

Self-Appointed Censors

TE have encountered some rousing examples of unmitigated gall in our time but yesterday's letter from the Prince Rupert Ministerial association advising the public to shun Calypso Jamboree and taking the Daily News and the Civic Centre to task, reaches an all-time high. It's not enough that (down south) they oppose Sunday professional baseball, that (here in Prince Rupert) they frown on bingo playing to aid the swimming pool but now the clergy is going to hand-pick our entertainment.

So far as the Daily News is concerned we welcome constructive criticism in the hope that we can improve our service to the public. However, when a group sets itself up first as a censor of the city's entertainment and then as an authority on news evaluation, then its time to plunge into the fray. Not only do these ardent puritans protest normal publicity backed by paid advertising but they gaze into their crystal balls and review in advance a show of which they couldn't, if we are to believe their righteous outcries, have any knowledge-

Yet yesterday's letter blatantly ordains that in the opinion of the ministerial association the report of the Calypso Jamboree's dance routines "is calculated to stir up the public's interest by appealing to their baser emotions." The local clergy, for some inexplicable reason reviles a Vancouver night club where some of the world's finest entertainers have performed. Then they castigate the Civic Centre for booking the show. Finally, they tell, not suggest or urge, but tell the parents of this city what they should do with their children.

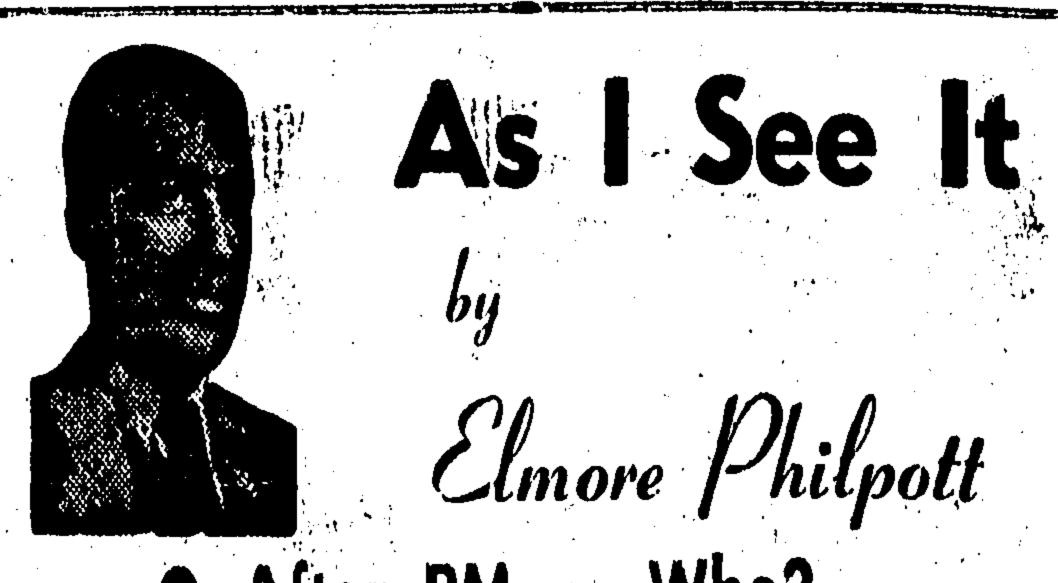
No one, but no one, tells a newspaper how its news shall be presented. That is the job of the editor, hired for that purpose by the publisher. The editor decides where in the paper a story shall go and the size of the headline. We don't tell a grocer how to arränge his shelves, a drygoods merchant how to dress his windows or a car-dealer how to arrange his show room. When a new type of show comes to this entertainment-starved part of the world, that's news.,

If there is any group, more than any other, that we cannot abide, it is censors. We are against censors of news, books, music, plays and shows. Who is Revenue Minister McCann to say we shall or shall not read any book? Who are the members of the ministerial association to say what show the people of. Prince Rupert should or should not attend?

Last night nearly 250 people spent a hilarious and entertaining evening watching a group of talented artists. Calypso Jamboree was not a questionable show nor did it arouse one's "baser emotions". The dancing of the girls in the troupe was in no way objectionable and in any case 85 per cent of the dances were performed attractively in black light with only the fluorescent costumes visible. Charlie Aaron, star of the show, is one of the most versatile young entertainers who has graced the Civic Centre hoards in nearly a decade. When the producer of the show stated it was a "little shocking" he must have been saying it with his tongue in his cheek.

