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The City Absolved

THE horrors of corruption, skullduggery and est union in B.C. Its other forms of malpractice pictured by some in welfare affects everythe administration of our civic affairs have dis- body. Its policies set the solved into such a mild anti-climax it is like pace for all B.C. reading a story that starts as a mystery thriller and ends as Little Red Riding Hood.

Having examined the city record, municipal adopted what its international inspector B. C. Bracewell has concluded with wellcontrolled patience there is nothing seriously wrong here that a more congenial atmosphere in the council chamber will not cure.

It is significant that early in his report he mentions his efforts to stress the folly of bickering, and it is obvious that he feels this is where the main trouble lies. His advice must not be ignored. For a long time it has been apparent to even the most disinterested that a state of belligerency exists in the city council which goes far beyond the type of open discussion that serves the best interests of the taxpayers. No doubt some of the quarrels are caused by an honest conflict of views, injudiciously expressed. Others appear to be created with an eye to their publicity value. An aggressive fighter always commands a certain popular following and realization of this seems to have aggravated situations in the city council which could have been settled without the furious theatrics.

It is not to be forgotten, of course, that Mr. Bracewell has pointed to incorrect methods in the conduct of some procedures. He noticed that accounts have been paid without prior authorization of council and that committees have incurred expenditures beyond the statutory limit of \$50 without authority. While he detected no deliberate intent or ulterior motive, it is important that his recommendations for their correction be made effective. Failure to do this may cause a predicament which no amount of innocence can excuse.

Although it is regrettable that bitterness and suspicion in Prince Rupert reached a point where Mr. Bracewell's inquiry was considered necessary, his visit has served at least temporarily to restore the city to its rightful place in public opinion. The same outside newspapers that carried reports of alleged dirty work up here can now change their stories to read that our affairs are managed reasonably well and that the charges are unfounded.

This is the type of publicity we want and must continue to justify. With every other city in the province looking for new business and new citizens, it is no time for Prince Rupert to be hunting witches instead.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeoa

So far as excitement in this headedness of the Prime Minis-current Federal election contest ter. In the re-action of the ency is concerned, the public has had which ran through Liberal ranks it. Some sections of the nation following the Drew manifesto, may still come in for hand- Mr. St. Laurent refused resolshakes from the party leaders as utely to be panicked. In this they pass that way, and several attitude he had the solid back- times of war! hundreds of their bables-of ing of key Cabineteers Howe, Absuitable ages, of course-still bott, and Gardiner. The Liberal will get kissed. But there'll be organization figures that so forno big or dramatic surprises. midable a combination of politi-In brief ,the cards on which cal brains couldn't be wrong,

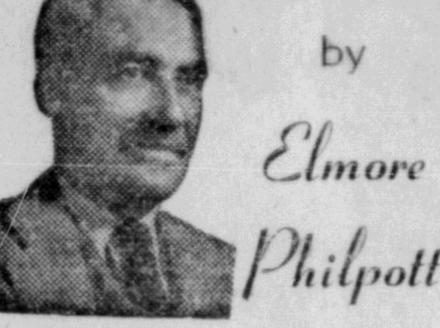
the rival political parties intend and the crisis of Liberal morale to rely for victory now are all was short-lived. But remnants fear of truce in Korea or peace on the table for the voters' in- of uneasiness over the lavish na- in the world. spection. The party leaders ture of the Drew bid still conhave no aces left up their sleeves tinue to haunt the Liberal canor otherwise concealed for a sur- didates in their darker moments. prise play between now and voting day.

That makes it just about the as a whole has no lingering dullest campaign in the long doubts as to the soundness of here reported the Italian steam- maple leaves." history of Canadian politics, Cer-tainly veteran Ottawa observers the P.M.'s strategy. The Drew ship Carla Maria G. collided Mrs. Bullen's Aunt Marth, in can remember no past contest economy promises are claimed early today with the freighter May of 1866, wrote in her diary: which has been so barren of high now in government circles to Robertson I, 90 miles southwest "A fine day; my little niece drama, so colorless in its per- have touched off a fear re-action of Sable Island. sonalities, or so devoid of ten- throughout the civil service, the A report received at the stasion and suspense.

