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# Council-Manager Plan Proposed For Rupert

## 5 Civic Candidates To Probe System

### Opposition Says 'Undemocratic'

By LARRY STANWOOD

Prince Rupert for the next two years is going to hear something at last of the council-manager plan of government from its next city council.

Five candidates of eight who are contesting the four aldermanic seats in Thursday's civic election told the Daily News today they will ask for an investigation of such a plan to be applied to Prince Rupert—if they are elected.

Of the five, three said they were "definitely in favor of it," and two said that they wanted to know more about it.

Two candidates said they were opposed to it, but admitted the plan could work. One candidate was not available for comment.

Those who said the council-manager plan should be investigated are Hugo Kraupner, Mrs. W. D. "Kay" Smith, Percy Downing, Bill Bremner and Ald. Ray McLean.

Mr. Kraupner, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Bremner said they will support a move to adopt such a plan for the city.

Mr. Kraupner said: "I will support such a move, but I also favor that a city manager plan should be thoroughly investigated, to see how it works in other cities."

**PLAN IS ANSWER**  
"But on the face of it, I think it is the only solution to our civic government problem. A million-dollar business like our city is getting to be should have more efficient administration than at present. And I think the answer lies in council-manager plan."

Mr. Bremner said he had given "serious and considerable thought" to the plan.

"I definitely think that we should apply this system here."

"I feel that we are not getting the maximum efficiency from our present system of civic government."

The only woman candidate for alderman, Mrs. Smith, also approved the plan and favors a smaller council than the present eight-alderman system.

"To me it (council-manager plan) seems like a system which would provide more efficient management of civic affairs."

"I believe that such a huge business as running our city is getting to be, should have top administrative ability handling it."

"I also believe that a smaller council would provide keener interest in elections here and would do away with so much unnecessary talk that takes place at meetings."

**WOULD INVESTIGATE**  
Ald. McLean, one of three aldermen seeking re-election, said, "I don't know very much about the council-manager system, but I assure you I'm willing to have it investigated for our city."

Mr. Downing, a newcomer to the civic field, is a pulp and sulphite worker at Columbia Cellulose Co. pulp mill. He said, referring to earlier Daily News articles on the plan:

"The system seems sound to me, providing we can get the right administrative ability for it. I think we should look into it."

**OPPOSE IT**  
Both Aldermen James Prusky and Darrow Gomez spoke against the plan when asked, "should a council-manager plan be investigated for Prince Rupert?"

"I don't think it would work, nor do I think it is democratic," said Ald. Prusky.

"I was in favor of it before I entered the council, but after a year of service as an alderman, I have turned against it."

"I am afraid such a system could develop into a combine in council and I think the mill rate would go up," said Ald. Prusky.

But he admitted that the system "could very well work" providing the right people served on the council and the right city manager was found.

Ald. Gomez said he did not know of any place where the system had worked, but said he had only one reason why he would oppose such a plan.

"And that is this: under such a plan with a smaller council, the administration could very well be one-sided. A group of three aldermen and a city manager could out-vote one man all the way."

The eighth candidate, Ray Gardiner, was not available for comment.

**IN B.C.**  
In this province, Victoria and West Vancouver have adopted the council-manager plan of government. Thirty-five other cities in Canada, mostly in highly industrialized centres in the east, work on a similar basis.

The system first started in the United States in 1903 and has grown to where now 1,047 municipalities ranging in population from 500 to 500,000 are operating successfully under the plan.

## Dam Overflow To Safeguard Fisheries

**VANCOUVER**—The Aluminum Company of Canada announced Friday the threat to the northern sockeye salmon run caused by the company's Kenney Dam on the Nechako River has been largely removed.

McNeely DuBose, company vice-president, said in an interview, a special dam has been built by Alcan at the outlet of Cheelatta Lake to meet requirements of the fishing industry.

The dam will catch the spring run-off and release enough water into the Nechako for salmon to run into Francois and other lakes in the area of Alcan's huge development. The company has spent \$100,000 for an access road to the dam alone, said Mr. DuBose.

Meanwhile, Lands Minister Robert Sommers said Alcan's offer to guarantee removal of all "accessible merchantable" timber from the area to be flooded in Tweedsmuir Park was a "minor step."

He said the beauty of the lakes to be flooded would be marred by partly submerged stumps and the government is still left with the task of removing timber from the lake fringes.

**REMOVE TIMBER**  
Mr. DuBose said there were about 10,000,000 board feet of merchantable timber in the flooding area—3,000,000 of which already has been removed. He said the company probably would bring out another 10,000,000 board feet at Whitesail Lake under guarantee.

## 'Sugar' Ray To Fight Rubber Match

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson's manager said today the champion will defend his middleweight title against England's Randy Turpin in London next June.

