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Help Ease Unemployment

HE motto "Do It Now-Why Wait for Spring" has a more serious overtone to it this winter than it has for some time. For the past two winters the Jedenal Department of Labor and Unemployment Insurance Commission have conducted campaigns across Canada, including Prince Rupert, to increase winter work and get materials moving during the cold weather seasonal lull. The drive is being staged to encourage the carrying out of all kinds of jobs than can be done just as well in winter as in the

Already the Prince Rupert branch of the National Employment Service together with the local Employment Advisory Committee has set the wheels an motion for this winter's campaign. With unemployment figures in this city at a much higher level and the large-scale layoffs in Kitimat, the employment picture throughout the district is more desperate than it has been for years.

It is to be hoped that this winter that more and more businessmen, plant operators and individual householders will accept the logic of taking advantage of the availability of men and materials in the had been guilty of wrong doing winter instead of competing for them in the summer when the demand for both is at a peak. A real effort by those needing work done in the immediate future is required by those who are in a position to help create winter employment.

Minister of Labor Michael Starr in a recent message pointed out that:

"There is a time for everything and winter really the best time for doing many of the things that we traditionally put off until spring.

"There is logic behind the winter work campaign trial. being conducted in your community. As in other communities...this is a campaign to establish a more even pattern as between summer and winter by enlisting the support of government, business, industry, trade unions, and individual householders. Under-employment of our labor force during the winter months and over-employment during the summer involves many direct and indirect costs.

"Remember that when everybody works, everybody benefits. Your business should benefit from the improvement in winter business conditions generally which will result if the campaign in your community achieves its objective."

In other words the minister of labor is saying speaking his mind, Alderman "Do It Now-Why Wait for Spring." Information as how to help the winter work campaign can be obtained from the local National Employment Service.

Victoria Report

by J. K. NESBITT

famous forced the Sommers resignation case of R. E. Sommers is again. Thereafter the Premier would rocking this political capital of say nothing about the matter. He took abuse hurled at There is to be a full-scale in- from the opposition side of the quiry into all its many compli- House, he sat and listened to contractor has the equipment

cated phases, an enquiry made taunts and ilbes and said not a and tools, and knows how to use by the Chief Justice of British word. Columbia. Gordon McG Sloan, When he announced appointment of Chief Justice Sloan as acting as a sole commissioner under the Public Inquiries Act. | commissioner, the Premier ap-The Chief Justice once more peared to be worrled and upset. has become a trouble shooter for the government:

Now he sees the end of The Sommers case has been though what the end will be no rocking British Columbia for one can tell, and the Premier nearly two years. MLA's could must let the chips fall where talk of little else at two legisla- they may.

tive sessions---1956 and 1957. If the Bloan inquiry should go Mr. Sommers, re-elected by an on several months it would stop overwhelming majority as MLA discussion of the Sommers case for Rossland-Trail little more at the next session of the Legisthan a year ago, resigned as lature, opening sometime i "Minister of Lands and Forests January.

I the night of Feb. 27, 1956, as he The Fremier has made it clear stood in his place in the House, the opening of the House will Never before had a cabinet min- not be postponed.

ister resigned so spectacularly. The whole situation is no The Premier sat blankly, show-doubt the greatest crisis faced ing no emotion whatever. There by the Bennett government since | were many who suspected--and it was first sworn into office in still do-that the Premier had 1952.

BRIDGE RESTRICTION

Commencing Tuesday, Nov. 12th, 1957, extensive repairs will be carried out on Copper River Suspension Bridge, 5 miles cust of Terrace on the Northern Trans-Provincial Highway. Motorists are advised that traffic delays will be encountered between the hours of B a.m. and 5 p.m. while this work is in progress. Truckers are warned that effective Tuesday, Nov. 12, the 12-ton load limit on Copper River suspension bridge will be strictly enforced.



Beware Second Mulligan

OTTAWA—The appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the charges of corruption in granting of forest management licenses in B.C. astonishing because of its lateness.