For the candidates concerned cellation of government con- crew aboard and was towing the - especially the government tracts. Some of the Liberals now standard-bearers-the campaign regard the Drew tax-cut pledge has manifested most of the try- as a political mistake comparing features of a war of nerves. able to the famous "five-cent This has been due to the open- speech" which helped the late ing shot fired by the P.C. Leader W. L. M. King to lose the 1936 had a population of 572, with with his 16-point platform. The election. acquiescence of the Liberal candidates in the P.M.'s strategy of refusing to compete with Drew promises has by no means done justice to their nervousness over the possible effectiveness of those promises in gathering votes. Particularly have the Liberal gladiators been "jittery" over the P.C. Leader's specific pledge to slash taxation by a half-billion dollars.

The fact that the campaign hasn't taken on at least some of the aspects of a political auction has been due to the cool-





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· It is therefore a matter of the highest public importance secretary Carl Winn calls "a strong pattern of co-operation.

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"We can * join forces on such matter as full employment, steady incomes for our people and a reasonable return to the

union could ever afford to say a pulp and paper plant to try to 15. organize a union.

Thanks to the Labor rights legislation passed by the Liberals both federally and in B.C., every worker in B.C. can freely join the union of his choice.

PEACE IN KOREA, and a general relaxation of the armament drive made necessary by the Cold War, will mean that new markets will have to be found for B.C. forest products.

For years back I have been trying to tell all who would read or listen that it is in the interest of everybody in B.C.-Labor, management and general public products, salmon, etc.

Russia will be right in there Americans joined the crew. markets. But it is the time and Fitzjames cheerfully. the Average Joe, who works for and decided once more that I any woodworking plant along could never be happy living away personal stake in the solution of beside which I was born. this problem than has-say even H. R. MacMillan himself.

For H.R could get along very nicely for the rest of his life all of B.C.'s markets were lostbut the Average Joe could not. Nor could Average Joe's wife and children,

THE IWA spokesman spotlights what every IWA man wants, and has a right to want:

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Vessels Collide But the Liberal organization Off Sable Island

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GEORGES-EMILE LAPALME, Quebec Liberal leader, flashes the smile of victory at party headquarters after winning a seat in the Quebec legislature. He won a by-election in Montreal-Outremont. Mr. Lapalme was chosen party leader in 1950 and was defeated in his first bid for a seat in the general election

VICTORIA REPORT

be two by-elections to seat Fin- the first time, and was Education Minister Tilly Rolston, the afternoon and enjoyed who were defeated in the June 9 very much."

last year, he'll ask two Social ding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Crediters to resign their seats. Pooley, the parents of Harry It seems likely, at this moment, Pooley, QC, of Esquimalt. that Mr. Bennett will have the "I thought I was to be the Legislature add two or three bride, and when I learned more seats at the autumn ses- wasn't, I cried my eyes out," Mr employer on his financial in- sion. Then he can have his by- Bullen recalls. elections, without asking anyone After many years in Europe, Surely, that is a far cry from to resign. And MLA's-elect hate studying music and languages the time when no leader of any resigning, even for the good of Rose Bushby came back to Vic-

Walking along the waterfront Bushby . . . here the other day I spied a "The church was well filled weather-beaten vessel tied up at with friends who were eager to teeth-the perfect Viking type, long tulle veil.

a crew of two across the Atlan-honeymoon will be passed." alike-to put our heads together tic-an Englishman, who came! Mr. Bullen owned B.C. Marin to nail down the British Com- through to Victoria, and a Nor- Ways in Esquimalt, and bui monwealth market for wood wegian. The Norwegian left the number of B.C.'s early-day ships vessel at Panama, and Fitzjames. He died here in 1921. If we don't grab and hold and the Englishman sailed her those markets-make no mistake to San Francisco, where two

to grab them, on a barter basis. Maken is 43 years old, 45 feet This is no time or place to go long. "She's lousy with dry rot," into technicalities about those but the planking's good," says

place to remind everybody that I enjoyed my visit to Maken, the Fraser River has a greater for long from the salt sea waters,

Another pleasant visit I had in recent weeks was to Mrs. W. Fitzherbert Bullen, who will be 90 July 19. She's a remarkable old lady, this oldest living grandchild of Sir James Douglas, the tather of British Columbia She lives yet at "Oakdene," a fine old home on the Esquimalt Road, where she went as a bride in

Mrs. Bullen's parents were Agnes, one of the five daughters of Douglas, and Arthur T. Bushby early-day residents of New Westminster, where Mrs. Bullen was born July 19, 1863. She was christened Annie Amelia, but her family soon called her Rose.

