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Election Results

Most people are pleased that the election is over and that Hon. T. D. Pattullo is returned with all his cabinet and sufficient supporters to enable him to carry on the administration of affairs with efficiency. The fact that he goes back with a smaller support than in the previous election is not attributable to inroads from the former opposition but to the increase in Conservative sentiment in the province which enabled the Conservative party to elect enough members to make itself once more a force to be reckoned with. It is a distinct revival for them and seems to indicate that the people of the province, while supporting Liberal policies, do not wish to advance too rapidly.

The Vote For Pattullo

The vote for Premier Pattullo was a splendid one. It is all the more remarkable in that it is given after more than twenty years of representation of the constituency. The news telegraphed to him last night must have come as a cheering note at a time when the counting in the other constituencies showed that the election results were still in doubt. It indicated to him quite clearly that there was a place which in spite of enforced absence he can still look to as his home town which is ready to back him in the efforts he is making for the common weal.

Forget Differences

The election is over and it is wise for everyone to remember that. While there does not seem to have been much bitterness engendered by the efforts of each party to elect its man, it is almost impossible to avoid irritations. Now that the election campaign is over we can get together to forward the interests of Prince Rupert without thought of what has happened this week.

The opposition candidates fought a good fight and lost like good sportsmen. Doubtless they must have had some idea beforehand of what was about to happen. Many good friends of Mr. Evitt voted for his opponent because of the policy which he espouses and also because of the idea that the Premier was in a better position to forward the interests of the city than could any of the other candidates. After all politics, while fifty percent sentiment is also fifty percent self-interest and the feeling was prevalent that the present was the time to let the public welfare take the place of sentiment. In view of the fact that Liberals are in a majority in the next legislature, it is a happy outcome that the Prime Minister is still there to lead them and that he is backed by a clear majority of the people of his constituency.

DEFENCES OF RUPERT

Position of City Similar to That of Hartlepool Where Only Battle On British Soil Was Fought During War

The United States is putting in stronger and larger artillery, coast defences and increasing the air, sea and land forces on the Pacific. It is following the naval axiom that the most improbable thing is the most likely to happen and is preparing for any eventuality.

Canada, too, is reconsidering its coast defences with the result that a coast defence battery has been established at Prince Rupert. This is not only to protect Prince Rupert but to provide a place for retreat or rest for war ships or other vessels that may be attacked at sea. An air base and battery of big guns will also be located in the neighborhood for use in case of attack.

In the last war it was shown that ships had no chance against strongly fortified positions on land as the guns in a fort provided so small a mark that it was almost impossible to hit them. At any rate the chances of doing damage were very small compared with the chances taken by ships at sea. This was particularly exemplified during the attack by the British on the Dardanelles where it was found that in spite of a heavy bombardment lasting for two months only two guns had been dislodged.

Six-inch or 9.2 guns are generally used although smaller guns are sometimes very effective. The big guns can fire seven rounds a minute up to 20,000 yards. So far no work has commenced on the forts for the local battery but it is all in the plans as well as preparations for establishing an air force here.

An Analogous Case

Hartlepool on the east coast of England is in a somewhat similar position to Prince Rupert. It was the only place of any importance in England that was attacked by German ships during the war. It was defended by 4.6 and 6-inch guns and taking refuge in the harbor were two light cruisers and four destroyers.

Information had been received through the British intelligence department that an attack on the English coast was to be expected and everything was ready to receive the visitors. The forts were manned by militia similar to those at Prince Rupert.

Three enemy ships came on December 16, 1914, flying the British colors but they were soon discovered to be enemy vessels that carried 11-inch guns. They opened fire at three miles and threw a smoke screen behind which they advanced to 4,000 yards when the shore batteries opened fire and every round was a hit. The Germans fired 1500 rounds but the captain of the Derflinger was killed and the casualties on the ships were large.

The three big German vessels retired and thus ended the only attack on the British coast during the war.

It has been pointed out by authorities that no large force is likely to attack a place like Prince Rupert. Raiders and swift cruisers are the chief danger. The damage wrought by such vessels as the Emden during the war must be guarded against. Also there must be a place where British craft might take refuge or obtain necessary repairs. In the Hartlepool engagement two men in the battery and seven infantrymen were killed whereas the enemy casualties numbered 113 and 300 wounded.

A story is told in regard to the Hartlepool engagement that a sentry, when the ships were sighted, was walking up and down in "a smart and soldierlike manner," according to instructions. When the smoke of battle cleared away he was still seen "walking up and down in a soldierlike manner" uninjured.

Had there been no defences at that point, the cruisers would have been destroyed and the district damaged by the raiders.

Prince Rupert has a strategic position. There is a ship repair plant and plans are being made to establish both seaplane and airplane bases, to build forts and train the men to carry out the necessary defences.

