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A Challenge To Be Met

N POLLING BOOTHS throughout the province today thousands of British Columbians are writing their future in numbers. When their ciphers are sifted through the machinery of the alternative vote, a government will be elected to assume direction of our affairs in a period which many anticipate will be a difficult one.

* Although B.C. is prosperous and has been the subject of much enthusiastic outside comment, the task of the incoming government is not going to be an easy one. On the other side of the ledger are climbing costs, narrowing markets and reduced production. There is no better example of this than the case of the lumber and fishing industries.

These are problems which, influenced by world conditions, are beyond the power of a provincial government to solve. Yet this same government must deal with the effect and somehow remove its sting. If it is unsuccessful, it will lose public support, no matter how blameless. Perhaps it would be politically wise, therefore, to let the other fellow have control at this particular stage of the game.

Yet the chances of success offer a challenge that cannot be turned aside. For a prolonged period now, B.C. has suffered from lack of political stability. From that point of view the next government has everything to gain. The public is so weary of uncertainty that it is unlikely any party will court another quick election. For this reason, whichever one is in power should feel some assurance that it can act decisively without constant concern for political niceties.

But a more solid consideration is the fact that B.C. has too many things that the world needs to be deterred for any extended period of time. There is nothing very sickly about a province which is spawning a town like Kitimat, or which has untapped land like the Peace River and Chilcotin country, or which is being explored for a site at which to locate a giant metallurgical development like that proposed by the Frobisher interests.

It is true that a province is not made by the money it attracts. It gains its identity and strength from the nature of its people, just as Quebec has derived character from its habitants, Nova Scotia from its fishermen and the prairie provinces from their wheat farmers.

But more than any other province, B.C. is in the process of growing and, in being so, is developing a breed of settlers in remote places which will become as distinctive a tribe as any other. Money in large quantities to redistribute civilization is making their existence possible.

The mercenary aspect, therefore, is not just a matter of making a fast buck. The making of a people is involved and, though the pioneer today uses an expensive bulldozer instead of a handmade plough, the result is no less impressive.

REFLECTS

HAM ONLY

-Oscar Wilde.

An Indianapolis woman is re-

ported to have won a divorce.

Her husband persisted in bring-

always disliked. Things might

sometimes thought of bacon.

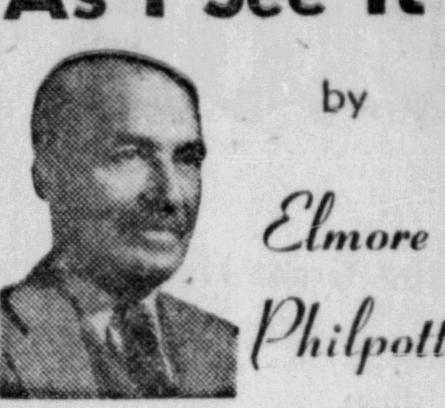
Of course, plenty of folks will cluding social security to \$137 not be leaving home to see the That, in days gone by was reck-Coronation for another few about the cost of things today? weeks. It will be easier to find Well, we'll call that another a room, and expenses will be story. less. As for the royal procession, that's old stuff. But London will continue to remind one strongly of a coronation.

Battling Nelson isn't dead, but he might as well be. No one ever hears of him today. Once the world's almost ablest fighter, he is at 71 a shrunken, destitute little man, existing in a shabby room in Chicago. For that's the way it goes.

During the last week of May it was mentioned in the British press that coronets for peers. which are made of brass were available for 15 pounds. It is understood this failed to interest anyone in western Canada.

Make every attempt to have restful and pleasant atmosphere when eating, says a contributor to a nutrition column. It can be done, but elections and food costs do have a way of leading to arguments.

Thirty years ago Henry Ford announced a minimum wage of \$5 a day for his employees, and since then, the general advance, in industry, has been tremendous. Today Ford's pension payment to 135,000 employees by \$12.50 brings the workers in-



Ends on a Smile

PENTICTON: Here in the interior the B.C. election ended with smiles, chuckles and even a laugh here and there.

Nobody knows how this election is coming out, and few experts in these parts would do much betting.

But right now all over the interior people are quietly chuckling at the expense of Premier

For it seems that Mr. Bennett tripped himself up in a quite important matter by forgetting a lady, which is bad, and Doukhobor lady, which is sometimes more serious.

THE STORY goes back to Mr Bennett's first campaign trip up into the Doukhobor country. The non-Doukhobors in those parts were pretty much wrought up just then, for somebody had been burning and dynamiting in the Sons of Freedom areas.

