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Election Guesswork

MITH spring this year comes election fever. Already there are signs of it in the air. Locally we now have four candidates in the field, while from Ottawa leading political figures are making occasional forays into the country to spark interest in heir cause.

Although there are no dramatic issues of the moment, the campaign that is soon to begin in earnest is sure to pack a wallop. Each party has a special reason for making it so. The Conservatives have a new leader and apparently a new spirit. The Social Creditors are poised for a mass invasion from the west, while the CCF has a new brand of socialism which it will be trying to sell to the nation. Against his opposition, and against a natural inclination of the public to think about a change, the Liberals will have the task of convincing voters that present methods are best.

The outcome of any election is difficult to predict, unless there are obvious clues indicating a vidual TV or radio set. strong swing in one direction or another, and this one is particularly so. We recall the great pipeline controversy during which the government had such a bad time in pushing through its legislation. We think of the Middle East crisis when Canada came close to a parting of the ways with Britain, and we bear in mind Ottawa's aggressive battle with inflation.

On all these points and many others there have been outspoken expressions of public opinion. The pipeline issue, in particular, came in for some hot discussion. But the question remains, as always, do people vote as they talk? Also, what about those great silent masses who never betray what they

There is reason to suspect that in this election the deciding issue will be on foreign policy more than on domestic. In this age of long-range weapons and interdependent economies, the entanglements abroad seem very close to our door. We have followed news of the Hungarian revolt and the Middle East crisis almost as if they were our own problems, which, to a considerable extent, they are.

In foreign affairs Canada has taken a part far out of proportion to its size but not out of proportion to its economic potential or its unique position as a neighbor of the U.S.A. and member of the British Commonwealth. The deciding factor in the coming election may well be our estimate of how capably this part has been handled.

Purchase of Jobs

THERE was a itme when purchase of jobs was not an unusual evil in industry. Men would get hired by the expedient of paying the right man the right sum at the right time. There was the concurrent evil of men bribing a foreman, or some other functionary, to keep a job. Often it was done by a bottle of liquor or some other favor.

It was an evil both for industries and workers. Industries had no assurance they were getting, or keeping, the night men. Honest workers might find hemselves out of employment just because a dishonest, and possibly less efficient, worker slipped someone something on the side. This is one way in which unions have been a help; the "pay for job" practice has been largely eliminated.

It hasn't been entirely eliminted, however, as shown in Hamilton. There 17 workers presented affidavits they had paid a foreman to get their jobs. The foreman was fired, but on the basis that the giver of a bribe is equally guilty as the recipient, the 17 men also were fired.

-Windsor Star.

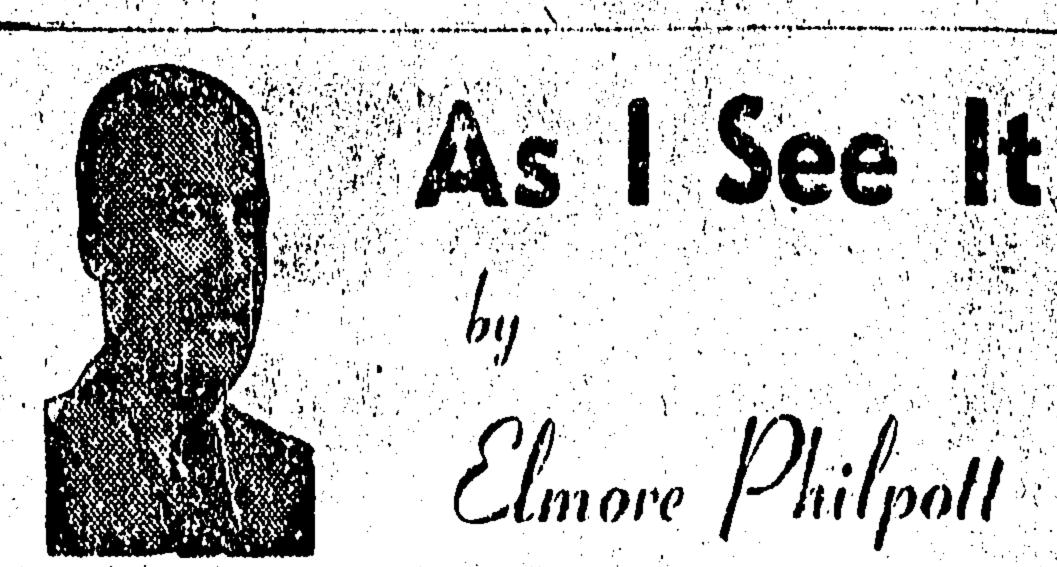
MINING LEASES RENEWABLE UNDER NEW LAWS - KIERNAN

VANCOUVER (P)-Mines Minister Kenneth Klernan says the possibility of a production lease renewal being refused under B.C.'s new mining laws is "remote."

