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The Power Question

WITH the city council deciding to have a referendum on the question of whether Prince Rupert should turn to the British Columbia Power Commission to furnish it with power rather than continue with the Northern British Columbia Power Co., whose franchise expires in 1954, there will be plenty of contentious discussion between now and civic election day.

There is also to be a mayoralty contest this year, two candidates already being in sight, so there will be no dearth of interest in municipal affairs generally and that is as it should be. Certainly the prime requisite of good government and administration is to be obtained is that there should be an interested and watchful public. In recent years it must be said there has not been much display of enthusiastic interest which is an unfortunate state of affairs.

The question of the power franchise is a serious one and there are many angles to be considered. It is no matter for snap judgment but rather for careful consideration with study of the facts of the case and the reactions from any action that may be taken. There will be many factors to be weighed and considered.

The cases of the interested parties may be expected to be fully placed before the people who will thus be in a position to judge sensibly and dispassionately.

Good News

PRINCE GEORGE will share with its sister city, Prince Rupert, the satisfaction that must come with the news that the latter's long-idle grain elevator is going to be filled this autumn. It will mean a lot to Prince Rupert to have grain trains running into the city and cargo boats leaving for far-away countries. Railway payrolls will be higher, and every line of business will benefit in some manner by the movement of grain through Central B.C.

One welcome feature is that it will probably ensure plenty of box cars being available during the shipping period on this division. Prairie grain will move west, and the empty cars will be loaded with lumber for eastern markets—an ideal set-up from the standpoint of railway transportation officials.

News that the Prince Rupert elevator is to be reopened will not be welcomed by the Vancouver Harbor Board or officials of the CNR, who are suspected of using their influence to keep the deep-sea movement of grain on the west coast concentrated in Vancouver. However, they will take some satisfaction from the fact that departure from this greedy policy was dictated by the scarcity of grain storage space on the prairies and at Great Lakes elevators.

The Columbia Cellulose and Aluminum Co. of Canada operations on the west coast will mean that more ocean freighters will be calling at Prince Rupert and Kitimat. Now is the time to capitalize on this shift in emphasis from Vancouver as the only important B.C. seaport by advocating that seasonal use be made of the grain storage and shipping facilities at Prince Rupert.—Prince George Citizen.

NAZIS BROUGHT LUCK MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — which was the same as a number tattooed on her sister's arm while Mr. Ida Hempel, a Polish immigrant, won \$25,000 in a lottery concentration camp. The sisters with a ticket, the number of will share the prize.

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Contrasting Campaigns

October 20.

EN ROUTE TO GLASGOW. — The contrast between the Attlee and Churchill campaigns is striking, a amusing and maybe symbolic.

The Conservative leader travels in style, a whole special train to himself. Yesterday he got on the train ahead of his police guard. He was beaming out of the window like a rather aged cherub when they came puffing up on the run.

Mr. Churchill has only made three real speeches in three weeks. Mr. Attlee, who drives with his wife for chauffeur, averages five speeches a day, mostly outdoors.

MR. CHURCHILL has made the strongest bid to date for the Liberal vote. He has made history by appearing on the platform of Lady Violet Bonham Carter, an official Liberal candidate.

This is the most demonstrative proof to date that the ex-Liberal vote is the key to victory and defeat in this election. Everybody knows that. But nobody, not even Mr. Churchill or Mr. Attlee, knows which way the Liberal vote will go—for the obvious reason is that it will go in all sorts of different directions according to the peculiarities of each locality.

THERE ARE only 108 Liberals running in this election as compared with 475 in 1950.

This is bound to make a tremendous difference in the outcome, as no less than 187 Members of Parliament got in on a minority vote.

For instance, there are 30 Labor constituencies where the Liberal vote in 1950 exceeded the margin by which the Labor MP's won. This time only seven Liberals are running in those seats.

YESTERDAY I stopped off for a few hours in Godmanchester, Huntingdon, to see my old friend, Reverend Peter Disney, who used to be at All Saints Church, Vancouver. He is vicar now at one of the loveliest old churches I have seen in England. Since returning to this land he has acquired a charming wife and a bouncing, bustling three-year-old daughter.

Peter had the great honor to preach in Westminster Abbey a few weeks ago—the Sunday the King had his operation. He likes it here but he tells me he has moments of homesickness for Hastings East, Vancouver, with its "all nations" flavor.

Godmanchester (chartered 1212, chiefly because the wicked King John needed cash) looks down its nose at Huntingdon, its "modern" neighbor. Peter showed me the school in Huntingdon where Oliver Cromwell was educated.

