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## Farewell, Faint Hearts

URING the past dozen years most communities in Central B.C. and along the CNR north line have enjoyed an unprecedented period of prosperity. From Prince Rupert east to the Alberta border and south along the Fraser River to Williams Lake oldtimers and newcomers alike have basked in the glow of an expanding economy. . . .

The future is as bright as the past, notwithstanding the current lumber strike which has brought production to a virtual standstill and is throttling the livelihood of thousands of wageearners.

Businessmen are worried, too. But not the country's pioneers who were conditioned to the present state of affairs by the adversities and disappointments of the first post-war depression and the "hungry thirties."

The newest crop of pessimists will have to look elsewhere for company and consolation. The men and women who pioneered this country, and their sons and daughters, know that our bountiful natural resources have barely been scratched; that contemplated gasoline, hydro-electric and pulp mill projects will, within the next decade, usher in a new era of prosperity that will dwarf the post-war lumber boom and attract investment funds from the business capitals of the North American continent.

The strike will come to an end sooner or later, and the stalled timber industry will again roll forward, probably at a reduced rate. Mists of gloom will evaporate, "business as usual" will again be the slogan, and the country may prove to have been benefited rather than harmed by the temporary business setback.

Regardless of the duration of the strike, one good purpose will have been served. It will have demonstrated in a ruthless but effective manner how much we have to depend on the lumber industry for our well-being and happiness.

There is no diversity in our economy. All our eggs are in one basket, at the mercy of fluctuations in the construction industry. For this and other reasons it would be both unwise and unrealistic to think only in terms of the lumber industry in any eattempt to probe the future of Central B.C.

Agriculture, mining and water-power all warrant consideration in any long-range plans for a future that will surely eclipse that of this or any other era in the history of the country.

The coming generation of business leaders and community pioneers should not be unduly influenced by the fact that at present our welfare hinges on the price of spruce two-by-fours in St. Louis or Oshkosh, N.Y.

It will not always be so.

-PRINCE GEORGE CITIZEN

# OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeoa

the St. Laurent Government is family allowances, universal old going to remain content to al- age pensions, pensions for the low the CCF to plod along in the blind, and other lesser legislation. role assigned to them by the late | The plain truth of the matter Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie

tention of making any legislative the past decade or more. movement in the direction of The situation has reached the national health insurance at the point where Leader Coldwell is present session. But it expects having increasing difficulty in that the CCF group in the Com- maintaining the identity of the on a province-wide contract bemons will continue to preach the CCF. In Eastern Canada, where tween the United Brotherhood should do so.

In fact, if the CCF group is the Liberals have succeeded in The carpenters' union has successful in stirring up a suffi- replacing it. All signs point to not disclosed its demands but cient agitation among the vot- the present Prime Minister con- in the past it has been aiming ing public for national health tinuing his predecessor's tactics. for an hourly wage of \$2.50. Last insurance, the government won't The CCF appear fated to whip year the wage was increased to be at all above acting as it has up interest in national health in- \$2.20. done in the past. That is to say, surance, with the Liberals comit will come along and supply the ing forward at the strategic legislation for which the CCF-ers moment to gather up the votes. have beaten the drum.

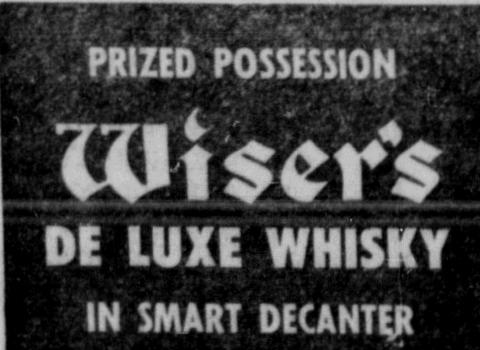
But in the case of national health insurance, the St. Laurent Government won't do it until being has been raised by the pulp a lot closer to election time- and paper industry. which at the moment appears to be a good five years away.

It was back in the middle nineteen-forties that the late Mackenzie King made his nowfamous reference to CCF-ers as simply being "Liberals in a hurry." The description turned out to be less of a name than a policy. For as soon as Mr. King was satisfied that the Coldwellites had prepared public opinion for some new socialist measure. he would promptly incorporate it in the Liberal government

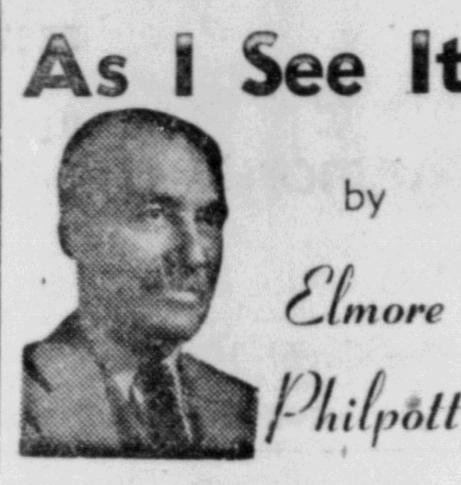
King of being "Liberals in a is that no political party has had its clothes stolen so systemati-It is definite now that the cally by one of its rivals as have Federal Government has no in- the CCF-ers by the Liberals over

force, due to the extent to which this week in Vancouver.