Manager George Gainford made the announcement of the planned bout after Bob Christenberry of the New York State Athletic Commission declared Robinson's title vacant in New York.

The commission later indicated that if Robinson really means to fight Turpin, he'll get back his title recognition.

At Boston, Sugar Ray said "win or lose" he will retire from boxing after defending his middleweight title against Turpin.

"I want to cross the ocean to fight Turpin once more and then call it quits," said Robinson, who will start in a night club show here next week. "The English people have been wonderful to me and I want to stage my rubber match with Turpin in their back yard."

**BUSY SAWMILL**  
**BIG RIVER, Sask.**—The utilization mill here opened by the Saskatchewan government in June 1951, now has an annual output of up to 8,000,000 board feet of lumber. The mill, 90 miles northwest of Prince Albert, is in the heart of the lumbering industry.



'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE VOTING—By James Reidford in the Toronto Globe and Mail. (CP Photo)

## RCMP Seek \$600 Yearly Increase From B.C. Towns

All cities and municipalities in British Columbia policed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have received a request from the federal force for an increase of \$600 per man.

Present contracts call for \$1,400 per man.

The increase would cost Prince Rupert more than \$8,000 to maintain the city detachment, which under the present contract calls for a maximum force of 14 men.

The RCMP took over policing in this city Aug. 15, 1950, at the time the B.C. Provincial Police were absorbed under an agreement between the federal and provincial governments.

It is not known how many men are in the RCMP in B.C. but the increase would cost taxpayers in cities and municipalities affected many thousands of dollars.

Throughout Canada, strength of the force, including civilian clerks and reserves, totals about 4,000.

The RCMP have policed Saskatchewan since 1928 and in 1932 took over the provincial police forces in Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Just prior to absorbing the B.C. force, the duties of the Newfoundland Rangers and certain members of the Newfoundland constabulary were taken over by the RCMP.

At a recent date the force had 134 horses, 842 motor vehicles, four airplanes and 81 ships and boats.

Head of the Mounties in this province is Assistant Commissioner C. E. Rivett-Carnac, whose headquarters are in Victoria.

Police expenditures in Prince Rupert last year amounted to \$33,707. From the total the city paid \$19,200 to the RCMP for

## Waiting For 'Ike'

## Canadians Didn't Mind Korean Cold

**IN KOREA**—Bill Boss, Canadian Press staff writer in Korea, says although the temperature was nearly zero, Canadian troops "didn't mind too much" last Wednesday when they waited 8½ hours for President-elect Eisenhower.

"They put on a show that brought a letter of appreciation from the man who has seen many such shows in the last dozen years," he said in a dispatch.

"Newspaper men who watched the parade were critical of top brass arrangements that forced Canadians and other United Nations troops to spend most of a cold, raw day outside awaiting the arrival of the general."

"But the men themselves did not complain. They said they considered it an honor to be able to pay their respects to a man who had come to Korea to see for himself what could be done to end this bitter war."

## Army Lists 2 More Killed

**OTTAWA** (CP)—The Korean casualty list Thursday included two men killed in action and five men wounded in action. The last list was issued Nov. 25.

All were members of the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, which went into the lines Nov. 19.

## 'Ike's' Ship Heads to Sea Through Storm

**OFF GUAM** (CP)—The battle-scarred heavy cruiser USS Helena, carrying President-elect Eisenhower home from a three-day tour of the Korean war theatre, was heading today toward a tropical storm of near typhoon proportions.

The Helena, veteran of duels with Red Korean shore batteries, is cutting through water toward tiny Wake Island.

There it is expected to pick up John Foster Dulles, Eisenhower's choice for secretary of state.

Eisenhower left Korea with a headful of impressions and a pocketful of notes on what to do about the war. His scheduled meeting with Dulles indicated an intensive review of the whole Far Eastern problem seemed in the works.

He said yesterday he would devote much time during the six-day cruise to Hawaii to studying the first great problem of his up-coming administration.

## Enemy Planes Attack While 'Ike' Leaves

**SEOUL**—The U.S. Fifth Air Force reported today it repelled the "largest enemy night air attack of the Korean war" while President-elect Eisenhower was leaving Korea.

The air force said the allied radar in a three-hour period beginning at 7:10 p.m. Friday picked up a total of 11 "hostile aircraft" roaring towards Seoul.

Eisenhower's plane took to the air at 8:01 p.m. and the attack continued about two hours after that. A spokesman said the planes making the attack were small and propeller-driven.

"It is highly possible," he said, "that these little planes did not come from Manchuria or deep in North Korea. Planes of that type can be hidden under any haystack and their home base might have been in Korea near the spot where the attack took place."

