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Election Danger

While it is expected that Hon. T. D. Pattullo will be re-elected member for Prince Rupert and that W. J. Asselstine, E. T. Kenney and Mark Connelly will again be members respectively for Atlin, Skeena and Omineca, there is danger that the respective committees supporting these candidates may be too sure of their ground and get a surprise.

At the meeting Saturday night Mr. Pattullo emphasized the need of support in order that he and his associates may carry on the campaign commenced in the east to secure just treatment from the Dominion. Already over two million dollars has been secured as a result of representations made by the delegations that have gone east. These men are thoroughly familiar with the situation and it would be fatal to the cause of the province to change leaders at this time.

The Pattullo government has rehabilitated the finances of the province and by the end of another term will have placed them on a sound footing and relieved the municipalities of the burden they are now carrying. The work is proceeding well and any setback would be contrary to the best interests of British Columbia.

The Local Situation

In regard to the local situation it may be pointed out that Prince Rupert is making strenuous efforts to secure a pulp mill. In the past it is said that one objection to expending so much money here is the labor situation. There have been signs of unrest in the city and neighborhood which does not prove inviting to those who would put millions into a big industry. Should Prince Rupert now elect a member pledged to the policy of taking over the big industries, it is easy to see what effect this might have on the promotion of a big industry. It would be safer and better for them to invest their money in Quebec than in Prince Rupert.

Any new industry such as a pulp mill would look to the provincial government for support in regard to securing timber limits for the supply of the raw material. If the Premier of the province should be defeated, there would be no assurance that they would receive the needed co-operation. His defeat just now would be a bad slap at the promotion work that is now going on.

It may be mentioned in this regard that this is the first time the Premier has come out as backing the efforts being made to erect a mill here. It is the first time he has mentioned the possibility of government support at a campaign meeting. He has now associated himself with the project and to defeat him might delay if not overthrow the whole project.

FOOTBALL STARTING

Senior Season to Get Under Way Tomorrow Evening With Stuart Shield Play

With three teams—Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, Vandinks and Canadian Legion—in

competition, the Senior Football League season will get under way Tuesday evening of this week when R. C. N. V. R. and Vandinks will meet in the opener of the Stuart Benefit Shield series. Schedules for the season were drawn up yesterday at a meeting of the Prince Rupert Football Association, executive, those present being Jack Preece, the president, Henry Dickens, Casey Vink and G. J. Dawes.

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would only mean autocracy and dictatorship.

Charlie Chapman (from the gallery): "A few men are dictating now."

Mr. Pattullo: "If it comes to the time where it is necessary to have a dictator, I want to be the dictator."

The Premier said that he had no objection to Socialistic principles. Indeed, he had advocated them himself. As long as it was not subversive or controversial of constitutional government, expression of socialism would not be objected to by him. There might come a time when it would be necessary for the government to regulate private and public activities. He would never, however, favor the destruction of personal initiative. As for the request for collective bargaining, he wanted to know all the implications before he made a decision. Also he could not personally commit his government without consultation.

"Surely the record of Liberal governments over a period of twenty years shows that we have not only talked but also acted for the benefit of the average man," declared the Premier.

Conservative Platform

The Premier then turned his attention to the Conservative platform. As for Mr. Eviatt, Mr. Pattullo said that he respected him very much. He knew he was highly and deservedly esteemed.

Talk of not increasing the public debt was only "bunkum." In twenty years the population of this province had doubled. "Do you think that it was not necessary to increase the public debt in order to provide roads, bridges, schools, hospitals and such services? Do you think everything can be paid out of current revenue?" Governments were in the same position as an individual who wished to build a house. It was business to arrange finances to build the house. If the Conservatives were sincere it meant that they were going to cut out all public works.

The Conservatives talked about cutting interest rates. But did they know what consols were? How much did they expect to get for perpetual bonds? It was perfect nonsense. Mr. Pattullo mentioned how the Conservative member for Victoria, Mr. Anson, shuddered at the mere mention of reducing interest.

Aid to municipalities was a laudable and practicable proposal. The last Liberal government had restored \$1,600,000 per year to municipalities which, however, still received \$800,000 per year less than they did in 1928. The Liberal government proposed further relief to the municipalities in the very near future on a sound basis involving the lessening of the tax burden on land.