The level of Canadian Well-



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The FBI and Spy

AS I CAME into the Parliament Buildings of Canada last Friday chuckled to note some of the evidences of elaborate care with which the life of President Eisenhower would be guarded while he was here as our guest. Nobody ever bothers to call for a posse of secret service men or Mounties to form a bodyguard around our Prime Minister. He often walks to work alone.

The truth is that nobody in Canada gets sufficiently worked up about anything that a Canadian leader does, or does not do, to go to elaborate plans to try to shoot him.

About the only notable Cana- The Over-Seventy organiza- Mr. Drew, leader of the opdian public man who ever was tion, which entertains annually position in Ottawa, indulged in shot was George Brown, and he in Prince Rupert as Christmas a few pleasantries at Ottawa on issue but because of a dispute can anticipate. And it all means He as much as charged the govwith a printer.

BUT JOKING ASIDE, there are very real and vital differences in national character between the two countries. Take this latest spy business in the States. There has been a fierce argument over whether ex-President Harry Truman should or should not have obeyed the summons of the famous McCarthy committee to be grilled as to why he did not instantly fire a man whom the secret police of the United States are supposed to have said to be a Russian spy.

But this charge itself ignores the fact that if the FBI actually did have evidence that the man in question was a spy they should have been doing something more about it than writing secret reports to the President. They should have been taking all the due processes of law to bring the accused man into court, where he could be fairly tried and either convicted or acquitted.

PRESIDENT Eisenhower's visit to Canada was obviously intended to improve relations between the two countries which are probably the friendliest of next door neighbors in the entire world."

certainly need improving, especially on such long unsettled matters as the St. Lawrence

waterway. But a far deeper cause of uneasiness about the United States is what has become known throughout the world as "Mc-Carthyism." That term probably means a great many things to a great many people. But surely it means this to nearly all the

people of the civilized world: That McCarthyism is a new technique, combining much that is worst in the practices of the police states with what was al ways worst in the practices of the democracies—the demagog nery which is the inevitable part of the free-wheeling system o democracy.

IN RUSSIA now as they did in Nazi Germany, men and women Present indications are that policy. That was the case with hear that dreaded knock on the door in the night and they disappear to Siberia, or something worse. But in the U.S.A. if the McCarthyites get their way human beings may also have their whole lives ruined by an anonymous letter.

## B.C. Pact Sought By Carpenters

VICTORIA (CP) - Negotiations gospel of health insurance to the it appeared to be on the march of Carpenters and Joiners (AFL-House and to the country—and in the early nineteen-forties, it TLC) and Morrison Knudsen it is wholly agreeable that it now has become largely a spent Company of Canada, Ltd., open



ARCHBISHOP MAURICE ROY, chief Roman Catholic chaplain of the Canadian armed forces, chats at Quebec with Prime Minister St. Laurent before leaving for a four-week visit to Canadian forces in Korea. Mr. St. Laurent was visiting his home at Quebec.



# REFLECTS

ANYWAY, IT WORKED

build a glaring falsehood,

more cheerfully would it be

travagant tale of George Dupr

81-Year-Old

Rides Bicycle

To University

PEORIA, Ill. (AP)A young-

ster of 81, Dio Chalmers Flem-

ing, pedals his bike to classes

Fleming, who retired from

business 17 years ago, says he

took it easy for a few years.

exercises at the YMCA?' he re-

called. "And every day since

1941 I've been taking long

rides on my bicycle. I seldom

cover less than 80 blocks. I use

Fleming, a graduate of Ober-

lin College, has also studied at

Illinois Normal University and

Colorado State. He is currently

boning for a master's degree in

the bike to go to school."

psychology at Bradley.

"I started taking setting up

but got tired of inactivity.

at Bradley University.

and Quentin Reynolds' yarn.

