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HOW SHALL WE VOTE TOMORROW?

Tomorrow from early morning till 7 o'clock in the evening a poll will be taken at the Police Court to decide who shall be the next Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the city of Prince Rupert. It is a task that none should shirk, for the privilege of expressing an opinion by way of popular ballot and of choosing our civic rulers is among the most dearly bought privileges we possess. It is also of importance if the civic welfare is to be considered.

A good deal of the importance is taken from the election by the fact that the Provincial Government reserves to itself the right to control the license and police administration. It permits the Mayor to be the ex-officio chairman of both boards, but it takes good care to see that he is accompanied into office by two commissioners of its own appointing. There is no law to compel the Provincial Government to make political appointments, but it always happens that the present Provincial Government does make political appointments, and both boards are pretty well manipulated in the interests of the government in power.

Alderman Newton, whose election is very probable, has announced that he expects to have the nominating of one commissioner on each board to help him secure a cleaning up. In this the trusting Alderman will find himself doomed to disappointment.

Who is the best man to vote in for Mayor? There are many among the business people who are asking this question. The News confesses that it finds it hard to become enthusiastic over either candidate.

Of the two Alderman Hilditch is easily the abler man. He has been virtually Mayor of the city during the last year, Mr. Manson having done little else but spend his time in taking care of his own endangered prestige as Provincial Member. But Alderman Hilditch has lost the confidence of a large section of the public. He, like the Mayor, has played politics too much while in office.

No one at all conversant with municipal affairs thinks for one moment that any member of the Council has made a cent by any direct or indirect graft. But Alderman Hilditch has showed a disposition to grant municipal favors to those classes among which he does private business, and to discriminate against those who were not actively supporting him. This has been much resented.

The good work Alderman Hilditch has done as chairman of the Board of Works would entitle him to strong support if it were proposed to elect him to a well-paid commission of public works, where he would be away from political influences. It is doubtful whether his acknowledged abilities, however, are sufficient to re-establish him in public esteem and confidence for the office of Mayor.

In regard to Alderman Newton, if his past career in the Council is a just criterion, those of his followers who expect that his term of office will be marked by progress or initiative will probably be doomed to disappointment. Though with exceptional ability as a propagandist and as a mouthpiece of insurgency, Alderman Newton's career has always showed a lack of initiative and executive force. His knowledge of civic economics is also a minus quantity.

On the other hand, he has won the confidence of a large number of people by his evident sincerity, and he has showed himself to be teachable. With a Council in harmony with him it is quite possible that he may exhibit a capacity for doing real work that has been denied him while in opposition. But in casting the balance of favor in Alderman Newton's way The News reminds its readers that they are backing him on his good faith, and not for anything he has accomplished.

Of the retiring aldermen there are only Alderman Morrissey, Alderman Douglas, Alderman Kerr and Alderman Clayton seeking re-election. Of these the first three are worthy of support on

the ground of their experience and progress during the past year. Each are very much more valuable councillors than when they entered office a year ago. Of Alderman Clayton the same cannot be said. He has gained in nothing but bumptiousness during his term of office, and the pitiful exhibition of childish temper he showed on the platform of the Empress Theatre on Monday night stamps him as unfit to be an alderman of the city, just as his recent assault on an Empire reporter at a public meeting stamps him as unfit to hold the office of Police Commissioner, for which he expressed an ambition. It would be a kindness to leave him at home on Thursday.

The other candidates are largely an untried quantity, but among them there are several who should possess fitness for the Council Board. This is true of Mr. John Dybavn, who, in addition to having the respect of his Scandinavian friends, is very favorably known as a man of sound judgment among his business associates. He has also had experience as a member of the Council of the city of Bergen.

Three other candidates—G. H. Munro, E. H. Shockley and Herbert Dagnall—are experienced contractors, and favorably known in the city. Their special training should fit them to pass good judgment upon the various public works which the city has in hand for the forthcoming year of office.

Mr. Bullock-Webster is a good type of man, and should develop into a very satisfactory alderman. He should be supported with a strong vote in Ward 2.

In Ward 1 Mr. W. T. Robinson would make a good colleague to send in with Aldermen Kerr and Morrissey. Mr. Robinson is a business man who is out for clean, non-political administration and has the makings of a good alderman.

The school trustees are all such a good looking lot that any voter is quite safe in marking his ballot in the dark for any two of them.

Government to Sell 150 Acres in Lots Near City. (Special to Daily News.) Victoria, Jan. 9.—The Minister of Works today announced the intention of the Government to put 150 acres of land adjacent to Vancouver, in the vicinity of the Country Club at Jericho, on sale by auction in the near future in lots.

Good Government. Safe and sane administration of civic affairs is desired by all. A vote for J. H. Hilditch for mayor assures sound, progressive government. 41

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