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An independent daily newspaper devoted to the upbuilding of Prince Rupert and Northern and Central British Columbia.

Dishonesty in the Services

A MOVE to have an investigation made of the federal defence organization, with particular reference to fraud and thefts was thrown out in the House of Commons Monday.

Perhaps these irregularities in Army personnel behaviour as reported in the news of late can be explained, but they do not indicate that Canadian military men are less trustworthy than any other class of citizen.

The large-scale thefts of government property does indicate, however, that there is more opportunity for that kind of thing in the public service than in private industry, because government property is probably less zealously guarded than private property.

In private industry the rule is "attend to business or go bankrupt." All responsible officials know this.

Executives know that their own prosperity depends on the prosperity of their employers, and they act accordingly.

In the government service there is no such incentive to do one's best, for government enterprises don't go bankrupt. No matter how inefficient they are, they always have the taxpayers to fall back on to make up any losses that might arise out of their negligence.

These are things we should think of when we are asked to entrust our industries into the hands of the government.

Importance of Voting

THE secret ballot is the lifeblood of democracy. It is our shield against political oppression. So long as we have this right, we maintain the power to choose the kind of government we desire.

But if we lose this right, we lose freedom.

More than 9,000 citizens in the Prince Rupert riding are on the voters' list. They have the opportunity to exercise their right June 12, day of the British Columbia provincial election.

Not to vote is an indication that we do not appreciate our rights. This is very dangerous, for we may lose them—and our freedom.

Every Canadian voter is free to cast his ballot for any candidate or political party of his choice. The all-important thing is that he vote!

Scripture Passage for Today

"God shall supply all your need."—Phil. 4:19.

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Reflects and Reminisces

How long the blocks of concrete, formerly part of the wartime warehouse in the railway yard will remain where they are, no one appears able to tell.

A frame, two storey building, containing Mr. Hays' realty and brokerage office, with residence, and other wooden premises once stood near where today there's nothing much save ungainly looking chunks of cement.

Fourteen divorce applications were awarded at the May Assize in Prince Rupert. There was one in 1868 and that was for all Canada.

Home coming troops from China wear a touch of color. Vancouver's cheering thousands, Sunday, saw plenty of blue and white, and blue and yellow, indicating the United Nations as the erect ranks marched smartly past.

Comes word that in some sections of the west, the license of an automobile driver is taken away should he be found under the influence of liquor. In other

words, it is forbidden to pour anything, with the exception of gasoline, into one's tank.

IT'S WELCOME

Black topping is at last making more of an appearance in the business district, although this does not apply to 2nd and 3rd Avenues. The short streets, for example, are being taken care of.

WOKING England (CP)—Herbert King did not appear in court when fined for driving without a licence. He wrote: "I have taken over a farm with 100 pigs and 200 chickens, and if I leave them I shall be liable to a fine for cruelty to animals."

It seems certain that George Drew still holds the same ideas about banning the Communist party and all its fronts which he held in 1949.

The politicians here might remember the astonishing Mitch Hepburn somersault of 1937. The then Premier of Ontario was in a nasty jam with his own party who were in rebellion against Mitch's tampering with the always-sleeping furies of the separate school question.

Mitch abandoned the separate school bill overnight and went to the province on a snap election platform to "Keep the Communist CIO out of Canada." Whatever else he did, he showed what you can do with

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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Can Liberals Last?

OTTAWA: Candor compels me to report that one reason why the parliament of 1952 is less exciting and colorful than the one I first saw in 1915, or those of, say, 1925 or 1933, is because the Liberals have things so much their own way.

The Liberal regime has been in power now longer than any other save one in history. The old master Sir John A. Macdonald came in in 1879 and his party went out in 1896. But here is a remarkable difference. When Macdonald died in 1892 his party began to go to pieces.

They say the one thing in this world you can't beat is the law of averages. The law of averages should be working against the federal Liberals now. But, if so, there is no sign of it.

What is more to the point, the Opposition parties do not act like groups which really hope to upset and overthrow the government.

YET the picture could change by next year. Suppose the CCF were to be beaten in Saskatchewan. Or suppose (something more improbable) that Social Credit were to sweep B.C.

Any marked gain for Social Credit provincially in B.C. will strengthen George Drew's chances of winning the federal election of 1953. That is not because of the implications of Mr. Solon Low's remark in parliament a few days ago that the Opposition parties should get together.

I am far from sure that George Drew's chances of winning the 1955 election are as slim as one might imagine from the atmosphere at Ottawa.

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U.N. Agency Plans Aid to Women Workers



A proposal to grant at least 12 weeks maternity leave before and after confinement to women workers in industry, commerce and other non-manual jobs will be considered by government, worker and employer delegates at the general conference of the International Labor Organization (ILO), next June.

an emotional issue when the atmosphere is electric enough. That was just four years before Mitch staged a mammoth public meeting to celebrate Tim Buck's return when the ban on him was lifted.

THE GREAT contradiction of our politics at Ottawa is that the CCF is the advance guard or left wing of the Liberal party. They urge today what Liberals enact tomorrow.

The Social Crediters, of course, are (with one exception) Conservatives—and the most right wing, not left wing, of the Conservative party at that.

The best thing that could happen for Canada would be to get things back to the sincere two party system. Unfortunately we seem to be moving towards the French system of chaos not toward British two-way-road stability.

Cancer Society Tops Quota

With receipts still coming in from outlying districts, Prince Rupert Cancer Society expects to over subscribe their quota by \$1000 this year.

