Forestry Policy Probe Calle Off Temporarily by B.C. Gov

VICTORIA (CP) - The provincial govern has abandoned plans—for this year at least-to Chief Justice Gordon Sloan as a royal commis to delve once again into forestry policy in P Columbia.

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Premier W. A. C. Bennett and the Chief Justice could not come to an agreement on the nature of the enquiry, and the idea now has been dropped.

The Premier, it is understood, was thinking in terms of a short inquiry when he asked Chief Justice Sloan to act. Premier Bennett wanted the probe to deal mainly with troublesome aspects of the forest management plan.

Chief Justice Sloan, it is vas not interested in undertak ing the limited task. He felt the lob wouldn't be worthwhile doin or necessary—unless he investigate all phases of fo policy as he had done previously

This might have taken two years, and from a political viewpoint was distasteful to the gr ernment which wants some finite action on the contentious issue before the election next

Reasons the proposal has been dropped appear twofold:

1. Appointment of a royal comopen to criticism that it wa sidestepping the issue.

2. The government's hands would be tied once the inquiry started. It couldn't make changes while the probe was under-

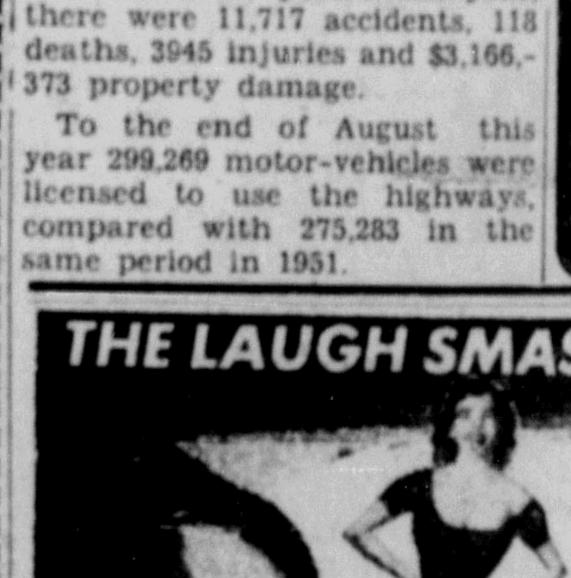
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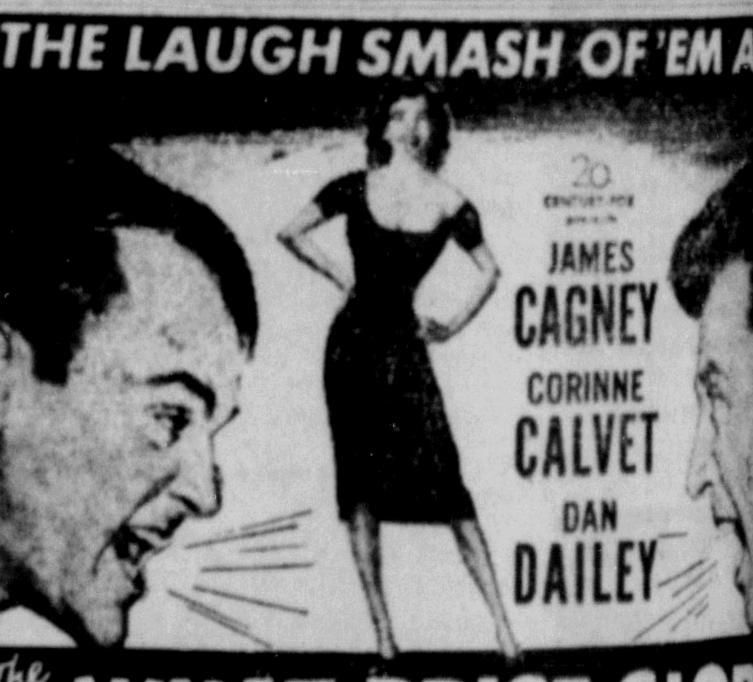
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