Mrs. Bullen well remembers her Grandpapa Douglas. She describes him as "sweet and gentle and kind with children, but not the frolicksome type."

She recalls a time Douglas took her on a picnic to Sooke: "We were a plate short, and

Premier Bennett says there'll Annie went to church today for ance Minister Gunderson and good. We sat on the rocks in

Mrs. Bullen can loo! back to The Premier doesn't say how November of 1869, when she was he'll go about this-if, again, as six, and bridesmaid at the wed-

toria. The Bullen-Bushby wed-And now, with the Bennett ding created much interest in "bloated capitalists." It is so be- government back in power, we Victoria, the Colonist, in April cause it is no longer as much as may turn away from politics of 1884, reporting: "Wedding your life is worth to try to go but only for a few weeks, because bells—at the Reformed Episcopal into a logging camp, sawmill, or the session will start about Sept. Church, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, Mr. William Fitzherbert Bullen was married to Miss Rose

> one of the docks. She was the catch a glimpse of the fair bride, Maken, and so I rubber-necked, who was dressed in a heavy white when a tall young fellow invited silk, richly trimmed with Spanme aboard. He was Michael Fitz-lish lace, and caught here and james of Vancouver-tall, blonde, there with orange blossoms; and blue-eyed, and shining white the same flowers confined the an adventurer who can't stay "The couple were followed by

> long in one place, though he the hearty good wishes of their says that now he's 28 he thinks host of friends as they passed he'll settle down and get married. out of the church into the pro-Fitzjames sailed the Maken pitious sunshine, and sped on from Norway in 180 days. He had their way to Saanich, where the



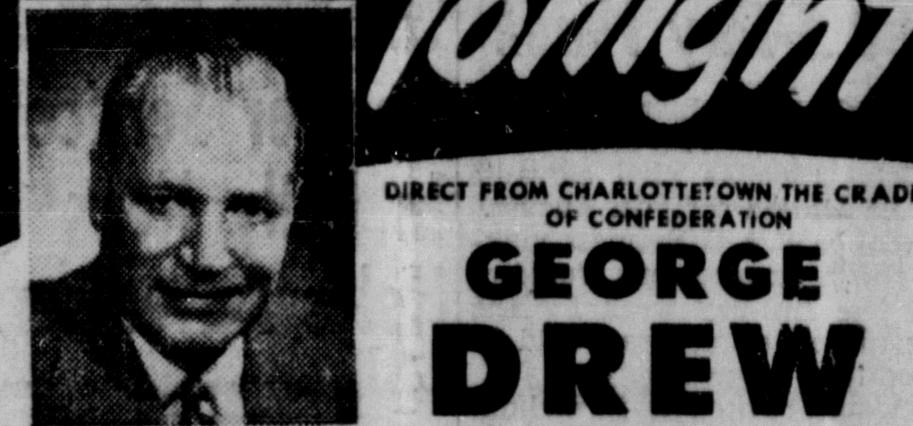
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It seems Premier St. Laurent quite proper to blow your nose with it. is reported to have stated he at the dinner table. Blowing will not fill the 12 vacancies in your soup, however, remains the Senate before the next elec- strictly taboo. tion. He will leave that to the Middle Age-That time of life next prime minister. We're not suggesting he might be capable when the average man is going of knowing something about to start saving next month. this, but he has given a few Calgary was a small town hints over campaign broadcasts. when its most famous race was

Everybody has to love somebody. Tragedy is that so many people choose themselves.

a baby-a Eighth Avenue. It was up to man is opposed to it on general

Women are like elephants-I like to look at 'em but I'd hate to own one .- Will Rogers.

It's highly remarkable that billions of people have survived many summers although they manager to slumber in wnairconditioned rooms.

