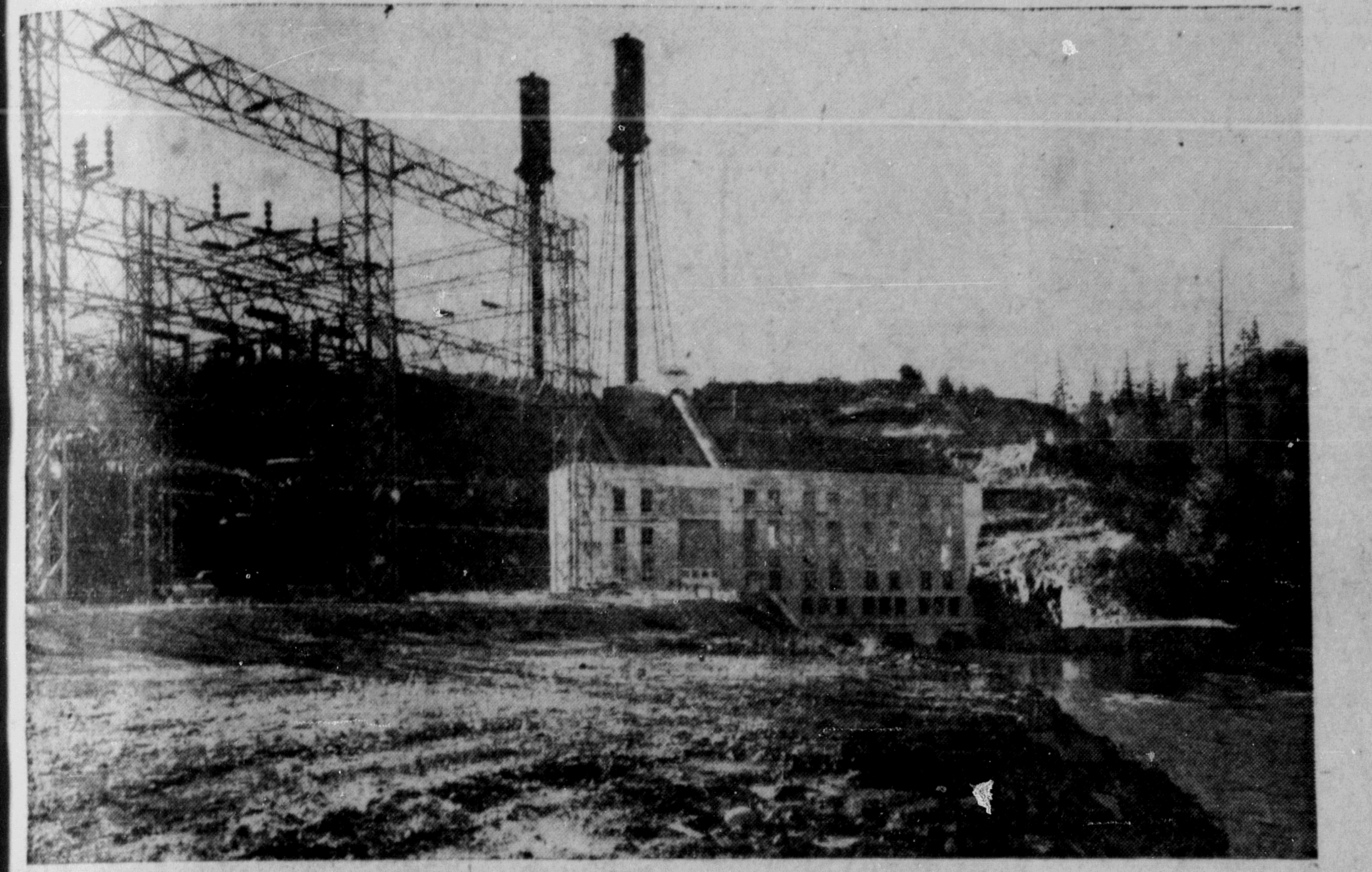


# Socialists, Socreds Run Neck-and-Neck In Race; Prince Rupert Electors Vote In CCF Candidate



MORE POWER FOR B.C. homes, businesses and industries on Vancouver Island will be available when expansion is completed on B.C. Power Commission's John Hart development on Campbell River. Boost from 112,000 horsepower to 168,000 will

benefit pulp mills at Harmac, near Nanaimo; Alberni, and the new Elks Falls Co. Ltd. newly opened newsprint mill at Duncan Bay, which started its first important production of paper last month.

