



As I See It

by
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No Apple Pie

VERNON—In the past couple of weeks while electioneering I have seen a good deal of the province of B.C. In many places I have seen those big billboards which carry the smiling countenance of Premier Bennett with large type exhortations to buy B.C. products.

Today, just a stone's throw from one of Mr. Bennett's hardware stores, I thought it only proper to order an almost all-B.C. meal and see how effective his campaign was.

I sat at the counter and told the attractive girl: "I'll have the soup of the day, apple pie with ice cream and coffee."

She brought me the excellent soup—it was spaghetti with meat flavor. Then she said, in her very nice Okanagan voice: "Sorry, sir, but we have no apple pie today." So I took raisin—am not sure if they were from California—but they were certainly not from B.C.

IF I had been home in B.C. when the Social Credit government launched its Buy-in-B.C. campaign I would have surely criticized it but on constructive, helpful grounds.

If the purpose was to sell more B.C. apples and other products in B.C. and not to "sell" Mr. Bennett's party, then surely it would have been wiser to put on the billboard a nice big red Macintosh apple, preferably being bitten into by a red-checked Okanagan girl.

Or they could have shown a beautiful Pentecost girl holding up beside her lovely face a large Kelowna peach of the kind which this lovely valley produces in such profusion. A smart advertising man could have labelled them "Two Peaches"—and then added the "Buy in B.C."

But I would surely have criticized the campaign on another more fundamental ground. British Columbia thrives by selling goods which was poured out in a huge amount of products to other parts of Canada, including the prairie provinces. If we in-

sist on buying everything in B.C. and nothing in the rest of Canada how are our customers in Alberta and points east going to get the wherewithal to pay us for what we sell to them?

The doctrine of tariff protection is bad enough when we have it shoved at us through the front door at Ottawa. But it is worse when we get it pushed at us through the back door and paid for out-of all the peoples' taxes.

BUT, for downright crudeness and insidious undemocratic implications, I have never seen anything worse than the election billboards which exhort the people to vote for the Social Credit government, on the slogan "Progress, Not Politics."

As every school child should be taught in B.C. and every other country in the democratic part of the world, politics is the science of government. There is no higher form of human service than through clean politics.

Democracy is a system based first, last and all the time on politics.

In a true democracy the decisions are made by the people in elections, and by their elected representatives later, after full discussion and fair and free debate.

The implication that there is something unworthy about "politics" is all too reminiscent of the same type of anti-democratic propaganda which was poured out in floods by those who, in the end, other parts of Canada, including the prairie provinces. If we in-

Public Should Be Informed

HERE is no question that in making the Pacific Great Eastern Railway a line that starts somewhere and ends somewhere, Premier Bennett showed foresight which the north country has needed for a long time as a new entrance to northern British Columbia the PGE undoubtedly will become an important benefit to the economy of the province as a whole, and this benefit will increase in direct proportion to the length to which the PGE is extended the need for improved transportation facilities in the north is too obvious to require elaboration here.

But the good that Mr. Bennett has achieved with the PGE will be completely undone if he turns it into a political gimmick, and signs that he is already doing this are becoming painfully evident. It was not a particularly admirable move considering that members of all parties are paying for the railway but Mr. Bennett is not one to let such an opportunity slip and that is a fact generally recognized.

However, the rumblings of personnel problems on the line suggest that the political edge of its administration is cutting much deeper. The latest hint of this is the abrupt resignation of David J. Patterson as superintendent. It may be that Mr. Patterson had reasons for his move completely outside the political picture but the lack of an explanation inevitably leads to the suspicion that he considers there is something wrong with the top-level supervision of the railway. A few months ago Paddy Bowman resigned as general manager in the same mysterious manner. Both Mr. Patterson and Mr. Bowman are railwaymen of long experience and established ability. They know a well-run railway operation when they see it. Their actions suggest they do not think the PGE falls in this category.

Finlay Gunderson, who replaced Mr. Bowman on appointment by the government, should make a point of telling the public what is going on. Failure to do this will prompt us to conclude that whatever it is, it is bad.

Give Generously Tonight

PRINCE RUPERT has the opportunity tonight of repaying the Salvation Army for its year-round work of helping the stricken, giving aid to the needy, police court assistance, care for unwed mothers and spiritual guidance. More than 200 canvassers will be blanketing the city tonight, seeking funds to carry on the vital work of "The Army," and the public will have the chance to help keep these praiseworthy efforts going. In this sea port town the necessity for a helping hand to those in misfortune increases every day. One of the worthiest projects is the maintenance of the "Girls Lodge" where children found wandering on the streets are cared for until either their parents are found or someone can be located to provide for them.