You can get yourself an argument as to who was doing the burning, for there are some shrewd people hereabouts who say that in this case the Sons of Freedom were not to blamethat some other groups were trying to pour oil on the always smouldering Doukhobor prob lem in order to get rid of the

However that may be, it has no bearing on the main story. think! I know in my short so-In any event an irate deputation of anti-Doukhobors finally caught up with the premier who had been dodging them (or maybe the Doukhobors) on that trip. When they finally cornered Mr. Bennett they "persuaded" him to write his famous telegram to the national government at Ottawa demanding the imposition of the War Measures

It was made very clear in Parliament that the War Measures Act could only be applied in actual wartime, but nobody blamed Mr. Bennett too much for getting the War Measures Act mixed up with the Emergency Powers Act. Everybody in Parliament recognized that Mr Bennett was on the hot spot when he wrote that telegram. But here is where the laugh comes in, and why the folks in the interior are chuckling.

THE ANGRY CROWD was shouting at the Premier demand that Ottawa impose a curfew against all Doukhobors. "No, no, that's going too far, the Premier protested.

But the crowd shouted all the louder for a curfew against all Doukhobors in the Kootenay have not been satisfactory.

So the Social Credit premier gave way, and dictated the telegram as demanded by the

shouting crowd. That is where Mr. Bennett forgot the lady—and that is why the laugh is not on the lady.

ONE of Mr. Bennett's own cabinet ministers, Hon. R. E. Sommers of Rossland-Trail, is himself married to a very lovely, highly educated and universally respected Doukhobor lady.

Hence, had Ottawa yielded to Mr. Bennett's ill advised and excited ultimatum as Mr. Bennett himself had yielded to the anti-Doukhobor crowd, the RCMP would have had to post guard outside the door of the Social Credit minister's home to keep that same cabinet minister's wife from going out after dark! Mr. Sommers would have had to lock up his wife at suning home ham, a dish she had down!

have been different had he BEHIND the smiles, chuckles and laughs there is a lot of head-shaking and serious Life is not complex. We are thought

People are asking themselves complex. Life is simple and the and asking each other: simple thing is the right thing. "Is that the way we want our laws made in B.C.?

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LIBERAL COMMITTEE ROOMS



KOREA THIS YEAR is exhibiting at the Canadian International Trade Fair in Toronto for the first time. Among its products are shoes of rubber and of hemp. Sung Wan Park, director of the Korean Artificial Handicraft Association, displays them to Beverly Boon of Toronto.

L'ETTER BOX

MAKES PEOPLE THINK

The Editor, The Daily News:

Although I am still of Social Credit persuasion, it certainly pleased me to see your take a stand in your May 19 editorial "Elect a Liberal Government."

This is a good healthy attitude to take and it has the effect of making a person start thinking and searching out the reasons why he is one way inclined

It is also one reason why I believe the L.P.P. should not be outlawed in Canada (barring treason proved). It makes people journ into the LPP it started me into a study of the aims of said party. The outcome was that many of the idealogies contained in the Communist manifest appealed to my nature. And is this like appeal that has captured many Christians.

It wasn't until later when was converted to Christianity that in a like zealous study of the Christian faith I came to realize that communistic ideals (no dialectical materialism) hav been in the main taken from Christian teachings.

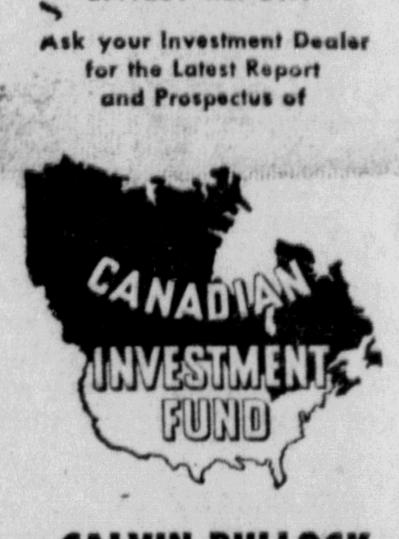
The real root reason so many people are led astray into com munism is because they have neither studied communism nor Christianity assiduously enoug to discern that any truth former may have has been usurped from Christianity.

EDWARD GREEN

LIBERAL VOTES CCF

The Daily News: I am a Liberal-have been for over 40 years. But the way things are in this province today, I am going to vote CCF. The reason for this change is because the other governments

Your editorials for the past LATEST REPORT



CALVIN BULLOCK

month have been for the Liberals only. You shouldn't have had to do that. The public memory isn't that short. The people remember quite well what they're like. How can you til you have tried it?

like them, we can throw them W. G. Ernst. There's a fear in is my opinion. I may be wrong, on the point of wavering again. but who can tell? The CCF are well-liked in Saskatchewan-so lie in the fact that in the recent why not try them here?