He said in a radio address Monday that no one sincerely interested in developing the province's mineral resources need worry about renewal of a production lease, "but development must be in the interests of B.C. as a whole."

Mr. Klernan sald that under new legislation all crown-Etanting is discontinued and replaced by production and retention leases. A production lease runs for 21 years and





W TV Report Good

THE Royal Commission on broadcasting has now made its report, which will probably set the pattern for radio and TV in Canada for a long time to come.

Naturally, the recommendations are pleasing to me, be- and TV in Canada, the amendcause they are in line with my ed laws should be based on realown suggestions, made repeatedly lities and common sense and not in this space, over the past sev- on fiction or empty theory. eral years.

The CBC is to remain the 'senior partner" in the whole radio and TV set-up in Canada. But it is to be detached from its responsibilities of having to control its own competitors, namely the commercial stations. There is to be a new telecommunications board, to replace the CEC Board of Gover-

There is to be competition be-saluted the Vancouver Yukoners' ropolitan centres.

The CBC is to draw its approparliament. There is to be no of '98 gathered to talk over old direct annual tax on each indi- times, make reunions with Yu-

THESE suggestion will no doubt commend themselves to the common-sense and fair play of most Canadians. They should end the sharpest and most widespread criticism of the existing Monte Carlo, the former Dawson set-up, in respect to the monopoly policy. The recommendation means that in the comparatively near future, there should be at least one more good TV station in the Vancouver metropolitan area. But the Royal Commission has made it crystal clear that licence to the additional TV stations should be conditional. All of the new outlets are to be made to maintain

These stipulations are reasonable and right. One of the most fundamental findings of the report is that a "private" station is just as truly a public service as s a CBC outlet. In other words, there is no escaping the fact that the holders of a TV or sound Find you faint-hearted on the trail. franchise to broadcast are the beneficiaries of a valuable public trust. They must live up to the highest standard of performance if they are to merit such fran-

very high standards of perfor-

chises permanently. little objection to the proposed rules of good performance laid med with nostalgia for these old

THE Royal Commission suggests | Kate Rockwell, better known as | little that is new or useful in Klondike Kate. Written by the what is the most vexatious prob-| former "Bell of the Yukon" herlem in connection with radio in self, the lines said, in part: Canada. That is in regard to the chain of responsibility for the administration of the publicly owned sector of radio and

TV in Canada. The theory of the existing raministered by its own Board of Governous, and is not responsible to the Government of the day,

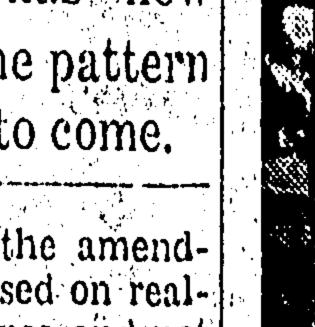
but to Parliament as a whole. That theory sounds good, at first hearing or looks good in Dame Cathedral in Paris was print, at first glance. laid in 1163. But as a matter of plain fact, t does not work out.

IT IS AN old story, that "what is everybody's business is no-

There is/ho mechanism in the set-un of Raulingent which enables as Cillery Gorporation to be directly aesponsible to Parlinment his a whole. In other words: t even granted the most genuine willingness on the part of the Government, it is impossible for the CBC or any other crown corporation to by-pass the Cabinet, as such, in its own relations with Parliament as a whole,

The reason for this is self-evident. All members of the government must also be members are by far the most powerful members of Parliament, because they hold the public pursestrings, including the pursestrings of the CBC. Not one cent of public money can be voted for the CBC, unless it is recommended to burning jet fighter two years Parliament by the Covernment- ago at a French fighter base in-Council-which means by the occupied by the ROAF, The

If there is to be a new and Fine, 31, now stationed at | more sensible chapter in radio Gimil, (CP from Nat. Defence),



Yukon Bard Writes Poem For Pioneers

VANCOUVER (P)-Robert Service, famed bard of the Yukon nis down-to-earth poems.**

More than 200 members inof separation

to the group on this occasion. Now living in retirement in sues. City bank clerk wrote:

Whate'er your brand of hooch may ! Mumm's extra dry or barley bree, or vulgar beer; Sourdoughs, across the sea tonight To you I raise a beaker bright, of Joy and Cheer.