## Voters Choose Hills By Majority of 147

By ERIC SANDERSON  
Voters in Prince Rupert Electoral District have chosen a member of the CCF party once again to represent them in the British Columbia Legislature at Victoria.

The new M.L.A. is George Hills, 47-year-old secretary-manager of Kalen Consumers Co-operative Association, who captured the seat from Jack McRae, Liberal member since 1949.

Result of voting in the June 12 election was completed late last night and showed that Mr. Hills won by 147 votes. Final count was: Hills 2901; McRae 2754.

In the last provincial election, Mr. McRae, who ran as the Coalition candidate, defeated William Brett, CCF M.L.A., by 675 votes. Mr. Brett did not seek re-election this time.

Mr. Hills, in a brief statement after his election was announced, thanked all his supporters and congratulated Mr. McRae, Tom Christie, the Progressive Conservative candidate, and Art Murray, Social Credit standard-bearer, for the way in which they conducted their campaign.

He said further: "I do not think the requirement for good government is super intelligence. HONESTY REQUIRED

"I think the requirements for good government are honesty, integrity, humanity and an equitable distribution of this province's gifts to those that share in the work of production and service, and I sincerely believe that it is this kind of government you will get from a CCF government."

Plump voters spelled disaster for Mr. McRae. Many persons who voted for Tom Christie and Art Murray, cast only one vote—failing to take advantage under the alternative system used for the first time of making other choices.

Of the 687 votes cast for Mr. Christie, 117 were exhausted after the first count and 282 of Mr. Murray's were exhausted.

Mr. Hills topped the poll all the way. Before the recheck started, Mr. Hills led by 251 votes—2052 (Continued on page 4)

## Election Battle Rages With Fever Pitch

(Compiled from Canadian Press and Special Dispatches)  
In a statement at press time, Premier Byron Johnson said he will resign as Liberal party leader and will ask B.C. Lt.-Governor Clarence Wallace to have a government formed by the party with the largest number of seats.

The closest election battle in the whole history of British Columbia is reaching a fever pitch as second and some third choice votes are being counted under the alternative voting system.

An apparent stalemate looms between CCF and Social Credit parties, with the old party lines trailing far in the rear. Twenty CCF seats and 17 Social Crediters are either elected or leading, out of 48 seats in the province.

But both, the Social Credit and CCF have vigorously denied that either party will enter into a coalition with another.

Latest definite return is the election of John Squire, CCF, in Alberni. At press time, following were the latest standings:

Social Credit, 11 elected, six leading; CCF, nine elected, 11 leading; Liberals, 1 elected, five leading; Conservatives, 1 elected three leading; Labor, one elected.

Political observers predict a new election within a year to break the stalemate.

The two parties are running neck and neck in a bid for the largest group in the 48-member Legislature, but neither appears to have much chance of commanding the majority of seats.

The Liberal administration of Premier Byron Johnson was smashed by returns from the count of new votes under B.C.'s new alternative voting system.

It also showed personal defeat for Mr. Johnson and Progressive Conservative leader Herbert Anscomb, co-leaders of the Liberal-Conservative Coalition formed in 1941 and in power until the union collapsed in January this year.

Social Credit and CCF candidates have either been elected or hold commanding leads in more than three-quarters of the seats but neither can apparently muster 25 seats necessary for a bare majority.

Lyle Wicks, president of the B.C. Social Credit League said a coalition will be discussed at a party caucus July 15, but he stressed that there was a "very remote" possibility of union with the CCF. What made coalition seem even more remote was the CCF's flat statement that it has no intention of forming a union with any party.

Under the circumstances, a short term of minority government seems in the books, followed by a new election possibly next spring or summer.

Although both parties seemed against any coalition their supporters helped each other at the polls.

Social Credit support on alternative choices of CCF's (Continued on Page 8)

## Lt. Governor Not Seeking Ottawa Advice

OTTAWA — The man who will soon have the complexities of British Columbia's election results on his doorstep, was in Ottawa Thursday but denied reports that he is here to get advice.

Lieutenant-Governor Clarence Wallace is seeing both the Governor-General and Prime Minister St. Laurent before going home tomorrow, but he said he has no plans for discussing the B.C. situation with them.

