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Canadian Outlet Needed

WITH the anticipated industrial development of the Atlin area, it appears certain that lack of a Canadian outlet to the sea in that northern region will present an increasingly complicated problem.

Since Skagway is the only accessible port it will be necessary to route all traffic to and from that point, a journey which under present conditions involves crossing 21 miles of Alaskan territory on the narrow-gauge White Pass & Yukon Railway.

Although short enough, such a trip has the same international complications as, say, that between Vancouver and Seattle. Customs and immigration procedure, with its inevitable red-tape and delays, must be as strictly enforced there as at any other point on the Canada-U.S. line. If the business and population of that part of the Yukon develop on the scale now expected, the resultant traffic jam for freight and passengers moving in and out of Skagway could become something that should not happen in a nightmare.

As a possible solution, a proposal worth serious thought is offered in the May issue of New Liberty magazine by Richard L. Neuberger, a writer and Oregon state senator who is a well-known visitor along the northwest coast.

Describing it as "the Skagway trade," Mr. Neuberger observes that people of the north have talked of a deal by which Alaska would cede to Canada the town of Skagway and the corridor along which the WP & Y operates. In return, Alaska would receive a 119-mile strip bordering the road running from the Alaskan settlement of Haines to a union with the Alaska Highway 90 miles northwest of Whitehorse. Sixty-five miles of this strip would go through Yukon Territory, and 54 miles through B.C.

"The Haines road is primarily a land route to Fairbanks, Alaska, taking off from the sheltered waters of the Inside Passage," the author remarks. "But because it serves no Canadian community of any size, the Canadian government has declined to keep the road open in winter. Between Haines and the border the thoroughfare is plowed by the rotaries of the Alaska Road Commission. At the boundary, snowdrifts take over. Trucks are turned back. This causes much heartburn and indignation in Alaska."

"But if a corridor along the Haines road were ceded by Canada to Alaska in exchange for Skagway, the Americans would have a direct stake in maintaining a winter route to Fairbanks."

Although Alaska would receive the greater acreage, this must be balanced against the acquisition by Canada of a valuable new port. For the 791 inhabitants of Skagway the matter could be put to a vote, with Canada compensating those who would sooner move than adopt a new citizenship.

As time goes on in this age of northern expansion, it will become more and more apparent that the perambulations of the Canada-Alaska border impose handicaps on both sides. On the face of it, "the Skagway trade" looks like a sensible method of cancelling them out.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Do all to the glory of God."—1 Cor. 10:31.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Some men always keep to the same routine: wine, women and song.—London Opinion.

It's plain enough, says the New York Times, why rain don't rise over the ankles and raincoats don't fall to the shoes, why it makes window-cleaners happy and children sad, fills homeless cats with despair, unpresses suits and unshines shoes, solicits queer odors from fur coats and makes grass brighter and skies duller. In fact, it makes numerous things thinner and many others less so.

Halibut fishing will start May 17. When it will conclude is something else again. It can be said, however, that guesses are being made. The season won't be unduly long.

When Prince Rupert dogs wish to go abroad, which is most of the time, they must have their movements regulated by a leash

and a master who stands no nonsense. No community can risk rabies. It's true enough there are times we like Tower and Rover, yet it must be admitted there comes times when each is a nuisance, as well as being dashed embarrassing.

