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City Hall property too choice for museum

worth.

kerville and Dawson City. one we can't afford at this time.

money to literally reconstruct this building. beat up old building.

How many tourists—that is the

a whole renovation from top to bot- a result had their fill of it. for safety sake.

Even if council did decide to take up What makes anyone so sure the pro-

The idea is marvellous—we don't ment going for that.

The suggestion by a Vancouver archi-dispute that fact. But this city is not tect that the dilapidated City Hall in shape financially to go ahead with building be restored as a tourist at- it. There are many more things needed traction would cost this municipality as we've pointed out in this space bemore than such a venture is really fore. And if the city is going to lash out some \$300,000 over a period of Robert F. Harrison tells council in time for the post office building which a letter: "to look again at your build- is to be the new city hall and cough up ing-Its use is far from over." He says funds to restore the old one or give the structure should be converted into up the property for this purpose, then a living museum such as those in Bar- the treasury is sure to take a licking-

To carry out Mr. Harrison's scheme With parking becoming more and ---which is truly a good one in its pro- more acute every day—and especially per place—the city would not only with the Alaska ferry in operation have to dig deep in its coffers but it this is what our thoughts must turn would be minus a potential area for to. We don't have near enough space downtown parking—something badly to conveniently handle the amount of needed in this city at once and certain- parking now let alone in the thick of ly in preference to a second museum. the tourist season when every little And we've been told by council the inch will indeed count. Admittedly city just does not have that kind of there won't be much room when the money to spare. If the city can't see city hall is torn down but it will help its way clear to put up a mere \$375 some in relieving the parking downfor a basketball banquet then pray tell—town. In any event where would these where will it dig up the amount of tourists park to have a look-see at the

If it was just a case of putting some ones that stay here overnight—will paint here and there and adding a actually take advantage of a museum few fixtures we could easily concur of this type and would the city really with Mr. Harrison. However, this is derive that much profit? We must also not so. In order to put this building in consider our residents, many of whom condition to have tourists pacing back have been in and out of this old buildand forth it would mean practically ing time and time again and have as

tom. You just can't take a building The building would become—under that is 51 years old and expect it to this latest proposal—strictly a seasonplay such a role without sinking many—althing, and this property in the heart dollars into rebuilding it, particularly of the city is just too choice for such a

this plan, surely the ratepayers are vincial or federal governments would entitled to some say by way of a ref-kick in with money when it's really erendum, and we simply can't see tax- not as if we were on such a historical payers of Prince Rupert going for it level as Dawson City or Barkerville. when we already have one museum, If this was the case every city in the although not a living museum it's a province, or Canada would want one museum-probably one of the finest of of its buildings done over the same any city in B.C. this size. way. We just can't see either govern-

the PM's chief lieutenant, Ex-

ternal Affairs Minister Howard

Green, who bears much re-

sponsibility for the downfall

of the government and the

anti-Tory mood of the coun-

the defeat some of the more

realistic members of the Cabi-

net made several attempts to

get rid of their suicide-bent

leader. Monday afternoon they

sounded out Socred chief

Thompson about support for a

reconstructed Conservative

government, without Diefen-

baker. Thompson told them it

Wednesday morning, the

same men who plotted the

palace coup swore loyalty to

Mr. Diefenhaker in the party

caucus -- although all of

them knew that under him

the party was heading to-

ward almost certain defeat.

none or them had the courage

to stand up and speak his

mind. The pro-Diefenbaker

Prairie MPs and headed by

Agriculture Minister Hamilton,

Thus an unbroken series of

misjudgements and blunders

since June 18 was crowned

amid the same spirit of self-

deception which rallied Par-

against the Diefenbaker pup-

benchers walking dejectedly

from the cancus meeting. One

of them told me: "Only elec-

tion defeat can bring the party

saw several sad back-

carried the day.

to its senses now."

The Daily News.

pet show.

composed mainly of

Just as in Cabinet meetings,

was too late.

In the last few days before

JOINING THE FLEET — HMCS Saskatchewan, second of the Mackenzie class destroyer escorts to be completed for the Royal Canadian Navy is shown above during sea trials off Vanccuver Island. The Saskatchewan will be commis-sioned into the RCN on Statisty. February 1 6, at Yarrows Limited, Esquimalt, B.C.

VICTORIA REPORT BY J. K. NESBITT

The premier's "goodies" budget in debate

ies. Oppositionists are most

VICTORIA — Members of your legislature are now engaged in debating Premier Bennett's 1963 budget — his "goodies-for-everyone" budget, as he himself delights in call-

Well, I suppose there are goodies for everyone. We'll all be able to cross some big bridges without paying tolls. We'll not have to pay any any more tax on amusements. Home-owners will have their grants upped from \$50 to \$100. over a period of three years.

