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Turn Out the Vote

COME election day, the figure 75 percent is going to be the subject of some curiosity around these parts, for that was the percentage of registered voters in this electoral district who cast their ballots in B.C.'s last general election.

That was three years ago. In the interval many important changes have come to the district and political issues have taken on a sharper edge. Accordingly public interest should be greater and the voting turnout better.

Since there is no guarantee of this, however, the Junior Chamber of Commerce deserves credit for stirring up the vote with the same enthusiasm as if there were no interest or issues at all.

While 75 percent is not a bad showing, it is not in the same class with turnouts at some interior points where scores as high as 88 percent were recorded. Let's make it a real contest so that the man finally elected is, without any doubt, the popular choice.

Ways And Wants

THERE are some words of John Temple Graves in his book "The Fighting South" that should be better known for our own good.

He says, "We have been so intent on ways that we have forgotten what they are for . . ."

"Some of us have been fighting so hard for democracy that we have failed to use democracy.

"Some of us have been so bent upon the rights of labor that we have not remembered how the rights should be employed for quality in workmanship, character and responsibility in those who work.

"Some of us have so feared for free enterprise that we have taken away some of the freedom, or been wanting in enterprise."

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Reflects and Reminisces

Beil boys in a Montreal hotel caught a thief who was stealing from guests. Trust those boys to protect their tips.

It was Good Friday, not so long ago, and when a Baptist Army chaplain asked a young soldier if he could tell him its meaning. The YS paused for a few minutes and said he thought it was a "sort of batman to Robinson Crusoe." You may have noticed lately that school teachers have been insisting on salary increases.

WE ALL HAVE IT

Saturday evening last, the whole of Sunday, and part of the time since then, any number of persons have had that "I Need a Holiday Look" in their tired eyes. You know the expression. It was plain as anything. One could almost hear the words. They sounded impatient.

YOUR SEAFOOD!

Forty kinds of fish that make other nations drool go begging, says Ian Scanders in Macleans. He's right, of course. A basic

industry languishes and our cooks pass up some of the finest eating in the world. Somehow, Canadians are not fish consumers. They belong anywhere except in the Dominion. Of course, there are some in the coastal cities, but to a large extent they stop there. When Canada's kitchens discover how to cook fish as skillfully as it is done elsewhere, more of us will enjoy a greater proportion of a local product, and fewer beefsteaks.

Does reading a comic book have any effect on a child? Nothing, so it is understood, unless it is the prompt desire to read another comic book.

Alderman Prusky asks colleagues the cost of doing away with sick dogs and cats, and learns it's five and three dollars. A few of the councillors suggest this is a shade steep. How could it be much less? In a town the size of Prince Rupert, a dog cannot be laid away any old place. There's many an owner who thinks not of the loss of a five spot, but the absence of an old friend.

"I am not, frankly, a lover of the cinema," remarks a candid Californian. "I detest the slickness, the noise, the vulgarity and superficiality of most all films." Members of the Royal Family not infrequently feel refreshed after enjoying a movie hit. At least, they say so.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

More on No Vote

JACK SCOTT and I have frequently been on opposite sides of public questions from the editor of the Vancouver Sun.

But in my ten years on The Sun this is the first time I remember when the editor and Jack are on one side of a public question while I am on the other.

The editor and Jack favor a Yes vote in the coming plebiscite on sale of hard liquor in hotels and cocktail bars.

I am on the NO side. I think we are already spending far too much money on alcoholic drinks in B.C. If we get the Ontario system here in B.C. a great deal more money will be spent on hard liquor than is being spent now. I think this will be bad for business and for most families—where the wives and mothers have a hard enough time, right now, paying for groceries and things they must have for the kids—such as milk.

THE EDITOR of The Sun, on May 15, wrote that "Elmore missed the point." Noting that I had reported a 300 per cent increase in alcoholic gallonage consumption in Ontario since 1935, he said: "We can't imagine why Mr. Philpott chooses to compare 1935 with 1951 when he knows that cocktail bars were not introduced until 1947."

The reason I picked 1935 was quite simple. This was the last year I lived in Ontario. Believe me, I knew people were drinking plenty even then. The subsequent increase in the consumption of alcohol has been ten times greater than would be warranted by the mere increase in population.

THE EDITOR of The Sun is not quite up to date when he writes "beer drinking in Ontario is increasing at a faster rate than hard liquor drinking—the figures being 27 per cent and 25 per cent since 1947."

The latest official report for Ontario showed the following consumption for last year:

Imported liquors increased. 28.9
Domestic liquors increased. 6.6
Imported beers increase. 28.9
Domestic beers decreased. 10.2

The above trend toward more hard liquor and imported beers as against the local brews was carried out in the wines too. Consumption of imported wines increased 21.1 per cent while local wine consumption was down 4.4 per cent.

IT SEEMS to me that there is an honest and above-board argument for the legalized sale of hard liquor in hotels and bars in B.C. That is, that this is a free country where it is no crime to take a drink of alcohol; and that if the major-

ity say they want the right to drink out of glasses in hotel bars and cocktail lounges, the law should be changed accordingly.

