

Thursday, June 11, 1953
Pacific Standard Time

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WORST FLOOD IN 30 YEARS in some sections of Manitoba washes across wheat fields, uprooted families from their homes. This field near Brandon is typical of the damage resulting from torrential rains and swollen rivers. Highway and rail communications in the Riding Mountain area were disrupted.

George Hills Tops Poll In Record Balloting In Prince Rupert Riding

George Hills, CCF candidate, won the Prince Rupert riding in the provincial election yesterday. The three-way contest, which opened with voters going to the polls from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. yesterday, was the closest in the history of this riding with only 240 votes separating the top and bottom candidates in near-record balloting.

How Rupert Riding Voted

Total of 5,128 ballots were cast in the Prince Rupert riding in the provincial election yesterday. Of the 134 ballots were rejected. Here is how the riding voted by

	Murray	Hills	Brown
Aero Camp	5	11	9
Butedale	10	10	16
Hugh's Inlet	2	14	4
Digby Island	16	22	12
Humpback Bay	1	3	4
Haysport	1	3	4
Inverness	11	8	7
Juskatla	9	30	13
Kitkatla	21	14	36
Masset	32	82	33
Masset Reserve	10	47	13
Metlakatla	14	5	11
Port Clements	22	11	10
Port Simpson	13	16	17
Port Edward	28	72	60
Pacofi	5	3	0
Queen Charlotte City	49	21	25
Skidegate	13	7	10
Skidegate Mission	11	15	67
Sandspit	31	33	28
Sunnyside No. 1	8	33	21
Sunnyside No. 2	2	5	2
Tell	10	4	4
Miller Bay	15	32	20
Klemtu	25	56	8
Prince Rupert	1206	1233	1224
Total 47 out of 58	1550	1790	1654

Election Table

Following is The Canadian Press list of members elected or re-elected in British Columbia. (X—member of the last legislature.)

Elected	New Westminster—X: Rae Ed- die (CCF).
Abney—X: E. E. Winch	North Okanagan—X: Lorne H. Shantz (SC).
Abney—X: W. R. T. Chet- (SC).	North Vancouver—George Tomlinson (SC).
Abney—X: W. K. Kiernan	Oak Bay—X: Einer Gunderson (SC).
Abney—X: P. A. Gagliardi	Omineca—X: Cyril M. Shel- ford (SC).
Abney—X: W. A. C. (SC).	Peace River—X: Charles W. Parker (SC).
Abney—X: (SC).	Prince Rupert—X: George E. Hills (CCF).
Abney—X: Stanley J. Squire	Revelstoke—X: Vincent Segur (CCF).
Abney—X: William P. Smith (L).	Rossland-Trail—X: R. E. Som- ers (SC).
Abney—X: R. O. Newton (SC).	Saanich—J. D. Tisdale (SC).
Abney—X: W. C. Moore (CCF).	Salmon Arm—X: J. Allen Reid (SC).
Abney—X: Rob- (CCF).	Similkameen—H. S. Kenyon (SC).
Abney—X: Leo Nimsick	Skeena—Frank Howard (CCF).
Abney—X: Thomas Irwin (SC).	Vancouver-Burrard (two mem- bers)—X: Eric Martin (SC), X: Bert Price (SC).
Abney—X: Lyle Wicks (SC).	Vancouver Centre (two mem- bers)—Alex Matthew (SC) and George Moxham (SC).
Abney—X: Herbert J. Bruch	Vancouver East—X: Arthur J. Turner (CCF).
Abney—X: Tom Uphill (Lab).	Vancouver-Point Grey (three members)—Tom Bate (SC), X: R. W. Bonner (SC), X: Mrs. Tilly Rolston (SC).
Abney—X: Ray Williston	Victoria (three members)— Mrs. Lydia Arsens (SC), N. Chant (SC), Percy Wright (SC).
Abney—X: Gordon Dowding	Yale—X: Irvin F. Corbett (SC).
Abney—X: A. J. Gargrave	
Abney—X: David Stupich	
Abney—X: Wesley D.	
Abney—X: (SC).	

Second Count Needed To Decide Winner Of Provincial Election

Premier Bennett Returned in Kelowna

Three-Week Delay Necessary Before Ballot Distribution Starts

The Social Credit government of Premier W. A. C. Bennett may be returned to power in British Columbia with a firm majority, but it could still be defeated.

Second count under the alternative voting system will be necessary in the majority of ridings, but the lead piled up by Social Credit appeared to assure re-election with increased power.

Preliminary tabulation by The Canadian Press of the popular vote showed the Social Credit with 36 per cent of the total vote, compared to 27 per cent in last June's election.

The CCF with 32 per cent and the Liberals with 24 each were up one per cent in incomplete figures. The Progressive-Conservatives dropped to five per cent from 17.

Definite results in about 40 of the 48 constituencies will not be available until the necessary second counts are made June 30.