Indications are that Mr. Wallace will be confronted with a delicate political situation because no single party may have a clearcut majority in the provincial legislature.

In such a situation, the Lieutenant-Governor acts as a mediator and negotiator in seeking an arrangement under which one party or group can rule or, alternately, another election can be called.

## 'Artistic' Voter Draws For Laughs

One voter in Prince Rupert had a hard time trying to figure out his choices when he went to the polls last June 12 and ended up spoiling his ballot, but he gave election officials a laugh.

The voter drew a skull and crossbones in the space for Jack McRae; a little man with big ears for Tom Christie; printed the words "no good" for George Hills and for Art Murray he said: "h—no!"

Otherwise rejected ballots were those only on which voters put too many "Xs" or some other incorrect marking.

## How Absentee Ballots Were Cast

A total of 573 persons voted absentee in Prince Rupert Electoral District.

In Prince Rupert division—where 6088 persons were eligible to vote—373 cast absentee ballots. Here is how they voted: Hills 160; McRae 130; Murray 41; Christie 24 and 18 were rejected.

In the other 26 divisions, 221 absentee ballots were cast, giving Hills 74; McRae 63; Murray 35; Christie 30 and 19 were rejected.

## 60 Per Cent Cast Votes; Third Count Gives Win

Slightly more than 60 per cent of those eligible to vote in Prince Rupert Electoral District cast ballots in the June 12 election.

Complete totals, after a recheck yesterday morning and addition of absentee votes, showed there were 6084 ballots approved by Returning Officer A. Bruce Brown. Number of rejects was unknown.

In Prince Rupert division 6,088 citizens had the privilege of exercising their franchise, and the total number for the entire riding was 9,077.

Here is how the counting under the alternative vote system progressed:

Total first-count votes after all 27 divisions reported—Hills 2052; McRae 1801; Murray 1026; Christie 533.

Addition of absentee votes sent Hills into a 289-vote lead, but without an absolute majority. Here are figures: Hills 2290; McRae 2001; Murray 1106; Christie 687.

In the transfer of Christie's second-choice ballots, Mr. McRae received 337, Mr. Hills 83; Mr. Murray 150 and 117 were exhausted.

Totals for the candidates were: Hills 2373; McRae 2338; Murray 1256.

By subtracting the "exhausted" total from the number of votes cast—6084—and dividing the result by two, it showed a candidate must have 2984 votes to win with an absolute majority.

As neither candidate had the required number, second choices on Mr. Murray's ballots and Mr. Christie's third choices then were distributed.

In the transfer of Murray's ballots, Mr. McRae received 377, and Mr. Hills 485. There were 282 exhausted. In the shuffle of the Christie votes, Mr. McRae received 79, Mr. Hills 43 and 28 were exhausted, the grand total giving Mr. Hills 2901 votes as against 2754 for Mr. McRae.

## Applewhaite Asks For Air Mail To Ocean Falls, Kitimat, Kemano

OTTAWA — E. T. Applewhaite (Liberal-Skeena) asked in Commons last night that airmail service be extended to British Columbia communities of Ocean Falls, Kemano and Kitimat.

He also urged airmail service between Prince George and Prince Rupert. Mr. Applewhaite spoke during a discussion of post office department estimates.

## Allied Jets Destroy 12 Red Planes

SEOUL — Allied Sabre jets today shot down 12 Communist MIGs while Allied artillerymen lumbered every big gun on the Korean battlefield for double-barrelled Fourth of July blow against the Reds.

The toll of 12 MIGs shot down, one probably destroyed and six damaged made the air battle the second biggest Allied jet victory of the Korean war, the Fifth Air Force said.

Reds hurled 115 of the swift jet-wing fighters against UN fighter bombers and 97 Sabre jets flying under protective cover.

Allied plane losses, if any, were not announced.

## WEATHER

Forecast  
Cloudy today with occasional showers along the mainland. Windy Saturday. Warmer. Wind westerly 20 in exposed areas. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Fort Hardy 48 and 62; Sandspit 40 and 60; Prince Rupert 46 and 60.

## TIDES

Saturday, July 5, 1952 (Pacific Standard Time)  
High 12:11 17.0 feet  
Low 23:41 21.1 feet  
Tide gauge at 5:46 3.3 feet  
at 17:35 8.4 feet

## Conspiracy In Strike, Says Truman

WASHINGTON — President Truman Thursday accused major United States steel companies of "a conspiracy" to prevent a settlement of the steel strike.