A century ago this month Cecil John Rhodes was born in Hertfordshire, England. He enjoyed neither long life or good health, although wealth in the

CNR Official Completes Check

R. H. Robertson of Vancouver, General Superintendent of the CNR, arrived in Prince Rupert yesterday after completing inspection trip from Red Pass Junction, eastern terminal of this division, to the city. He was accompanied by J. Conrad, CNR district engineer and T. A. Mainprize, superintendent of the Prince Rupert division.

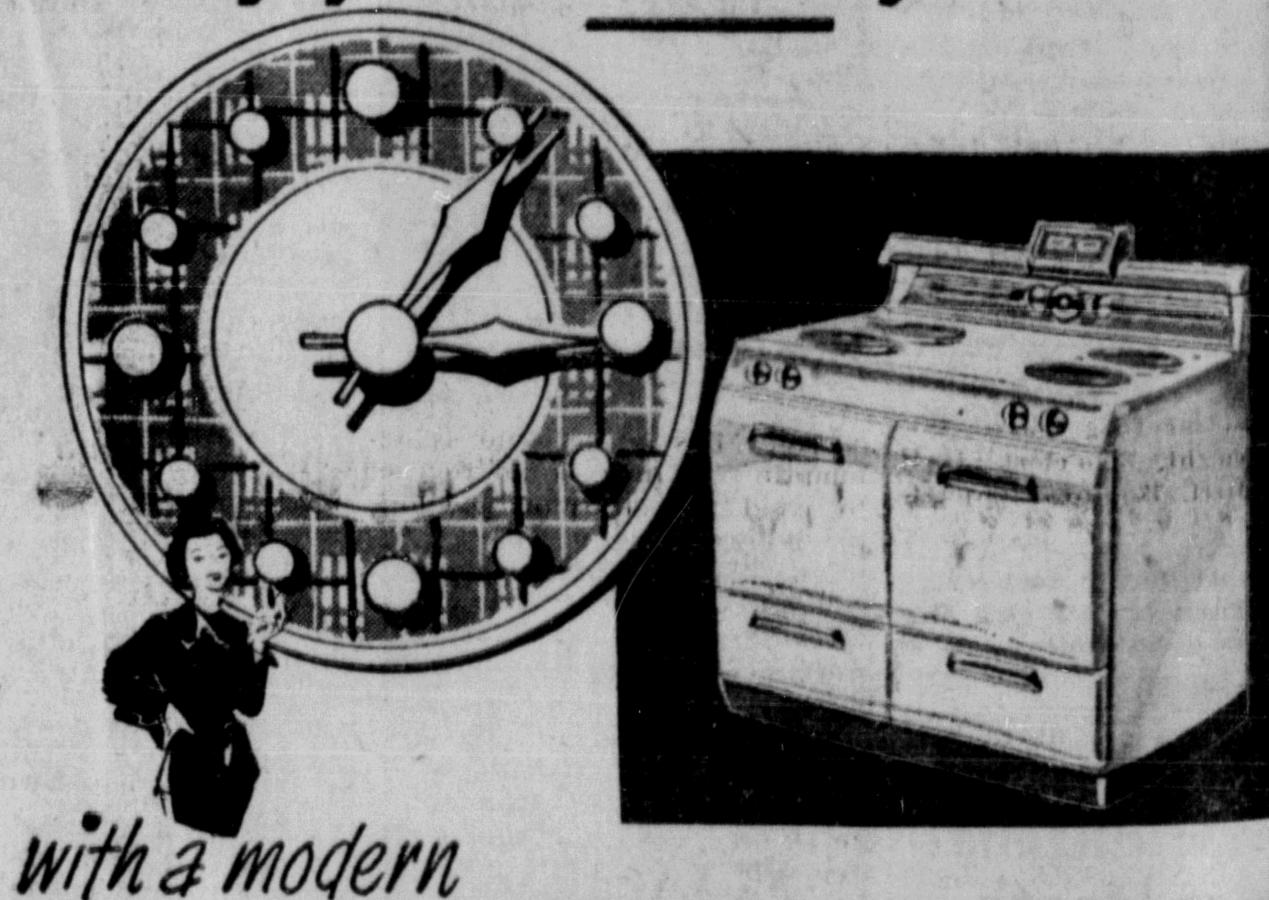
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