ALEX MORLEY

FLAGS HAVE MEANING

The Daily News:

Criticism can be in two categories-niggling and destructive or generous and constructive. Criticism in the latter sense i the essence of democracy.

I also witnessed the Coronation parade, and my reactions were exactly those of M

The American flag, leading the parade, struck me as strange until I paused to watch the antics of the American sailors, when I paid attention to their "drill"(?). I came to the conclusion that the leading group were just clowning, and that it was a burlesque-a pantomime act-not really true of the U.S. at all, and that someone with a sense of humor had arranged this to cause a laugh.

When I accepted this outlook I was able to accept the "Stars and Stripes," out of step sailors, absence of the White Ensign

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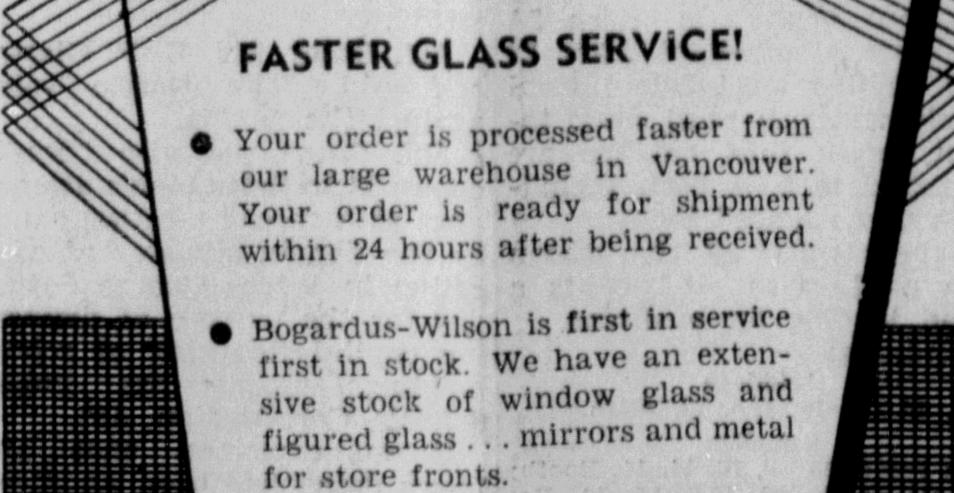
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OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeoa

OTTAWA. - One of Parlia- about the parallel-if anyment Hill's demon statisticians which exists between the Nova who has been working on the Scotia provincial campaign and figures of the recent Nova Scotia the forthcoming federal strugprovincial general election has gle. One obvious similarity is the come up with the disclosure fact that the chief slogan of that a switch of 390 votes is all the provincial Conservative opthat would have been necessary position was that it was "time to instal a Conservative admin- for a change." The slogan failed istration in power.

Of course, the switch would Liberals here deduce in consehave to take place in certain quence that it will be similarly strategic ridings in which the ineffective federally. But the results were close. For example, there was a photo-finish in one came to winning. They look constituency where the Liberal upon the Nova Scotia results as candidate only held his seat by five votes. In that case a switch against a federal government of just three votes would have lacking the popularity of "Angus given the Conservatives another

With the federal contest now just around the corner, this sort of political arithmetic is entirely too close for the comfort of Parliament Hill's prospective gladiators. It points up a little too vividly the possibility of anything happening to anybody There's a growing feeling that in the campaign now dawning there's no such thing as security for any contestant-regardless of any past glories which he may have achieved.

The classic example of this uncertainty is the apprehension which Liberal circles are feel ing over the return of "Bob" Winters, minister of construction and supply. constituency of Lunenburg predominantly Liberal in tell what a cake tastes like un- tendencies. But from 1926 to 1935 it returned a Conservative Why not try CCF? If we don't in the person of the late Hon. out like the Social Credit. This Liberal circles that it may be

The grounds for the anxiety provincial election the Conservatives made a gain of three seats in the area which comprises the federal constituency for which Hon. "B" Winters sits It's a fishing area and the commercial fishermen aren't any too happy economically these days. Their discontent is a factor that's likely to carry through into the federal polling. The prevailing opinion is that if the minister of reconstruction and supply wins out in the campaign ahead, it will be due to the personal popularity which he enjoys amongst his own people. One of the chief federal argu-

Bar Gas Pumps

ments of the moment centres

MONTREAL ()-A meeting of parishioners rejected an oil company's offer to purchase or lease part of the St. Mark's Anglican Church grounds to erect a service station. Members said such project would mar the beautifa frontage of the site, more than century old.

by a narrow margin, and the PCs emphasize how close a pledge of its effectiveness



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