True the Liberal platform had included a highway commission plank but a program of joint public works had since been entered into with the Dominion. How could a provincial highway commission function under such circumstances? It would mean responsibility for the province without control. Further, such a commission could not be appointed until road building was placed on a permanent basis.

"Nevertheless," declared Mr. Pattullo, "the public works department of this province was never better conducted than it is today. There is less partisanship than there ever was before. Indeed, I am constantly receiving protests from members of the Liberal party complaining about not getting patronage."

Freedom From Politics

His government had shown its freedom from politics, Mr. Pattullo maintained. Specially trained men had been secured for special work without respect to politics.

Speaking of social services, the Premier mentioned work along preventative as well as curative lines. Mothers' pensions were freer from red tape and more generous than anywhere else. The Liberal government of British Columbia had been the first to pay old age pensions.

The only reason that a public utilities commission had not been appointed was that it would have cost \$1,000,000 to secure the necessary information. With other more pressing requirements, it was simply felt that this expenditure might well be deferred. Utility rates were, however, too high and would have to be and would be reviewed.

In regard to restoring confi-

dence in the mining industry and protecting the public from unscrupulous investors, Mr. Pattullo, referred to the Hedley Amalgamated affair. "The report of Mr. Fraser has been given to the public in full. The Richmond report was given to the press to be published in full. The Stewart report was given in full. The report of the deputy minister, Dr. Walker, was given in full. Charges have been laid against three officials. We have nothing to hide and we have nothing to apologize for."

"We are as determined as anyone to restore confidence, if it has been impaired, in the mining industry," asserted the Premier who announced the intention to separate the Securities Act administration from the mines department which was too busy to handle it.

Regarding forest protection, the Premier declared that the government was stimulating natural regeneration and proposed to continue to do so. In this regard, operators on crown granted land were co-operating with the forest service.

In the matter of marketing, Mr. Pattullo referred to the collective marketing of halibut plan now in operation at Prince Rupert. This had been effected by the Liberal government. It had resulted in improved prices for halibut here whereas the prices in the markets of the east had been no higher.

Settling of Lands

The Conservative platform talked about discouraging of settlement of remote lands without roads and schools. The policy of the McBride government of alienating land and natural resources had been to a large extent responsible for isolated settlement in this province.

As for education, Mr. Pattullo said: "Our curriculum admittedly is unexcelled on this continent and we have a more equitable basis of school taxation than anywhere else."

Turning to health insurance, Mr. Pattullo told how it had been a plank in the Liberal platform. There had been so much opposition, however, after the plan had been adopted that he (Pattullo) had ordered that its being put into effect be deferred. Then it had been decided to submit it to the people. If the Act had been put into operation, hundreds of women in the province would have already received maternity benefits and surgical benefits would also have been paid. The intention of the government had been to go ahead surely and progressively. "I think," said Mr. Pattullo, "you should vote 'yes' in the plebiscite. I shall do so myself. If you don't we cannot go ahead with it, of course."

The Premier saw no necessity for a plank in the Conservative platform opposing granting the vote to Orientals. No one intended to give them the franchise unless possibly it was the C. C. F. and they would never be given the chance to. Why flaunt this kind of thing in front of the Orientals?

"I firmly believe," declared Mr. Pattullo, "that the Liberal party, for the time being at least, is the only equipped and efficient political organization through which our people can be served governmentally at the present time. We have a record of achievement. We have definite progressive plans for the future. We have the knowledge, experience and determination to put these plans into effect."

"As for myself," asserted the Premier, "I have been in public life for forty years. I should know something about it and, without, I hope, appearing to be unduly egotistic, I think I do."

For Common People

"From 1916 on the whole trend of Liberal governmental activity has been to place legislation on the statute books for the benefit of the common people."

Mr. Chapman again: "Only on paper."

Mr. Pattullo: "Not only on paper, my friend, but in actuality. In the east, for instance, we are blamed with being far too radical. But the east itself is beginning to follow suit."

Turning his attention to the province's financial situation, Mr. Pattullo recalled how the Liberals had found the province in 1933 at zero. Since then the credit and affairs of the province had been brought to a point where British Columbia was now selling its bonds at the best price in the history of the province. British Columbia had demanded from financial interests the same rate as Ontario and Quebec enjoyed and had got it.