Quota is \$2000. They now have \$2814.68, said Campaign Manager D. C. Stevenson today. Campaigning ended April 30.

VOTERS LIST

Now available at J. D. McRae's Committee Rooms (Next to Royal Bank) Check to see if your name is on

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at the Civic Centre

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BIGGER DEVELOPMENT

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to run things" and said "Social Credit never was and is not even now being practised in that province."

Then, he took a dig at the Progressive Conservative party method of drawing up a policy.

DIGS AT TORIES

"At their convention in Vancouver recently, they pushed through a platform in four hours after only brief discussion.

"They actually spent two hours getting it through and then spent two hours putting each other on the back for a fine job.

"Well, they may think it's sound, but you'll find it pretty weak all the way."

Speaking of reports of a split in Liberal ranks, the attorney-general said, "Mr. Johnson is the leader and everyone is behind him."

"That's one thing about the Liberal party. We reserve the right to disagree and we do plenty, but that's the only way to reach a decision. We don't push policy through like these others."

PRAISES McRAE

Mr. Wismer praised Jack McRae, Liberal member for Prince Rupert in the last legislature, who is seeking re-election.

"It was through Mr. McRae's efforts that we brought down some very important amendments to the Labor Act and the Liberal party, at its convention last month, approved in principle these amendments."

"The Liberals regard Mr. McRae as one of the finest men that has come out of the north country. He is one of the best debaters in the house and is well versed in affairs of the entire province."

"Mr. McRae asked me to speak to you on many things. Among them the benefits of the Hospital Insurance Act."

HOSPITAL INSURANCE

Mr. Wismer said hospital insurance is very necessary and "like anything else that's new, there's bound to be complaints at the start."

Only two hours before Mr. Wismer's address, Mr. McRae spoke over the radio from his hospital bed in Vancouver General Hospital, outlining treatment he has received through the hospital insurance.

He told how "all these heavy expenses are borne by the hospital insurance and are available to everyone."

Mr. Wismer urged electors to re-elect Mr. McRae. He then urged listeners to use their prerogative in voting this year under the new alternative voting system.

"Vote for a free enterprise party... the party in which lies

the opportunity to move ahead, unless we have stable government." "The future of this country is at last assured, dreams. Now your dream is coming true. "But, don't take a chance losing the opportunity to progress by electing anything but a free enterprise government."

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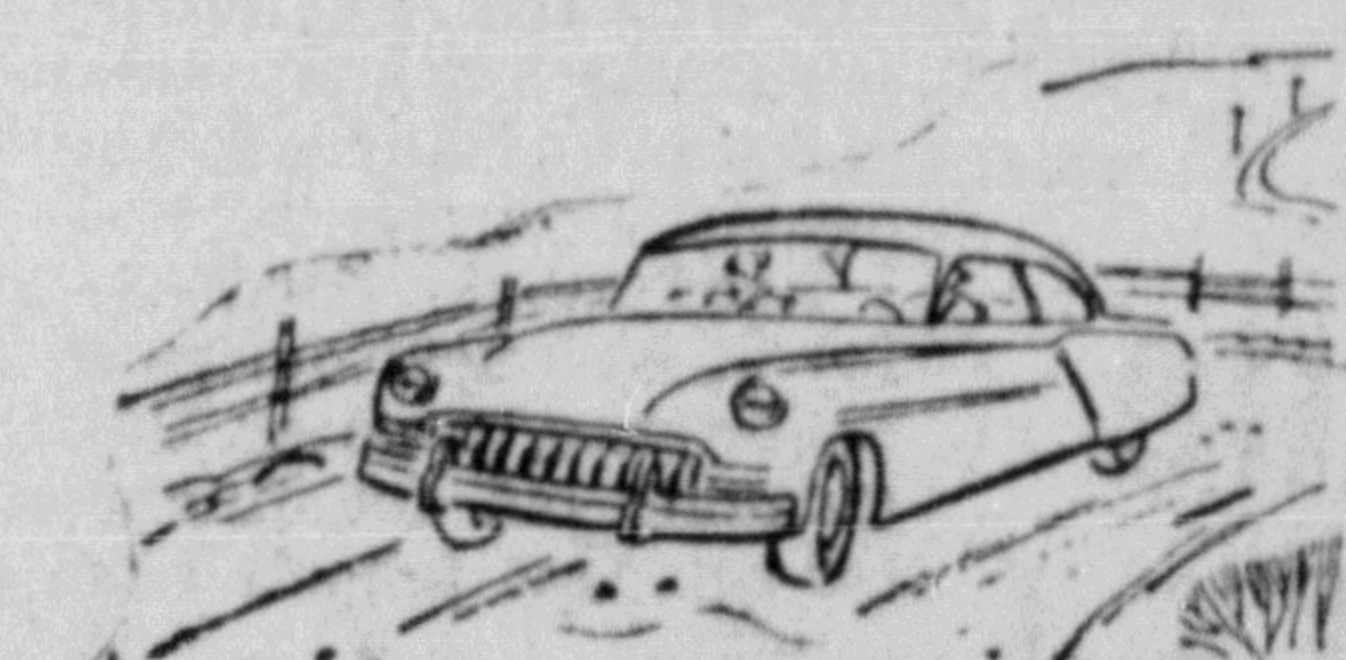
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Speaker of the House

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Thursday - 2:45 - 3:00 p.m.

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