Second counts—and possibly third and fourth—will be held in a majority of seats, but under the B.C. Elections Act, a three-week delay is necessary before ballot distribution starts.

Here is The Canadian Press standing up to press time in the British Columbia election results:

Elected	Leading	1952 Elected
Social Credit	4	19
CCF	2	18
Social Credit	26	13
CCF	14	1
Labor	1	6
Liberal	1	4
Total	48	48

The long delay is necessary to return absentee ballots—cast by voters not in their own ridings on election day—to home constituencies.

It appeared the CCF might again be the official opposition, a post the party has held in the 48-seat Legislature for 20 years.

A similar situation prevailed last year with the final result coming 29 days after the June 12 election.

Premier Bennett took office with 19 members against 18 for the CCF. The Liberals had six and the Progressive Conservatives, four.

The Social Credit government was in power only seven months. It was defeated on its education costs program on the floor of the House last March 24.

CCF leader Arnold Webster, 54, was elected in Vancouver East, but Progressive Conservative leader Deane Finlayson, making his first bid for office, is behind in his constituency.

Finance Minister Gunderson topped the Progressive Conservative leader, taking an early lead.

Premier Bennett and three of his cabinet ministers were re-elected, but Liberal leader Arthur Laing is slightly behind Education Minister Mrs. Tilly Rolston.

Trailing in all constituencies entered were candidates of the Christian Democratic party and the Labor-Progressive (Communist) party.

Storm-centre of the election, John Perdue, president of the B.C. Social Credit League, trailed in the constituency of MacKenzie.

He was accused of having a criminal record by Dr. W. N. Kemp, independent candidate in Vancouver-Point Grey, who also trailed far behind.

Bennett 'Sure' Of Victory

By The Canadian Press

KELOWNA.—Premier W. A. C. Bennett said today the Social Credit party will form a majority government when second choice ballots are counted.

"Many people say that there must be a strong opposition but it is my opinion that there must be a strong one-party administration so that party can be responsible for legislation."

"B.C. is on the verge of great expansion and many large industries have been waiting for the outcome of this election. The Social Credit party will be fair to industry."

At Vancouver, CCF leader Arnold Webster said he has not conceded defeat in the election.

"We do not concede that we have failed to achieve the greatest number of seats," he told a CCF rally.

"We do not concede that Premier Bennett has any justification in taking for granted all is well, and that the Social Credit party can form a government in July."

"We believe that second choices will be a great factor in this election."

Cartoon Contest Deadline Nears

Deadline for entries in the 10-week cartoon contest sponsored by T. Norton Youngs, real estate and insurance, has been set at June 13—this Saturday.

Object of the contest, which opened March 28, is to number the weekly cartoons in order of merit. Prizes will be awarded to persons whose entries conform closest to the order the cartoons already have been placed by the judges.

First prize is \$10; second, \$5; and there are five prizes of \$2 each. (See cartoons in page 6.)



Operation Budworm

EIGHTY-THREE AIRCRAFT, including six observation planes, are engaged in an assault on the spruce budworm in New Brunswick. Two Stearman planes are shown spraying insecticide on budworm-infested balsam firs. More than 1,000,000 acres is to be sprayed, the biggest project of its kind undertaken in Canada.

City Voting Believed Closest Ever Recorded in B.C. Election

The second provincial election in two years yesterday proved that in Prince Rupert the voting public is divided into three even camps or strongholds.

Perhaps nowhere in the province at any time was such a close three-way vote recorded as at the polls here. Candidates and veteran political observers alike stood aghast as they watched the city totals add up under each of the three names.

When it all ended, there it was—only 27 votes between the most popular and the least, and only nine more for the leading candidate than for his closest rival.

Like Bill Murray, Social Credit candidate, said last night: "How close can this get? How can any one of us really win this way?"

But Murray was still confident of the fate of his allies in other ridings and said: "It's in the bag for the Social Credit in B.C."

He went home early, long before Liberal candidate Bruce Brown went to call on CCF candidate George Hills to congratulate him on his lead.

But Brown was not in the least discouraged:

"If I can't take second place, I'll take this election."

Art Murray, Social Credit campaign manager, could not agree, and said that Hills "with-

out a doubt will walk away on the second count."

So jubilation continued in both CCF and Liberal camps, where direct wires operated throughout the evening from Vancouver headquarters.

When the last of the party members cleared their respective campaign headquarters which appeared so virile and energetic just a few hours before, an atmosphere of oblivion settled over the emptiness, the torn and crumpled bits of paper and askew election posters.

But this election isn't over yet—not until after June 30—and then, who knows, the province may be looking forward to the next one.

Mrs. Fulton Dies Here In Hospital

A pioneer woman resident of the city and wife of a well-known judge died yesterday in Prince Rupert General Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was Mrs. Anna Bertha Fulton, 67, wife of Judge W. O. Fulton of 201 Fifth Avenue East.

Born in Wisconsin, Mrs. Fulton moved to Vernon, B.C., as a girl of seven, where she was married. The couple came to Prince Rupert 42 years ago, where Mr. Fulton entered law practice.