But in my 21 years as a working newspaperman in Canada I have seen change after change made in the laws of the several provinces in which I have lived and worked. Always the people who were interested in selling more alcoholic beverages staged a campaign in which the people were told that if only they would legalize more and more sales outlets THERE WOULD BE LESS LIQUOR CONSUMED! What downright bunk! The people were given lofty sounding lectures on intemperance and told that the way to promote sobriety was to put in more bars—excuse me, I mean cocktail lounges.

THAT IS WHY I say to B.C., let us get this straight. We know what we have now in B.C. It is certainly not too good. But it would be better off to vote for what Ontario has, as shown by the latest official reports. In addition to the government liquor and beer stores there are

Licensed hotels	884
Taverns	154
Public houses	363
Restaurants licensed	17
Social clubs	191
Veterans' clubs	219
Labor clubs	12
Military messes	115

Divide the above figures by three, for difference in populations, and ask yourself: How many of these licenses would be given in our town, and what would be their effect?

LETTERBOX

SUPPORTS HUNTER CITIZENSHIP TROPHY

Editor, The Daily News:
It was with much more than passing interest I read in your issue of May 18 a letter from J. S. Wilson dealing with the untimely and tragic death of my very old friend Alex Hunter. I was intrigued with a suggestion his letter contained regarding a Good Citizen trophy, or some such memorial.

I sincerely hope that the citizens of Prince Rupert will give this suggestion some thought and also let the newspaper fraternity of Canada know of their plans. Alex Hunter was a great citizen and a great Canadian. No one ever lived who did more in everything he did than Alex Hunter.

He loved being alive; loved his home, his work and his community. Alex believed in his work and had the most tremendous faith in Prince Rupert and that particular section of Canada. He helped lay plenty of sound foundation stones and should always be remembered as one of Prince Rupert's TRUE and GREAT citizens.

I can only add my sincere tribute to everything that Mr. Wilson has said and I trust something will be started to perpetuate Alex's memory.

H. BRUCE BOREHAM

Well-Trained Hound

PORT ALBERNI, B.C. (CP) — Three cougar kittens orphaned by the gun of a hunter, Harry Brown have a new mother—one of the hounds which led him to the kill of a female cougar. is a free country where it is no crime to take a drink of alcohol; and that if the major-



Vote . . .
J. D. McRAE
LIBERAL CANDIDATE
Prince Rupert Electoral District
Vote Liberal—June 12th

Presidential Vote Four-Stage Affair

By JOHN TRACY

The United States is a four-stage affair and American electors, who will vote this year, are near the close of the first stage.

The process starts with the primaries or state party conventions, proceeds to the big national conventions, and then to the actual voting. The final stage is the electoral-college vote, a vestige of the early days of the American Republic.

Purpose of the primaries is to allow the voters of each party to express their preferences for presidential nominees and to select delegates to the national conventions. The idea of the primary is that the people will, by having their say, thwart the party bosses in the "smoke-filled rooms" of U.S. political tradition.

But political experts say it doesn't always work that way and it has been found that political machines can often work their will through primaries as well as through conventions.

Laws in the 16 states that use presidential primaries are "confusingly varied and sometimes ambiguous. In some cases, for example, citizens vote their presidential preferences while at the same time voting for convention delegates whose intentions they do not know.

All in all, the primary system as practised now does not usually give any crystal-clear indication of the nation's popular choices of nominees. For instance, of the 496 delegates chosen by presidential primary for the Republican convention in 1948, only 153 from five states were definitely obligated to support the candidate favored by the voters in their states.

The remaining 32 states pick their delegates through state

conventions, or in a few instances, by state party committees.

Both big conventions will be held this year in Chicago, the Republicans meeting July 6 and the Democrats holding theirs July 21. Each party will select its candidates for president and vice-president and lay down its policy. Then the electoral campaign starts rolling.

Actual polling will be held Nov. 4 when more than 50,000,000 voters are expected to vote their choices for president and vice-president. In many states they will also vote for U.S. senators, governors and members of state legislatures as well as for various municipal laws.

MACHINES POPULAR

In most states the paper ballot is used, but a growing number use voting machines. The machines, designed to speed up voting and counting of returns, are operated in a curtained booth by the voter who pulls levers opposite the name or party of his choice. More than 15,000,000 voted on machines in the 1948 presidential elections.

Soon after election day the citizens know who will be their president for the next four years. But one formality remains—operation of the electoral-college system, a hangover from the late 18th century.

Originally, Americans voted for members of an electoral college who, by reason of their knowledge and experience, were considered qualified to pick men to fill the important government offices. Eventually election

power was transferred directly to the voters but the electoral-college law remained on the books.

Under present practice, each state has a number of electoral votes equal to the number of members it has in Congress. After it has been determined which states each presidential candidate has carried—even by the smallest popular-vote mar-

gin—the electoral votes for of these states are tallied. There are 96 senators and members of the House of Representatives, making a total of 531 electoral votes. Three candidates must have a total election votes to mind.

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