"We have put this province in a sound financial position," declared the Premier, "We have improved

the position of the municipalities. We have helped industries to establish. We have got new business for the province. We have increased employment. I think you should return this government on its record alone."

Mr. Pattullo mentioned the local pulp mill project and there were titters.

"I would suggest that you should not scoff and laugh at honest attempts being made to establish industries. Do not forget that some one is spending money even to promote the undertaking here. There is no more favorable location than Prince Rupert for a pulp mill. Present negotiations for such an industry here are responsibly sponsored. We are determined to be of assistance if possible. I might tell you that a stop order has already been placed on Naas River timber in order to ensure a supply if the industry here gets going."

"How about the Yukon?" Mr. Pattullo was asked.

"Yes, and I want to tell you about that," answered the Premier. "This government has visions of greater and greater development. Those who want to stick in the mud can do so but I, for one, refuse to do so. Possibly you know that great developments are anticipated, indeed have started, in Alaska. That development is going to be reflected in Northern British Columbia and the Yukon. Last year the Yukon was at its lowest ebb. Already new expansion is starting this year." Joining up of British Columbia and the Yukon, the Premier believed, would be of mutual benefit. However, the rights of everybody would be considered. The proposal would have to be endorsed both in Victoria and at Ottawa. The Premier did not think that the whole future of the country should be decided by a few people now resident, many of them but temporarily, in the Yukon.

"And let me tell you this Yukon question is no election issue," said the Premier. "It so happened that the agreement was arranged after the election was announced. I pursued the honest course and told the people."

Better Terms

Mr. Pattullo then proceeded to the subject of better terms for British Columbia under the B. N. A. Act. As matters stood at present, the situation was all to the benefit of the federal government. Grants made by Ottawa were altogether inadequate to take care of the things intended. Great sums were taken from this province and comparatively little came back in return. Provincial taxation fields had been entered by Ottawa. The Liberal government had so impressed Mr. Bennett that his government had increased the grants by \$750,000 a year, making it almost double of what it was before. Recognition of the claims having been achieved, Premier King had now promised a royal commission to go into the whole matter, studying the relationship with a view to bringing about a realignment of the financial position.

"We have opened negotiations," said the Premier, "they know us and have confidence in us. We have this important business half way through. Would it appear reasonable to make a change now? Do you think those who might succeed would be able to carry on effectively? Never, it appears to me, has there been a time when it is more important to return your government to office."

Mr. Pattullo addressed a few words to the people of the small communities in the vicinity of Prince Rupert and on the Queen Charlotte Islands. They had not been forgotten, he thought. No part of British Columbia had been better served. In voting he urged the people of the district to exercise sound judgment.

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the Premier to the Liberal party here for renominating him as well as to the people generally who had elected him. His sympathies now, as they had always been, were with the pioneers.

House Representation

Speaking of House representation, Mr. Pattullo said that the Liberal plan was to consider population, community of interest and topography of the country. He thought the present basis fair and equitable.

If re-elected on June 1, Mr. Pattullo mentioned that he would be the Dean of the Legislature following the withdrawal of Mr. Pooley. He had never aspired to be Prime Minister.

"I believe the government will be returned by a large majority" concluded Mr. Pattullo. "I conscientiously believe we are about to have a new era of rising development and increased prosperity. I urge you to see that you are so represented that this province can go ahead and prosper. We are going to put the province in an impregnable position and we intend to maintain it there."

The meeting ended with Mr. Marshall endeavoring to make a speech amid cries of "Sit down."

Charles P. Balagno presided at the piano to accompany "O Canada" at the start and "God Save the King" at the end.

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The question of the Yukon is no election issue. The rights of everybody will be considered.

The government will be returned by a large majority. Who will Prince Rupert stand?

Tennis Tournery Opens Season

Miss Evy Rivett and Angus MacPhee Winners on C. N. R. Courts

An enjoyable American tournament was held yesterday at the Canadian National Railway Association tennis courts. The members took part and the caliber of play was very good considering the earliness of the season.

Miss Evy Rivett and Angus MacPhee won the play-off against Mrs. R. Morrison and J. Conroy in the runner-up position.

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