This gallant band of men and women who wear the red and blue are on call every hour of the night and day, ready to give succor. Members of the corps are often called to attend broken homes and even broken hearts. An average of 50 meals a month are provided transients as the job of The Army goes on.

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- FROM YOU — A VOTE FOR GEORGE HILLS.

LETTERBOX

PREMIER'S RASH WORDS
The Editor,
The Daily News.
Premier Bennett has, since 1952, made a number of "rash" statements, several of which have proved actual falsehoods as follows:

1. In his campaign speech he stated, with regard to hospital insurance, that: "It's benefits are now available to all people in British Columbia." The truth is that it is only available if you lived in the province a year. Otherwise you must pay a minimum of \$16.50 per day. This statement then was false.

2. Mr. Bennett stated that: "If Mr. Laing reduces the sales tax it would wreck hospital insurance." This was doubtless said to scare people. The truth is that as the income from sales tax alone for 1955 was \$30,250,000 and B.C.H.S. cost \$26,619,976.03 it leaves a balance of \$3,730,021.97. This statement too, then was false.

3. Mr. Bennett has boasted that: His government would not favor anyone, but a new item of August 16 informed us that a bridge to cost \$7,000,000 will be built across Okanagan Lake at Kelowna — Mr. Bennett's

home town. Is this not favoritism? Kelowna has a population of only 8,300, and there is an excellent ferry service and only in summer is traffic heavy. This expenditure of \$7,000,000 will not in any way benefit the province generally. Is this then good, honest and fair government?

4. Mr. Bennett has constantly boasted of his "pay-as-you-go" policy, yet in June he flew to New York and borrowed \$40,000,000. What is the interest on the loan? What if exchange is in favor of U. S. when it is repayable? What will it cost the taxpayers in interest then?

It is suggested, therefore, that before voting, readers give the foregoing facts and figures their earnest consideration, and that they not be swayed by slogans such as "Progress not politics," or "The government that gets things done." Any government with an income of \$155,800,485 plus a loan of \$40,000,000 should accomplish a great deal, but with all Mr. Bennett's talk of highways, there is nothing to compare with the Kope-Princeton, nor the Fraser Canyon highway, both of which were built by the Coalition.

"A MONITOR,"
Vancouver.

LET'S FACE THE FACTS!
The Editor,
The Daily News.
In particular, all this Social Credit "ballyhoo" about 31.9 miles of the P.G.E. road they have built.

No one has mentioned that, but for the intervention of the tragic depression of 30's, followed by an equally tragic Second World War, former governments had built more than 400 miles, and would have completed the PGE. The same applies to roads. Money was just not available at that time. Social Credit cannot take credit for B.C.'s boom. It is general throughout Canada. Premier Bennett merely had the good fortune to step in at the opportune moment. Twenty years ago, Hitler and

No Comment Repeats Crosby

MCARTHUR, Calif. (AP)—Bing Crosby and Kathy Grant planned to go fishing in McCloud river today with Phil Harris and his wife, Alice Faye.

Asked about rumors of marriage to Miss Grant, the 52-year-old crooner said: "I have no plans with Miss Grant. No comment." Crosby, the Harrises and 14 other Hollywood entertainers Sunday raised \$32,500 at a benefit performance to give the village of 500 a new hospital.

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1. He is pledged to fight for greater Municipal aid.
2. Government grants to Prince Rupert are now less than before.

Says Premier Ashamed Of Politics

GRAND FORKS, B.C. (AP)—The Social Credit slogan "progress not politics" indicates that Premier Bennett is ashamed of his politics, CCF leader Robert Strachan contended here Saturday night.

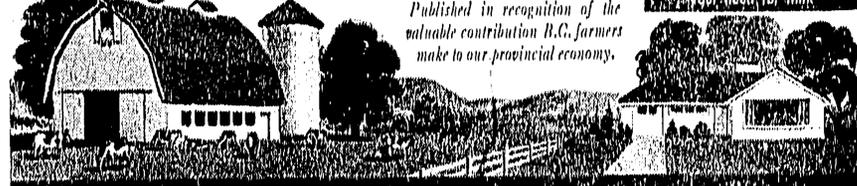
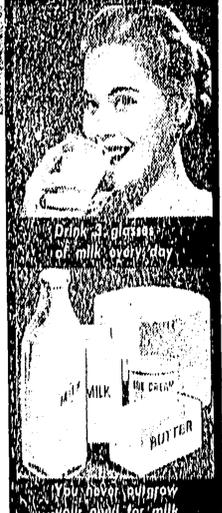
"We can't have some demagogue moving in and doing away with democratic processes," said Mr. Strachan, candidate in Cowichan-Nowcastle, a Vancouver Island riding. Mr. Strachan charged the Social Credit party with accepting campaign funds "in unbelievable amounts" from factions which stand to gain financially through the party's return to power.

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