Among the "shocking" songs presented by Mr. Aaron were selections from "Oklahoma," "Peggy O'Neil," all the old Al Jolson favorites "Swannee," "April Showers," "Rockabye My Baby With a Dixie Melody," and "Mammy". The folk singing, for that's all calypso singing is, included the same songs Harry Belafonte has been singing over the radio for the past year. Mr. Aaron ended his performance with that real old shocker "Danny Boy." His repartee was in our opinion quite equal to that of Bob Hope, Jack appearances.

ranging that we should have some bright, colorful if they don't they can stay away. The choice is theirs, bours for blastings and huge



• After PM — Who?

THE present prime minister of Canada is a great statesman, in every sense. Because that is so, he

knows very well that the strongest weapon which the Opposition groups have against him is the general knowledge that the grand old man IS, after all. 75 years of age.

I went to see our prime min-

In the course of that talk with

He told me about his personal

about his true character than I

rest on any one man's shoulders.

ence, there is hardly a man or

But it would be contrary to our

great prime minister's whole

philosophy of life if the people

of Canada were ever to build him

the Liberal party is indispens-

The only thing I would hate to

It is true that no man lives Canadian people, our own Canforever. But some of the world's greatest statesmen have their greatest work at an even older age than that of our great old British oaks for long and Canadian leaders.

Moses was 80 years of when he led the children of Israel out of Egypt. Yet, with the Ister to pass along a personal help of God, and supported by the need and love of his people, message from Mr. Nehru, who was very anxious to have our PM he lived for 40 more years. The Good Book tells us that the eye visit that part of the world. of Moses was not dim, nor was Louis St. Laurent I learned more 'his strength abated. . .

Some people do not these ancient records, which they call "Biblical legends." Germany today we see another grand old man, Chancellor Ad- doubts, when he came so unexenaeur, serving his people saith- pectedly into public life. He told fully and well, though he is me that a true man of God had many years older than our own advised him to seek all the guidance he could get from the Al-Louis St. Laurent. mighty, then to do his own level

CHURCHILL served to the full best—but to go ahead in the cerage of 81 before he was com- tain knowledge that all the burpelled, by failing strength, to lay dens of the world never do not down the sceptre.

Gladstone was a full 84 years of age before his great career of into the future," Mr. St. Laurent 10 federal election. service to Britain was brought told me then. to an end.

As I myself asked my fellow REGARDLESS of party prefer-MP's in the House of Commons, wouldn't it be a wonderful thing , under the providence of the glad and proud that we have at Almighty and the consent of the the head of our affairs such a man as Louis St. Laurent.



SAYS SHOW HORRIBLE The Editor, ... The Daily News.

to be used for such shows as the put the Liberals out, and put leisure after many years of work "Calypso Jamboree" ?Last night's some other party in. I person- for the public. presentation was just ridiculous ally don't see that happening for and horrible. I have never seen quite some time to come. But anything like it. even if it happened this time,

ple present—teenagers. It is up ing majority to the Conservatives ice; P. dell. Walker, for years to all mothers to see that their headed by John Diefenbaker, I deputy provincial girls or any of the children are for one would shed no tears, for Adam Bell, once deputy minister not permitted to see such a dis- I would know very well that this gusting thing and hear those country would be well governed the smutty stories.

Why can't we get good plays, handicaps inseparable from the musicals and band shows? 11 Conservative mentality. last night's affair was the start of a series it will be a terrible see would be this country break Majesty; Jim Morton, who was thing for Prince Rupert. Many down into a hodge podge of us like our city and would love splinter groups—with none able to have plays at the Civic Cen- to muster a working majority. tre that were respectable and well-costumed. But there isn't Bur when age, and fate decide Lottle Bowron, native daughter people who try to provide them.

Prince Rupert.

