

Victoria Report

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Why These Political Conventions?— Too Much Hanky-Panky

By JIM NESBITT

VICTORIA—Political conventions like the one the Tories are holding in Vancouver next week are certainly exciting and lots of fun. That's all very well, but can we afford such fun? This taking time out every now and then to put the province into an uproar over political matters could be termed hardly honest. Couldn't we have some system about political conventions?

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more interested in political man-
ouevrings than in the people's
welfare. There's no question of
that. The general election of
1945 threw the province into
turmoil. Why, two years later,
should there have been further
political turmoil. The Liberal
Party, appealing for votes in
1945, didn't say the chief would
quit in 1947.

Now the Tories are at it. There
is no British Columbia election
in sight, but the Tories are
cleaning house. Some of them
want to kick out Herb Anscorb.
In the hope of doing it they're
labeling him a wicked booze
baron. Naturally, Anscorb's
fighting back.

So it is we have the spectacle
of the Hon. Herbert Anscorb,
Minister of Finance, much more
interested in politics than in
government business. For four
months now he has been letting
his underlings run the govern-
ment's financial business (\$150,-
000,000) a year while he has been
trotting up and down the coun-
try trying to win cronies and in-
fluence good Tories to vote for
him at the convention.

Even the Liberals-in-Coalition
are being affected by the Tory
plotting. Liberal Premier John-
son, a little embarrassed at the
hot spot that's burning his chief
adviser, is staying out of the way.

"Boss" is off to the Dominion-
Provincial conference in Que-
bec. Usually he flies. This time
he's motoring. He won't be back
until after the Tory convention.

Johnson and Anscorb are
supposed to be running the gov-
ernment but, with some Tories
knifing Anscorb, it's all a bit
awkward. It must be difficult
for Johnson, at a cabinet meet-
ing, to say: "Good morning
Herb—how's the sinking funds
today?" when he knows darn
well Herb is more interested in
his chances of remaining Tory
leader than in sinking funds.

To avoid all this hanky-panky
why can't we have some rhythm
to our political conventions?
Why couldn't we have it so our
political parties hold full-dress
conventions three or four months
before general elections. They
could then hang out their soiled
shirts, elect a new leader or re-
elect the old one, set a new plat-
form.

There's too much political
pokus-pokus going on in this
country between elections. It
adds up to contempt on the part
of the public for political parties
and politicians. That's unfor-
tunate for political parties and
politicians are the very bulwark
of our democracy.

Constable Roger Brett, R.C. en in yesterday from Penticton
M.P. who left Prince Rupert in where he is now stationed. Con-
1949, is here again today repew- stable Brett was with the old
ing acquaintances, having driv- provincial city force here for

several years and, since leaving, Lytton and
has been stationed variously at this afternoon
Vanderhoof, Telegraph Creek, his way back to
Prince George, Bridge River, his way back to

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