MLAs, as near as I can figure out, will receive another \$1,500 a year, bring their pay to \$6,500 a year. They do better than anyone else when it comes to goodies. Civil servants will get more. Now that we have so many rivil servants — I would say too many — MLAs fawn over them, and court their votes, as once they

With more pay for MLAs legislation each year will now cost an all-time high of \$451.-000. That's what a session will cost from here on in. Is it any wonder I advocate a session every two years, as in Washington State. If they can do it that way there, why not we? I realize, of course, there's not a hope of this in British Co-

fawned over farmers

The budget shows \$781,000 more for social welfare, \$892,-000 more for mental health, nearly \$8,000,000 more for education. Mr. Gaglardi, however, will have to get along with nearly \$3,000,000 less for his beloved highways

The government's ferry system is prospering the budget shows. In a nine-month period last year it showed a profit of more than \$600,000, which is pretty good. None of the ferry profits will be put into consolidated revenue, the Premier assured the House, but will be saved up to build new ferries and improve the service.

There was no mention of a reduction in ferry fares, I would think the Premier is keeping this plumb up his sleeve until the eve of the next general election, whenever that will be.

The budget is a vast document, complete with the Premier's picture; it's a weighty tome, and, to the layman's eye a most complicated one though the Premier says it's as plain us can be,

In the budget debate there'll be no conclusions reached in the House on the budget. Everyone on the Social Credit side says it's a wonderful budget and everyone on the opposition side says it's terrible, though oppositionists are care-

"SHOW PIECE"

The most striking feature of

the Prince Ruport fisheries has l been their economic strength, Associated Engineering's

liament and the country economic report for the city. Like many other Canadian producers, the British Columbia! fishermen have been hurt from time to time by foreign exchange problems and the general | capriciousness of international) trade after 1930, and they are Editor's Note-Signed arti- subject to hardships imposed by cles and editorials credited to wide and unpredictable variaother newspapers do not ne- tions in the availability of fish. cessarily reflect the views of But as fisheries go, they have been almost a show plece,"

ful not to criticize the goodies. share of biased critics, which That way lies unpopularity one might expect for any govwith those receiving the good-

vocal in criticizing the Premier's high-finance methods. They argue with him about debt, insisting the province is not debt free, while the Premier, with equal vehemence more than 10 years of planinsists it is so. The Premier was in buoyant, optimistic mood as he

read page after page from his budget. He sad his government has done, and will continue to do, a first-class job in all respects. To show this to be so, to his own satisfaction, he used these words: "For more than a decade this administration has practised sound fiscal policies and fostered rapid, province-wide econome progress. We have our

ernment that is not laissezfaire, and which does not allow pressures by special interest groups to influence government policy. "Our present excellent financial position results from

ning and diligence in efficient and effective government. "The people of this province can look forward with complete confidence in 1963, and the following decade, to the greatest period of economic

All of with which you may not agree, depending on which side of the political fence you're on - but that's what our Mr. Premier said in your Legislature.

and social progress in our his-

dozer. Streets of small semi - detached houses, with only narrow side entrances between each pair, red brick and gabled, are being bought up by refugees from the suburbs and converted into most attractive downtown residences. By the installation of mod-

