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Premier Excels in Fighting Speech

Pattullo Puts Election Issues Before Home Town Audience; Poor Time to Change Horses

Importance of Returning Present Government to Office Is Stressed—Variety of Matters Dealt With By Prime Minister Before Big Meeting

"There never was a time in the history of the province when it was more important to return a government to office to carry on its work," declared Premier T. D. Pattullo in a fighting campaign address before a large home town audience in the Moose Hall Saturday night. "I would urge you to take no chances at this time." Referring to the present negotiations with Ottawa for better terms for British Columbia, Mr. Pattullo declared that the authorities in the east knew with whom they were dealing in British Columbia and had confidence. "We have important business half way through. Do you think it would seem reasonable to make a change now Do you think those who might replace us would be able to carry on as effectively?"

The Premier was in fine fighting fettle. There was some heckling at times as the Prime Minister drove with a rapid fire of decisive statements, evidently caring little where the chips flew. However, the Premier is well known as a seasoned campaigner and he thrives upon the disturbances of feeble and inexperienced interrupters. They are his game and he is far more effective when faced by a few of them than when his listeners are entirely responsive. That is where the Premier shines. He always turns interruptions to his own advantage as those who endeavored to embarrass him Saturday night found.

M. P. McCaffery was chairman of the meeting. At the opening, he expressed the opinion that it would be but good business and logic to re-elect Mr. Pattullo, particularly in view of the certainty of the government being returned to office. It would be for the best interests of the town and district. Prince Rupert had in the past been known to choose representatives who were out of tune with the government of the day. He urged that no mistake of this kind be made now. The chairman referred to past services of the Premier for this city including the conservation in the very early days of the municipal telephone utility, the supporting of the hydro-electric company which, if accepted, might have made Prince Rupert a greater city, his insistence on the building of the court house here, etc. He had worked continually for the best interests of the city.

Mr. Pattullo

Premier Pattullo spoke for just about two hours and many matters received his attention. He dealt at some length with the Conservative platform, pointed to the accomplishments of his own administration and, before closing, gave some particulars of the better terms fight which the government now had in hand. Other matters of current interest such as the improved financial condition of the province, health insurance, Hedley Amalgamated, the Yukon were dealt with. Nor were local matters forgotten.

At the outset, Mr. Pattullo referred briefly to the reasons for calling the general election at this time. It had been considered timely to hold the plebiscite on health insurance and the election at the same time. Had there been a deposit required, there might not have been so many candidates in the field on this occasion. He recalled that it had been a Liberal government after the 1916 election that had abolished the deposit requirement.

Mr. Pattullo referred to the charge that had been made of rifling Workmen's Compensation funds. This was without foundation in fact or substance and was totally misleading. These funds were kept separate and administered by the Workmen's Compensation Board which had millions of dollars invested, some of it in B. C. securities. Why should the board not buy B. C. bonds?

A charge of using superannuation funds was also not in accordance with the facts. Some of these had been used by the Tolmie government for ordinary expenditures, a practice of which the Liberals had disapproved at the time and which it was not following itself The funds so used had not yet been replaced but the whole credit of the province stood behind the obligation.

Federal Building

Mr. Pattullo mentioned the new local federal building. He (Pattullo) had agreed to give the federal government the site on which the building was to be erected. Plans for the building were now being drafted and within two months tenders would be called.

Regarding the ore sampling plant here. Mr. Pattullo reiterated a previous announcement that positive instructions had been given that it should be proceeded with at once. He recalled that it had been decided to put this in at the instance of W. J. Asselstine, the member for Atlin, and the appropriation made last year long before an election had been thought of. He was confident that it would be a successful undertaking.

The Premier then turned to a memorandum of requests that had been made by the Trades & Labor Council. One request was for a bill recognizing the right of collective bargaining. He wanted to know definitely what was meant by this. If it was proposed that it should be by means of any One Big Union in control of a handful of men he was unequivocally opposed to it as it

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Heard Here

Premier T. D. Pattullo

Points by Pattullo

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We have important business half way through. Is it reasonable to make a change now?

Plans for the federal building in Prince Rupert are being drafted and within two months tenders will be called.

Positive instructions have been given to proceed with the ore sampling plant in Prince Rupert at once.

I want to know all the implications before making a decision in regard to collective bargaining. If it means a One Big Union in control of a handful of men, I am opposed to it.

The record of the Liberal governments over a period of years shows that we have not only talked but acted for the benefit of the average man.

Roads, bridges, schools and hospitals cannot be provided without increasing the public debt.

The Liberal government proposes further relief to the municipalities on a sound basis involving the lessening of the tax burden on land.

The public works department of this province was never better conducted than it is today. There is less partizanship than there ever was before.

All reports have been given to the public in full. We have nothing to hide; nothing to apologize for (in regard to Hedley Amalgamated).

Collection marketing, effected by this government, has resulted in improved prices for halibut.

Our education curriculum is unexcelled on this continent and the basis of taxation is more equtable.

You should vote "yes" on the health insurance plebiscite. If you do not, it cannot be gone ahead with.