Had this move been made in was first kaid before the Attor-ing against the public interest. can be derived from adequate, the taxpayer. ney-General by a responsible The charges against a cabinet low cost housing in terms of barrister it would have been fit minister in the Social Credit beautification of the community, and proper.

of the most tortuous and dis- with immediately through one homes generate. graceful maneuvers in the whole of several means open to the The policy in Canada with history of Canadian politics it Bennett government. cannot fail to raise this question One method would have been of thinking is a bankrupt one. in the public mind:

similar grave charges of cor- mission. tain police officers in Vancou-those things in time, the Ben-lating. of Vancouver, and some others, the facts. about as grave as it would be HAD the Attorney General possible to charge against such

Yet half way through the cases in other provinces and in Credit government, the Police would have found these facts. investigation was allowed to re- of Gibralter, in the administratire, on full pension, and mi- tion of British justice. grate to the United States.

At the end of the Royal Com- are made against cabinet min- ing institutions a sum of pretty mission hearings the Attorney-listers, or against police chiefs, General took the position that any other public servants, the to warrant bringing Mr. Mulli- fore the courts of the land the Igan back to Canada to stand better for all concerned.

THE above facts are highly pertinent to the present situation. charges are made on the publica Whatever comes out of the platform will not stand up in Royal Commission, the present government of B.C. stands selfcondemned for two years of de- pletely accepts the Attorney-

MORE FILL

The Daily News: Since reading a number times in the Daily News about the Algoma land fill project, I feel it is time that the alderman in the city council who is Lester, got a few words of en-

thinking on city affairs. Our Parks Board chairman something to remember

couragement for his sound

when awarding city contracts. If the chairman's firm had ar excavation to be made, bulldozer, work to be done, gravel fill to be hauled and spread, they wouldn't go to the man who was awarded this contract

for even an estimate. Before the city gives out contracts they should see that the

Allan E. Barr

Contractor.

In practically every community in the Skeena Riding there is a housing shortage. Some of it is a shortage of homes for families, some a shortage of adequate accomodation for our Senior Citizens, and some a straight question of slum clearance. There is not need to review, in