In most of the large Canadian

citi**e**s around which have

sprung up mushroom suburbs

of ranchless ranch type houses

and fantastic plantations of

mass - produced bungalows

there is occurring a most in-

teresting reclamation project

in many of the old-down-town

residential streets

that were thought

ly, to be merely

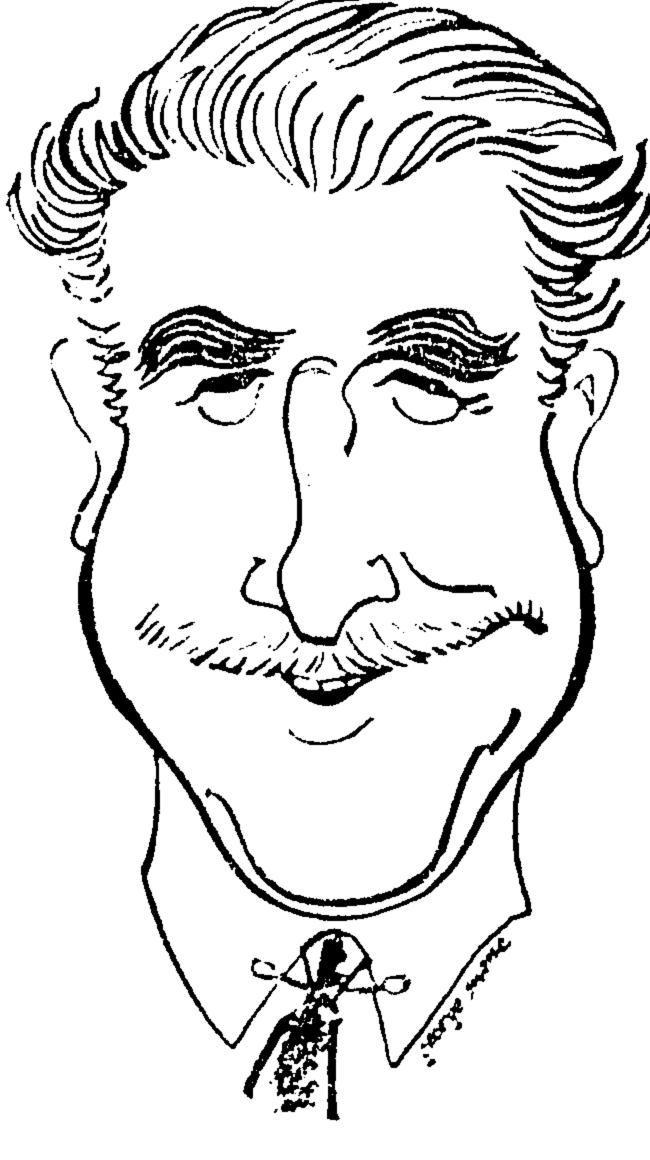
awaiting the ar-

rival of the bull-

until quite recent- 🧩

ern plumbing, fixtures and wiring and the artistic application of paint not only to the woodwork but to the brick in many

FACES OF CANADA



GEORGE HEES

and trade"----The war cry of the new cru-

A visage of un-Common man-

cases, these small homes of the eighteen eighties and nineties become regular little jewel.

"After six years in the suburbs," said one of the new owners of such a house, "my wife" and I decided that it would be more fun to spend the years rehabilitating an old house

than in watching a new house

disintegrate before our eyes."

A Look Back at Rupert

(50 Years Ago) Feb. 11, 1913—The pool room bylaw passed its third reading in council last night. As a result Sunday pool in Prince Rupert is a thing of the past. The bylaw goes into effect at once.

(40 Years Ago) Feb. 11, 1923—Skipper Hoomes K. Freeman, of the launch Narbethong, who left port some two weeks ago for southern points to supply mush to the mush savages, has been located at Hartley Bay.

(30 Years Ago) Feb. 11, 1933—At the hospital board meeting held in the hospital last night president Frank Dibb named his committees for the following year.

(20 Years Ago) Feb. 11, 1943-Trustee C. G. Ham reported at last night's meeting of the school board that teachers had complained about not getting their checks on the last day of the month when it fell on a Saturday.

(10 Years Ago) Feb. 11, 1953—The order restricting dogs to leashes or confinement in Prince Rupert has been lifted, RCMP Inspector Taylor announced today. Dogs may now be allowed to run at large.

STABLE FACTOR

Columbia Cellulose Company's Watson Island pulp mill is base of the Prince Rupert economy, according to Associated Engineering Ltd. Pulp production is a One face exhorts, "Get out vital part of Canadian manufacturing; it possesses vast resources and serves a growing world market, and the industry is based on established international corporate organizations. The dedicated growth - rate Soit would appear that the pulp mill is the most stable contribu---H. Halliwell. tion to the city's existence.



HOW MANY KEEP THEIR SAVINGS IN A BANK?

Probably all of thom/There are 10 million savings deposit accounts in the chartered banks, by far the most popular type. They are used by all sorts of people - wage-earners, businessmen, housewives, farmors, students — who know their money is safe, earns good interest, and is available whonever needed. And they like the efficiency and courtesy of the mon and women who serve them/Your neurost branch is the place for your savings—and the one place you can do all your banking.

THE CHARTERED BANKS SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY

March to Disaster

By LUBOR J. ZINK

OTTAWA (TNS) - It's all over in the capital. What happens next depends on the voters. They now have a chance to correct some of the d.sastrous effects of their own andecision in the 1962 ballot I don't believe a clear break

with the illusions or the past can be achieved in one clean sweep. All the Alice's of Canad és political wonderland are still in charge of their respective puppet sinows.

It will take more than one election to get rid of them. But the 1963 election can provide the necessary impetus for their speedy exit.

Both our major parties are, to my mind, saddled with leadership which lives in the past. This is particularly true of the Conservative Party in and confirmed the inept Dieits third consecutive bid to re-

grasped in 1957 after 22 years in the wilderness,

Having achieved its phen-

omenal 1958 triumph under John Diefenbaker, the party's reluctance to discard its aging and increasingly enigmatic chieftain is understandable. Unfortunately, it is also disastrous.

-encouragement cannot keep it-

Those Tories who believe they are marching to a great election victory under the Diefenbaker banner are deluding themselves. They are climping to a sinking ship and their brave shouts of mutual

As late as last month there was a good chance to change the fatal course. But the same - paralysis that immobilized the Government gripped the annual Conservative convention fenbaker leadership. It actual-

tain the rems of power it. ly strengthened the hand of TRAVELING LIGHT by the Sloanes

