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Municipal Candidates

WITH TWO MAYORALTY candidates already definitely announced for the civic election in December and the possibility of at least one more, there is no lack of interest in at least one phase of the contests. Ald. Daggett may be called a veteran of the latter days of municipal service. Ald. Whalen has done a year on the city council. Both know at first hand what it is all about and have had enough experience to realize the seriousness of the responsibilities which they express their willingness to assume.

In the interest in the mayoralty candidatures, it must not be forgotten that there are already six aldermanic seats to be filled. In some ways the work and responsibility of an alderman are of importance equal to those of the mayor. It is quite possible to have a situation where there is a good and capable mayor whose best work and efforts could be nullified by a group of aldermen.

Indeed, in policy making, it is necessary to have aldermen of ideas, ability and competence. There is a lot more to a civic election than merely electing a mayor. It should not be forgotten that, in a multiplicity of mayoral candidates, all but one is lost to the public service.

IT'S HIGH TIME

THAT DEFINITE RESULTS and action may be enabled promptly is to be heartily hoped for from the legislation sponsored in the federal Parliament by the Progressive-Conservative Member for Kamloops. There need be no difference of opinion on political grounds. Indeed, it is a wonder that a cleaning up has not come long ere this of the comic books and the pulp magazines and literature generally which pollute the newsstands of the country and contribute undoubtedly to the moral delinquency of the very young and the adolescents.

Possibly one of the reasons for deferred action has been that there is lack of realization through failure to observe on the part of many of the deplorable filth and literary depravity that really does exist. We are enthusiastic at times about our checking other influences that contribute to moral delinquency but this particular means has been allowed too long to go Scot free. More power to Mr. Fulton's move!

Highlights Of Budget

As Submitted at Ottawa Last Week

The eight percent sales tax is removed immediately on all fuel oils used for heating or lighting purposes.

Tax on cider and other wines containing less than seven percent proof spirits is reduced immediately from 50 to 25c per gallon.

Personal income tax credit of ten percent on common dividends is extended to include all classes of shares, retroactive to January 1, 1949.

The new tax changes will reduce government revenue by \$5,000,000 in the current year and \$11,000,000 in a full year.

All 1949-50 tax reductions are expected to cut government revenue by \$340,000,000 this current year and \$387,000,000 in the full year.

The government's final 1948-50 final revenues totalled \$2,771,000,000 and expenditures, \$2,176,000,000.

The surplus of \$595,000,000 for 1948-49 is \$20,000,000 greater than was predicted last March.

A revised estimate fixes 1949-50 revenues at \$2,550,000,000 and expenditures at \$2,460,000,000.

Possible surplus of \$87,000,000 for the current year is \$3,000,000

SPECIALISTS MAY PAY CITY VISIT

Possibility that a team of two cancer specialists may make periodic visits to Prince Rupert in the future was announced at a meeting of the Prince Rupert branch of the B.C. Cancer Society last week by Rev. Fred Antrobus, who acted as local delegate to a meeting of the provincial society last month.

Reporting on the provincial meeting, Mr. Antrobus said that the plan, which so far is not definite, would call for two specialists from Vancouver visiting the city to consult with local practitioners regarding cancer patients.

Currently, there are some 8,000 persons in this province afflicted with cancer, and the annual increase of the disease is 2,500, Mr. Antrobus said.

A hospital has been completed in Vancouver expressly for out-of-town patients, he said. The hospital accommodates 16 patients.

Present at the executive meeting were Mrs. William Rothwell, Mrs. J. C. Gilker, Mrs. G. V. Hanley, Mrs. J. D. Fraser, Mrs. W. Richards, Mrs. D. R. Barclay and Fred Antrobus.

1000 more that the March estimate.

No change is made in portion of income tax reductions.

LETTERBOX

NEED IMMEDIATE

Editor, Daily News
Your editorial of October 17 and the letter in Friday night's paper by "Concerned" are worthy of comment.

You point out editorially that practically all Prince Rupert's civic utilities are in a state of crisis. The present condition of our sewerage system as well as the state of our water system is definitely dangerous. To bring these utilities to a reasonable standard of efficiency is not a problem of the future. It is an immediate necessity. I don't claim to be an expert on municipal finance, but I do know that, unless we tackle the problem of rehabilitation of our sewerage and water system aggressively and promptly, we run every risk of seeing this city faced with a major disaster.

"Concerned" in his letter suggests that the present method of financing is inequitable and to a large degree I agree with him but I submit, Mr. Editor, that the problem of rehabilitation of the utilities mentioned is so urgent that it simply cannot wait until we devise a better method of financing. The people of Prince Rupert simply cannot do without a good sewerage and water system. But they may just as well realize now that that will cost a very

great deal of money. Any city council is going to be damned if they do and damned if they don't.

I hope, Mr. Editor, that their condemnation will be on the ground of "doing."

Thanking you for publishing this, I remain,

Yours truly
Eric Faure

Neil Kingston arrived in the city this afternoon from Masset on a business trip.

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Ted Applewhaite Tells of Ottawa

For about quarter of an hour early Friday evening, E. T. Applewhaite M. P., in a broadcast from Ottawa gave a description of the opening of parliament some of the more outstanding personalities of the House, as well as glimpses of day to day life in the capital city while parliament is in session. The speech was delivered with fine clearness.

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