Misses Evelyn and Louise Zarelli, who have been on a visit to Vancouver, Victoria and elsewhere in the south, returned home on the Prince Rupert this morning.

PERSONALITY BRIEFS

The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation in Nanaimo said A. M. Stephens was a C.C.F. candidate in Alberni-Nanaimo. Mr. Stephens said so himself, but the provincial executive said he was not. The executive suspended him from the party because he advocated a United Front of radical parties, including Communists. Stephens was unsuccessful against Hon. G. S. Pearson.

Hugh Savage, Independent in Cowichan-Newcastle, won his seat in 1933 after he declared he intended to apply Oxford Group principles to politics. He made a poor showing yesterday.

Thomas Uphill, a one-man Labor party from Fernie since 1920 is elected for the fifth time. Once a year he not only lays before the Legislature his views on the difficulties of the working man but lends a lighter touch with humorous observations on life as seen by a man who has been a coal miner, and an alderman, and mayor of a mining town.

T. A. Love, Conservative in Grand Forks-Greenwood, has been Mayor of Grand Forks for 11 years. He was defeated by E. C. Henniger, veteran Liberal.

H. G. Perry, Speaker of the last legislature, had as Conservative opponent, F. P. Burden, former minister of lands in the Tolmie government and former Agent-General for British Columbia in London and John McInnis, C.C.F. The later gave Perry a hard run.

Herbert Gargrave, secretary of the British Columbia branch, and Don Smith, chairman of the publicity committee, were two front-rank C.C.F. men offering in the general election. Gargrave in McKenzie and Smith in Esquimalt. Both were beaten.

The only Communist running was Rev. Edwin Baker, formerly a C.C.F. supporter, in New Westminster. He was badly submerged.

J. B. Leyland, Independent in North Vancouver, is Reeve of West Vancouver, municipality noted for balanced budgets and in line to profit most from the \$6,000,000 bridge across First Narrows of Vancouver Harbor, now being built. British interests are spending millions of dollars in real estate development in his constituency. Leyland gave Mrs. Dolly Steeves C.C.F., a close run.

R. W. Bruhn, former minister of public works in the Tolmie Conservative government, was one

of the leaders of the Independent Non-Partisan movement in 1933 and one of the only two supporters of the movement who were elected. He ran in Salmon Arm with endorsement of the Conservative party and was easily re-elected.

R. L. Maitland, K.C., Conservative who led the poll in Vancouver-Point Grey, has appeared in many appeal cases before the Supreme Court of Canada and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. He was minister without portfolio in the Tolmie government and was prominently mentioned for party leadership before the choice of Dr. Frank Patterson.

Rev. Robert Connell, submerged in Victoria, led two opposition parties in one legislature. He was house leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation group of seven from 1933 to 1936, the first official opposition in a Canadian legislature whose object was Socialism. Then last summer he repudiated a newly-adopted platform which he considered "impractical and impossible of achievement," and formed what is now the Constructive party. He took three C.C.F. members with him to replace his old party as the opposition. He led the Constructive party in the present elections on a platform of "honest government," free from political patronage but was badly rejected with all his followers.

Dr. Frank Patterson, Conservative leader, went to the home of premiers to enter the British Columbia legislature. The riding of Dewdney twice before gave political homes to non-resident party leaders, Premiers Sir Richard McBride and John Oliver.

For many years the voice of Dr. Lyle Telford, president of the British Columbia Branch of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, has been raised in indictment of governments and capitalism. The stout, white-haired physician has appeared three times as a C.C.F. candidate and since its inception has fought vigorously to bring the party to power, including its 1933 bid

when it polled 120,406 votes to elect seven members while the Liberal party elected 34 members with 160,165 votes. "I'm crazy to stand again," he asserted. "I'm the worst lunatic outside an asylum." He won in the safe C.C.F. seat of Vancouver East. Local politics have known Telford for 20 years. He was born in Valens, Ontario, in 1889, and came to British Columbia in 1906.

E. E. Winch, C.C.F. candidate in Burnaby, and Harold Winch in Vancouver East, the father and son combination, respectively, in the last legislature, were re-elected. The statement of the elder Winch early last year that C.C.F. and Communist aims were similar, drew a rebuke from the then house leader, Rev. Robert Connell and was a forerunner of the party break which started the Constructive group. Harold supported his father and resigned as whip.

Would Require Fact Stating

Local Barrister Addresses Service Club on Subject of "Free Speech"

T. W. Brown was the speaker today at the regular weekly luncheon of the Prince Rupert Gyo Club. Dr. H. N. Brocklesby, the president, was in the chair and there was a good attendance of members with a few guests. Mr. Brown spoke on the subject "Free Speech," expressing the opinion that there should be legislation compelling the statement of facts in election campaigns and public speaking. The club received a final report from the Coronation dance committee, showing a net profit of \$83 which was turned over to the celebration committee.

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