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IN VOTING for aldermen, as we will do on Thursday, there are many shades of opinion and reasoning involved. Some voters will put stress on a candidate's record either in or outside the council. Others will put more emphasis on character and personality, and still others will be influenced mainly by political inclinations.

There are many other considerations which the voter can only contend with in his or her own way until finally the list is narrowed down to the favored four.

But there is another subject to be voted on which does not provoke so many shades of thought. It is essentially a matter of black and white. There are only two choices, one of which by any civilized standards is dead right, and the other dead wrong.

The reference is to the bylaw authorizing construction of a new school at Port Edward. In a sense the description "new" is superfluous because the building there now is not a school at all. It is a cold, dark, dreary dump with no proper lavatory facilities and with a road as its playground. Into these dismal premises are crowded 85 small children who, when it rains, are cooped up in there most of the day without an extra square foot in which to play. Eighty luckier ones are brought into Prince Rupert each day.

It will cost the city \$39,311 and the district \$44,669 to build a modern seven-room school there, with the province putting up an amount equal to the combined sums. If the happiness and development of a small child can be figured in dollars and cents, those with a mind for arithmetic can go to it. They will find we are getting off lightly.

Contest Provides Extra Stimulus

WITH its customary appreciation of community spirit, the Junior Chamber of Commerce has initiated a contest for the best-dressed store window and the most attractively decorated home exterior of the Yuletide season.

This is the sort of competition which, almost more than any other effort, can brighten our Christmas. A city is never more beautiful than when wearing its Christmas regalia. Families and friends may be festive indoors, but only when the streets are sparkling with lights and dressed up with displays does the spirit of hospitality seem to embrace everyone.

While all would probably do their decorative best without prompting, the Jaycee contest will provide that bit of extra stimulus which is sure to mean something a little brighter here and a little more cheerful there.

There is no doubt that competition will be strong and the prizes difficult to win, but all those who take part can rightfully feel they have done much to make it a Merry Christmas in Prince Rupert.

LETTERBOX

OPPOSES MANAGER PLAN

Editor, The Daily News—

I note from your paper of Saturday, Dec. 6, that you polled aldermanic candidates as to their views on a city manager for Prince Rupert. You state I was the only candidate not available for a statement.

I am not certain, Mr. Editor, what you meant by "not available" for I was most certainly in the city and would have gladly made my position clear if I had been contacted. Certainly I have never been a "fence sitter" and have no intention of becoming one now.

I am, to be both frank and brief, opposed to the idea of a city manager. In my opinion this would be placing too much authority in the hands of too few, especially with a council reduced to six men.

In my contention civic government, as well as all government, should be by the broadest possible representation of the people. The general public, the man in the street and on the job, must learn and understand that government is his business.

This will not be accomplished by turning administration over to what would, I am certain in my own mind, turn into a practice of rule by one man.

I do not deny that the city-manager plan might be quite efficient under certain circumstances, but may I point out certain other administrations in

the hands of small groups were very efficient but they were also efficient at turning the administration into their own hands.

No, Mr. Editor, leave government responsibility where it should be, with a free people. Extend it too, and educate the people to take a greater interest in their affairs, for has not part of the trouble in the world in the last decade been due to unlimited power falling into the hands of small and unrepresentative groups of ambitious men?

R. L. GARDINER.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

B.C. Election—When?

PREMIER BENNETT has given notice that he will attempt a trick which could throw B.C. into unnecessary expense and greatly complicate the 1953 federal election contrary to the public interest.

He intends to ask the Lieutenant Governor to dissolve the present Legislature, and to stage another unjustified, unnecessary B.C. election just before the federal election. The Socialists figure that both the Liberals and Conservatives in B.C. are either leaderless or disorganized and that, consequently, Social Credit might make big gains in seats. They figure that the momentum of such provincial gains might carry over into the federal election, and that Social Credit might win many of the 22 seats in B.C.—possibly emerging with the balance of power over George Drew at Ottawa.

THE Lieutenant Governor would be wrong to dissolve the present Legislature unless and until a majority of the elected MLAs indicate that such is necessary.

Social Credit holds only 19 seats in a Legislature of 48. Between them the Liberals, Conservatives, CCF and Labor hold 29 seats. Social Credit won 26 per cent of the popular vote. The other parties won 74 per cent of the popular vote.

There would therefore be no justification to grant the minority premier a dissolution UNLESS IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT NO OTHER PARTY OR GROUP OF PARTIES CAN CARRY ON WITHOUT AN ELECTION.

THE non-Social Credit parties in the house could clarify the pending situation by publicly or privately petitioning the Lieutenant Governor not to grant Premier Bennett's request for a new election unless all possibilities for stable government from within the existing Legislature have been exhausted.

It is, of course not true that His Honor would be compelled to call in the CCF alone, if Mr. Bennett were to be beaten in the Legislature or otherwise throw up the sponge. The duty of the Crown, under such circumstances, would be to summon the leader best fitted to meet the actual situation. The Liberals, or even the Conservatives, might even be called in as an admitted "caretaker government" to hold office only until a B.C. election could be held uncomplicated by federal issues, and vice versa. The CCF might well suggest this move, if necessary.

THE PRESENT Legislature has a duty to hold the present Social Credit membership in that Legislature until the people learn the whole awful truth about the havoc done in Hospital Insurance.

Social Credit should be made to face the music—made to answer for the wreckage already wrong, where a surplus of over \$3 million has already been swiftly converted to a deficit of many millions, with worse to come.

No wonder the Social Credit government wants to "beat the rap" and get another unnecessary election before the people can learn the truth about the gross mismanagement and crass favoritism in B.C.H.S. premiums where many are made to pay, but others permitted to escape tax free.