ANOTHER former resident of B.C. is taking a key part in this election. He is E. S. T. Johnston, running as a Conservative in the Blackley division of Manchester. This is now held by a Labor member who won last time by a 42-vote margin.

Mr. Johnston spent seven years in our Cariboo country and has brought back with him a lot of that easy friendliness for which the Cariboo is famous. Again this time it is a three-cornered fight. The vote last time was: Labor, 21,392; Conservative, 21,356; Liberal, 7317.

Canucks to Be Honored

LONDON (CP)—The part played by the Royal Canadian Navy in the wartime Battle of the Atlantic will be honored November 23 at a dinner marking the fourth annual reunion of the Western Approaches command. Organizers of the dinner say any eligible Canadian naval officer visiting Britain is welcome to attend.

Among the guests will be L. Dana Wilgress, Canadian high commissioner in London, and Capt. O. C. S. Robertson, senior naval member of the Canadian joint staff, London.

In the Battle of the Atlantic the Canadian Navy used 14 destroyers, 69 frigates, 112 corvettes and thousands of minesweepers and smaller craft.

HISTORIC ROLE Viscount Alexander is the 17th Governor-General of Canada since Viscount Monck became the first in 1867.

U.N. Is Six Years Old



UNITED NATIONS DAY

October 24

On this date, six years ago, the Charter of the United Nations came into force. On this date U.N. reaffirms the aims of the organization, recalls its achievements and pledges to continue all efforts to realize its purposes: Collective measures against aggression, promotion of peaceful settlement of disputes, international action for economic and social progress, aid to peoples on the road to independence. These are the main avenues along which U.N. advances into its seventh year of existence. Throughout the world, in every field of human endeavor, U.N. and its affiliated agencies continue action towards the achievement of these goals of the Charter.

LETTERBOX

INFLATION, ETC.

Editor, Daily News.

I am pleased to note that the commission on the hospital racket has discovered a few of the skunks in the woodpile. It is the same with all Socialistic rackets. The hogs spoil all the efforts toward progress. In spite of the fact that most all countries have gone nuts on these Socialistic ideas, it seems strange that they have forgotten about what happened to the first attempt along these lines. They will not work.

The people of Esquimalt missed a good opportunity to rid themselves of the gim-me guys. We wonder if Britain will do the same thing. Some folks talk about inflation, and the governments tell us it is our fault—when it lies at the door of the governments themselves, because they haven't the intestinal fortitude to tell the people they are crazy and to use common sense instead of playing for votes. We shall have to pay dearly for these goofy ideas.

It is silly to stand off a depression by shovelling our resources out with a scoop shovel to all countries of the world for which we receive no thanks in order to promote business and keep men employed. The people have to pay for all the things we give to the panhandlers and on top of that we must pay an inflated price for what is left, because of the artificial scarcity at home. It is lovely to see the school kids getting 10 a day and others in proportion, but the result is that our money is now worth 50 cents, which just robs those who saved their money for their old age, makes the government bonds people bought worth half what they cost and it appears to me that we are just about at the stage Russia was when they first started out on their road to hades. The joke is that those, like the unions, who backed up those ideas are now liquidated. We better start worrying about what is wrong in our own country instead of what Russia is going to do next (or what she is doing every day by sabotage and propaganda).

We noted that the bakeries were fined for having a combine in the restraint of trade and for fixing prices. Now, what we are unable to figure out is what is the difference between the bakeries and the doctors, dentists, lawyers, merchants, barbers, musicians, bootblacks, newsboys, farmers AND ALL UNIONS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. These would appear to be for the restraint of trade and for fixing prices, just as much as the bakeries were. Pardon our stupidity, but we are too dumb to figure out the difference, and we certainly would like to have it pointed out to us in order that we may not hold such screwy ideas while everyone else seems to think everything is OK.

ANTIQUATED.

Would Sell Milk Lower

VANCOUVER—Sawney Stores here are applying to the Milk Board for permission to reduce the price of milk in their stores by three cents a quart. The milk would not be delivered.

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Reflects and Reminisces

There are some things the mayor of Vancouver can do that the mayor of Prince Rupert does not even attempt. The former can slip on ice and break a bone in his arm.

PUTTING HAIR ON CHEST

Canada's wild horses are gradually becoming fewer. This was only to be expected now that less keel is seen in ovens. It is not at all astonishing now that more citizens are trying to kid themselves and others that a good, juicy roast of stallion, with a snail side order of oats can go a long way toward strengthening one for the labors of the day.

A Danish film authority touring the west declares Alberta is not sunny, Saskatchewan is not dry and B.C. is no so beautiful because L's seen fog. Put her there, partner. You're dead right. Of course there's no perfection. We're only partly that way. Denmark may not be so hot, and like as not, maybe we'll say so, but don't mind. It would be said anyway.

