#### New Life at Centre

NE of the noteworthy features of the Civic EVERY now and again some Member of Parliament, volved in a case at Prince Tourist parties wandering Centre Association annual meeting this week was that no special devices had to be used to raise a quorum. It was in refreshing contrast to previous occasions when special entertainment had to be provided to draw a crowd or when members had to be corralled from other activities in the building to sit there until proceedings got underway.

By itself this might have been a small thing had not the attendance been lively as well as large. At times these Civic Centre meetings have consisted of little more than the reading of reports, with the issues obviously above the heads of most of those present. In this case, however, there was plenty of discussion and many sharp observations on problems Flacing the Association.

It is difficult to pin down any particular reasons for this sudden show of interest in Civic Centre affairs, but obviously one reason—though by no means the only one—is bingo. This recently introduced item on the program has its friends and its enemies. Some maintain that it has no place in an establishment designed for instructive recreation and that it is discouraging some people from joining. Others think it is a short-lived means of financing which is making the Centre too ambitions in its plans. Still others admit all or part of this but believe the overall benefits justify making most of the opportunity while it lasts.

Whatever the reasoning, it cannot be denied that bingo has injected new life into the Civic Centre, and it is life that was sorely needed. With a new roof and heating plant already an accomplished fact as a result of bingo, the Centre is beginning to look ahead to bigger projects—notably a swimming pool. Maybe it is being too ambitious, though we doubt it. Maybe it has departed from strictly defined recreational activities, though it should be remembered life. that its main program is busier and more varied than ever.

But the important thing is that, if an annual meeting provides any measure, the Civic Centre is no law, and according to common Fall. In his over eagerness to ment. longer dying from dullness. It is true that its membership is down from last year and this is a matter that needs full attention. But the Centre has reached a point where it is worrying less about its survival and thinking more about what it can do in future. It is a change that's good to see.

### International Salmon Control

AVERY interesting question that arises in fishermen's circles these days is whether to move toward the internationalization of all fisheries in the north Pacific.

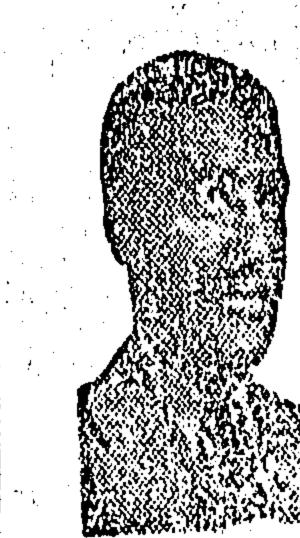
A group of Seattle trollers proposed again Sunday that all north Pacific salmon be placed under an international commission, as was done for the Fraser Niver salmon, which so convincingly came back. They would include the Columbia, the Skeena and other coastal rivers, with uniform seasons and regulations.

Alaska trollers, and even crab fishermen have thought the move was inevitable. The Japanese take Crabs in western Alaska and our own crabbers take them off the islands of British Columbia.

Our trollers catch salmon in Hecate straits, taking refuge from storms in Canadian waters. Canadian halibut fishermen do the same in Alaska waters. So why not merge?

The drawback is that fishermen have not done Enough advanced thinking on the subject hereabouts as yet. Nor has any federal agency studied the practical workings of an international control plan. The problems up here are rather special, the distances great and the community of interests not so well established. But time probably will change these things, too. Meantime, a study well might be started by the fishing groups to see what could be done in -Ketchikan Alaska Chronicle. this field.