No one intends to extend the franchise to the Orientals with the possible exception of the C. C. F. and they won't be given the chance to.

The Liberal party is the only organization efficiently equipped to serve governmentally at the present time. It has a record of achievement, definite and progressive plans for the future and knowledge, experience and determination to put these plans into effect.

British Columbia is now selling its bonds at the best price in the history of the province.

This government should be returned on its record alone.

The government is determined to be of assistance to the Prince Rupert pulp mill undertaking.

Those who want to stick in the

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INTERVIEW PATTULLO

Trades and Labor Council Delegation in Session With Premier

To place before him several matters concerning the workers in general, and Prince Rupert in particular, a delegation from the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council consisting of T. B. Black, T. Elliott, J. J. Gillis, and G. Anderson interviewed Premier Pattullo on Saturday afternoon and the following requests were taken up:

A Trades Union Bill giving the workers the right to collective bargaining and the right to join a trades union of their own choice.

A Better Housing Act.

More relief allowance for the unemployed and more coverage be given the married unemployed.

A basic minimum rate for common labor of 50c per hour.

Enforcement of the fire department's Hours of Work Act giving firemen two full days off in each week instead of having to work 12 hours per day week in and week out.

The last mentioned request was adjusted immediately and other requests will receive consideration.

Trades and Labor Council Session

Extra Gang Pay, Health Insurance and Minimum Wages In Construction Industry Discussed

Matters of considerable importance were taken up at the last regular meeting of the Prince Rupert Trades & Labor Council.

Correspondence was received from the general secretary with respect to the extra gangs working on the railways for the sum of 25c per hour. The communication was to the effect that these men do not come under the maintenance of way agreement and are not subject to the 25c rate of pay which applies to maintenance of way men for the first six months. Advice was given that such extra gang men should negotiate for a scale before going out on the job.

Regarding the Health Insurance Act, the council again took the stand that this Act should be given all support and instructs its membership to vote "yes" in the plebiscite.

A communication from the Industrial Relations Board regarding a proposed minimum wage in the construction industry was not favorably received. The council took the stand that it could do better through individual bargaining than at the rate set by the board and decided to notify the board accordingly.

Government Is Making Grant To Local Library

Realizing the present condition of the books belonging to the public library of Prince Rupert, the provincial librarian has notified the Prince Rupert Library Board that a grant has been made available to the public library by the government for the purchase of books in the non-fictional sections of the library.

Donations have been received towards the book fund campaign from the Hon. T. D. Pattullo and Olof Hanson, M. P.

Late Telegraphs

WAR ADMIRAL WINS AGAIN

BALTIMORE—Samuel Riddle's War Admiral repeated its Kentucky Derby triumph over J. H. Loucheim's Pompoo nin the $50,000 Preakness race here Saturday. Only a head separated the pair at the finish as John Hay Whitney's Flying Scot finished six lengths back for third money.

MODERATE CALLED

VALENCIA—Last night Premier Francisco Largo Camballero refused to make further efforts toward forming a new Spanish cabinet whereupon Dr. Juan Negrin, Cabalerro's finance minister, agreed to attempt the formation of a cabinet. Dr. Negrin is a member of the moderate section.

QUADS IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL — Death has snatched the third of quadruplet babies which were born Sunday in Montreal to Mrs. Paul Martel, wife of a bakery driver, leaving one boy the sole survivor of the girl and three boys.

$650,000 DAMAGE

FAIRBANKS—Fairbanks floods are now receding. Indications are that damage will run to about $650,000.

EDMONTON GRADS WIN

EDMONTON—Edmonton Grads defeated Wichita 4 6to 25 in the third game of their series and won the competition.

"SCHOOL BOY" SUSPENDED

DETROIT—Manager Mickey Cochrane yesterday suspended "School Boy" Rowe, star hurler of the Detroit Tigers, without salary for failure to get into condition.

REVOLT CRUSHED

TIRANO, Albania — Government troops are having little difficulty crushing a revolt which broke out Saturday.

HONG KONG DISASTER

Explosion Makes Shambles Of Waterfront and Kills Seventy Persons

HONG KONG, May 17: (CP)—An explosion aboard a Japanese launch made a shambles of part of the waterfront of Hong Kong today, killing perhaps seventy persons and blowing bodies over an area from 200 yards to a quarter of a mile.

The launch was owned by the steamship company, Osaka Shosen Kaisha. All but one member of the crew of the launch were killed.

Halibut Sales

Summary

American—46,000 pounds, 8.5c and 6c and 8.6c and 6c.

Canadian—66,500 pounds, 7c and 5c to 7.8c and 5c.

American

Explorer, 37,000, 8.6c and 6c, Pacific.

Remus, 9,000, 8.5c and 6c, Cold Storage.

Canadian

Viking, 7,000, 7.6c and 5c, Booth.

Triumph, 8,000, 7.5c and 5c, Atlin. xz

Southend, 14,500, 7.8c and 5c, Atlin.

Aleve, 4,000, 7c and 5c, Atlin.

Salida, 11,000, 7.5c and 5c, Cold Storage.