Far in my sunny southern home I stare across the fairy foain In pensive mood: In spirit, at the very least in with you at your merry feast of brotherhood.

And here in seven years from now, I'll still be one of you, I vow A wise old guy; 3 I'll prove that Yukon hearts are stout With you as ninety and not out, Age I'll defy.

Old timers I don't want to havet. But let me offer you this toast: The guts God gave you never fail, Sourdoughs, mush, on!

down by the Royal Commission. sourdoughs of the Klondike trail. was read in memory of the late

> And all that I can leave you Are memories of the past-The dreams we dreamed together That were too swect to last.

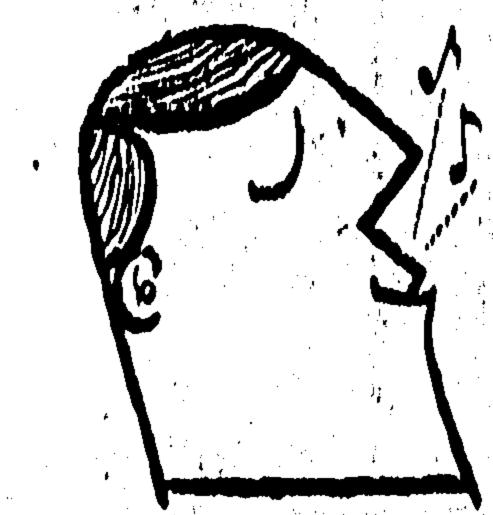
> ". . . To the friends who were so falthful, I leave peace and contentness For their declining years."

GREAT CATHEDRAL The first stone for the Notre devil.



LAC HARRY J. WATERS, 28, of Gimli, Manitoba, has been awarded the George Medal for herolam in helping to rescue the pilot of a crashed and man rescued was Fit.-Lt. E. I.

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MEMBERS OF THE 56th Canadian Reconnaisance Squadron march past the ruins of a bombed-out theatre as they arrive in Egypt to join the United Nations Emergency Force at the base camp near Abu Suweir. The troops will undergo 10 days of intensive instruction on mine detecting while awaiting the arrival of their armored scout cars at Port Sald.

(CP from National Defence).

tween public and private stations Association annual reunion here to begin with in the larger met-Saturday night with another of OTTAWA DIARY By Norman M. MacLeod

priations by periodical votes of cluding 16 survivors of the Trail ceases to puzzle the Capital's the issue is too involved for the maintain focus of visual tasks. reteran political observers— taxpayers' intelligence. In fact, Attempts to do so will result they're found mostly in the many of the old-line politicians kon pioneers after many years Senate now in the ranks of such aren't too sure that they understaunch figures as "Tom" Cre- stand it themselves." A highlight of the event each rar, "Billie" Euler, "Chubby" year is the reading of a poem by Power and a handful of others---Mr. Service, dedicated especially is the failure of the political parties to take up economic is-

consider the government's taxation or monetary policies fit material for the hustings, regardless of the fact that they are of fundamental and ultim- The Editor, ately bread-and-butter import- The Daily News. ance to the economy. In the PC political book they're not suf- editorial entitled "Increase Sup- OPTICAL LABORATORIES ficiently "popular" in their ap- ply of Dentists" which was conpeal, call for the exercise of too, tained in your March 14 editmuch thought on the part of orial. In the meantime, I have the electorate, and so should be had an application from a young side-stepped in favor of some German, and I though you would more glib—and more superficial be interested in a quotation from

As shocked old-timers view this campaigning approach, its basic assumption is the economic illiteracy and the imma-'turity of the voters. Present-day politicians are considered take for granted the average elector's unwillingness to con-Mr. Service, author of such cern himself with anything that famous poetry as "The Crema-lisn't sugar-coated or capable of tion of Sam MaGee," last visit- being explained preserably in sledged dentist before he had ed. Vancouver in 1948 at the Ih- terms of emotion and at least in On this score, there can be ternational Sourdoughs reunion words of one syllable. The the- is one of the reasons why we do Another stirring poem, cram- ory is that the average voter is not rule on European applicacreature of impulse, rather

> than an intellectual being. resolve to triumph over the degree.

tification and prosperity can Canadlan student. inerts argue that any worthwhile pointed out to them in detail. but in taxation would play into! We have every reason to hone comes the inescapable price of prosperity.

some minds in the Capital just refuse to believe that it is true. The trouble is that neither of the major parties is prepared to b

One of the things that never challenge it. They believe that eventually impossible to

The PC's, for example, don't ETTERBOX!