## As See It

Terrace Views

By FRANK HEELEY

REBUTTAL

To Check Sex Crimes

who sits on the back benches, makes the whole George, E.C., in which a 24-year-through the buildings and com-House sit up and take notice. Last week, a young months in jail for a crime he clatter instinctively shrink back Liberal MP did so. He is Russell Reinke, who repre-did not commit.

sents Hamilton South. Most of them are well enough Mr. Reinke made a powerful educated to know that, if they Towers, a former member of the Does the phenomenon mean appeal for permanent segrega-suffer from sexual tendencies or tion of all known "sexual de-compulsions which lead them a certain direction, they should

Eastern Canada has been consult their spiritual adviser, Victoria city police force: shocked and horrified in recent or family physician. weeks by a whole series of sexually inspired murders. The statistics show that such murevidence of this epidemic of aberration. There have been a them, in time. large number, an increasing number, of sexual assaults, es-

THE present government of Canada already has a royal commission at work to advise what should be done about this strange species known as sexual psychopaths. The commission is headed by one of Canada's most brilliant jurists, Mr. Justice McRuer. There is no doubt that early amendment to Criminal Code may be expected, designed to plug loopholes in the the Executive of the Terrace In one letter he said he was parliamentarians and present law.

pecially against children.

tually caught a "peeping Tom" were blind. We would hasten mistreatment into a confession impressive. In addition to the in the act—the second time, ac- to assure him and his executive was alleged. Constable Towers central global subserve there is an tually chasing and catching the that we are still possessed with wrote.

cases, sexual assaults against we were not giving an account of thing to stop a senior officer, erected as a faithful review of young children are committed Christmas at all BUT WHAT WE he wrote. automatically be segregated for

medical evidence to prove that very few of these sexual criminals are insane. According to concerning Spring, Summer and suffered and for false imprison. General to the Northwest Coun-

own acts. The evidence clearly shows We have never claimed to which he served 4½ months. that in the vast majority of speak with any authority on becases the sexual criminals are half of the Board of Trade. We are doing. They plan and scheme authority on behalf of any parwith diabolical cunning to com-ticular group or organization mit their criminal acts.

But we do claim to sneak at

In a good many cases, their fimes on behalf of many popular acts result in the murder of their from whom the column subjects Defeatism victims because—having com- are often originally derived. victims because—having com- are often originally derived. mitted the sexual crime—they | We were very harpy to have VANCOUVER O-Maj.-Gen. F. are unwilling to have their vic-more than 30 people 'phone us F. Worthington, federal civil cotims identify them to the police, or contact us personally after ordinator, Tuesday night critiepidemic of recent sex crimes peared in the Terrace 'Omineca' over civil desence. in eastern Canada is that the of-Herald. We are happier still to Survival in case of an atomic fenders are normal appearing, inform Mr. Macklin and his exe- attack will depend on observance reasonably well-to-do men—usually married and with children.

THE discussion which has resulted from the recent wave of sex crimes seems to me to have resulted in one indirect benefit In recent decades, there been far too much of the halfbaked kind of thinking which facing Deficit finds excuse for almost every kind of crima, on the ground of TRAIL W-Trail-Tadahac hos-ing war.

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some impersonal compulsion. "Ipital which ended 1955 with an Too many people have been estimated deficit of \$55,964 is carried away by catch phrases entering 1956 with a pattern of from Freud or some other theor-continuing deficits. iles of psychology. More and more—The board after paring its produces about 3,500,000 pounds cized by the union, particularly speople assume that evil people budget estimates for 1956 this of ginger each year. commit sinful acts because of week decided it needs a per diem some strange combination of cir- rate of \$14.95 to stay in the black. cumstances over which they have! The present per diem rate is

ino control, That, of course, is plain, down-, Board chairman J. H. Harright nonsense. Apart from the graves said wage and working i abountly insane, the vast ma-leoncessions granted to hospital Host of people who commit sex- ,employees in 1955 following arbiual crimes are completely aware tration had resulted in a \$4,000 to, what they are doing, and are a month increase in costs of oncompletely responsible for their cration or roughly \$48,000 for the

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# Victoria

vices of a constable recently dis- its stately Hall of Fame. charged from the RCMP. That Ever since the machines have posh, steam-heated offices. old sawmill worker served 4½- ing within hearing range of the

following statement:

"Regarding Constable D. J. out nearby.

