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People Have Chosen

THE tragedy of the election was that the choice lay between two good men.

Victory is subdued when it comes at the expense of a man with exceptional qualifications for the contested position.

He was an outstanding candidate who, against a less powerful rival, may have gone on to high achievements as a national leader.

At the same time, the triumph of Dwight Eisenhower raises a conviction that new force and vision will be brought into U.S. leadership.

In the sternest of tests Eisenhower had already proved that he has what it takes.

Service Around the Clock

BECAUSE they represent answers to long-standing demands by a broad section of the B.C. public, there are two points in local briefs submitted to the liquor inquiry commission which merit particularly careful consideration.

One is the Chamber of Commerce recommendation that liquor stores operate 24 hours a day with the exception of Sundays and statutory holidays.

Primarily the commission was formed to advise the provincial government on the most feasible method of dispensing liquor by the glass in accordance with the public wish expressed by plebiscite last June.

Nevertheless, since the whole liquor law is to undergo revision, it is an appropriate time for the B.C. government to give the matter some close study.

If liquor cannot be purchased in the authorized manner, it leads to the same uncontrollable and illicit trade that featured the prohibition era in the U.S.A.

In effect, therefore, the province is making room for a middleman whom it outlaws on the one hand and indirectly finances on the other.

In recommending that licenced premises dispense liquor at a controlled and moderate price, Mr. McRae comes close to, and perhaps precisely at, what the public undoubtedly had in mind in its plebiscite vote.

The people spoke clearly and there should be no attempt to evade their wishes with prohibitive measures.

Scripture Passage for Today

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." II Cor. 5:17.

GREAT COAL SEAM

A seam of coal reaching up to 400 feet in depth has been worked for more than 600 years in Manchuria.

BIBLICAL TOWN

The town of Jericho near Jerusalem is 3,500 feet lower than the Holy City, and 840 feet below sea level.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

There's A Difference

THE important thing for Canadians to keep in mind, as their American cousins vote, is that the U.S. system is NOT like ours.

The U.S.A. does not operate under a neat-and-tidy system of democratic, responsible government, such as there is in Britain and Canada.

In any self-governing British nation, for instance, the government of the country holds office only so long as its leader enjoys the support of more elected members of the parliament or legislature than does any rival.

THE MAIN mechanical difference in the two countries is that the U.S. election is in reality not a national election so much as 48 separate state elections—the sum total of which decide the national contest.

Each state has as many Presidential electoral votes as it has members of Congress, plus Senators. Thus Rhode Island, the tiniest state has four and its mighty neighbor, New York, has 45.

But what Canadians find almost impossible to understand is this: Even though the winning party gets only one more vote than the losing party, even in a giant state like New York, the winner gets ALL the presidential votes from that state.

That explains why we saw the amazing spectacle of General Eisenhower compelled to hobnob with some Republicans whom everybody knew he detested—for instance McCarthy and Jenner.

JUST AS the U.S. political system is very different from our own during the actual election it is also different afterwards.

WORTH IT: Sixteen British Columbian won horses in the Irish sweep stake, not one scoring any worth while money.

NO MORE SLOGANS: Going, going and finally GONE. "I Like Ike" and "Gladly Adlai."

Canadians visiting the United States are to be fingerprinted. That's all right, but please do not call us aliens, even though the term is correct.

Lumbermen Meet Export Expiry Date

VANCOUVER (CP)—Lumber exporters report they have completed on schedule shipment of 600,000,000 board feet of timber, ordered by the United Kingdom in May, 1951.

The twice-extended contract ended Oct. 31. Final delivery date was set back from June 30 to Sept. 15, 1952, and later extended when exporters got behind because of drought-caused forest closures and a 45-day strike by woodworkers.

The shippers said they took a cut of some \$10 per thousand board feet on the 45,000,000 to 75,000,000 board feet undelivered by Sept. 15, but the price was still above domestic levels.



"LADYSMITH, YPRES, PASSCHENDALE, CASSINO, LITTLE GIBRALTAR"—by Charlie Knight in the Windsor Star. (CP PHOTO)

VICTORIA REPORT

... by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA.—Well, well, the dear old PGE is through to Prince George at last. That was the promise in 1912—Vancouver to Prince George.

Through the years British Columbians have poured close to \$150,000,000 into their railroad. They have been enlivened by fierce legislative battles about

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Reflects and Reminisces

The passage of time does not make you any more of a prophet. Today, we are prepared to wager that between them, Eisenhower and Stevenson last night, caused you to lose a heap of cash.

Giving the post office a few coats of paint and replacing the top of the sidewalk at Third and Fourth are minor and inexpensive jobs. And how easy on the eyes.

Yes, the PGE has cost plenty of money, but it's well maintained. Perhaps it's like cash in the bank—always there, ready for an emergency.

One by one the beautiful old homes of Victoria, where crinolined ladies and frock-coated gentlemen gathered in drawing rooms under the gaslights, are disappearing, victims of what's called progress.

The latest to feel the wrecker's axe is "Gonzales House," the 20-room mansion that Joseph Despard Pemberton built in 1885. It stood on an eminence, looking to sea and mountains, just east of Government House.

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There'll probably be other cases of this kind, and, at the same time, cabinet ministers will be running around the country saying they've abolished all political patronage.

Attlee Returned To Lead Labor

LONDON (CP)—Clement Attlee today was re-elected leader of the Labor party group in parliament. His group now is faced with a big fight with Aneurin Bevan, for deputy leadership.