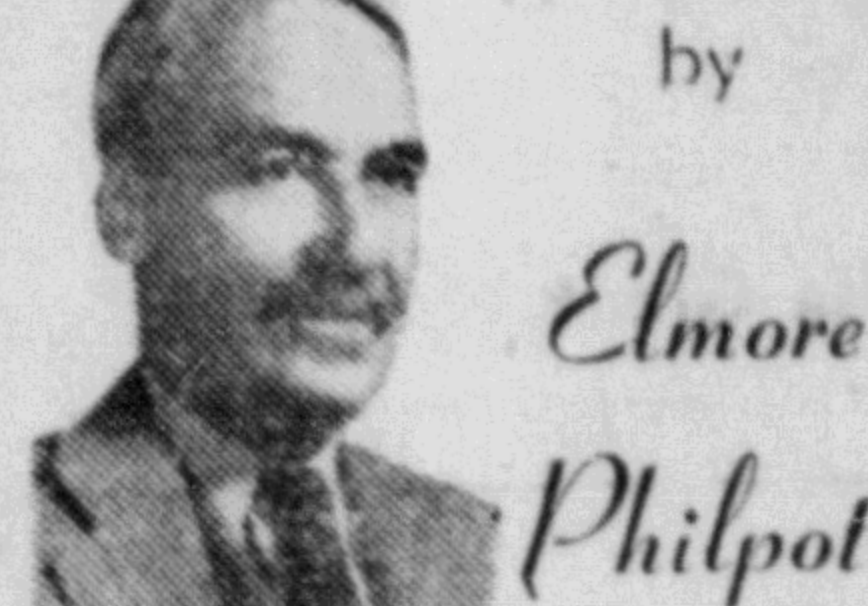
The new minister from Kentucky lost his job after attending dinner at the home of one of the church elders. Asked if he'd like some corn, he passed his glass.

The Colorado River made the Grand Canyon, but you feel when you are there that God gave the instructions.

Everyone believes very easily whatever he hears or desires.—Jean de la Fontaine.

Between men and women there is no friendship possible. There is passion, enmity, worship, love, but no friendship.—Oscar Wilde.

As I See It



CCF Handicaps Self

THE CCF had an excellent chance to win the B.C. election last year.

It still has a fair, outside chance to do so this year—but not so good as it could have had.

The doctrinaires who all along refused to let the CCF take the position which would have won a clear-cut victory in B.C. are still in majority control. They are the party's worst millstones.

The B.C. party could have said, "We will give B.C. the same safe, sane and progressive government that the CCF has given in Saskatchewan." Instead, the party extremists have nailed down a doctrinaire program which calls for more outright socialism than Britain's Labor government has even attempted after several terms in office.

NO LEADER ever picked by any party in B.C. has higher, more deserved prestige than Arnold Webster. He is a native son of B.C. He comes from a fine family and heads a fine family. He is an ardent Christian. He is respected as a veteran high school principal and as a tried and trusted head of Vancouver's Parks Board. He polls huge votes, and deserves them.

He is a right-wing wheelhorse of the CCF party, which he has served for 20 years.

You can say of him that he would have made an excellent leader of either the Conservative or Liberal parties in B.C. had his ideas run that way, not further left.

Yet the CCF party convention has shackled Webster with a platform so far to the left that it amounts to a ball-and-chain.

IT IS TOO SOON yet to given even a good first guess as to how the election will go in B.C. If it were going to be held next week, instead of seven weeks from now, I would say the Liberals, CCF and Social Credit would run neck and neck.

But everything will now depend on the campaign. It could be that the voters will refuse to take the CCF platform at face value—and elect the CCF anyway, notwithstanding the visible impracticability of some of the extreme planks.

IF THE CCF wins this election in B.C. I think they would give the province good government. But it would be at best the same that the CCF has delivered in Saskatchewan—and not the imaginary, socialism-or-bust brand of the 1953 CCF platform.

Outright socialism is not practical politics in B.C. or any other part of Canada at this stage of history. For example, it is plain silly to talk of "socializing" the entire forest industry of B.C.

The province of B.C. still owns forests so vast and mighty that the most ardent, expert, democratic government in the whole world would have all it can do for 10, 20 or more years to come to look after its own wooded estates. To talk of expropriating properties already owned by private hands is just plain nonsense.

THE CCF in Saskatchewan is not extreme. They took over the private electricity companies (as the Tories did in Ontario in 1907). They took over the bus lines. They set the pace for hospital insurance for all Canada, and have the cheapest automobile insurance scheme in the country. They have a total-medical-and-dental-care experiment in Swift Current—which, however, has never been extended to the entire province.

