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#### Too Many Cooks

A S FAR as the Skeena riding is concerned, much I of the potential zip of this election is missing because there is no Conservative in the running. That is not to say a Conservative would be a strong contender. Past election results point exactly to the opposite. But it does mean that the most engrossing debate of the campaign, the one between Louis St. Laurent and George Drew, has no direct significance for this constituency.

Somehow these two in their individual ways have captured all the little excitement which the campaign offers. No doubt much of the reason is that they are the principal figures representing the largest parties. The struggle between Liberals and Tories is an historic one in Canada and, in spite of some political shifting in two or three of the provinces, the national picture has not changed sufficiently to make this campaign any different.

But there appears to be another reason, too. It seems that among the leaders only Mr. St. Laurent and Mr. Drew are saying anything which catches the imagination on a country-wide scale. The opposition leader does it with spectacular promises, and the prime minister does it by quietly producing evidence that the position of the country was never stronger.

Beside these two, the others in the field appear uncertain about which way to attack. They could quarrel among themselves, take on the two titans separately or together, or content themselves with giving a detached explanation of their own special theories. To some extent they have tried all of these but so far have not set the electorate on fire.

The difficulty seems to be that there are too many contestants with too many ideas about what is right or wrong with the country. As a result, the difference between right and wrong becomes obscured and we approach a condition like that existing in France where the opportunities of political disagreement are almost unlimited.

Possibly this situation represents an interim period through which the country is proceeding to some other alignment of two, or perhaps three, major parties. If this is so and the present arrangement has not served our best interests, then it is a healthy sign as it means we are capable of moving with the times without losing orderliness in the direction of our affairs. If, however, it leads to more parties instead of fewer, we are in real trouble. The time is yet to come when a large number of weak opponents can reach a conclusion as satisfactorily as two strong ones.

# REMINISCES

The food situation in East There is a boom indeed. Harbor ers and our families. We form a Germany appears to be boiling installations of Narvik are mak- large number of the people in down to this. To start with ing that point the biggest ore- this part of Canada. I say that everyone is hungry, or soon will shipping port in Europe. There for us, as for all Canadians, there be. Washington is sending them is already an average of seven- can be no future if the present tons of grub, with maximum of teen freight trains carrying ore, policies are not changed. speed. And Soviet Russia is doing arriving daily from Swedish her utmost in putting all sorts mines. of inconveniences and costs in the way.

TIME TO LOOK ROUND

A middle-aged stranger with a of room. You're not bothered prosperous look glanced along with a housing problem, either. See ELMORE PHILPOTT-Page 5 Third Avenue the other morning. remarking the city must be quite an age.

"How far does the railway go? he inquired.

"From here it goes to Moncton, in New Brunswick, or Halifax." The visitor paused and looked

around. "Seaport, I think."

"Tell me," queried the visitor, "does this line run as far as Prince George? I already know it goes to Terrace." He was advised Prince George has enjoyed

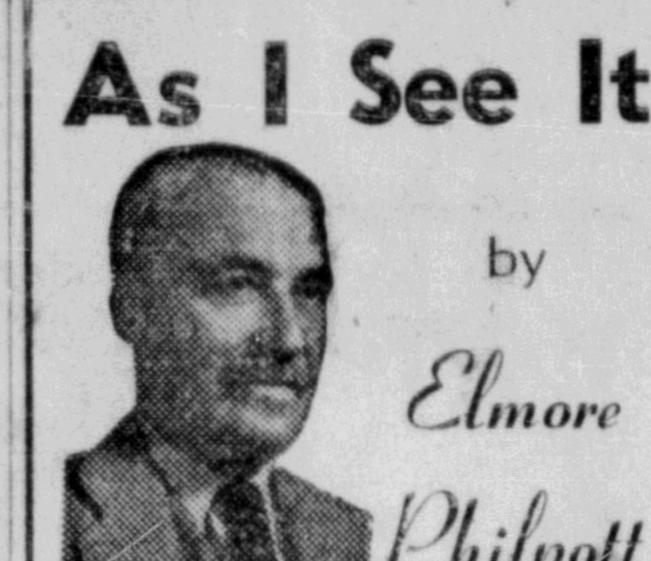
a train service for generations. "Where is your home?" he was asked.