He said the situation does not call for the use of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Truman read to his press conference a prepared statement saying he understood many of the steel companies were ready to settle with the union on all issues but were being prevented from doing so "because of pressure being put on" by others.

He added: "It appears to me to be a conspiracy against the public interest and not a labor dispute."

## Second Series Game Tied at Alaskan City

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY NEWS  
KETCHIKAN — Prince Rupert and Ketchikan All-Stars battled to a 2-2 draw here last night for the second tie game in the annual international baseball series. Game was called on account of rain.

The Prince Rupert team arrived here by boat yesterday. A double-header was started this afternoon under clearing skies. The series is Ketchikan's major Fourth of July event.

## Rail Union Seeks New Increase Demands 45c Wage Boost

MONTREAL — Seventeen non-operating railway unions announced today they are demanding a wage increase of 45 cents an hour in negotiations with railroads for new collective agreements to become effective September 1.

Other demands, an official statement said, include a cost-of-living bonus of one cent an hour for each one-point rise in the cost of living index, union shop, and a check-off of union dues by railroads.

At the same time, union officials announced that a conference between unions and railroads has been arranged for Monday.

The union demands went to railroads yesterday by letter.

RAILROADS AFFECTED  
Railroads affected the Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National Railways and subsidiaries, the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway, and the Ontario Northland Railway.

The announcement came from the office of Frank Hall, chairman of negotiating committee representing the unions, two of which are Canadian and 15 international, representing 125,000 non-operating railway workers—those who do not actually operate trains.

## KING PENGUINS IN PARK ZOO

VANCOUVER — A dozen white-coated, dignified King Penguins, first ever to reach Canada, arrived at Stanley Park Zoo Thursday, a gift from Governor Miles Clifford of Falkland Islands.

The fifteen thousand mile journey from south of Georgia Island within the Antarctic Circle, southeast of the Falklands, was made by whaleboat, steamer and plane.

## Alcan Workers' Wage Demands To Conciliator

VANCOUVER — Wage demands of 300 workers on two phases of the Aluminum Company of Canada's B.C. development will go to a conciliation officer, a union official said on Thursday.

International union representative Archie Johnson said the workers have asked for a basic rate of \$1.40 an hour, with higher pay for more skilled categories. Present rate averages \$1 an hour.

All cooks, butchers, bakers, waiters, porters and bullockers at construction sites have been organized into Camp Construction Union, local 750 (AFL).

## SAYS TENNESSEE TEACHER

Rupert Misses Bet With Its Scenery

A lanky, grey-haired yet sprightly teacher from Nashville, Tennessee who does six weeks of travelling every year, believes there is no prettier scenery anywhere in the world than near Prince Rupert.

With the exception, maybe, of the Yosemite Valley, California. And to prove he means what he says, Lacy Lockert is visiting this part of the country for the fourth time in six years.

The 64-year-old educator who has taken more pictures of scenic spots than he can conveniently carry, points with pride to some of his shots of the Skeena River between here and



GEORGE HILLS, 47-year-old city alderman, and CCF candidate in the June 12 election, was voted in as M.L.A. for Prince Rupert following completion of second and third choice counts late last night. Mr. Hills won by a 147-vote majority over Jack McRae, Liberal candidate seeking re-election.

## Rupert Misses Bet With Its Scenery

"We Americans are great people for wanting to see other places and do other things."

He suggested promotion of excursions by boat along the scenic shore-front and fjords; sightseeing buses up the highway, along the Skeena; fishing parties to streams and lakes in the neighborhood of which he had heard so much.

"And surely, a tourist should have the opportunity of buying a few good picture postcards of your local scenery. The lack of that I deplore greatly," and also suggests an observation car be put on passenger trains into and out of Prince Rupert.

## Rupert Misses Bet With Its Scenery

"I love Prince Rupert for two reasons: because of its physical grandeur and because of its friendly people. But you have overlooked one big thing. Your scenery is something to really boast about, but you don't do it. You must be used to it but I never will be."

The towering, six-foot-three southern teacher who retired at 40 to write books on early day drama and football history, says this may be his last trip so far north. During the next few days he is taking pictures of rugged mountains, waterfalls and the sprawling Skeena River to complete his "northern album."