"SHOW DEGRADING" The Editor, The Daily News:

I was present at the "Calypso mentioned are-stated in alpha-Library wing of the Legislative Jamboree" show lust evening at betical order — Walter Harris, Buildings, the Civic Centre. The price of Paul Martin and Lester Pearson. What stories they can tell admission was \$2 per person and we expected some decent enter- younger Liberals will be heard in have, and it was good to see

The show that was presented palgn. It is my own great good joying life. was degrading and if this was a luck, and high honor, that our sample of future shows, then Minister of Finance, the Hon. they had better stay away. Watter Harris with spenk-themy MRS. R. BENSON, personal support of myself

Prince Rupert. Vancouver South. entertainment in Prince Rupert after all these years. Just as under Article 18 of the United Nations Charter we are guaranteed freedom of religion and can choose what church we attend, so the public has the right under Article 27 to "freely participate in

the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts Benny and Bing Crosby when they're making public \...." whether it be the concert society, an art exhibition, "Cowboy Jack and his six Rhythm Rangers" or Calypso Jamboree is a show that everyone could "Calypso Jamboree." No one is forced to attend an themselves bumping along, in see. The Civic Centre is to be congratulated for ar- event or even a church. If they wish to go they may, clouds of dust, and waiting for



ANOTHER for-men-only barrier crumbles in Dumont, N.J., as Mrs. Sarah MacDermid climbs aboard a fire truck in her own version of what the well-dressed woman will wear when battling a blaze. It's no lark, for Mrs. MacDermid, an elected official, is the Fire Commissioner of the city.

VICTORIA REPORT

By JAMES K. NESBITT

the way of government business will be done in this provin-"I never try to look too far cial capital until after the June

> Cabinet ministers will be bobbing in and out of their offices ern towns. in the Legislative buildings, but gains. In the last Commons, So- their parents were. "the indispensable whichever way you look at it.

No true Liberal believes that Dropped into a meeting of reable, and every true democrat in tired civil servants the other Canada knows that the time will day to find them all blooming courses can now be followed, and Well, is the Civic Centre really surely come when the voters will and apparently enjoying their

You in various parts of the

province will remember many of There were mostly young peo- and the voters gave a clear work- commissioner of Provincial Pollabor and then chairman of "out-of-town" excursion. Workmen's Compensation -of course always within the Board; Charlie Hopper, for some time deputy minister lands; Charlie Bamfield, Prinmember of the Legislative Press Gallery way back in 1903 and then for years was secretary that Louis St. Laurent must of Barkerville, and once private lay aside his high office, there secretary to Premier Richard' are several tried-and-tested Lib- McBride; Mrs. Lillian Sweeney erals, well worthy to carry on in artist in the Provincial Museum,

B.C. in the present election cam- them all in fine health and en-

rhododendron you can see

This column a few days ago few are harmed," holds true traveled the Fraser Canyon here. Then teen-ager is a rest-Highway as far as Spence's less person, striving to be com-Bridge. It was rough, tough go- pletely free one moment and deing. Tremendous reconstruction pending on an adult for advice | Is going on—and this has to be the next. The opening of, the done, and when it's finished north has produced a group of we'll have a wonderful highway young manual labor workers, there. It's highly uncomfortable held here by "big wages" with lat the moment, and will be for little to do in their spare time. sometime, but we can't build Uninterested in church and renew highways, and still travel lated activities, and having few

warn tourists—and our own citi- troublesome ways. This problem zens-what to expect. Then they is probably not as noticeable in

TIME and PLACE.

Teen-Age View of Booming North By EVELINE JACKSON, Terrace "Omineca" Herald

If we compare the present with mostly they'll be electioneering, what will be in the future, there woman in Canada who is not doing their best to get B.C. to is still much to be desired of the send 22 SCers to the House of north, for adults as well as teen-Commons. This won't happen, of agers. Compared however with course, though this column still the past, teen-agers living here feels S.C. is bound to make some today are far better off than

> In Terrace a great influx newcomers warranted the cently built Skeena Junior-Senior High school with its modern classrooms, gymnasium, library chemistry lab., and home economics and industrial arts departments. Commercial or university students have been given the opportunity to take part in many extra-curricular activities.

Students at the high school think nothing of travelling to them: T. W. S. Parsons, who was the regularly held inter-town sports tournaments, while only four short years ago the annual

"The Booming North" has become a meaningless VICTORIA - Nothing much phrase, attributed to almost everything from large development and projects such as Kitimat and the Stewart-Cassiar road, to minor changes, for example, the addition of traffic lights in one of our small north-Kitimat where bowling alleys,

billiard and dance halls, and other "boughten entertainment" is available to these persons. In closing, if this booming north of ours offered nothing else to young people, it does afford a splendid opportunity to watch the development of a rich

More jobs are available to young people leaving school—in offices, as clerks, or in beginning their own business. It is unfortunate that training for the professions takes the northern teenager many miles from home, but limited educational facilities is i a national problem. Special attention to this need is extremely important here if we are to hold our young people. A friend says, h now in nurses' training, "What better place is there for a young | shall certainly try to return | when my studies are completed."