"Me? Oh I live in the prairie country. And it strikes me I'd better do some studying and looking around."

ARDLY EVER!

Said Premier St. Laurent speaking in Ottawa the other night: "Canada will have its own flag some day, but it will have one when it will be a sign of unity and not a subject of quarrelling and dissension." Has there ever been anything else? A fair enough question.

Ole Skog, who returned recently from a visit to Norway, was mention of the boom now on.



(This is another in the series of guest columns to occupy this space between now and election day. It is written by Gordon Elder, Labor - Progressive party candidate opposing Elmore Philpott in Vancouver South.)

#### Guest Column

ON BEHALF of the Labor-Progressive Party, my friends and supporters in Vancouver South I wish to thank Mr. Philpott for this opportunity to present my views on the issues of the federal election.

Many Canadians are asking: Why the untimely haste with which the government called the election? Why an election in the with harvesting and holidaying, election interest is at its lowest

The reasons are not hard to knows that the pro-U.S. policies of his government have brought Canada to the brink of a crisis

With the long hoped for end of the Korean war in sight, the trade crisis which stems from U.S.-imposed restrictions and the disastrous effects of a militarized economy in Canada, the failure of St. Laurent's policy is becoming increasingly evident. The government wishes to get back into office while the getting

By supporting made-in-U.S. policies the St. Laurent government has been leading us down the road to national suicide. The ing the door to our friends and customers in the British Com- greatest. monwealth. It is closing the door on a big scale.

country as "guests," immune to type of mix, but would be justi-Canadian law. Nor do we like fied by savings in other ways. our armed services being under the command of U.S. officers.

interests, while at the same time area. discouraging the processing of COST DECREASED raw materials into finished products here at home.

Canadians are also becoming very much disturbed by the trend to rule by order-in-council introduced by the Liberal government through the Emergency Powers Act, which makes it possible for a bare quorum of the cabinet to run the country without reference to the people's elected representatives in Par-

I am a woodworker, a union man, who plays a modest part in the processing of forest products. On the trade and foreign policy of Canada depend the economic lives of myself, my fellow work-

IT IS TO BE regretted that all other major parties in Canada Champion climbers have told basically support St. Laurent's the world that the summit of policies on those issues which are Mount Everest can show plenty important. Only the Labor-

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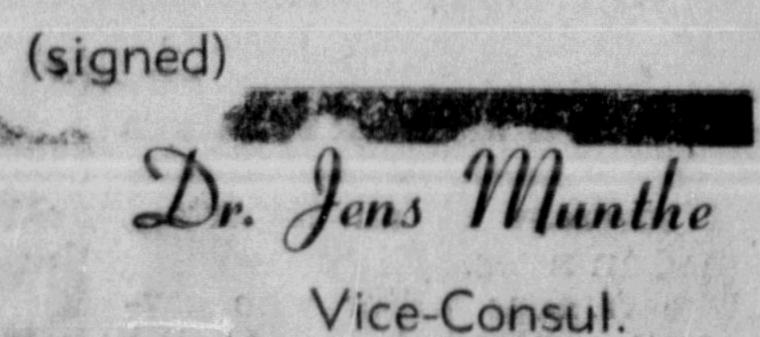
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MARTIN NICHOLSON, 14-year-old North Vancouver boy, has been voted the 1953 national humane act award by the American Veterinary Medical Association meeting in Toronto. Martin rescued this dog, owned by Art Clark of Vancouver, from a footwide ledge just above the boiling rapids at the bottom of a canyon in British Columbia. The dog had been stranded on the ledge four days after being swept downstream. The award is made annually for the year's outstanding act of kindness to animals by a boy or girl.

### Lightweight Building Material Boon To Construction Industry

OTTAWA @-New lightweight heat and sound insulation probuilding materials of shale and perties. clay, embedded in concrete, are By using lightweight aggre- Manitoba the minimum Liberal expected to prove a boon to gate concrete, additional storeys outlook is placed at seven seats. Canada's construction industry, have been added to already ex- West of Manitoba not too much

concrete takes away little from crete. its strength while greatly lessening weight.

construction possibilities are costs.