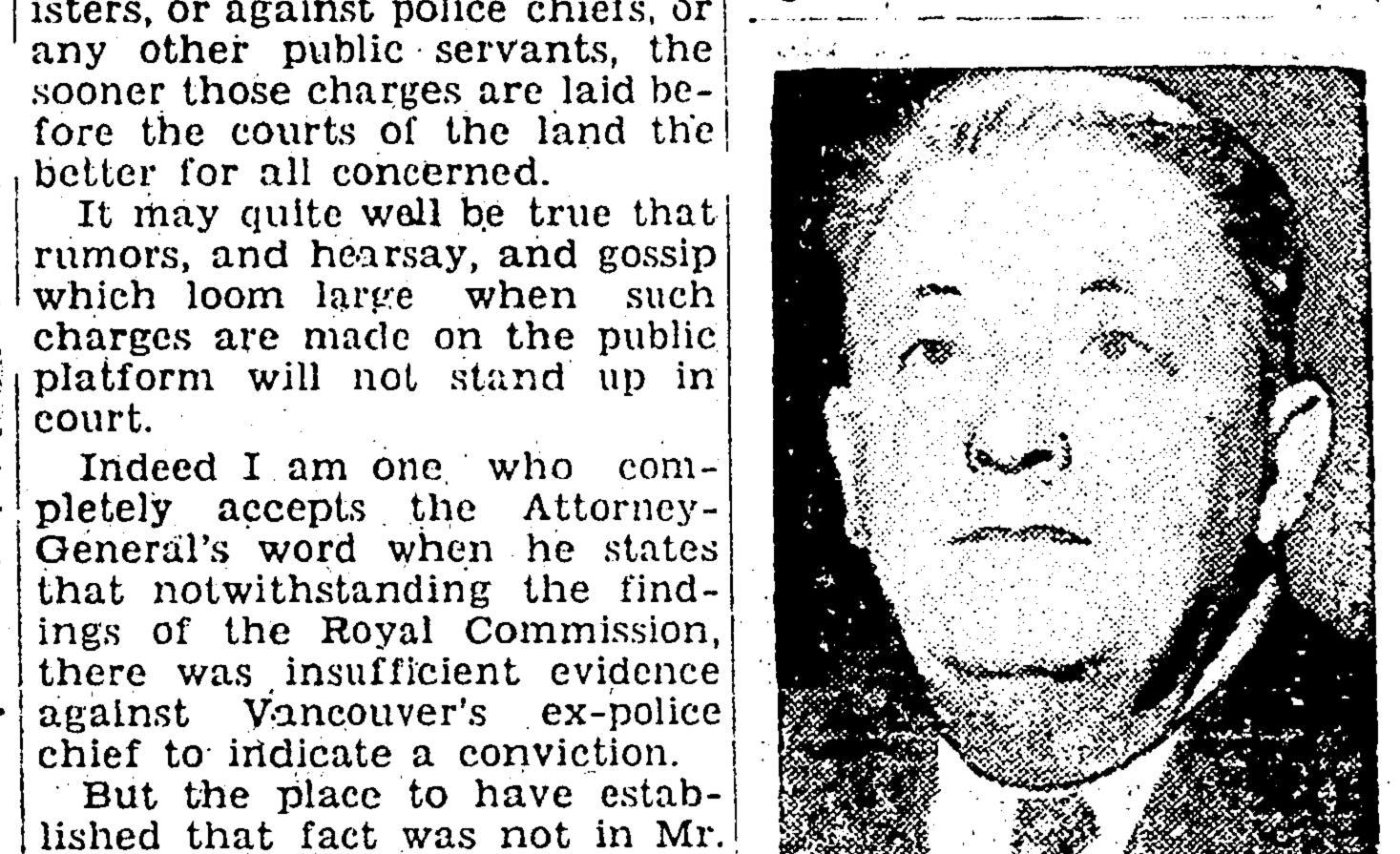
detail, the needs of the various close to \$750,000 for lending us communities, for everyone in our own money. This sum means of the problem.

government were so grave that happiness for people, and the But coming after two years they should have been dealt sense of security that good

respect to housing, to my way government has felt compelled banks for servicing loans to dilional space for federal serat long last to do in 1957. That people who want to build homes vices at Prince Rupert has been IT IS only a few years since was to appoint a Royal Com- under the National Housing Act. under consideration our

ment appointed a Royal Com- and abbetted in every possible this: If you want to build a arate new building might t have paid it in taxes to the Fed- offer from the city is, of course. B.C. looked back into the his-

tory of dealing with similar turn, lend it back to you. We, the taxpayer, pay the bank to lend us money back, and over the years have paid banks, and other lending institutions a considerable sum of money. Since 1954 we, the taxpayer, When charges of wrong doing have given banks and other lend-



ter Sidney Smith yesterday won a seat in the Commons after a thumping byelection victory in the Eastern Ontario riding of Hastings-Frontenac. His only opponent, trotskyite Communist Ross Dowson of Toronto, was out-voted about

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As a result of representations of mine, and others prior to this, it looks as if the plans for a new federal building in Prince Rupert area progressing quite

I just received a letter from 1 to appoint a Committee of the I recently enquired, in the the minister of public work Is the Social Credit govern- Legislature to examine the House of Commons, about hous- which I am sending to city ment paving the way for an-charges. Another method would ing and how much money we council. Part of the letter reads: other Walter Mulligan-like epi- have been to do in 1955 what the the taxpayers, had paid to "The matter of providing ad-

The information which I receiv- original plan was to construct ruption were made against cer- But instead of doing either of ed is astonishing and bears re- an addition to the existing buildver. The Social Credit govern- nett government itself aided First, though, let me relate proposal suggested that a sepmissioner to examine these way the tortuous turning and home you have to borrow the more economical . . . the city charges. That Royal Commis- twisting and dodging which kept money from the banks. In many of Prince Rupert has indicated sioner sat for several months, this case from coming before cases the money which you bor- an interest in acquiring the ex-He reported that the police chief any body competent to establish row is actually yours for you isting federal building . . . the

