

Ring Rule is on the Run. The ring machine is dropping cogs all over the Skeena District. The Glad Hand Ring Candidate and his spell binders are battling against an icy current of disdain. People everywhere for Liberalism and Political Independence.

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ELECTION OF ALEX. M. MANSON CONCEDED BY CONSERVATIVES

McBRIDE AND YOUNG APPEAR TO HAVE GIVEN UP HOPES OF
ELECTING SILENT WILLIAM—PEOPLE OF SKEENA SEE
END OF RING RULE—FOLLOWERS ALL HAVE COLD FEET.

William Manson's followers the other night did not have a representative at Alex. Manson's meeting although the Liberal committee had sent Silent Bill a cordial invitation to be present. Silent Bill's gang were afraid to face the music and have completely lost heart. Of course they realize that they could send no person able to smooth over the past useless record of him and his government, and were not foolish enough to attempt it. The realization that the people, regardless of political parties, are solidly united against him as he has lost all their hopes of winning the election and they have all but given up the contest.

The Premier had banked great hopes on Skeena and it was his original intention to come here and assist in the campaign, but he has evidently been informed that there is so little chance of the election of William Manson that it would be a waste of time to come here and has left William to go down to defeat alone.

In order to give the local boosters a little prodding in the back, the Premier sends characteristic "promise" telegrams that mean nothing. Time was when they might have been useful to the cause, but the people have learned from past experience that these

promises mean absolutely nothing.

Cold feet on all sides of the Conservative machine is apparent to most every man on the street. The latest to be attacked with the ailment was Dr. Young, minister of education. News of hopeless defeat staring them in the face evidently traveled north rapidly to Skagway, where Dr. Young was awaiting a steamer for the south. He was going to sail on the Curacao, but when he learned that she was going to call at Rupert he switched over to a later boat, the Humboldt, in order to save himself from making a stop at Rupert and the humiliation of taking part in William Manson's defeat. The local Conservative gang had confidently expected him up his arrival here to help them out of the ditch. But—nothing doing with the doctor. He was wise and arranged so they could not lay hands on him. Upon his arrival at Victoria beyond reach he sent the local gang a consolation telegram telling them how sorry he was in not being able to assist. He was afraid to face the music.

It seems they have all deserted Silent Bill and have left him and his agent to their fate. None of the other government flunkies want to be connected with Silent Bill's defeat.

AUTO BANDITS SCARE PARIS

Threaten to Invade Police Offices and Kill Certain Members of Detective Force—Kill Bank Clerks and Rob Bank.

(Special to Daily News.)

Paris, March 25.—The automobile bandits who have been terrorizing Paris broke loose again yesterday. Meeting another auto near Chantilly, they riddled the chauffeur with bullets. The occupant of the auto escaped. With the stolen auto they then proceeded to Chantilly, where they killed two bank clerks and robbed the bank.

Yesterday they sent a message to the Prefect of Police that they would shortly invade the police offices and kill certain members of the detective force.

An axe is held over the head of every license holder in the province. Let him dare say his soul is his own and bang! off comes his head.

North American Life Insurance Co. is represented here by The Insurance People, the Mack Realty and Insurance Co., Albert block, Second avenue.

Even the holders of licenses are tired of continuous threats and intimidation by the two-man government. They are falling into the ranks of the Liberals every day.

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

License Commissioner Gade is wearing that bouquet the Presbyterian pastor handed him last night.

Wonder if the Empire will this afternoon again editorially "wee-wee-wee" like a little blind pig.

Last snowstorm of season next Thursday—every flake a ballot for Alex. M. Manson.

Gee, what a lot of spring fashion hats the girls are getting out this afternoon!

Getting a move on—the G. T. P. Inn.

Alderman Morrissey says if Hilditch doesn't shift that post office lumber he'll ditch it all.

TERRIBLE SPECIMEN

Workings of an Interior Conservative Association.

President, C. W. D. Clifford, Justice of the Peace.

Vice President, George Kerr, Fire Warden.

Secretary, Frank Whitlaw, Justice of the Peace.

Executive, A. McKenzie, Constable.

The only independent member of this association is a man named B. Harris, who was ordered out of Kitselas for having lived there for three years without any visible means of support, but it was subsequently discovered that his name was on the voters' list and he was brought back and appointed care taker of the committee rooms.