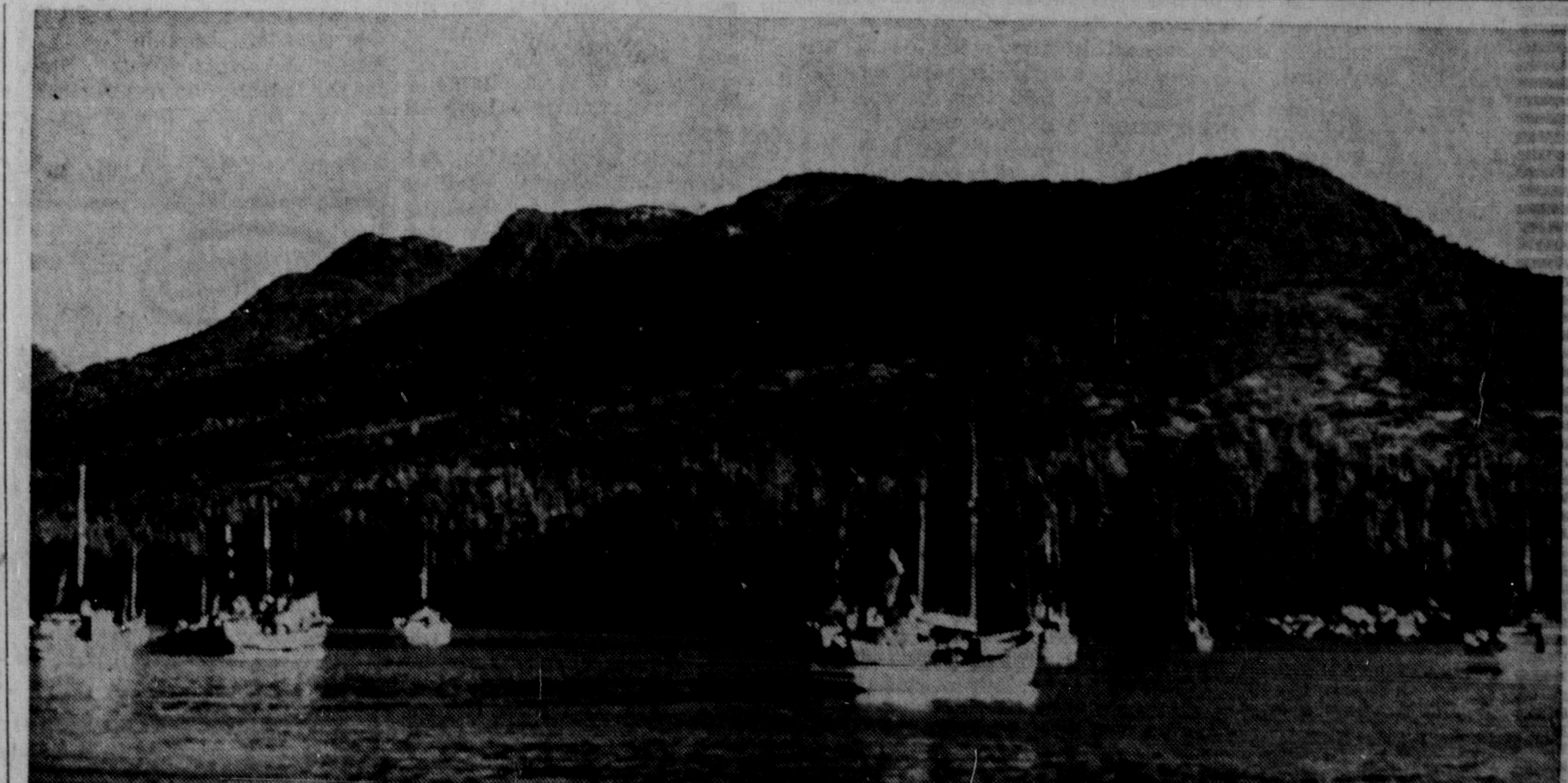
Mrs. Fulton is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Alexander (Thekla) Graham of the city; two sons, Oscar of Saskatoon and Rupert of this city.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, from First Presbyterian Church.

Salmon Price Demands Cut

VANCOUVER (CP)—The United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union reduced sockeye and coho salmon price demands at a meeting here with the British Columbia Fisheries Association.

They dropped sockeye price from 25 to 24 cents a pound and coho from 13½ to 13 cents.



ONE HALIBUT SEASON ended yesterday—that of Area 2A—and more than 25 of the largest schooners are on their way to Area 3A in the northern waters off Alaska after discharging their last catches in Prince Rupert and taking on provisions. But the northern Pacific is no place for the smaller fishing

vessels. They will now prepare for their regular business, the salmon fisheries. Above, several large schooners are seen just before heading out from Squadara, base of operations for Area 2A, where the quota of 25,500,000 pounds of halibut has now been taken.