## Well-Known Legionnaire Dies Suddenly

A well-known Canadian Legion personality, Alexander (Alec) Harvey, 62, died suddenly Thursday night in his sleep.

A veteran of the First World War in the Imperial Army, he came to Canada in 1926 and shortly afterwards to Prince Rupert.

He was last employed as bartender in the Canadian Legion parlor, where he had worked since the end of the Second World War.

Previous to this he was employed by the Cold Storage plant for several years, then worked at the dry dock during the war.

His only close relative here is William Murray, a nephew.

When he did not show up for work yesterday at 4:30 p.m. as was his custom, friends investigated and found him dead in his bed.

Funeral will be arranged under the auspices of the Canadian Legion, BESL, 27.

## B.C. Ridings To be Changed

**VICTORIA** (CP)—Redistribution of political ridings in British Columbia may take place next year.

Premier Bennett said in announcing the opening date of the 1953 sessions as Tuesday, Feb. 3, that he hopes it will be possible to present the redistribution bill to the 23rd Legislature.

## Peace River Natural Gas Ready For Delivery in Year

**SPOKANE** (CP)—Canadian natural gas can be piped to U.S. cities in northwest states within a year if the Federal Power Commission gives the go-ahead signal next spring," George L. McMahon said Friday.

Vice-president of the West-coast Transmission Company, Mr. McMahon said his firm will show the FPC that it has twice the proven reserves necessary in northern B.C. to serve the initial market.

He said Westcoast could start immediately to build a pipeline from the Peace River fields and would have it completed to Portland, Oregon, by next Christmas if the FPC approves.

McMahon said proven Peace River reserves now total 3¼ trillion feet of gas. An estimated two trillion, 850 billion feet are needed for the northwest market, he said.

McMahon is here to address the Northwest Mining Association.

**MINING DOWN**  
H. M. Wright, British Columbia mining engineer, said the drop in the price of base metals, complicated by a temporary shrinking of smelter capacity, has seriously curtailed production in B.C. base metal mines.

He said that 18 out of 51 plants in the province have shut down, are in the process of shutting down or have postponed opening. Thirty-one mills, or concentrators, are operating at present compared with 32 in 1951.

Wright said that early this year there were 39 mills operating in B.C. and that, if metal prices had held up, there would be about 47 plants operating now.

**WOMAN DIES**  
**VICTORIA** (CP)—A woman who devoted a quarter-century to helping west Indians was buried here today.

George Read, widow of a Methodist missionary, died at the age of 90. She came to Canada as a bride from Woking, England, and began years of missionary work with the Indians of Queen Charlotte Islands in 1893.

Harold Whalen today elected to support the Port Edward school building election day next week.

The proposed school has the "unanimous approval" of your mayor and aldermen.

In an interview, the mayor said that the rural area's school costs are based on the assessment value of the rural municipality.

Industrial development expressed in our rural district share of school costs increased from 16.9 per cent to 33.19 in 1952.

It means the district will have more than half of all future costs.

Mrs. Peter Mark, president of the Parent-Teacher Council of Prince Rupert had this to say about a new Port Edward school:

"Poor natural lighting, lack of cloak rooms and all modern conveniences combine to make the present Port Edward school but an apology for an institute of education."

Mrs. Mark also pointed out the lack of playground space as a discouraging factor to pupils and teacher alike.

Mrs. Joy Davis, a ratepayer of Port Edward, said she "certainly will vote for the bylaw."

Seven years ago, she said, when she first came to Port Edward, school was held in one-room duplex with 16 pupils enrolled.

## Mayor, Citizens Appeal For School Bylaw Support

Today 85 children in grades one, two and three, are housed in a converted army barracks "which is draughty, poorly lighted and overcrowded."

"There are no grounds or playing space, inside or outside. Outdoor plumbing only is available. On wet days 85 children play in the tiny classrooms. On dry days they play on the road."

Meanwhile, 80 children are being sent daily to schools in Prince Rupert, said Mrs. Davis.

"With so many children crammed into such close quarters, social and health problems become enormously aggravated," believed Mrs. Davis.

The \$167,960 bylaw, which will authorize the building of a new

seven-room school in Port Edward if approved, calls for a city expenditure of \$39,311 by the city and \$44,669 by the district. Balance of the cost is borne by the province.

Prince Rupert electors vote on the bylaw next Thursday, along with voting on a referendum and eight candidates for aldermanic seats, four to be elected.

Rural ratepayers may also vote if they are in the city, for a special polling station will be set up for them in the Civic Centre.

Other polling stations will be at Port Edward, Port Essington, Port Simpson, Hunt's Inlet, Oona River, and Digby Island.