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Think and Vote

THE priceless inheritance of a free people—the election ballot—imposes two responsibilities upon citizens, first that they should use it and secondly that they should cast their ballot intelligently.

To neglect to vote is to admit that freedom means nothing. It also means that neglectful citizens have no interest in how they're governed, the laws under which they live or how much taxes they care to pay.

Too many people fail to vote and then cry in anguish over the acts of those elected. Those who see their candidates and their beliefs defeated have legitimate right to criticize.

The intelligence with which the ballot should be cast has nothing to do with the voter's scholastic ability. The intelligent votes are those cast by persons after a logical study of the candidates and the issues involved in the light of the voter's own particular rights, interests and desires.

We do not have the lively election meetings such as we once knew. They are few and far between although the Junior Chamber of Commerce is organizing one for tonight. This will give the public the opportunity to hear discussion of affairs bearing on the election this week.

The candidates should be treated with the respect due to those who despite the pressure of business and family ties are willing to serve and give their time to fellow citizens. They are entitled to that respect and tribute regardless of their views on the problems and policies of the day.

Then on Thursday we can turn out and vote on the candidates and the questions before us, each according to our opinion, or we can simply admit that we don't care, by not voting.

However, we would suggest that the election-day hermit has no place in responsible citizenship.

With God's Help

O H, LORD, I acknowledge Thy existence and the existence of a lot of other things less godly which I can overcome only with Thy help.

Give me strength to lightly bear my burden of living.

Teach me that sixty minutes make one hour, sixteen ounces one pound, and one hundred cents one dollar.

Help me to live so that at night I can lie down with a clear conscience, unhaunted by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain.

Grant, I beseech Thee, that I may earn my meal ticket on the square.

Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and the rustle of unholy skirts.

Blind me to the faults of the other fellow but reveal to me my own.

Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been to me a blessing, I will have nothing to conceal.

Keep me young enough to laugh with my children and to lose myself in their play.

The foregoing prayer was written in 1916 by Homer McKee of Indiana—who grew up to become one of the world's most gifted advertising copy writers. He died two years ago last month.

Scripture Passage for Today

'Seek ye out the book of the Lord, and read.'

Isa. 34:16

Vote as you like, But VOTE

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As I See It

by
Elmore Philpott

Here's Room for More

VERNON: Here in one of the finest fruit growing valleys in all the world George Drew's call for a Canada of a hundred million people does not seem so ridiculous.

I remember my very first visit to this gigantic fruit basket when the question was raised among a very hard headed group of practical people:

Just how big a population could this part of Canada support if it were just the physical question of feeding and housing them? The answer that I got then was that at least half a million people could be settled here.

The same principle holds true in many parts of Canada. Up around Smithers on the CNR line to Prince Rupert you could put the whole population of some small European countries—and they could produce a better living than they now have in Europe.

Markets is just another name for "consumers with ability to buy." Give the Okanagan a fruit market in Canada three or four times bigger than we now offer and why need they sweat and worry over export markets?

A B.C. apple can help feed a British family living in Britain—but it could just as well help feed that same family if the family was moved to Canada.

MR. DREW is like Sir John A. Macdonald in one respect at least—that he refuses to think in small dimensions. Macdonald foresaw a population of twenty-five millions for Canada within twenty-five years of Confederation. We will be lucky if we get that figure within one hundred years after 1901. But Sir John A. was on the right track to set such a goal and so is George Drew.

The curse of Canada has always been the small-mindedness of our leaders in almost an want of life. Canadians used to get hopping mad if you called them "colonials" but actually they were and still are amongst the most colonial-minded people on earth. Only recently have Canadians begun to show self-reliance. Maybe the decision to build the St. Lawrence seaway as an all-Canadian enterprise will be the turning point. For now, for the first time in our history, we are not waiting for some big neighbor to tell us what we must do and what we cannot.

WHILE I welcome George Drew's declaration of the kind of Canada this country might become it seems to me that we would be better to concentrate on quality and not just quantity.

After all, the world does not need any more "great powers." We could do with a few less great powers than we now have.

On the other hand anyone who calmly examines the British Commonwealth as it exists today must realize that the distribution of population in it is illogical—in fact so lop-sided—as to be a real invitation to economic disaster sooner or later.

At least twenty million of the people who now live in Britain would be better off re-located in Canada, New Zealand or Australia. Moreover, Canada, New Zealand and Australia would be better off if they shared those twenty million immigrants between them.

