

CANDIDATES LINING UP

Full List for School Board—Brooksbank and Brown Are Latest Entrants

Fifth candidate for five seats on the board of school trustees, Arthur Bruce Brown, barrister, filed his nomination papers this morning. He is proposed by W. R. McAfee and seconded by W. M. Watts. Other school board candidates are Dr. R. G. Large, W. F. Stone, A. J. Dominato and Mrs. Earl Becker. Should there be no more nominees, and acclamations to the school board result, some means will have to be devised who will have two- and one-year terms which would otherwise be settled by standing of candidates in number of votes cast.

There are now seven candidates entered for four two-year aldermanic terms—G. B. Casey, A. E. Field, Hugo Kraugner, Robert McKay, A. S. Nickerson and Arthur Brooksbank. Thomas B. Black is the sole aspirant to date to the one-year aldermanic seat.

TERRACE

The weather has become very mild within the last few days with the result that the snow is beginning to disappear. Previously there had been snow flurries with light frost, leaving about two inches of snow on the ground.

Assistant engineer D. T. Willis and Mrs. Willis were in town on Wednesday and Thursday. They were driving from Prince Rupert to Smithers but were held up by heavy snows west of Terrace.

Miss Freida James, teacher of Grade II, has been ill for a few days and Mrs. R. de Kergomex has been substitute teacher.

F. P. Levins, inspector of schools, arrived in Terrace on Tuesday night's train.

FELINFOEL, Wales @—Aelybryn, huge residence in this village near Llanelly, has been acquired by the Women's Voluntary Services as a hostel for aged pensioners.

Author Believes Faulty Security Delayed War End

COL. R. S. MALONE IN "MISSING FROM THE RECORD" SAYS CANADIANS COULD HAVE MISSED MONTHS OF WAR

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Had it not been for security going wrong somewhere, or perhaps the Italians broke faith, the Canadians would never have had those heart-breaking months of fighting in Italy, writes Col. R. S. (Dick) Malone of Winnipeg.

A former Canadian liaison officer on the staff of Field Marshal Montgomery, Col. Malone brings this out in his book "Missing From The Record" and says the plan was to use the 1st Canadian Division for "limited operations only" and then send all Canadians back to join the First Canadian Army in England for the frontal attack on Europe.

The Italians sued for peace several days before the assault on Italy and the plan was that the Canadians and some British troops attacking the toe of Italy would draw the Germans down there while the main assault by Americans went in later at Salerno for a thrust across Italy to seal the Germans off.

"Whether the German Intelligence was too good or whether the Italians broke faith and tipped the Germans off it is hard to say but the Germans knew that Reggio was not the main assault," writes Col. Malone.

With the element of surprise lost the Americans met much heavier opposition at Salerno than was expected, were largely rescued by the small handful of men "Monty" had under his command in Italy and then the Allies were committed to the painful months-long march up the Italian boot while the enemy fought a delaying action.

MOST FATEFUL ANNOUNCEMENT

As to the Second Front Col. Malone goes back to the first week of September, 1944, when the Allied Communique carried an announcement so small it escaped any great attention, but to the author it was one of the most fateful of the war. It was word that the great "Monty" had been let out of his job as Commander of all Allied land forces on the Western Front.

In "Missing From The Record," Col. Malone holds that relieving Field Marshal Montgomery of his over-all land command at that time was, in effect, a prolongation of the war which otherwise might well have been won before 1944 ended.

In the view of the author, the reason for relieving Montgomery was that victory seemed not only assured but reasonably close and in Washington those who did not want a British general in command of all Allied armies when surrender came.

At the time the Allies were moving on Germany proper and the Arnhem airborne operations was still to come.

Col. Malone holds that at Arnhem the war could have been won but wasn't because, having been relieved of his over-all command, Montgomery did not have the use of American divisions which could have made Arnhem a success.

PLEADED WITH EISENHOWER

Col. Malone, a newspaper executive now with the Winnipeg Free Press which he left to go to the war, says "Monty" pleaded with General Eisenhower for the loan of a few American divisions to complete the Arnhem

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job "but was turned down." "Missing From The Record," which takes you behind the scenes for intimate glimpses of Montgomery, relates that General A. G. L. McNaughton had to step down from command of the Canadian Army solely because the British did not think he would be a good army commander under battle conditions. But they left to Defence Minister Ralston the task of telling the Canadian Army commander.

The stories of Gen. McNaughton's step-down and Montgomery being relieved of his command have previously been published in magazine excerpts from Col. Malone's book.

As to Col. Ralston's own resignation from the cabinet late in 1944, the author says "the facts of the matter are that Col. Ralston was asked to leave . . . the break took place verbally in the middle of one of the cabinet meetings.

Later Col. Ralston himself persuaded him to continue as navy minister. Col. Malone helped plan the Sicily invasion and reveals that a small group of Canadian engineers entered the Mediterranean in a British submarine to try and learn the depth of water through which landing vessels would have to run over a bar to make land. They got ashore and got their information but were captured. Even then the Italians never tumbled to what they were there for because the attack came as a complete surprise.

About the depth of water? Well, Malone says, the planners finally found that out from pictures. Army experts looked at photos showing the size of the waves at this place and estimated to the very inch that the water was four feet six inches deep over the bar.

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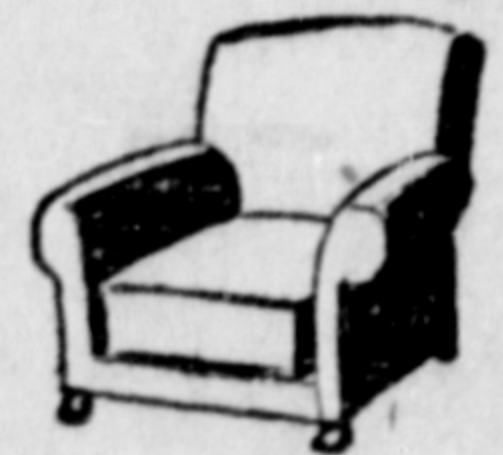
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