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Sensitivity In Alberta

EROM this distance it is difficult to say how much substance there is to the charges of J. Harper Prowse, Alberta Liberal party and opposition leader, that most members of the governing Social Credit party have disqualified themselves from sitting in the House, but he must be given high marks for spectacular strategy since Premier Manning took it seriously enough to call for an immediate election.

The unknown factor, of course, is whether or not Mr. Manning was looking for an excuse to call an election anyway. Since the last provincial election was in 1952, it is probable that within a year the government would decide to go to the polls in any

But undoubtedly Mr. Prowse's charges that Social Crediters are guilty of abusing their office by adealing with the provincial treasury branches have astung sharply. Earlier in the session Mr. Prowse Ecaused the resignation of two government party members when he told the House that they held an interest in an Edmonton building being leased by the government. So his latest attack found the government's sensibilities in a vulnerable condition, and to clear his party's name Premier Manning had little choice but to go to the people.

His success in assaulting the government puts Mr. Prowse somewhat in the role of David against "Moliath. His own party has only four members in tographer." "The House and the total opposition numbers a mere hine against the government's 49. Moreover the . Social Crediters have been in power continuously since 1935 and a booming provincial economy has served to make their position almost impregnable.

Mr. Prowse's charge is based on the legislative games. assembly act which says that a person is ineligible to sit in the House if he holds a contract with the government. In defence of his party's position, Attor- andy see them by TV. Even in ney-General Maynard says that in claiming Social Credit members have violated the act by dealing with athe provincial treasury pranches, Mr. Prowse might "as well argue they should be disqualified for renting a government-owned telephones.

It is a nice point but generally the public is not interested in nice points. In the final showdown the degision will rest not so much on whether the public thinks that Social Crediters have erred in dealing with the proxincial treasury branches as on whether it believes the time has come for a change.

Four Identical

\top DD COINCIDENCE, wasn't it, how four B.C. firms came to put in identical tenders of \$106,-507:50 for supplies for the Pacific Great Eastern Railway? No one having to do with it has spoken out to explain how it happened.

Did it just happen, or was there a thought somewhere that the government might divide the order into four equal parts and award it on the basis of what amounted to a non-competitive bid?

· Whatever the explanation, it is likely to be a long time before identical bids appear again. The reason for this is that the government has not only thrown the tenders out, but in calling for new ones, has invited firms from outside as well as those within the province to submit figures.

The idea is that when the spending of public funds are involved, tenders must be on a openly comnétitive basis. The government is right in insisting The line of the said. on this,

FIRM SHUNS SUBSIDY

GALIANO, B.C. O - A new ferry company which does not want a government subsidy has been formed here to operate a service between the Gulf islands and the B.C. main-

But neither does the new company want to see subsidies granted to other ferry companies operating in the Gulf islands.

Inauguration of Gulf Island Navigation company was announced this week at Gallano during a joint meeting between Vancouver island businessmen, government and transportation officials, and members of the Civil Islands Improvement Bureau, promoters of the new company.

Capt. O. H. New, head of Coast Ferrice Ltd., and managing director of the new company, said it was proposed to operate a scheduled service between allano and Stoveston, near Van-

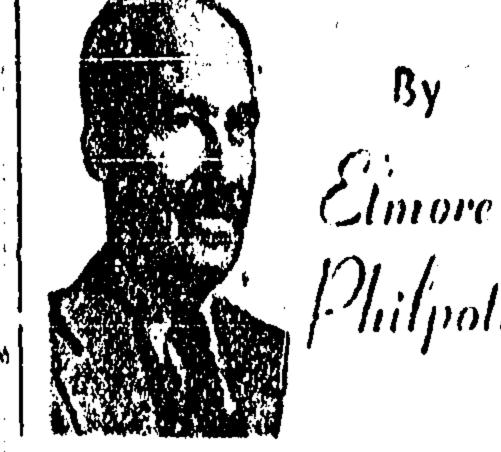
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Family Party

flew in for my mother's

90th birthday party. It was quite a throng-even all the grandchildren and great_! grandchildren below 12 years of lage had to be left home, for lack? of space in the hotel dining land, is B.C. representative. room which held only 40.

great crowd of youngsters, most comes an eminent Canadian of whom she had never seen. She a national figure—and the event he became irked, had the Callstopped before one giant of a becomes one of the really im- fornia Legislature change his

"Have I kissed you before?" replied bashfully.

delight a little further down their

She had kissed another nice looking and unbashful young fellow and stepped back and said: "Whose son did you say you were?"

family," the gallant young man replied, "I'm a newspaper pho-

AFTER the the family reunion Columbia. dinner speeches were over well swapping stories.