Far from doing so, most sex- had some knowledge of the cir- on top of a great mother lode ual deviates scheme with cun-cums ance regarding his sou- of the atomic age's strategic ning and ingenuity to conceal erance from the RCMP and metal? ders are only the most horrible these aspects of their life from have interviewed him, and conthe only people who could help sidering all the evidence un- . No, that isn't the answer. The them, in time.

> COLD CHIEF OF INCIDENT explanation of the incident in hold. A huge global schere man-In a recent issue of this paper applying for a job here.

Frederick Macklin on behalf of commission

weeks to jump on his charger. Two suspects were arrested, ger counters as they revolve be-The young Liberal MP told how and make like Ghengis Khan. pleading guilty after electing a neath them. he had, twice in one night, ac- Now Mr. Macklin asked if we speedy trial. Four menths later. The whole display is highly

man. Yet, a few days later, the perfect vision. On the contrary. He was punished with another with the ice shelf, covered with court released this man with we might ask if Mr. Macklin and officer, Constable Towers said. polar bear skin, upon which what amounted to a tap on the his executive were blind be-: "I did not participate in the Arctic dwellers make them column cause if they had read our article action alleged," but was pun-cosy for the long Arctic night.

by previously convicted offend-WOULD LIKE TO SEE AT Meanwhile in Prince George, in the Northland, There are ers. Mr. Reinke's contention is CHRISTMAS in so far as Terrace Robert John Fraser. 24, who samples of cold bers conner convicted a second time, should was concerned. How then can claims he was forced last Feb-lead and rich hematite iron ore: we be accused of giving a false ruary to confess to a crime he and oil. There are evanuales of picture of how Terrace actually did not commit, said Tuesday he Eskimo arts and crafts, includ-THE MP quoted convincing was at Christmas time? has retained a lawyer and will jug the beautifully fashiored We shall not endeavour. Ho launch legal proceedings to ob- ivory and gold made presented lanswer Mr. Macklin's questions tain compensation for injuries by His Excellency the Governor-

sense, an insane person is one blotch our copy book he has in- Fraser said he was beaten by. There is also a listing of some who is not responsible for his troduced subjects which did not police and forced to sign a con-surprise items of information appear in our article. ... fession to a robbery charge for on life in the Arctic, For in tance.

# Criticizes

The appalling thing about the Mr. Macklin's letter first and confusion"

cutive that at least 30 people do of two simple rules, he said in not subscribe to his views either an address to the Vancouver It might then be suggested that branch of the Red Cross Society. The rules: Take people out of neither does Mr. Macklin hold? the city; and in areas of radiothe key to the voice of Terrace.

active fallout, take shelter. Gen. Worthington said the feeling among Western nations is that if "our civil defence organization is uniformly strong we have a good chance of avoid-

SPICY PRODUCT

Proposed hydro-electric pro-

#### VICTORIA REPORT By J. K. NESBITT

The other day -- almost a! With these statistics, the disweek ago — a work party from play of rich mineral mouth to the Northern Development the geiger counters clicking, it's branch brought a half-dozen an exhibit that stirs the imagin-VICTORIA (P) — The Victoria geiger counters into the main ation. The MP's pause and local Fast Passenger and Freight police commission has an Parliament Buildings and laid at it wistfully. You can almost | Sailings from Prince Rupert nounced it will retain the ser-them down in the North end of see their pioneer blood pulsate before they move off to their

constable was one of two in-, been clicking away like mad. against the wall, their first The commission issued the thought being that a machine igun brigade is holding a work-

RCMP, Prince George detach-that there's uranium in that ment, at present employed by the thar Hill upon which the Parliament Buildings are crected. And "Since the police commission are Canada's statesmen sitting