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OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Debates are never dull in the House of Commons when personalities are involved. You can always expect fireworks—shouting, table banging and accusations by tone of voice which never appear in Hansard.

A lively debate involving a Canadian personality took place while Rt. Hon. Mr. St. Laurent was speaking in the Throne Speech debate.

Several opposition MPs suggested that part of Mr. St. Laurent's speech had been written by John Pickersgill, the shy and retiring clerk of the Privy Council. Mr. St. Laurent, of course, denied the charge with a surge of his Irish dander. "I am making this speech—not Mr. Pickersgill," he said.

The Conservative heckling dates back to the time when Jack Pickersgill was secretary to the late Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, and later, special assistant to Mr. St. Laurent. Mr. Pickersgill was principal ghost writer for both prime ministers. Mr. St. Laurent said the Conservatives seemed to be obsessed with the fact that "Mr. Pickersgill was my assistant, until such time as he became clerk of the Privy Council."

"He still is," snapped Hon.

Conversion Step Depends On U.S. Aid

LONDON (CP)—Ranking delegates to the Commonwealth conference said today that the nine-country group has agreed to take some new steps toward freeing the pound if the United States will help.

The reported arrangement would allow sterling to be exchanged without restriction for urgently-needed dollar goods such as machinery.

Two pre-conditions have been set:

The United States would co-operate to build up a gold and dollar reserve in the British-led sterling area, presumably by entering long-term price-fixing pacts on some scarce commodities such as rubber and tin.

The United States would share in applying delicate administrative measures to control various sorts of pound-dollar transactions.

George Drew, obviously thinking of the fact that Mr. Pickersgill accompanied the PM on his recent tour of western Canada.

OFF TO WINNIPEG

During the western trip, Mr. St. Laurent and the officials with him stayed at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, and this brings us to the point when another personality enters the picture, R. S. Pitt, former manager of the Fort Garry.

Mr. Pitt was recently transferred to the Prince Edward Hotel in Brandon. Reports circulated the west that Mr. Pitt had been demoted because a member of the PM's party didn't like the service.

John Diefenbaker, lanky PC member for Lake Centre, Sask., raised the transfer controversy in the Commons, and Transport Minister Lionel Chevrier said Pitt's move was a routine "matter of internal management" of the CNR hotels.

"Is there not something more to the story than that?" asked Gordon Graydon, opposition member for Peel, Ont. There was no reply from Mr. Chevrier.

WANTS ACCOUNTING

J. M. Macdonnell, Conservative MP for Toronto-Greenwood, has now entered the fray. He has placed a string of questions on the Commons order paper for government reply. He wants to know Mr. Pitt's length of service, his experience and salary at the Fort Garry, his salary at Brandon, and if there were any complaints about his work, particularly on Sept. 10 last. That was the day Mr. St. Laurent and party were at the Fort Garry.

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X R. L. GARDINER FOR ALDERMAN

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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Another anniversary of Pearl Harbor was remembered last Sunday. Few ports of the Pacific neglect to do so. It is true Prince Rupert has never been guilty. On that momentous date, this city heard the news early, and straightaway felt jittery.

What did Prince Rupert have in the way of defence? Some of Washington's latest warships were shattered, if not utterly destroyed. A great naval base in mid-ocean had become a shambles. One feared to even guess at the total of dead and wounded seamen and marines. This city had less than nothing in the way of air protection.

UNEASY PEACE

The feeling in Prince Rupert? Nervous, we'll tell the world! Any moment, it might be learned would come word of fast planes attacking the coast. There was no security from Mexico to Skagway. Distance was as nothing, but anxiety was everywhere.

However San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Victoria, Vancouver and Prince Rupert were spared.

Debris and flames, ashes and horror never happened. But who dare say today, as an uneasy peace continues to brood over

the western sea it might not have occurred?

A few years prior to the war, a full rigged sailing ship manned by capable looking officers and youths in uniform called here to remain several days. All were Japanese. They were cruising thousands of miles, to give the young men experience in sailing and seamanship. The visit was a courtesy call. Hundreds of local fellow countrymen, engaged in fishing and other industries, came to town to share in the enjoyment of meeting. One afternoon, in Roosevelt Park, the young sailors gave clever exhibitions of fencing.

NUMEROUS QUESTIONS

The sailing craft had come to Prince Rupert direct from California, omitting any stay in Vancouver. It was evident that all the information possible concerning Prince Rupert was something to be desired. Questions were numerous.

Exchange of gifts and modest social gatherings completed a series of agreeable and unique events. The vessel berthed at the CNR dock and here the trim and slim cadets gave daily displays of how to handle sail, something rarely seen in this day and age.

The time was not much more than a few years prior to outbreak of the second war. General conditions been relatively peaceful. Strangers from Nippon graciously received. No loss, but Prince Rupert hardly prepared to behold fleet almost off her shore, deadly and so soon.

Man may toil from sunrise but woman's work is never as easily as he thinks. Buffalo Courier-Express

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NOTICE

Once again I am offering my services as Alderman.

Having resided in your city over the last 17 years, my record as a business man and worker for your community no doubt is well known to you all.

You know my capabilities. I am willing to use those capabilities, as well as my energy to work to assist you, the citizens of Prince Rupert, to regain sound and sane city government, to assist in rehabilitation, without undue delay, of our city utilities, such as sewers, water supply, etc.; an adequate and well-planned road improvement program, and added improvements to our present Traffic bylaw for your safety and the safety of your children, especially in the residential areas of our city.

I will support any sound proposition for the engagement of a City Manager.

I will support a decision on the Power Question only if it is in the interest of all consumers, with a long range contract and planning for future needs.

VOTE

X H. KRAUPNER

For Alderman

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