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EDITORIAL

Tomorrow is election day in our province when close to 800,000 people have the opportunity to exercise their democratic right of voting secretly for their choice of government.

Never before in B.C.'s history has an election meant so much because this province is on the threshold of the biggest development in Canada. The men in whose hands the future of our province lies in the next four years are those we will choose in majority at the polls tomorrow.

The biggest issue in the election is whether we desire to stand by the tried and tested free enterprise form of government, or whether we want to gamble on experiments in socialism, with government control of our industrial life.

On this control depends the prosperity of the whole province and, in turn, that of almost every individual in it.

Socialism and state control may have its place as a last resort where a country's economy is strife-ridden. But such a condition cannot be applied to B.C.

The choice for a stable and sound government which will direct the future of B.C. for our prosperity lies between the Liberals and the Conservatives, as we see it. Both are pledged to free enterprise and in a position to sustain the boom now resounding in B.C.

How will we choose between them? We should forget the minor differences in their party platforms and look unto our candidates.

Vote for the man of either party who by his brains and character is best qualified to represent the interests of Prince Rupert riding voters.

And let's turn out to vote—to exercise the freedom today so that we may have it tomorrow.

Operators Who Signed IWA Contracts Not FIR Members

Special to The Daily News

VANCOUVER.—John Billings, manager of Forest Industrial Relations, said today three companies that are reported to have signed 1952 IWA contracts "are not members of FIR."

He was commenting on a claim by the IWA here Tuesday that three companies have signed a contract based on union demands.

The IWA spokesman said one of the companies was a "big outfit."

Mr. Billings said FIR represents 182 companies and 99 per cent of the coast operators.

"Negotiations for all big operators are handled by FIR."

Strike deadline for the 32,000 members of the IWA is set for June 14.

Union demands include a 35-cent hourly pay boost, paid health and welfare plan and increased vacations.

Wailing Siren Signal To Vote

When you hear a siren blowing first thing tomorrow morning—at 8 a.m. to be exact—it will likely be a reminder for you to "Get out and Vote."

That's the plan Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce has laid out.

The city curfew siren—former wartime air raid alarm—will sound off on the hour every hour throughout the day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to remind Prince Rupert citizens it is their privilege and duty to do down to the Civic Centre, the polling station, and vote for the candidate of their choice in B.C.'s general election.

old campaign has been B.C.'s Hospital Insurance Scheme.

The Liberal party, under Premier Byron Johnson, has pledged to recommend to the next session of the Legislature the abolition of co-insurance.

The Progressive Conservative 12-point platform includes a new plan of non-compulsory hospital insurance and the C.C.F. has said it will also abolish co-insurance and roll back premiums.

The Social Credit party would abolish the compulsory plan with a voluntary scheme.

Mr. Hills, during his campaign has criticized operation of the administration in B.C. under the Coalition government and held high the policy of the C.C.F. Saskatchewan Government. He stressed that the C.C.F. is successful there and it could and would also be successful in B.C.

Mr. Murray, last of the four candidates to enter the contest, stressed the benefits received by citizens of Alberta under a Social Credit Government and said B.C. could also prosper under that type of administration.

Mr. Christie, who made only two public appearances—one at the start of the campaign and one at the close—urged election on the basis of his party's 12-

point platform which proposes among other things to reduce by 30 per cent the cost of licence fees on all passenger cars in B.C.

In urging re-election, Mr. McRae, who was seriously injured in an accident at Kemano a month ago, cited his efforts to get a housing program under way here, construction of a hydro-electric power system on the Queen Charlottes and his continued demands for improvements to the Skeena Highway as some of the benefits he obtained for the Prince Rupert district.

He urged re-election of the Liberal government to assure "sound government."

Outcome of the election now rests with the voters.

Tomorrow is the day on which 6,088 citizens of Prince Rupert may exercise their franchise.

At the close of counting, Returning Officer A. Bruce Brown will declare elected only the candidate—if any—whose first choice votes give him an absolute majority.

In ridings where no one man has the necessary majority of 50 per cent plus one vote, the election of the candidate will be delayed three weeks to allow absentee votes to be distributed, and other choices counted.