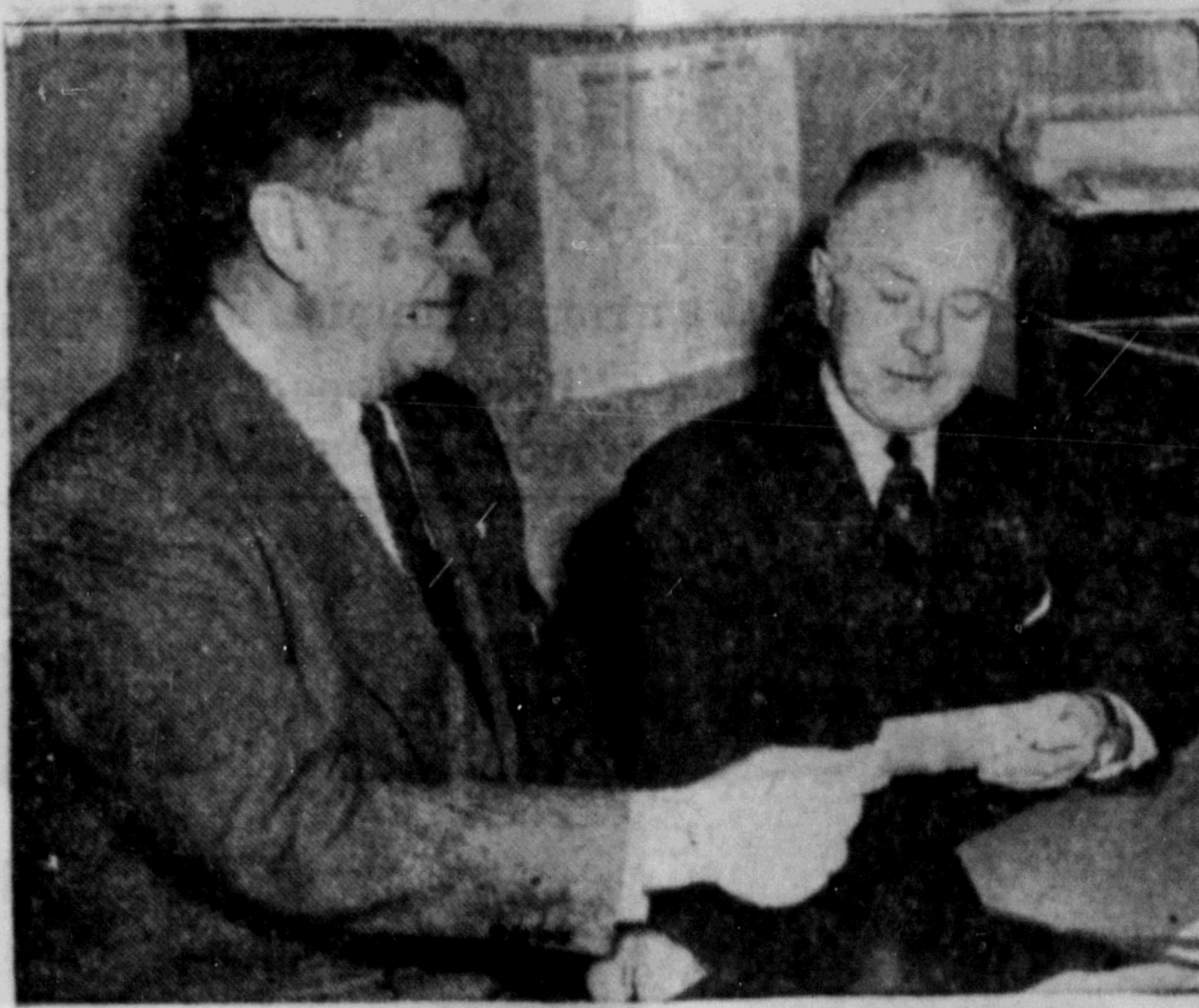
Premier Douglas says frankly "no socialization merely for the sake of socialism." Had the CCF in B.C. followed that line it would have won a clear-cut majority last year.