British Columbia has 61 week- From a press teletype disly newspapers and an estimated patch: "The House of Commons 96 members. 400,000 readers. And ---- only will sit in a final drivel to wind knows how many route boys up the session."

came to an untimely end, it is dawns, has had, to date, a happy Monday. The occasion was the said, not because of any public history. Age, as well as youth, official opening of the sessionplenty of hard work and skill. ernment as being socialism in

The Editor, The Daily News:

We want responsible Civic Government, and honest as well. Now, since that is decided upon, let us see what we can do WIDE VARIETY

tisan myself, but if people are heard Monday evening, and it says today. non-partisan why organize into does not sound like particularly The former mark was 1,238 a new organization? It seems to precious revelations. One could miles an hour, set Aug. 15, 1951 set-up of partisans right here, and there's all kinds. It has been very plainly illussimilar organization has been can't compare with the allow- fied the new mark. running the city for quite a few ances wives make-Red Book.

In Vancouver nothing has been PERMANENT SUMMER altered since this organization came into being; all Vancouver visit Bermuda. Queen Elizabeth ress bomber at about 33,000 feet. has gained is through its favored and the Duke of Edinburgh will situation on the Pacific Coast.

To state it mildly, the relations (which is not so geographically the United States and France crest of his arc at 62,000 feet. favored) various slates have been will confer on international at- Then he started down, giving the slighted by the electorate, peo- fairs. As for weather, no one aircraft its final burst of fuel. ple here have voted on the basis need have the slightest appre- At that instant it reached its of personal integrity, it will hap- hension. pen again.

The electoral system in our municipality is not overly democratic, thus businessmen have as many votes as they have licences. Householders have no vote if they are not part owners of their homes, until they have paid their way. Excuses have been given by those who want to run everything such as: "Why should we let strangers come

here and run our town?" It is easy enough, under such circumstances to understand how public anathy has been created when people feel that they have nothing to do with running their

city but are called upon to shoulder all expenses. So here is one that is entering

AUGUST WALLIN

[Editor's Note: No person gets more than one vote in a municipal election. If a property owner is a businessman and holds a city licence he still only has one vote. If, however, he is a director of a limited company, he may be appointed to vote for that company, but he is casting that vote for the company not for himself. No company has more than one vote. A non-property owner or householder pays a \$2 yearly fee for his voting franchise in lieu of the poll tax which has been eliminated in Prince Rupert.]

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# VICTORIA REPORT By J. J. 11

ting? Will M.L.A.'s at the next ted States; a quarter of the pop- ism? Is that what w session of the Legislature boost ulation of Great Britain. Per cap- means? their indemnities to \$5,000 a ita, these countries seem to man- As to Social Credit is year? Don't be surprised if it age very well with far fewer theories, B.C.'s Social control of the surprised in the surprised of the surprised in the surprised in the surprised of the surprised happens. They get \$3,000 a year elected representatives than Can- don't know much about ing robbed.

and if they do, why, the fashion Grand total for sessional indem- on to the name So may well spread to the B.C. Leg- nities alone—\$3,466,000 a year. and it did the trick islature: \*

are going to get \$10,000 a year, governing bodies that would same kind of government get \$6,000.

we didn't have so many MP's ing highlights: and Senators to pay them to.

Let's look at the governing 2. Liberal leader Arthur Laing vatives. And Social 6 bodies of Canada, Great Britain

the United States: Canada-House of Commons, to a ludicrous position. 265 members; Senate, 102 mem-

United States-House of Representatives, 435 members; Senate:

Great Britain-House of Commons, 625 members; House of Lords, 846 members.

more than half the size of the House of Representatives Washington: the Canadian Senate has more members than the which is more than can be said others. of the Canadian Senate. The Canadian Commons is more than It was Adolph Hitler who said a third the size of the British the more immense a man could Commons.

## lieved. One is apt to think of this when reflecting on the extravagant tale of George Dupre World Speed Record Set

LOS ANGELES (AP)-A world Every administrative record Great publicity has been given has its assortment, and Mr. speed record of 1,272 miles an to the Non-Partisan Association Truman had no particular will- hour was established Oct. 14 in which has been reorganized in ingness to return and listen to a Douglas Skyrocket by Scott Prince Rupert. I, for one, think questions. Harry Dexter White Crossfield, pilot for the National that it is a very attractive name. has been dead for about four Advisory Committee for Aero-Indeed, I feel I am a non-par- years. The former president was nautics, the Los Angeles Times

me that you are getting a new liken the situation to politics- by Bill Bridgeman, Douglas test pilot, in the same plane, Marvin Miles, Times aviation

trated in Vancouver where a The allowances husbands give editor, says the NACA has veri-Crossfield, 32, wartime fighter

pilot, began his research speed flight after his rocket plane was An average of 100,000 a year dropped from a B-29 Superfort-

Crossfield zoomed up at an be there next week and not long angle of 25 to 30 degrees, gaining In this city of Prince Rupert after representatives of Britain, momentum as he reached the greatest speed.