MUST MEET STANDARDS

We received a copy of your one of his letters of recommen-

June in 1929, in Auschowitz, district Marienbad, living at time in Gensungen, district Melsungen, was in my employ as dentist from the 8th of April 1946 to this time."

On careful examination of these figures, it is obvious that this man was practising as a full! reached his 17th birthday. This tions ourselves.

Every European applicant is Thus both the old-line parties given a list, by this office, of the are dismissing any serious five Canadian universities which thought of economic argument possess dental faculties. They from their campaigning plans, are asked to send a transcript of Acting on the principle that the their records there for review by voter wants to be diverted ra- the Registrar of the University ther than needled into exercis- concerned. If, in the opinion of ing his gray matter, they are the University, the applicant's confining their references to qualifications fall short of Caneconomics mainly to assurances adjan standards, he is advised of their determination to lick, what subjects he has to take and die acts is that the CBC is ad- Through my laughter and my tears. inflation. That's something like how long he will be required to an evangelical preacher's assur-pursue these studies before beance to his congregation of his ing granted a Canadian DDS

> I would repeat the the toreign? Sapplicant is only asked to come Specifically what is bothering up to the equivalent standards of the Parliament Hill oldtimers is the Canadian student. When the the failure of any political party universities assure us that they to challenge the new proposition are satisfied that the applicant which is rapidly gaining ground meets the educational standards that the nation has its choice they require of their own stubetween continuous high taxa-idents, the procedure we follow depression-that low is exactly the same as for any

> never he veked in double har- At the present time, we are ness againg That is recognized as corresponding with a number of busically the combention which British dentists who have evilies as the hasis of current poll-denced a desire to move to Britdies both of the Bank of Canada Ish Columbia, and the plicht of economists and also of the Prince Rupert as well as the execonomists of the Department cellent opportunities which exist of Finance. These so-called ex- in your community are being

> the hands of inflation, which, in that a number of these men will turn would bring about a de- on ahead with plans to emigrate pression. On this reasoning to our province, and I might say continuous high taxation be-that Prince Runert and Quesnel are at the top of our list of communitles in urgent need of den-It's a bleak doctrine. And tal services at the present time, W. ROSS UPTON, D.D.S.,

 Executive Secretary, B.C. College of Dental

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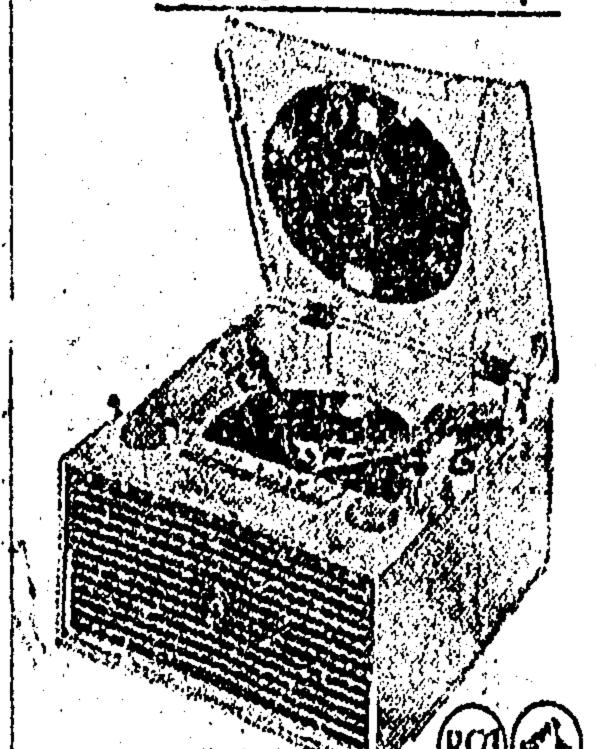
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