

## Political Straws

NATURALLY enough, the results of the general elections first in New Zealand and now in Australia, both of which countries threw out their Labor governments after ample years of experience with them, intensify speculation as to what will happen in the general election in Great Britain next year.

There need not be too much assurance, however, that the Old Country is ready yet to turn out its labor government. In the first place, it has only had four years of such government whereas New Zealand has had thirteen years and Australia eight. Further, the Labor government has lost no seats in by-elections even though majorities may have shrunk in some.

On the other hand, the growing turning away from socialism, which was to be even observed in Canadian elections during the past year, is not to be discounted. Also in the Old Country there is a growing discontent with the continued austerity which is, no doubt, part of the reason for Britain is today endeavouring to buy from the non-dollar rather than the dollar countries such as United States and Canada. There is also the question of whether Britons are still of the same mind, or at least as enthusiastic, as they were before on the broad question of nationalization of industry and continued control of the very way of living.

Between now and the election day speculation will be rife on whether or not the majority of Britons have yet had their fill of Labor government and are ready to change.

### THE VICTORIA NEWSPAPERS

ANNOUNCEMENT that the Victoria Colonist and Victoria Times will be published in a jointly owned plant but with each retaining separate identities and policies, does not come as a surprise. For a good many years, there has been an increasing tendency among newspapers in both Canada and the United States to reduce costs without impairing efficiency and general service. Sometimes this has taken the form of amalgamation.

Of all the dailies in Western Canada The Colonist is by far the oldest. Founded by an enterprising and original pioneer from Eastern Canada known as Amor de Cosmos, its story is virtually the history of Victoria. Not so long ago, the Colonist printed its centennial issue, a production of outstanding interest and value.

The Times is also full of years and, like the Colonist, is a respected institution in the Capital City.

### DON'T FEAR CRITICISM

THE galleries are full of critics. They play no ball. They fight no fights. They make no mistakes because they attempt nothing. Down in the arena are the doers. They make mistakes because they attempt to try many things.

Ford forgot to put a reverse gear in his first automobile. Edison once spent \$2,000,000 on an invention which proved of little value.

The man who makes no mistakes lacks boldness and the spirit of adventure. He is the one who never tries anything. He is the brake on the wheel of progress.

And yet it cannot be truly said he makes no mistakes because the biggest mistake he makes is the very fact that he tries nothing, does nothing except criticize those who do things.—Pittsylvania Star.

### PRINCE RUPERT AMBITIOUS

THE Prince Rupert News and The Ketchikan, Alaska, Chronicle have co-operated in a special edition booming Prince Rupert as the great port and terminal to handle traffic to and from Alaska. The boom in the Far North-West of Canada and the United States is not catching the ambitious people of Prince Rupert asleep. They are out to make their community zoom.

Aviation has brought new life to Alaska and Prince Rupert. Also, the proximity of Soviet Russia to this approach to the North American continent makes it a centre of concern.

When things are popping, Prince Rupert intends to make the most of the opportunities presented.—Windsor (Ont.) Daily Star.

**Double Baptism At Presbyterian Church**  
Two baptisms were performed at morning service in First Presbyterian Church yesterday by Rev. James A. Munro. Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wilson was christened Joan Christine while the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wightman was blessed with the names Rev. James A. Munro. Infant Jane Ellison.

# Victoria Report

... by J. K. Nesbitt

## Season For Rumors—Winch Out? Johnson To Ottawa?—The Big Split

VICTORIA — The silly season of wild political rumors seems to have come.

In B.C. we have been interested in two in recent days—that Harold Winch will be ousted from the CCF leadership and that Premier Byron Johnson will go to Ottawa as a federal cabinet minister.

Every now and then there's a buzz that the C.C.F. hierarchy isn't satisfied with Harold Winch and would purge him. So far there is no evidence of this though in every political party there is always some dissatisfaction with the leadership.

The rumor mongers this year fed on C.C.F. reverses in federal and provincial elections. But if the party hierarchy was dissatisfied with Mr. Winch it would also have to be dissatisfied with national leader M. J. Coldwell. He lost federally as badly as Mr. Winch lost provincially.

This writer would say that Harold Winch is just as safe in C.C.F. leadership as Boss Johnson is in Liberal Leadership and Herb Anscomb in Conservative leadership.

As to the rumor that Mr. Johnson will throw up the B.C. Premiership and become a federal cabinet minister — well, that's the silliest one out. Why should he? Cabinet ministers are a dime a dozen in Ottawa.

A provincial premier, though looked upon as more or less a nuisance in Ottawa, is more important than a federal cabinet minister. There are 22 of them, which a lot of people think an extraordinary large number to run a country of less than 12,000,000 people.

No, this writer would say that Mr. Johnson will remain right on in B.C.'s biggest, toughest and, for the responsibility, most underpaid job—\$11,500 a year.

Not so silly was the recent rumour between the Attorney-general, Liberal Gordon Wismer, K.C. and the Minister of Finance, Conservative Herbert

Anscomb, B.C. leader of the Tory party. It rocked the Legislative Buildings and the legal profession.

It started when Mr. Wismer announced the province's new batch of K.C.'s will be appointed on their merits and ability, not because they have been good political workers for the party in power. Mr. Wismer said he would consult with the two chief justices (Hon. Gordon Sloan of the Court of Appeal and Hon. Wendell B. Farris of the Supreme Court) and a representative of the Benchers. The day of handing out these honors for political reasons is gone, said Mr. Wismer, and no attempt would be made to divide them equally between Liberal and Conservative lawyers, just because of Coalition.

This infuriated Mr. Anscomb who issued a statement to say he didn't agree with the attorney-general at all, at all. He said he wouldn't give his approval to "Federal appointees" having anything to do with the case. He said it's the prerogative of the government in power to appoint K.C.'s and he wouldn't consent to giving up that prerogative.

"Under the Coalition the number should be divided between Conservatives and Liberals," said Mr. Anscomb, adding that the whole thing sounded to him like a Liberal idea.

To which the Attorney-general, in some indignation, fired back with: "If Mr. Anscomb says it's a Liberal idea and if it happens to coincide with Liberal thinking it shows the

Liberals have good ideas."

All this was highly amusing, but hardly designed to increase the love between Liberals and Conservatives in Coalition. It's easy to see Mr. Anscomb is sore that he came out of the provincial election last June with far fewer seats than the Liberals.

It's beginning to look here as if Mr. Anscomb might like to find some reason to break Coalition. This would make him leader of the Opposition, replacing Harold Winch. Oppositions usually become the Government. If Anscomb were in opposition four years he might well have an opportunity then of becoming Premier. It's his only chance. As long as he remains in Coalition he will be more or less an office boy for the Liberals. He doesn't like that and neither do Conservatives in the House.

The next session should be highly interesting. Observers will watch for a widening split between Anscomb and Johnson. There is every indication it is coming.

## Pastor Coming To Church Here

As a result of the visit here of Rev. James A. Munro, superintendent of missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, First Presbyterian Church here hopes to soon have a permanent pastor in succession to Rev. George E. Sendall, who left the city in late summer and is now taking advanced theological studies at Knox College, Toronto.

Mr. Munro told the local congregation at yesterday's services that it had been arranged for Rev. Malcolm A. Mark, assistant superintendent of missions with headquarters in Nelson, to come here for the month of January or until such time as the pastorate was permanently filled.

Mr. Munro is leaving this Thursday night by the Prince George on his return to Vancouver.

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