FRANK ANGERS ARRIVES

Famous Liberal Orator of Skeena Arrived on Train Yesterday.

Frank Angers of Kitselas, well known in Rupert from his public speeches, arrived on the train yesterday afternoon. He will take part in closing the campaign in Rupert. Mr. Angers is one of the most forceful speakers in the Skeena district.

Alex. M. Manson is a man. You can always get a definite answer from him.

Final Liberal Rally

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
EMPRESS THEATRE

Everybody Invited. Opposition Candidates Especially Invited

RING CANDIDATE HAD A HOT OLD TIME AT KITSUMKALUM

Both There and at Terrace No Such Harmony and Unanimity Prevailed as Ring Organ Reported, But the Strongest Opposition

ALEX. MANSON TURNED THE TABLES ON HIM

Dr. Clayton Twined William Manson's Long Address into Ridicule and Was Heartily Cheered—The Liberal Candidate Stated Conditions as They Stung William Manson Out of His Customary Supineness and He Became Abusive

(Special Correspondent of News.)

The following is a brief account of the meeting held by Mr. William Manson at Terrace on Saturday, the 23rd, and also his meeting at Kitsumkalum the same evening, at which Mr. Alex. Manson, Dr. Clayton and the representative of Mr. Montgomery were present.

Mr. Manson opened his Terrace meeting with a lengthy and tiresome account of the McBride railroad policies of the past as well as that of the present, dwelling particularly upon the latter, lauding it to the skies, before an audience that the said policy is designed to practically rob, insofar as the Vancouver-Fort George railway is concerned. He also spoke upon the land policy and told of the great revenue derived from the tax on timber. He reminded the audience of the amount of money he had obtained for the building of roads, trails and bridges, and praised the admirable educational system of British Columbia.

Mr. Manson spoke for an hour and when Mr. Frank Angers of Kitselas requested an opportunity to address the meeting he was graciously accorded five minutes to set forth his ideas. The five minutes were well used, and when Mr. Angers finished his energetic speech, Mr. Manson's speech and the policies he had set forth certainly looked very yam.

SILENT BILL SIDESTEPS

Characteristic Attitude on Question of Moment.

William pondered, considered, sidestepped and got rattled when asked during a meeting in Terrace whether or not he was in favor of a license being granted in the town of Terrace. He said he would have to ask Bowser before he expressed his personal opinion. What a funny! How much more noble, William, if you would have answered yes or no to the question.

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Mr. Angers held up the land

policy to ridicule and quoted instances in this district to substantiate his statements. He also attacked the civil service and mentioned the names of persons who were working at their regular jobs at a good salary and were drawing a fat salary from the government of British Columbia as fire wardens.

Mr. Manson must have thought he was in hostile hands when the chairman called for a vote of thanks to him and found no one to second the motion until he made a second appeal.

The Kitsumkalum Gathering.

The meeting at Kitsumkalum was well attended, many going from Terrace to see the fun. Mr. Manson's speech was the same tiresome array of figures as at Terrace. He was followed by Dr. Clayton, who kept the audience in roars of laughter by his references to Mr. Manson and the party machine of Prince Rupert. He invited all present to come down to Rupert after election to the big potlatch they were going

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LIBERAL RALLY WAS A PRONOUNCED SUCCESS

Strong Speeches to Help the Fight for Liberalism Against the Tyranny and Abuse of Power of the Two-Man Government

"Never since the Israelites came under the tyranny of the Ephesians thousands of years ago have any people ever paid such tribute and got so little for it as you are paying today to the McBride Government," said W. E. Williams, at the Liberal smoker Saturday evening, in the course of an able arraignment of the Two-Man government for its neglect of this district. Dr. Kergin and George R. Naden spoke, the latter of the way the small dole for roads and trails was actually squandered, and there were other local and visiting speakers. Prof. Kaufman and Mr. Youngman played piano solos and accompaniments, Lee Baker and others sang, and a pleasant evening was spent. D. H. Morrison presided.

Dr. Kergin made one of his customary careful addresses. When it came to facts and figures of the immense revenues of

the Skeena and the small amount doled out by the McBride government, he was listened to with the closest attention. As the doctor was the former member of the district in the Liberal in-

terest, the closest interest was paid to every word he said, and his personal popularity was further attested by the warm reception and the hearty applause with which his deductions were received.