Firecrackers are reported to have been used by the forces in the island of Formosa, near China, in the hope of checking, if not stopping, an outbreak of earthquakes. This will explain how they found themselves on an island and required to stay there.

FRETENDING TO

Certain local folk do not dispute non-enjoyment of some music. Why is it some compositions become famous and live on indefinitely, while others are scarce ever heard of, despite repeated efforts to see them crowned with even modest popularity? Is there a melody mystery? There is music that stirs the soul and can move you as nothing else does. On other occasions, lack of life and inspiration is the first thing felt. Of course, none will dispute the view that education is essential in gaining a love and a true understanding. But meanwhile it is a hardship to be expected to listen, and pretend like. Nevertheless there is a lot of just that.

TIMES UP!

In describing the local jail as "horrible" Alderman Gomez surprises no one. Twenty years ago it would have been no injustice to describe the lockup without saying anything complimentary

Move for 90c Mortgages

VANCOUVER. — Alderman Proctor is pressing for a move so that advantage may be taken of the new amendments of the National Housing Act, which permits mortgages at a rate of 90c per cent.

BUSY CITY

Nottingham, England, with a population of about 300,000, stands in one of the most valuable British coalfields.

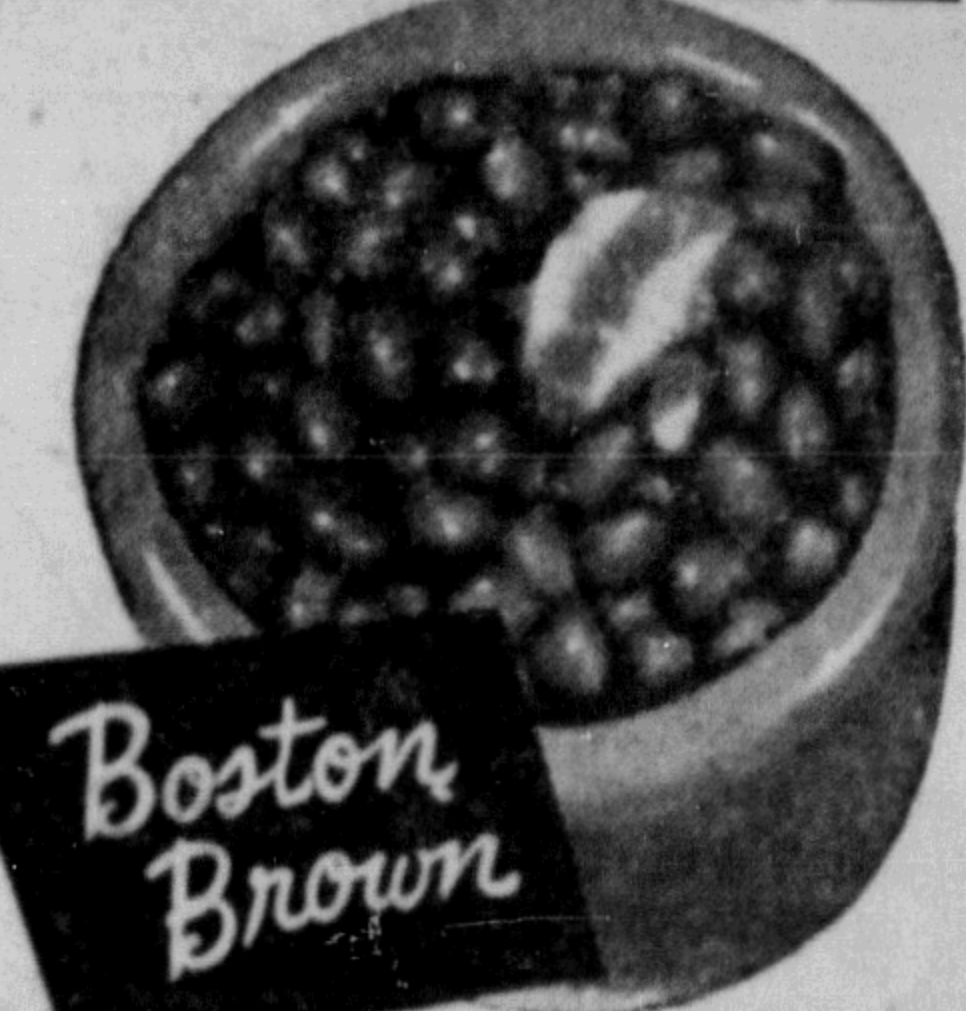


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