon in charge

are too old. This chap had just entered the pensionable age himself. He thought that if he were old enough to receive a pension from ordinary work, then statesmen with their tremendous

Recently we chatted with a man who made burdens also should be retired at the same ago, Ho admitted he himself was not the man

"The old follows have had their chande. They have falled to settle the problems of the world. It is time for younger mon with newer ideas" and more flexible attitudes," he phil-



GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT—The Isle of Wight is most famous for its seaside resorts, but inland are also a good number of things to be seen. Godshill lies several miles inland from Shanklin, and makes an attractive picture with its church and picturesque thatched

LETTER BOX

Right of Indians to be called aborigines defended against stand of Vancouver writer

The Editor,

The Daily News: I would like to reply to Mr. Harold Weir whose column was reprinted from the Vancouver Sun in The Daily News of February 1. It was entitled "Native Indian not aborigines in true sense.

As defined by Noah Webster's dictionary the word "aborigine" means "an original inhabitant or first inhabitant of a country are called aboriginals, as the Celts in Europe and Indians in America."

This recalls the time 88 years ago when we made our longest lived treaty in history. It seems but yesterday when this momentous incident took place. How warm was our handclasp then, how sincere our promises to one another, wery necessary to maintain when we agreed to jointly use the strong health I used to enthis country.

It gives me pain in my heart when I read your article in The never to fight one another

It is but a flash in the flight of time, yet great changes have taken place in this country that we both own.

You, "My Brother" have proven very industrious and wise. You have certainly made good use of the land we loaned you. You have shown us wonderful miracles in science and industry. Many millions of your children have been born here to grow up into strong and intelligent people, many of whom have acquired great skill in gathering money and

property with their brains. You have waxed extremely wealthy by trading with foreign lands and peoples and trading the products of our country. But alas for us, we have been somewhat left behind in the great advance of civilization. Somehow, we do not seem to have made any progress in our mode of existence and thinking. I suppose we have no one to blame but ourselves, as we love our way of living too well. We were satisfied to hunt and fish as you allowed us so kindly to

continue. We would have been perfectly happy always, if some of your children had not interfered with our source of live-Ilhood. We now see them trapping in our forests and setting their nets in waters where we fished for countless ages, because, for a small amount of money they have been given the power to deprive us of our source of living.

Your children advance rapldly to higher learning and a better living and our make no progress at all, even when attending the same schools or when discharged from your schools, they are helpless to make a living in the forests or to follow our mode of life except in simple forms of labor where no skill is required.

Whon laws are made for dur bonofit, we nover hear about tham and therefore cannot dofond oursolves. For example: the new federal law regarding voting was forced on us without ropresentation.

'Although we pay no taxes, the Grown collects a royalty on every polt we eateh. In my own lisotime, I put in at least 40 yours of trapping activity and the royalty collected on my polts during that period should antitle me to a living allowance for my age, but now the rich, companies have moved and stripped our forests naked.

My children are not even optibloyed by those companies. not even given a living allownnce, after the companies destroyod my trapline. At one time this was my ancient land mark, it was given me to pos-

sess and under my present treatment I fear old age when I should be living in comfort and free of worry.

Judiciary—Judge Martin.

Boy Scouts-Robert Gray,

the one that remembers the

King's words and was awarded

a gold medal; Stephen Morri-

son, Scout patrol leader who

was awarded the highest mark

Entertainer, columnist,

There have been Indian doc-

In the field of music the

Port Simpson band was just a

few points behind the Irish

Guards band when they play-

ed in a world contest. Now we

have the famous Aiyansh

In closing I extend my hand

tomahawk lies buried. I beg of

you to co-operate with us for a

closer and genuine brother-

hood between us.

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who played for the

statesman—Will Rogers.

tors, lawyers and scientists.

in Canada.

When we shook hands solemnly uttering the words of our great Indian Oath "As long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the waters flow, I will keep all my promises," the great spirit in heaven listened to those solemn

Yes, "Brother" the sun is still doing his duty in the sky making the grass grow and the waters still flow but as for me I am slowly dying, just as any wild plant dies when deprived of its source of life. I am dying because I miss those food elements and my natural mode of existence, which are joy before your children grew into multitudes.

I very much fear immigra- . Daily News and to hear again tion also, when the allowance from your lips the endearing for people my age is a mere words when we both agreed, pittance now. What will it be then when the white avalanche comes rolling in upon us? That is why we seek to renew this Holy Covenant we made together not so very

My tears often flow as I fondle this medal you placed in our hands as a symbol of your holy pledge. It is all we have left to remind us of your empty promises. You even wrote them on parchment so they would last for ages, but we still love you in spite of it.

Many thousands of our boys are fighting in this great struggle for freedom. In their youth we taught them to love you when we could have easily planted hatred in their hearts for their white brother.

Your boys fight to retain and enjoy their rights of citizenship. Ours go voluntarily into battle without these privileges, and when they come back, as in the last war, they are turned loose to shift for themselves just like any domestic animal whose master has no further use for him, still without rights of citizen-

All this is no news to you "Brother" but the average man in the street knows nothing of the actual conditions that exist between us. He looks on us as parasites who depend entirely on the public pocketbook in order to live.

When our boys are given the copportunity they are above For example:

In sports-Jack-Dempsey, world heavyweight champion; Chief Thunder Bird, wrestler; Tom Longboat, marathon runnor; Jim Thorpe, all round athlete, greatest of all lime. Education—Paulino Johnson. pootoss; Miss Nickawa, olgeu-

Power cut-off provides idea of bomb effect

From Tho Clinton (Ont.) Nows-Record Outting off of clostrical nowor during the recent lee storms, indicatos just a littlo bit how handleapped we would be if a big disaster came to our placed nuclear bombs would put the entire country out of commission, and ropairs would not be possible within weeks

What causes highway ac-

Woll, exports all concludu: The gasoline is too refined, The driver much too crude.



cries of ecstasy that you often hear on radio and television when youthful celebrities of the male sex appear on stage are available at \$5 per squealer. In New York I met a gentleman who was one of the charcoal grey suited opulent yeggs that are familiar type to be found around all the best eating places in that great city paved with nickles and dimes (and everybody on their hands and knees or in any other posture necessary to grab all they can of the little tokens;) and his profession was

celebrity agent. There are many other features of his profession. But providing teen age

"When Snatra," eliminating one of Sinatra's syllables, "first started up the celebrity, ladder, his agent had a young cousin of his bring a squad of her school chums to a radio show to squeal. It was such a success that squealing became right away a regular giminick of the profession. It isn't as easy as you might think to get these kids to come down to TV shows and stuff like that. It's the older wom-

en who are willing to stand in queues for hours for these free shows. Kids don't like it. Too impatient. We tried out older women's voices, but they was too hoarse. The way it is now, it's professional. I got a trained to the job. I pay them \$5 an engagement, and I can bring out 10, 20, 30, whatever the celebrity calls for." Aw, that spoils the whole

With the classics

In a Glass House

If I lived In a glass house, I. could live With the restive wind, I could live With the slender rain;

I could sit In the fire's glow In a whorl of white stars And watch the snow Pile up around me;

And like the elm tree That wears last year's nest In its lapel, The snowdrift Could wear me.

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