Mr. Williams followed on similar lines. He said the McBride Government had taken millions and millions of dollars out of the Skeena district and all we got this year was the sum of \$351,000. Farms and fruit lands were being developed, yet there was not a single bridge across the Skeena, and no chance of getting one. Yet McBride could pledge seven millions to railways, some of which paralleled each other, and the whole revenue was swallowed up in this way to benefit the southern end of the province. The growth of the Skeena dis-

VOTE FOR A. MANSON

A man of force, a fearless fighter and is morally clean. He has excellent ability and is endowed with a genius for organization and leadership. As a university student he graduated with first class honors, was foremost in all college campaigns, gaining the appellation of "The Watch Dog of the Constitution." In his profession as a lawyer he stands high and is destined for a brilliant career.

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HYDRO ELECTRIC POSITION PRESENT STAGE OF THE WORK

PIPE LINE NEARLY COMPLETE—PILING IN PROGRESS—ACROPOLIS HILL TANK EXCAVATED; CEMENT ORDERED—MAYOR SAYS PUMPING CAN BEGIN WHEN PIPE IS LAID.

Work on the pipe line excavation for the Woodworth water supply has been making rapid progress in the excellent weather for the past weeks, and the excavation is, in fact, very nearly complete. From the reservoir on Acropolis Hill to the beach at Shawatlans Passage the cut runs straight along Sixth avenue for a long stretch. Practically all the excavation in muskeg for this has been finished, and men are engaged at present in piling the bottom of the trench to support the steel pipe when it arrives and is laid. The pipe is consigned direct to Prince Rupert from England, and the steamer with the first shipment has already sailed. Another boat starts in April with the rest of the pipe.

A little rock excavation remains to be done on the pipe trench, but this will not occupy many more days. Meanwhile the rock cutting at the Acropolis Hill reservoir is all finished, and the cement has been ordered for the finishing of the reservoir.

Asked about the position of the hydro electric scheme the other day, the Mayor mentioned matters as stated, and added that it is calculated that by the time the pipe line is laid to Shawatlans Lake the pumping engine at present augmenting the city's fire protection service at Morse

Creek will be removed to Shawatlans. Once the engine is installed there and connected with the completed pipe line to Acropolis Hill reservoir the full resources of Shawatlans water can be turned to the city's advantage to be used until the Woodworth Lake supply is tapped by the completed pipe line to the upper lake.

The position in regard to the production of electric power at the head of Shawatlans Lake remains unchanged so far, the contract for pipe line beyond the near side of Shawatlans Lake not yet being let. But with the new units running at the power plant in the city there is plenty of juice for present requirements in Rupert.

SETTLERS ARE COMING

Many from Old Country Bound for This Province.

Winnipeg, March 22.—Hundreds of settlers are passing through Winnipeg weekly for British Columbia points. Seventy-five from the steamer Asonia will leave Portland, Maine, Wednesday. Over one hundred came in tonight. Tomorrow the Jonian's passengers are due with a big party aboard for the coast.

COLD RECEPTION

Mayor's Meeting at Stewart a Farce—People Refuse to Give Him Hearings.

Mayor Newton's meeting at Stewart resulted in one of the biggest farces of the campaign. The first blunder he made was in telling the people at Stewart that they were thankful to the provincial government for their excellent wharf. Some one in the audience immediately gave him the information that the wharf was built by the Dominion government. Then the question was asked why he had been against Manson and then flopped over to his support. Sam was unequal to the occasion. The people of Stewart are lovers of consistency and when he was unable to explain his position they became disgusted and filed out of the hall, not, however, before some one in the audience had offered an explanation of flopping by saying: "You probably got your biscuit!"

THE WEATHER.

For twenty-four hours ending 5 a. m., March 25: Bar., 30.196; max. temp., 49.0; min. temp., 35.0.

Notice aux Canadiens Francais

Ce Soir a 8.30 p.m.

Assemblee Francaise aux chambres du Commite Liberal. Mr F. R. Angers representant du parti Liberal, Messieurs D. Sigouin et S. Leblanc, conservateur et socialist. Adresseront aussi la parole

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