Our father was an enthusiastic baseball fan-and even at age 90 still is—though now he can his busiest years as the minister. of a big church, Dad always took, time out to go to the ball games Every Saturday afternoon dad | took all of us boys to the ama-: The Editor. tour city league games. Later. The Daily News. when we got professional baseball in Hamilton, Dad was a service to political demagoguery US faithful fan, and regular attend- with an eye to the coming elec-

crs had had considerable diffi- quest for the universal franchise Asserts Truman with staying in school as the in municipal elections for Prince? terchers and headmasters seem. Rupert he permitted his resoluted JEFFERSON CITY, Mo, in ... And that's all any political leaded convinced he was too hilar-Finally Dad sent our dynamic brother to a college with a deeply religious tone in the hope that brother might be same thing happened there. Vague reports began to drift nome that our brother had some kind of a new job.

Actually our brother was playing professional baseball in the tion in June "to find out what perform for peace." Inchigan-Ontario league, under other centres felt about doing. He told a joint session of the come such name as "Stanowski." When our brother's team would; fee. come to town one of us would? say to Tather:

game this afternoen?"

lighted to find that one of his temporary step and subject to prown-up sons was willing to go the whims of existing Councils. to the game with him. But when He knows very well that a perwe would get Dad to the park manent solution to the question we would make all sorts of ex- can best be found by having a swas right behind, the catcher. I Act as psymitted by Section 5. comebody I know," Dad would

say-from his distant seat. . We hypocrites always kept the secret from dad that the "Stanowski" fellow who reminded Dad of someone was his own son.

Dad very definitely wouldenot have approved in those days of having his son, whom he had i sent away in the hope that he tion. would become a preacher, turning out a professional hall play- i or. However, "Stanowski" was n

soon fired for tob much fighting. We-even Dad-eun hugh very | heartily over it now but if would not have been a laughing matter then.

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Pullover Sweaters

Many people are asking that Government of Canada as eminquesiton since the stir created ent Canadian figures-powers in here in recent days when plaque, the national life of this land. erected by the Board, was un- The five British Columbian. velled to the memory of Emily so ranked are: Carr, painter and writer, native of Victoria (1871-1945), whom British Columbia. He rates bethe plaque ranks among the cause what he did brought civilfew immortals of Canada,

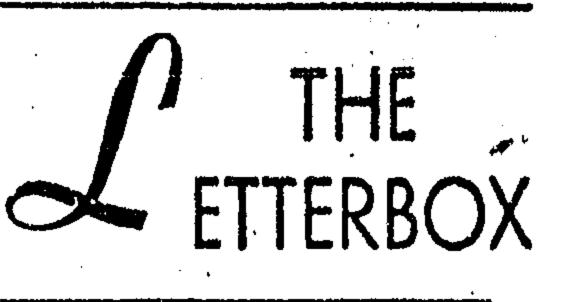
The Historic Sites and Monu- der to the farthest reaches of ments Board is composed of rep- what was to become the resentatives of each province of western outpost of Canada. nada for 33 years until she canada, appointed by the Ot- 2. Amor de Cosmos, that

Ruth started in to kiss the son or an event, that person be-, 'he Callfornia gold rush he which had been the policy of the of our national life.

Canadian.

of importance to all Canada, as land as to the people of British, world,

of the older generation got to Historic Sites and Monument Board plaques have been rare One long-time favorite was in this province. Of the dozens about Dad and the baseball of noted provincial figures in



PAY LIP SERVICE

Alderman Casey is paying lip. tions. After supporting the From UN Fatal One of our more lively broth- Trades and Labor Council's re-

wise qualified residents to par- and "the destruction of ticipate in municipal elections, world." made into a preacher. But the After sponsoring a resoluton fav- The former president also said permitted "the guts" to be taken; adding: out of the motion by allowing? "When we have the Russians! away with the \$2.00 registration Missouri state legislature world

If Alderman Casey is sincere! in his belief that justice should "Dad, are you going to the ball be done to "the great working porter of the UN since its foundclass" he is well aware that the ing. Dad would say yes, and be de- abolition of the 82 tax is just a) cures to get Dad far, far away! special provision for Prince Ru-,

from his favorite seaf-which pert included in the Municipal? alsomehowier dilier. His Buth & New Westin Laster, high done tends the franchise to residents? of that City to apply to tenants who have paid "a rental or ren+[tal value or rendered services at the rate of not less than one

hundred dollary a year," Alderman Casey could add an illustrious chapter to his long career by initiating this legisla-

J. 8. FURNESS Prince Rupert.

Present prospects are that the that of the PC's. For some PC's will mount a very conside, months it has been a well-

grade that ranks them by the tion.