THE LETTERBOX

ONE WIFE ANSWERS ANOTHER

Editor, The Daily News: I would very much appreciate the chance to answer your correspondent "Fisherman's Wife" and raise a few points.

First, let us examine the question of who is responsible for the strike among salmon net fishermen.

The companies claim that they have a vast stock left over from last year. What kind of a position would the fishermen and their wives be in next year with a full catch this fall? I would be prepared to bet the offer next year would be three cents.

As we all know, the cost of living has risen and the price of gear, equipment and repairs that fishermen pay is far higher, according to the companies' own figures.

The majority of fishermen would have not have made a living at 5 1/2 cents. And please, would someone explain, there is no market at last year's price, but apparently a market at 5 1/2 cents while canned fish of all kinds is too expensive for most families?

All fishermen recognize, even if they are not union members, that the union has done a great deal for the industry. There is no such thing today as a buyer who tells the fisherman at the height of the season:

"I don't want your fish—well, put them on the dock and I'll give you five cents a piece for them."

Strike action is not dreamed up by Tom Parkin. There has to be a majority for a strike and a large majority for a successful strike.

Since when are fishermen covered by unemployment insurance? Soon we may have our men covered by workmen's compensation. This will be a great advance and credit will almost entirely be due to the union for its consistent work. Today, a fisherman's wife whose husband is lost while fishing does not even get a pension.

The question of market is a big problem, again the union has put consistent effort into studying the world situation, warning us three years ago that unless government policies were changed, the present situation would develop. If we could unite with other working people, and business people too, and force our government to take an independent stand on the question of markets—a stand not dictated by the United States—I feel sure that markets would soon be found.

If this had been done, maybe we would not have lost the British market. This is not only a fisherman's problem; it faces every basic industry in our country.

As for families breaking up, and men spending their time in the beer parlors—if all of us women take the trouble to understand the problems (as most wives do), we would find a fuller, happier home life, and a better chance of winning our demands, through sharing the responsibilities and working together to maintain our standard of living.

In closing—I did not know that the northern representative of the UFAWU (Tom Parkin) was the guardian of the morals of fishermen.

ANNE MENARD, (Fisherman's Wife) Member, W.A. of UFAWU.

Red Feather Campaign Falls Short

VANCOUVER (CP)—Vancouver's Community Chest campaign fell \$100,000 short.

E. W. H. Brown, general campaign chairman, said he canvassed collected \$1,160,000 during the five-week drive. Objective was \$1,260,000.

"We have collected \$9 when we needed \$10," he said. The shortage "calls for economies greater than the needs of the community should permit in the majority of the Red Feather services."

BRIGHTER SHINES at LOWER COST. MUGGER'S SHOE POLISH AND LEATHER PRESERVATIVE. 10 POPULAR SHADES.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Strength in Canadian Dollar In New Market Rate Exchange

The Canadian dollar has been generally surprisingly strong ever since the fixed exchange rate was abandoned in favor of a market rate exchange two years ago, says the current Monetary Review of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Even in the first half of 1951 when Canada was running a heavy deficit in her current international transactions, the rate declined only moderately, remaining well above the previous fixed level. And since the autumn of 1951 it has been almost uniformly strong.

The Canadian dollar now ranks with the Swiss franc, the Venezuelan bolivar and the U.S. dollar as one of the few strong currencies in an unsettled world. For nearly eight months, it has been above parity with the U.S. dollar and in September when it ran at a premium of about four per cent over the U.S. dollar it was at the highest level in modern times.

The substantial inflow of capital into Canada provides the main explanation of the generally strong position of the Canadian dollar in the last few years as compared with the early postwar period. From 1950 to date, Canada has been importing capital on a substantial scale for the first time in 20 years. In 1950, the net capital inflow was over \$1000 millions, and in 1951 it was over \$500 millions.

This inflow is in marked contrast with the earlier postwar period when Canada was an exporter of capital in amounts exceeding \$600 millions in each of the years 1946 and 1947. This shift from a capital-exporting to a capital-importing position has clearly resulted in a very large increase in the demand for the Canadian dollar.

The Review points out, however, that capital movements do not explain the fact that the Canadian dollar has been

Gold Mining Industry Tells Government Conditions Critical

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian gold-mining industry representatives submitted a brief to the Federal Government containing recommendations for "critical conditions" in the industry.

The brief, prepared by members of the Canadian Metal Mining Association, is signed by J. A. H. Paterson, association president; H. H. Cox, president of the Ontario Mining Association; C. F. Caswell, president of the Mid-West Metal Mining Association and M. M. O'Brien, president of the Mining Association of British Columbia.

The recommendations: 1. Marketing of fine gold be encouraged by permitting producers selling on the premium markets to sell fine gold.

2. Fine gold be minted in Canada for general purchase and sale in forms suitable to the market, the price to be freely determined between buyer and seller.

3. Foreign purchasers of newly-minted Canadian gold and foreign holders of gold who wish to store it in Canada for safe-keeping receive assurance they will be permitted to export such gold when they desire.

4. Cost-aid assistance to those mines electing to receive such aid be increased and made more adequate to the current crisis in the industry.

MUST INCREASE The brief suggests that an increase in the price of gold is the only permanent solution and recommends that the Federal government press for such action, but notes the recent decision of the International Monetary Fund that there should be

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