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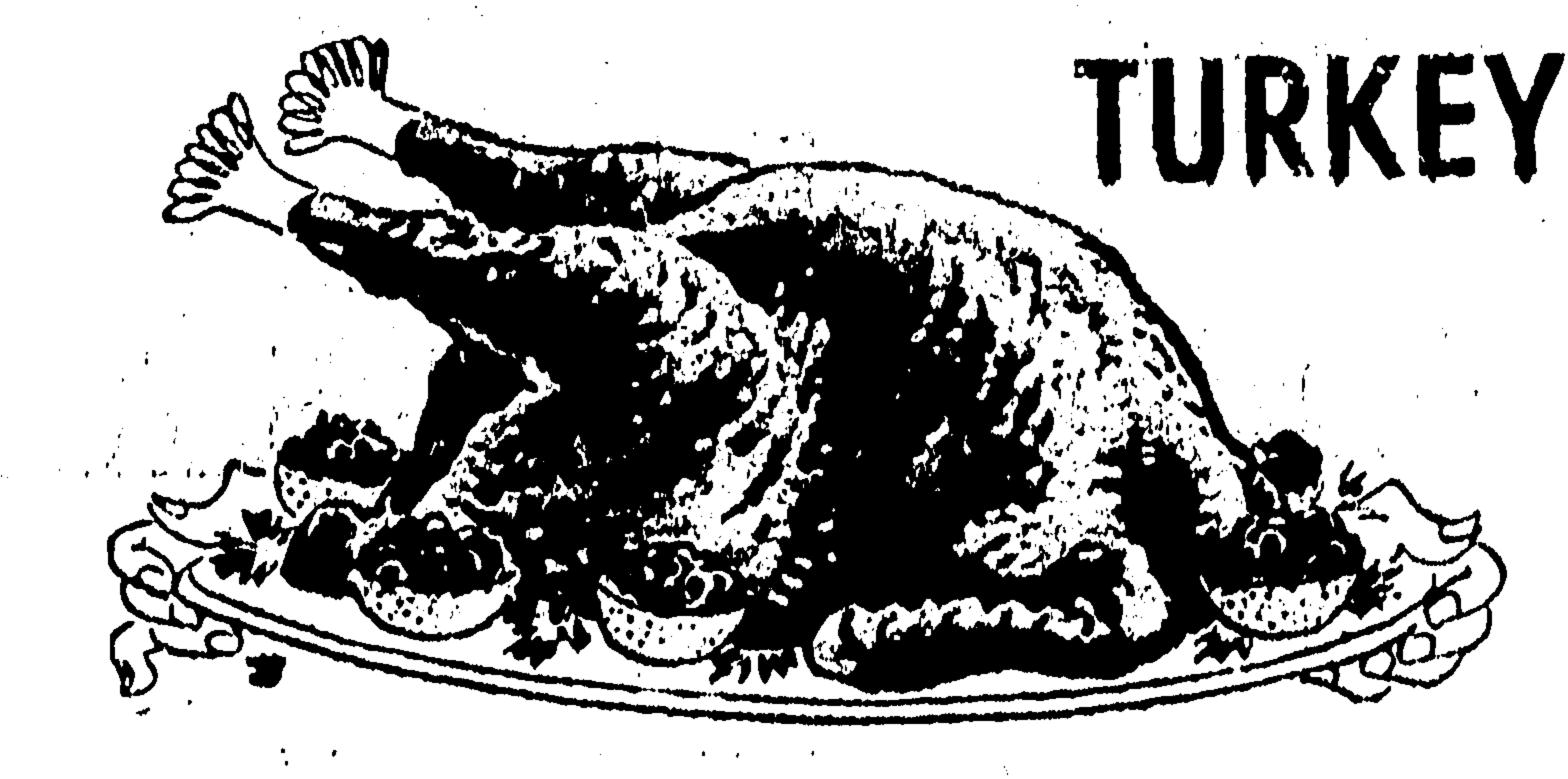
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