The estimate of the moment that definitely isn't their un-'S tawa covernment. Their duty is strange, eccentric bachelor, who is that the PC's will have canto appraise outstanding Cana- was the leader of the fight to didlates in at least two-thirds time. dians and important events in have the Crown Colony of Bri- of the Albertan scats. In the last Canadian life, and sultably tish Columbia become a province provincial contest some two year mark them with bronze plaques. of Canada in 1871. He rates be- ago they contested only the Cal-Dr. Walter Sage of Vancouver, cause his vision linked Canada gary and Edmonton ridings. And retired U.B.C. professor of Eng- from Atlantic to Pacific, de Cos- even that partial effort was a mos was born in Nova Scotia; contrast to complete withdrawal; When this board honors a per- his name was William Smith, At from all provincial activity,

found so many Bill Smiths that party since 1936. bey, who seemed to be backing perishable stones in the pathway name to Amor de Cosmos-lover | Albertan' PC's in the situation of the universe. How fantastic! brought about by the snap elec-These plaques are not handed de Cosmos founded The Daily tion tactics of Premier Manning | "Yes-three times already," he out indiscriminately. For nearly Colonist here in 1858; he was is the fact that they aren't 10 years the Board debated second Premier of British Col-1cquipped with a provincial Party But that was nothing to Ruth's whether or not Envily Carr umbla, for years was Victoria's Leader. The closest approach should be made an eminent member in the House of Com- to one is W. J. C. Kirby, MLA for mons; he died here, an old man, Red Deer. His status is that of The life and works of a per- slightly out of his mind. son suggested are gone into 3. Dr. J. S. Plaskett, interna- Progressive Conservative Assocthoroughly. It is not enough tionally-known astronomer, for lation, in addition to being a that a person was a prominent years superintendent of the Fed-| member of the late legislature.

British Columbia. His work eral Government's astrophysical These dual officers put the fin-'Oh I don't belong to your must have reached out and observatory atop Little Saanich | ger on him as the one on whom touched all Canada, have been Mountain, on the outskirts of the major part of the task of Victoria. He rates because the directing and planning the commuch importance to the people work he did reached out to ben- ing campaign will devolve. of Nova Scotia and Newfound- efit all Canada, indeed, all the Although Kirby isn't a regu-4. Judge F. W. Howey of New Leader, the Albertan PC's could

of the Pacific area.

her plaque "portrayer of British Columbia scene." rates because she has done for! Canada what Wordsworth did leaf stage he is credited with tor England, and she did it in both words and paint.

tion to be watered down to the Harry S. Truman says with- er can do. lous an influence in the class- point of anemia without protest. drawal of the U.S. from the Un-The TLC asked that the City ited Nations would mean prewaive the \$2 tax to permit other- paration for a third world war

oring extension of the franchise. Tuesday the United States should and having it duly seconded, he try to keep Russia in the UN.

the question to be referred to before the world, we are in a the Municipal Officers Conven-, better position to make them

peace or world destruction are the choices we have. Truman has been a firm sup-

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leadership here say that it will Cabinet here. Now Prowse's cribe on a sufficient scale to refute lies are disposed to argue that effectively the recent charges their scepticism of his leaderagainst Hon. George Drew of ship is justified by the manner having entered into an under- in which he played into Premier | cover "deal" with the Socreds to | Manning's hands by providing an co-operate with them on a pro-lexeuse for a snap election. As the vincial basis in return for their situation developes, the Liberals aid and comfort when the next here may recognize the necessity Federal fight rolls around.

One of the handicaps of the being President of the Alberta

larly constituted provincial Westminster. He rates because be a lot worse off than under his his historical research of Bri- guidance. He is a young and tish Columbia and the whole colorful lawyer who entered the Pacific ocean is of great value legislature last year in a by-elto a proper understanding of ection. He is a native of the the background of this region, province, was educated at the because his books on history are provincial university and at the a "must" in a study of the past University of British Columbia, and served with the rank of 5. Emily Carr, described on Captain in world War II. He