The north is the place for a young couple to live. Good vocational opportunities for husband All three of these strong the past, what memories they bring up a family, and there are countless civic clubs which will welcome them as members.

Unfortunately the theory, "When something does a great ! deal of good for many, usually a | or no family ties, often their ex-But the government should cess energy is expended in [7

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In PM's Family

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Cowichan Indian sweater

Minister St. Laurent says that

presented to him here, five

years ago was so popular in

his family that he had to orders.

one specially for his daughter.

Mrs. Madeleine O'Donnell.

motioning to the smiling Mis.

O'Donnell, "wore it so mucha-

that I had to get her one town we both enjoy the wonderful

PROUD CENTENARY

India's universities of Calcutta"

Bombay and Madras were all es-

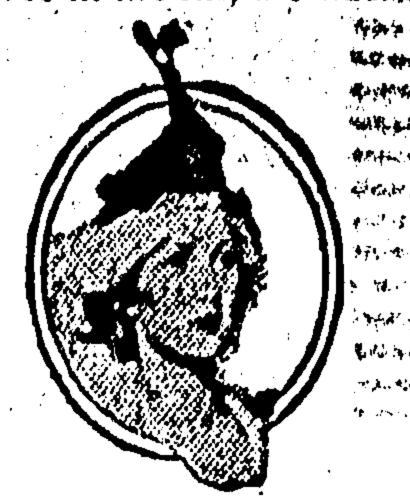
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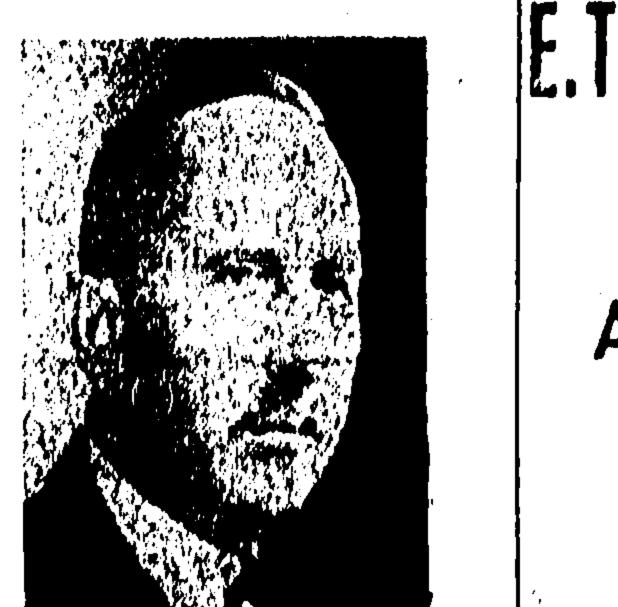
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Hon. George C. Marler

Minister of Transport

will speak on behalf of



Skeena - Federal Liberal

Campaign Committee

in the

Annunciation Hall

Fulton St.

Wednesday May 8

8 p.m.

Come and Hear What The Minister Has to Tell the Electors of the Skeena Constituency

HIGHLIGHTS IN THE IMPRESSIVE LIBERAL RECORD

the footsteps of Laurier, King whose paintings of dogwood and

The three most frequently the entrance to the Archives-

THE FOSTERING OF NATIONAL UNITY AND THE FUTURE OF CANADA.

The Liberal Party is truly a national party. It has its roots deeply implanted in every province of Canada and within all professional, roligious, ethnic and other groups of Canadian People.

From its inception, the Liberal Party has fought hard and effectively for autonomy for the Canadian People, and has kept before it the high ideal of building a great Canadian nation.

The Liberal party bolioves that national unity can be achieved and maintained through full recognition in the spirit, and in the letter, of the rights and privileges of the diverse elements that make up the population of Canada.

Liberalism, in the future as in the past, will devote itself to the development of Confederation, remembering always the meaning of the word and its assumption of union in diversity.



REMEMBER HON. GEORGE C. MARLER, Minister of Transport, speaks in the Annunciation Hall, Fulton Stroot, tonight, Wednesday, May 8th, at 8:00 P.M. Come and hear the Minister speak to our Prince Rupert Citizens,