Rebuilding and paving of city streets, particularly 3r: Ave. East to Cow Bay, 4th Ave. East, 5th Ave. East, 8th Ave. West, Fulton Street and others.

Reconstruction of Water System as suggested by our Hydro engineers over a period of time.

Regaining complete control of Woodworth Lake Water, to provide adequate, healthy pure water for our citizens.

VOTE PROGRESS—Vote for the construction of Sewers to replace septic tanks and nightsoil collections wherever urgent and practical.

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VOTE for an ABLE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION—City Business is BIG business, and thorough overseeing is necessary for an up-to-date administration.

VOTE ADVANCEMENT—Encourage our Basic Fishing Industry to expand; Encourage the fishermen and families who have left our city to return.

Help the establishment of additional industries and business.

VOTE NO on the Power Referendum

VOTE YES on the Telephone Referendum

VOTE YES on the Fairview Cemetery Referendum

VOTE YES on the Water Bylaw

LETTERBOX

AS KRAUPNER SEES IT

Editor, Daily News:

Without prejudice, and with a completely unbiased mind, I would like to take this opportunity to express my view on the power referendum, to be voted on this Thursday, and, particularly, with reference to the letter to the editor, appearing in your paper last night, headed "The Other Side."

Sarcasm of the kind displayed so openly in this letter, certainly does more harm than good.

From a strictly business point-of-view, people with intelligence, living in a free democratic country, will recognize that no matter what kind of service is involved, if this service is rendered by a private company, that company has a right to do everything in its power to protect its investments and interests, which by this referendum are so definitely put into jeopardy.

Without taking sides, I feel that the effort of the Company now providing the service in question, defending itself, trying to enlighten the public and the same time fighting for its existence, could hardly be called "an insult to the intelligence of the public."

Rather, I would say, it is up to the intelligence of the public to carefully study the facts brought before them, weigh them in their intelligent minds, and come to their own intelligent conclusion.

With the serious problems facing our expanding city, every one of these problems being a costly one, it would perhaps be wiser to look with a friendly eye upon the investors of Bay Street or Wall Street, instead of shying them away with sarcasm.

The Referendum in question certainly should not have been placed before the people at all, at this time.

No information whatever had been obtained by the council from the N.B.C. Power Co. or the Power Commission of B.C. as to what a future contract and its terms would be.

It is only too obvious that the position of the N.B.C. Power Co., at present is quite indeterminate in so far as they now have to await the findings of Public Utilities Commission investigating the situation, and until such findings are completed, it would be impossible for anyone to expect the N.B.C. Power Co. to commit itself, or start bargaining for a new deal with the city. From this point of view, in all fairness, the referendum is ill-timed and should have been withheld.

If this Referendum is answered with a "Yes" vote, it is quite clear to any intelligent mind that a situation would be created which by reason of ill-wording of this referendum would definitely close the door to competitive bargaining, with which the incoming council should proceed immediately. Only a "No" vote means competition without competition.

In face of such simple facts, is there a 12-year-old child in the city who could be childish enough to cast a "No" vote even with a baby sitter for a bribe?

GEORGE B. CASEY,

Alderman.

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ested parties, terms of the contract these parties are prepared to make and then take the matter to the people to vote:

WHO SHALL SUPPLY POWER?

Thank you, Mr. Editor, for your space.

H. KRAUPNER.

RESIDENTIAL RATES

Editor,

Daily News:

With reference to the slick-paper brochure, "The Prince Rupert Power Story," we would raise the question: How is the average cost to residential customers at 1.8¢ per kWh calculated?

This being an average cost we would like the company to produce some electric residential accounts which are BELOW this average.

In closing, we question whether this expensive publication is in the best interests of Prince Rupert, or in the best interests of the Northern B.C. Power Co. Ltd.

R. ARMSTRONG,
D. PEARSON.

THE IMPORTANT MATTER

Editor, Daily News:

Important point in Thursday's election is not on what committee old George B. Casey will serve the city or whether or not he gets Whalen's last goat.

To the city the important difference is between a "yes" or "no" vote on the power referendum. A "yes" vote means competition for a 25-year franchise. A "no" vote means a 25-year franchise without competition.

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AMBASSADOR TO CUBA—H. A. Scott, 52, of Toronto has been appointed Canadian ambassador to Cuba, the External Affairs Department announced Monday. Mr. Scott, a long-time government employee and consul-general for Canada in San Francisco since June, 1948, succeeds Dr. E. H. Coleman, recently appointed ambassador to Brazil. Mr. Scott is expected to take over his new job about the year end. (CP PHOTO)

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