Pair of Jacks, 8,000, 7.2c and 5c, Cold Storage.

Relief, 14,000, 7.8c and 5c, Cold Storage.

TO RESUME ON TUESDAY

Imperial Conference at London Has Been Adjourned Over Week-End

LONDON, May 17: (CP)—"It will be our task," said Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, in opening the first plenary session of the Imperial conference here, "to examine causes of the present international unrest, exchange views upon them and consider whether there is any contribution which we, co-operating together, can make to their diminution or removal."

Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King of Canada said it should be the aim of the rest of the Empire to so order their relations and co-ordinate their policies that they, in turn, might contribute to a peaceful ordering of international relations.

The work of the conference was suspended over the week-end until Tuesday when committees will probably begin their activities.

The conference will make no attempt to enunciate an Imperial defence scheme or set a general Imperial foreign policy.

MADE FAST PLANE TRIP

Pilot Charles Elliott Travels From One End of Province to Other With Election Official

After a speedy flight from one end of the province, a distance of more than one thousand miles in each direction, Pilot Charles Elliott of Pacific Airways hopped off from Prince Rupert at 12:30 noon today for Vancouver. He had on board P. Walker, deputy provincial secretary, whom he had taken to Atlin, Telegraph Creek and McDames Creek in connection with provincial election business. On leaving here today for Vancouver, the plane also had on board Mrs. A. R. Nichols of Prince Rupert who will pay a brief visit with her sister, Mrs. A. M. Manson, in Vancouver. It is expected to reach Vancouver early this evening with a possible stop at Alert Bay for refuelling.

BACK IN VICTORIA

Premier Pattullo Uses Aircraft To Advantage—Well Received At Stewart and Simpson

Premier T. D. Pattullo and party arrived here at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the north aboard Capt. E. C. W. Dobbin's Waco seaplane and at 9 o'clock Sunday morning hopped off for Victoria, a stop at Alert Bay enroute being made enroute to the capital where arrival was made late yesterday afternoon.

Wallie May Join Royalty

LONDON, May 17: (CP)—The British press is discussing the possibility of royal recognition for Mrs. Wallis Warfield by means of the formal announcement of her engagement to the Duke of Windsor by King George himself.

Mrs. H. F. Glassey, after having spent several months visiting in the south, was a passenger aboard the Princess Louise yesterday returning to Atlin from Vancouver.

BELLICINI ACQUITTED

Found Not Guilty by Jury of Having Burned Down Building At Houston Eight Years Ago

Defence Evidence

Testimony of Dead Man, Implying Guilt of Accused, Is Discredited

After deliberating 22 minutes, the jury at the session of the Supreme Court Assizes in the case of E. G. Bellicini of Houston, charged with arson in connection with the burning of a partially completed hotel building at Houston in August 1929, returned a verdict of acquittal. After hearing the summing up of His Lordship and the arguments of counsel—T. W. Brown, crown prosecutor, and H. H. Griffin, for the defence—the jury retired at 4:30, returning shortly before five with its verdict. Thereupon, Bellicini was ordered released from custody. This ended the Assize Court session here on Saturday afternoon.

During the trial carpenters and builders who had been engaged in the construction of the building also testified, these including H. Mohnquist, now of Quesnel; Taylor Jensen of Burns Lake; Charles Lillia, Hans Peterson and A. St. Louis. According to these witnesses, the building was apparently run up along rather cheap lines and considerable economy was exercised at Bellicini's instructions. In the course of this evidence, the judge reminded crown counsel that the charge against Bellicini was not one of putting up a cheap building but that he had burned or caused the building to be burned down. "There is not a shadow of proof yet," observed His Lordship, "that accused was putting the building up in order to burn it down."

Harvey Davies told of seeing the hotel at Houston being burned down in 1929.

Mr. Davies, daughter, Mrs. McDonald, told of seeing the hotel before it was burned. She said the windows were all in when the work of construction stopped but, just before the fire, five or six windows in the upper storey had been taken out. She noticed this when riding past on horseback.

Construction Described

H. Mohnquist of Quesnel, told of being employed by Bellicini on the construction of the hotel. Asked in regard to construction he said that a rain came soon after the roof was put on and it leaked. The windows were all in. He worked on Bellicini's house after the hotel work was stopped and he had packed some boards from the hotel to the house. At that time he did not speak English. It was his first job in this country.

Cross-examined by Mr. Griffin witness qualified the evidence given at the preliminary hearing in Smithers.

Taylor Jensen, a carpenter of Burns Lake with 35 years' experience at the trade, said he started working on Bellicini's building in May 1929. He worked on the windows. Four of the rooms upstairs were finished when he was laid off. He was told there was no more money and the work could not go on. He took his orders from Bellicini.

Charles Lillia, carpenter, told of building the shack in which they lived. He then drew sketch plans of a hotel 50 by 80 feet. Materials were bought for the house and afterwards used in the hotel. Bellicini was in charge of construction. He gave the instructions to plaster over two-foot centres. No chimneys were built but the fireplace was built to the ceiling.

William A. Walker, deputy fire marshal, told of making an inves-

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