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As I See It



By Elmore Philpott



NEW PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS of the British Columbia Automobile association was officially opened on July 5.

What Happens to Nixon?

NOW that President Eisenhower has announced his decision to run again, the big question in U.S. politics—and one of considerable importance to the world—is who will be his running mate?

Yankee Dollar Jobs

NOBODY knows for sure when the next federal election will be called. But it is already clear that the main issue could be American investment in Canada.

NO MATTER how you try to dodge the fact, American investment in Canada today is responsible for at least a quarter and perhaps even one-third, of all the best jobs held by Canadians in Canada.

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

One fact which the existing turbulent pace of Parliament is serving to demonstrate is that the sleuths of the press are on the job with a vigilance that guarantees that no move in the increasingly bitter struggle between the parties is going to be missed.

Big Cable Job Starts This Week

VANCOUVER (C)—The world's second largest cable ship will begin laying 75 miles of power cable to Vancouver Island this week.

PAINTS OPTIMISTIC PICTURE

Record-Breaking Capital Expansion. In Store for Canada Howe Tells House

OTTAWA (C)—Canada appears headed for a record-breaking capital expansion this year of such magnitude that even optimistic Trade Minister Howe says he's astonished.

The fact is that Canada is expanding so fast her industries have to buy their needs in the U.S. because they can't get them in Canada.

"Most of the increase in capital outlays this year is for industrial expansion involving extensive purchases of machinery and equipment, much of which can be obtained only from foreign sources," he said.

SETTING RECORDS

The minister painted an optimistic picture. No country in the world had known the development Canada had in the last 15 years and she was establishing new records in both exports and imports.

Mr. Howe gave the figures as he stepped into a full-scale economic debate initiated in the Commons by Opposition Leader Drew.

RAPID EXPANSION

Mr. Drew sharply criticized the government's economic and trade policies and moved what amounted to a want-of-confidence motion urging adoption of policies to ensure development of Canada by Canadians.

Mr. Drew's demands that the government give attention to the growing trade deficit with the United States, Mr. Howe cited his department's capital expenditure predictions and said

He supported Mr. Drew's motion.

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CCFer Urges Commission Develop River

VANCOUVER (C)—CCF leader Robert Strachan says that development of Columbia River power resources should be undertaken by the government-owned B.C. Power Commission.

He said low-cost power could be made available if the power commission handled Columbia development.

Mr. Strachan said "to keep full control over future industrial planning and development, B.C. must rest in full control over the Columbia river water flow."

Premier Bennett and federal Resources Minister Jean Lesage announced agreement in principle on Columbia development after conferences in Victoria last week.

Mr. Strachan said the CCF "welcomes the announced co-operation of the federal and provincial governments in the development of Columbia river valley which included the Mica dam project."

But he said "this co-operation should include the complete financing of the project."

"We regret that Mr. Bennett has made no provision to include the B.C. Power Commission engineers in the proposed study" of the Mica dam.

Tax Commissioner Good Guesser

COLUMBIA, S.C. (C)—The South Carolina tax commissioner and state auditor J. M. Smith missed guessing the state's 1955-56 tax take by \$4,000. And that figures out to an error of .000003 per cent.

The prediction, made in December, 1954, was \$119,046,000. The take was \$119,050,000.

Washday Problem

DOVER, England (C)—Cross-channel ships docking here have been asked to limit the amount of smoke from their ships. The request follows complaints by housewives that smoke from the vessels has been ruining their wash.

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Church Goers Vote

A MCGILL University professor, W. Westley, making one of those survey which seem to be dear to the professor's heart, comes up with the finding that people who go most often to church also go most often to the polls.

CONSCIENTIOUS POLICEMAN NOT TOO HAPPY ABOUT TICKET

PROVO, Utah (C)—A police officer who gave his wife a parking ticket Tuesday asked reporters not to use his name because "things at home are going to be tough enough as it is."

U.S. CONTROLLED COMPANIES

U.S. CONTROLLED companies sold from Canadian branches the following percentages of all made-in-Canada goods in the specified items: Motor vehicles 98 per cent, rubber goods 78 per cent, non ferrous metals 70 per cent, petroleum products 68 per cent, machinery, household 60 per cent, electrical apparatus 50 per cent, paints 45 per cent, soaps 45 per cent, medicinal, etc. 41 per cent, sheet metal 30 per cent, pulp and paper 30 per cent, canning and processing 24 per cent, agricultural implements 20 per cent, food specialties and tobacco 14 per cent, textiles 14 per cent, iron and steel 13 per cent, beverages 12 per cent, wood products 6 per cent, clothing 2 per cent, printing and publishing 1 per cent.

WE IN B.C. are in a good position to judge what would happen if American investment were cut off from Prince Rupert, Oceans Falls, Powell River and dozens of other points.

If those terrible "Yankee dollars" were chased home from all the factories in Vancouver we would have a depression worse than that of 25 years ago. It would hit us like the San Francisco earthquake.

Yankee dollars mean Canadian jobs. It is as simple as that.

Actually, Mr. Howe had gone to have a final talk with His Excellency before the latter left for a fortnight's tour of Western Canada. His main purpose in the meeting was to wish His Excellency a pleasant and an interesting journey. But the episode—and the trigger response which it evoked in the news-men who learned of it even while it was happening—illustrate strikingly the degree to which the existing situation has keyed up nervous tension in the capital. There is a general feeling that an explosion is possible at any moment. And this feeling persists despite the counsels of sober judgment which argue convincingly at all times that an explosion isn't going to happen and that the present session will struggle through to a normal prorogation sometime towards the end of the present month or possibly by mid-August.

Most political observers believe that if the government were carrying on with a narrow majority, an Autumn election would be something better than an even money wager. But the margin of 75-odd which the St. Laurent administration has in the present House is looked upon as a practical barrier to any election this year. For the government couldn't reasonably ask the voters to furnish it with a larger majority than it already has. To ask for one would be tantamount to asking for one-party government—in other words a dictatorship.

In brief, a government which cannot control a House of Commons in which it has a majority of more than 70 isn't likely to be able to assert itself any more effectively with a larger margin: a majority of 70 should be sufficient to solve the problem of control. The St. Laurent Cab-



MILKMAN Edward O. Chapman of Verdun, Que., reads a copy of a letter in which he asked for cancellation of a George Medal awarded him for the rescue of three children from a burning home. His part in the rescue was questioned after the award was made. State Secretary Pinard announced in the House of Commons that the Queen had agreed to cancel the award (CP Photo)

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