No Forecast on Results Of BC Election Tomorrow

This Monkey's Business Is No Good—She Picks Cage Locks

NEW YORK (AP)—Sumali has picked up a trick or two since moving to the Bronx Zoo from the Belgian Congo.

As a matter of fact, the gorilla has picked up the knack of picking locks. She's already done it twice on her steel cage door in recent weeks and yesterday a new lock was installed.

Sumali apparently does it by using her thumbnail as a combined screw driver and tweezers, and her lips as a monkey (no pun) wrench.

But, zoo officials point out, her efforts get her nowhere. The door just separates her indoor and outdoor compounds. So she always gets picked up before she gets to pick any more locks.

Biggest Vote In History For Rupert Riding

Appointment of deputy returning officers for the 26 polling stations set up in the Prince Rupert division has been completed and machinery is in readiness for the election tomorrow.

Returning Officer A. Bruce Brown said today that in addition to the 27 divisions in the entire electoral district, there will be eight special polling places at fish camps where absentee voting will take place.

Votes at these special places will NOT be counted on June 12. While he was unable to state how many would be cast by fishermen, the total may reach 500.

In the advance poll here last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, an estimated 36 people cast their ballots. This is 20 less than the number who voted in the advance poll in the 1949 general election.

Number of voters in the district this year is 9077—exactly 2000 more than were eligible to vote in 1949. In Prince Rupert division there are 6088 names on this year's list compared with 4931 three years ago.

There will be 24 polling stations set up at the Civic Centre for ordinary voting. Two others, one under supervision of Patricia Barbour, the other under Dorothy Becker, will be for absentee voters.

Ms. Barbour's station will be for persons registered in any of the other polling divisions in Prince Rupert electoral district. The other station will be for persons voting here and registered in other districts in the province.

A station also will be established at Miller Bay Hospital for persons who have already notified Mr. Brown.

Any person who has not notified the returning officer of their intention to vote there must cast his ballot at the Civic Centre. The station at Miller Bay is classed as part of the city for voting purposes.

Following are deputy returning officers who will be under the direction of Victor Whiting, supervision DRO, at the Civic Centre from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday: Muriel Thomson, Dorothy White, Mavis Fulton, Honora Stewart, Muriel Anfield, Winnifred Glass, Laurice Aldridge, Dorothy Elfert, Winnifred Black, Betty Pedersen, Ruby Pollock, Eva McArar, Violet Sherk, Sarah Glassey, Kathleen Hill, Elice Hull, Christina Saunders, Laura Mitchell, Irene Parment, Lillian Doane, Dyke Mc-

Millan, Marguerite Patridge, Jessie Murray, Marion Pierce, Patricia Barbour and Dorothy Becker.

—TIDES—
Thursday, June 12, 1952
(Pacific Standard Time)
High 3:57 20.6 feet
 17:06 19.0 feet
Low 10:34 2.1 feet
 22:55 7.1 feet

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Want To Buy A Lighthouse?

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. (AP)—Want to buy an 81-year-old lighthouse in the middle of Lake Champlain?

The U.S. Coast Guard said today that Colchester Reef Lighthouse will be sold June 30 to the highest bidder.

The two-storey dwelling with the lighthouse has not been occupied since 1933 when an automatic light was installed.

The Coast Guard said the building must be moved from its rock foundation to the shore three miles away within 30 days.

The lighthouse will be replaced with a light on a 30-foot skeleton steel tower.

Most Unpredictable In Province History

By The Canadian Press

VANCOUVER.—Political observers are making no forecast on results of the B.C. general election tomorrow.

Instead, they call it the most unpredictable election in the province's history, and the outcome under the alternative voting system may not be known for three weeks.

For 12 hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., PDST, nearly 800,000 voters have the right to cast their ballots and a record vote is expected.

Eligible voters in 1949 totalled 649,000 and 73.65 per cent cast votes.

In B.C.'s most costly election, estimated at \$600,000, nearly 6000 men and women will handle the voting machinery.

There are 212 candidates seeking election for 48 seats.