The result, in most cases, is does not feel justified in dispens-simpler, if also less glamorous. tragedy, not only for the vic-ing with his services at the pres-It is merely that the geiger tims, but, of course, also for the ent time. Further investigation is counters were placed in the Hall of Fame as part of an exhibit arranged by the Northern Dev-The commission said Con-elopment Branch - literally on stable Towers, 25-year-old offi-the back doorstep of the House cer with five years' RCMP ex- of Commons chamber i'self -- to perience, last October wrote po- demonstrate the vast resources; lice chief John Blackstock an which Canada's Arctic lands

oping the Arctic regions, with there appeared a letter from Mr. The letters were read to the their resources carefully marked. rotates slowly where passing Board of Trade. It claimed that on plainclothes duty with an-spectators can view it. In the Unfortunately, the remedy this column has on two occasions other officer investigating a 530 areas which are rich with urandoes not seem to be quite so libelled the people of Terrace, robbery with violence in which jum actual samples of uranium simple as is involved in a mere We cannot understand why it an aged Chinese had been beat-lore have been placed. It is these change of words on the law has taken Mr. Macklin over live en and left lying in the snow. samples which activate the coi

authentic Eskimo igloo, complete

In at least 10 per cent of the properly they would realize that ished for not having done inv- There is also a skin-covered tent the standard Summer dwelling

> cil for use at its sessions. at Chesterfield Inlet the Winter temperature averages between 27 and 49 degrees fahrenheit, fit compared with a range of between 12 and 70 degree: fabrenheit in Ottawa, And enowfall in Chesterfield Inlet is only excloci-

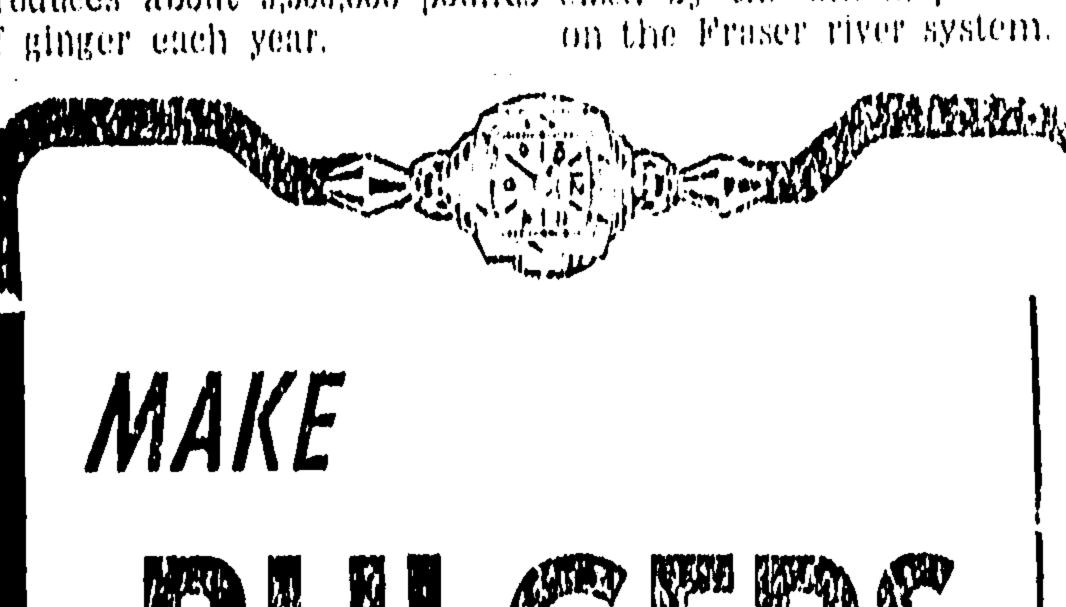
three inches, as against Officera's six feet 10 inches.

### UFAWU Urges Compulsory WCB

VICTORIA O -- Compulsory coverage for all B.C. fishermen under the Workmen's Compensation Act has been urged in a brief to the cabinet by the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union (Ind.).

The union said it recognized changes made in the act last year to provide optional covernge for fishermen was a forward step, but many were still unprotected.

jects that would interfere with Indies the fishing industry were crition the Fraser river system.





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