CANADIANS do not favor U.S. cretes. The aggregate costs on water. troops occupying parts of our more than the sand and gravel \_\_\_\_\_

After four years of research, a plant at Edmonton is making The average Canadian is be- lightweight concrete aggregrate: coming increasingly alarmed at another is due to start at Ottawa the government policy which while plans have been drawn up permits the wholesale taking over for still another plant to be in nine persons here early today. of our natural resources by U.S. cated in the southern Prairie

would be particularly suitable. The division said a decrease in dead weight carried by structural

For smaller structures, like

Division spokesmen said that clays and shales in kilns. Indi- headquarters are counting upon to trade with the great market the greatest single advantage is vidual pieces bloat under heat gaining, rather than losing, seats of China, of which the Churchill a 39- to 40-per-cent decrease in and fuse on surfaces, hence the in Ontario. government is taking advantage load weight for structural con-term "coated." Inside each piece cretes, and up to 80 per cent in are numerous porous cells which fidence matches that of the Libload weight for insulating con- make them so light they float erals. Furthermore, it is sincere

#### Nine Injured In Car Crash

VANCOUVER (P-Head-on collision between two cars injured Most seriously injured was 73year-old William Henry, who received a fractured kneecap and suffered shock. Damage to the Use in multi-storeyed buildings vehicles was estimated at \$3,000.

Bold Bruin

MONCTON, N.B. (CP) - Bears steel framework would mean are scarcer than they used to be valuable savings in the amount but just as bold, says Louis Banof reinforcing and structural nister. He shot a bruin which steel needed. In addition, the wandered into a nearby farm structure would have improved clearing. It weighed 150 pounds.

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By Norman M. MacLeoa

national nerve-centre has been back concessions. By reputation receiving half-way reports from Veteran Kennedy-he's been 35 all the campaigning fronts. years in the legislature, two of Their interest has centred in them as Premier and nine as their inconclusiveness. They Agricultural Minister — is the suggest that the current contest most influential figure in the -for all its apathy and lack of politics of the province. The PC's drama—is still very much in are banking heavily on his the horse-race category.

ports is the strength being con- will support the Drew cause. The ceded to the minority CCF and PC's are relying on his forecast. Social Credit parties in Saskat- If accurate, it will almost cerchewan, Alberta and British Co- tainly leave the government in lumbia. The indication is that a minority position in the new when all returns are in-includ- House. In other words, anything

That number of seats obviously could be a vital political factor in the new Parliament. On any sort of arithmetic you use, it would leave it necessary for Hon. George Drew to elect only 90 followers for the Liberals to find themselves in a minority in a House which will have 265 members. Actually, the government will be in a minority if the combined opposition carries a total of just 133 seats.

The Liberals aren't the least bit worried by the outlook. Latest reports from the Maritimes favor them to win a slight majority in those four provinces. Quebec advices promise a minimum of 60 straight Liberal seats. In Technically known as coated isting structures where this is counted upon. But a total of lightweight concrete aggregate, would not have been possible 90 seats from these nine prothe material when mixed with with conventional heavy con- vinces is regarded as being "in the bag."

That leaves Ontario, where the homes, not using structural steel, government now holds 54 seats, The industrial minerals divi- lightweight aggregate concrete to contribute something better sion of the mines department, can be used as prefabricated than 40 in the new House. Libwhich has tested thousands of roofs, floors and wall slabs. Be- eral party strategists are confishale and clay samples from cause of relatively light weight dent that they will be secured. areas spread across Canada, pre- the slabs would be easy to trans- They are convinved that the alldicts "excellent" results for the port and handle, and would cut out drive which the PC's have product. Deposits are located time required for home erection been staging against the govern-U.S.-dictated trade policy is clos- near most larger cities where with resulting decreases in labor ment's Ontario following is falling flat. At the present stage Aggregates are made by firing of the campaign national Liberal

> Curiously enough, the PC conand not feigned. For some months now the Drew forces have had former Premier "Tom" Kennedy working in their in-

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