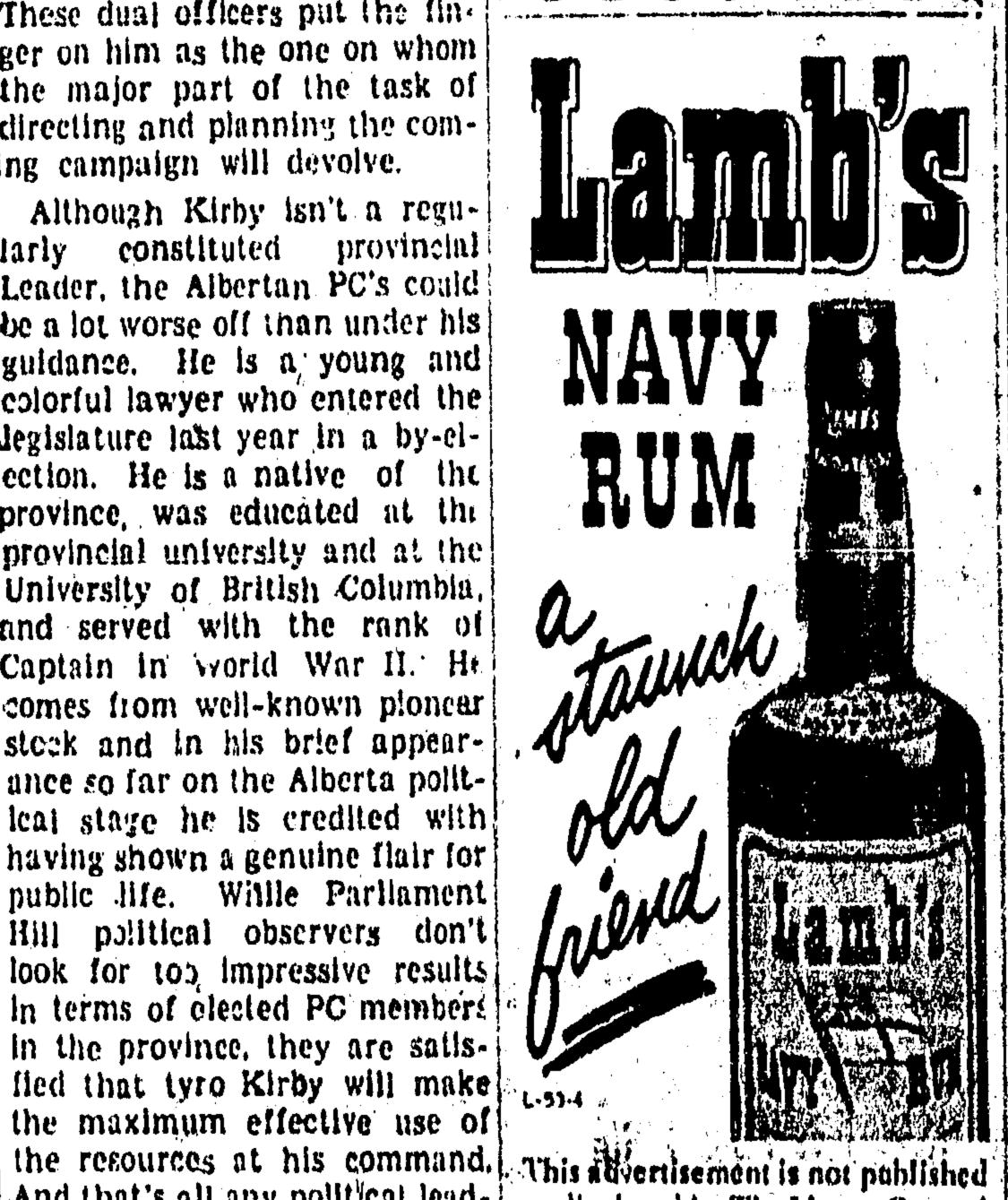
the comes from well-known plonear She stock and in his brief appearance so far on the Alberta polithaving shown a genuine flair for public life. Wille Parliament Hill political observers don't look for too impressive results; In terms of elected PC members in the province, they are satisfied that tyro Kirby will make 1.53.4 the maximum effective use of

> The Liberal Party picture in the Foothills province isn't

of uniting behind Prowse. But !! animous feeling at the present

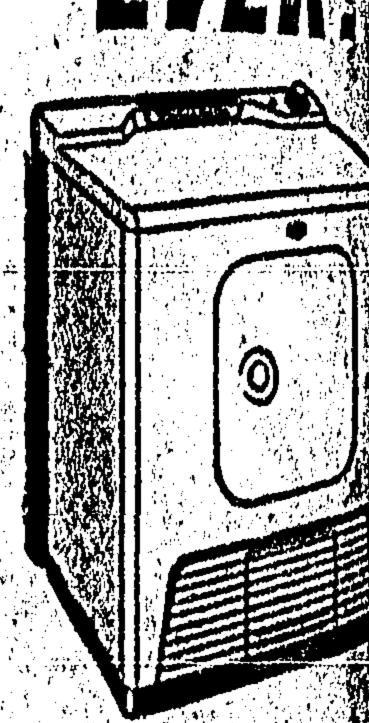
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