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and care less. There's a are quite convinced they're be- Just look at the cost of salar- ment in B.C. calling itself ies of MP's and Senators if the Credit, whatever that is a Such salary grabs are catch- proposed boosts take place—265 planation is quite simple. ing. MP's and Senators in Ot- MP's at \$10,000 each, for a total Bennett, desperate two tawa are apparently getting of \$2,650,000; 102 Senators at ago for somewhere to the ready to jump their indemnities, \$2,000 a year, total, \$816,000; politically slick enough to

That's an awful lot of money Talk in Ottawa is that MP's to be paid out each year for two itself Social Credit is gr erals or Conservatives were much smaller.

These proposed new salaries, The Nov. 24 by-election camperhaps, wouldn't be too big if paign in Victoria has the follow-

1. Conservative leader Deane explain. It's all very into It would appear Canada is one Finlayson says Mr. Bennett has to Liberals and Const of the most over-governed coun- reduced the B.C. Premiership to who have the courage to an unprecedented low level.

> says Social Credit has reduced get wild when you say everybody and everything in B.C. Liberals and Conservate 3. Attorney - general Bonner true individuality are co says Liberals and Conserva-

tives have dropped electioneering to its lowest level since Confederation.

The C.C.F. minds its own business, doing a minimum of name calling, steadily adding to that The Commons at Ottawa is hard core of support which one day-10 or 12 years from nowin will sweep it into power in B.C. The C.C.F. doubtless thinks Liberals, Conservatives and Social U.S. Senate-and that body has Crediters are all low and ludivitally important work to do, crous, the names each calls the

Mr. Laing says Prime Minister Gunderson is embarrassed by the political company he is forced to keep, that, ay down deep in-Yet, Canada has less than a side him, he despises the financial theories of his associates.

But who is forcing Mr. Gunderson to keep such political company? Mr. Laing doesn't sav Oh, if Mr. Laing would only tell us! Is Mr. Gunderson groping blindly under the magic, hyp-

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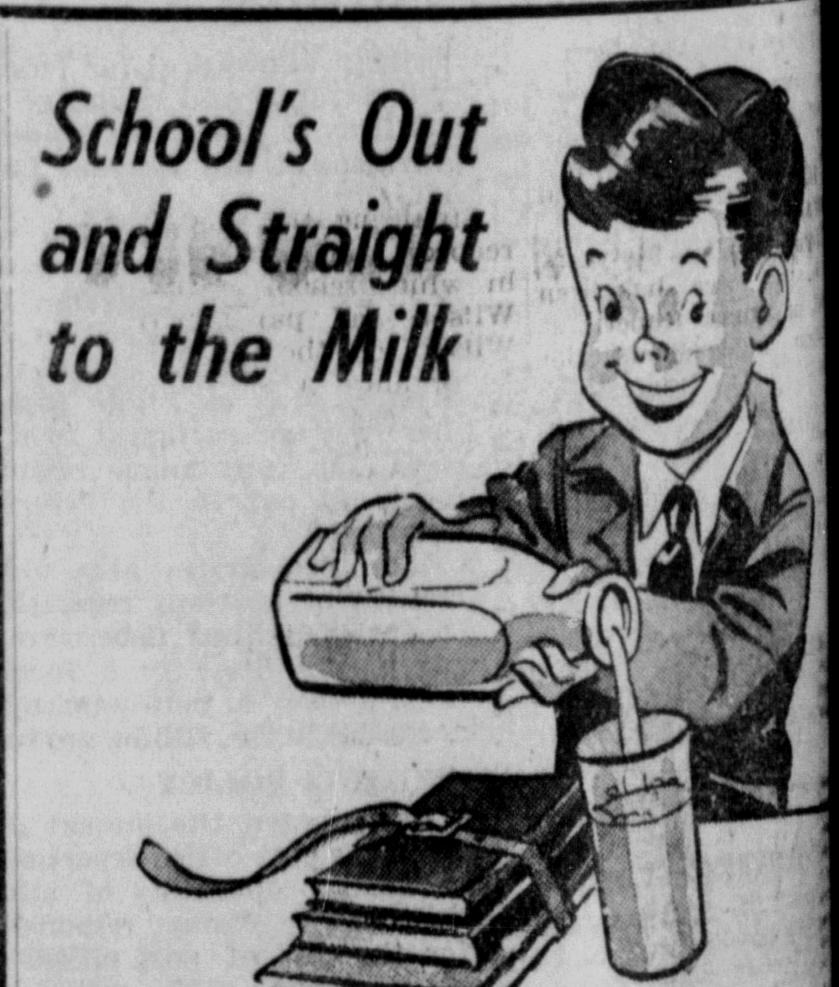
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