Liberals and Progressive Conservatives will go to the electorate as separate parties for the first time in 11 years.

Premier Byron Johnson reiterated his call for stable government. He said:

"I have constantly advocated the cause of Liberalism because the Liberalism way of life is designed to encourage free enterprise on one hand while at the same time recognizing our responsibilities to underprivileged and less fortunate people."

The Progressive Conservative leader, Herbert Anscombe told another meeting:

"We will make security in B.C. secure."

Many have charged the Liberals are divided but say that if CCF are elected, flow of money for capital expansion into B.C. would cease abruptly.

CCF and Social Credit speakers outlined their platforms from many platforms reiterating party policies and pledges.

71 Countries Enter Olympics

HELSINKI (AP)—A record number of 71 countries have entered the 1952 summer Olympic games to be held here July 19-Aug. 3.

The deadline expired last night and the International Olympic Committee announced that all but eight of the 78 member countries have accepted invitations.

Fifty-nine countries took part in the 1948 games.

Hansell 'Might Accept' Job of B. C. Premier

VANCOUVER (CP)—Rev. E. G. Hansell, Member of Parliament for the Alberta riding of Macleod, indicated Tuesday he might accept the job of Premier of B.C. if the Social Credit party is successful in tomorrow's election.

When asked by a reporter if he would accept the job if it were offered he said: "There are circumstances whereby I could give you a direct answer until I get to Ottawa and determine what those circumstances are. I can say at the moment however that the door is not closed."

At a public meeting Monday night at Powell River, Attorney-General Gordon Wismer quoted a Social Credit candidate as saying Mr. Hansell would be premier if the Social Credit were elected because "nobody else has sufficient experience."

J. A. Reid, Social Credit candidate in Salmon Arm, whom Mr. Wismer said he was quoting denied he had made any such statement.

Flares Reported Over Water

Reports that flares were seen shooting into the sky off Metlakatla last Sunday night were investigated by the RCMP patrol boat, ML 15.

Police here said today however that they had received no word from their boat which has gone to investigate a drowning at Victory Cove.

A Prince Rupert resident on Fourth Avenue East told the Daily News her seven-year-old daughter saw the first of four flares about 10:30 p.m. She said it appeared as if someone was shooting off fireworks.

She said three more flares were seen at intervals up to 11 p.m. "They looked like they came from the inlet at Metlakatla, and the last one looked like a red star in the sky."



PHOTO — The photo of a dejected Easter Sunday morning starting disconsolately at her new hat as drenching rains set spring fashion parade won top honors for Alan Kitchener-Waterloo Record photographer, in the 12th news photo contest sponsored by the Inland Daily Press of the United States. The photo, titled "Easter Day" was one of hundreds entered in the competition. The photo was Mrs. Butler. (CP Photo)

Still OK in Voting, But For Two Plebiscites

The old-fashioned "X" still reigns supreme when it comes to voting on the two plebiscites tomorrow.

The plebiscite forms will be handed to the voter for completion in the polling booth at the same time as the voter marks his candidate-ballots.

The liquor plebiscite forms will be colored green.

It will ask:

"Are you in favor of the sale of spirituous liquors and wine by the glass in establishments licensed for such purposes?"

YES
NO

The voter puts an "X" according to his desire.

The daylight saving form will be a deep yellow and will ask:

"Are you in favor of daylight saving?"

YES
NO

The voter merely inserts an "X" in whichever square he wishes.

Critical Roundup

State of B.C. Future Up to Voters

ERIC SANDERSON
The hands of British Columbia will decide tomorrow whether they want to stay with the present system of free enterprise or whether they want to try the CCF type of government.

Entry of the Social Credit party into the campaign, to have four parties from which to choose the government to run B.C. for the next four years.

Break up of Coalition last year and the entry of Liberal Progressive Conservative parties into the field means the voting ranks. The Social Credit entry probably will result in a closely fought four-way election.

Throughout B.C., 793,428 persons are eligible to vote. This is an increase of 144,409 over the 1949 election.

Almost every riding there has at least four candidates with a total of 212 seeking

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