Most Reds in Coast Labor Unions

VANCOUVER — Gordon Cushing, national secretary of the Trades and Labor Congress, said here Friday the Pacific Coast has a greater number of Communists in the labor movement than any other section of Canada.

He said in an interview that the bulk of Communists in the labor movement have drifted to this coast.

He didn't consider them a serious threat, but said he was sure they did not come here by accident.



A CHEQUE FOR \$142,327, marking the first dividend on preferred stock paid to the government by the CNR under the new capital structure authorized last year, is turned over to Transport Minister Chevrier by Donald Gordon, chairman and president of the CNR. The cheque also represented the first peacetime surplus for the CNR since 1928.

New Soviet Leaders Have Chance To Help Turn the Tide of History

—Eisenhower

WASHINGTON (AP)—Following are some of the key quotations from President Eisenhower's speech last Thursday.

This is one of those times in the affairs of nations when the gravest choices must be made. It is a moment that calls upon the governments of the world to speak their intentions with simplicity and with honesty.

It calls upon them to answer the question that stirs the hearts of all sane men: Is there no other way the world may live?

So the new Soviet leadership

INCOME TAX QUIZ

Q. Can I include in my medical expenses the cost of my hearing aid?

A. Yes. The Income Tax Act also provides that the taxpayer can include, in his medical expenses, the cost of an artificial limb, a spinal brace, a brace for a limb, or a wheelchair that may be required for the taxpayer himself, his spouse or a dependent.

Q. My husband and I are both employed. We require a full-time housekeeper to look after our children. What allowance, if any, can we claim for the wages paid to the housekeeper?

A. The wages paid to a housekeeper under these circumstances are personal expenses which are not deductible from your income.

Q. I am a married man with a dependent child under 16 years of age. If I decide not to accept the Family Allowance for that child, may I claim \$400 exemption instead of \$150?

A. No. If a child is qualified for Family Allowance, or could be qualified by registration, the exemption allowed is \$150 even though the parents decide not to accept the Family Allowance for the child.

LETTERBOX

POPE CONFERRED TITLE
The Editor,
The Daily News:

I refer to the sermon in Saturday's paper, and in the interests of historical accuracy, wish to point out that the title "Defender of the Faith" was conferred on Henry the Eighth by Pope Leo the Tenth for his defence of the Sacraments and the Mass against Martin Luther.

This was in 1521. Henry's break with Rome came only 13 years later in 1534. Hence the title was conferred by the Head of the Catholic Church on a Catholic Monarch for his defence of the Catholic Faith.

REV. J. I. McMAHON.

now has a precious opportunity to awaken, with the rest of the world, to the point of peril reached, and to help turn the tide of history.

Will it do this? We do not yet know. This we do know: A world that begins to witness the rebirth of trust among nations can find its way to a peace that is neither partial nor punitive.

We are prepared to reaffirm, with the most concrete evidence, our readiness to help build a world in which all peoples can be productive and prosperous.

This government is ready to ask its people to join with all nations in devoting a substantial percentage of the savings achieved by disarmament to a fund for world aid and reconstruction.

What is the Soviet Union ready to do? Whatever the answer be, let it be plainly spoken.

Again we say: The hunger for peace is too great, the hour in history too late, for any government to mock men's hopes with mere words and promises and gestures.

The test of truth is simple. There can be no persuasion but by deeds.

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies—in the final sense—a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.

The peace we seek, founded upon decent trust and co-operative effort among nations, can be fortified—not by weapons of war—but by wheat and by cotton; by milk and by wool; by meat and by timber and by rice.

These proposals aspire to this: The lifting, from the backs and from the hearts of men, of their burden of arms and of fears, so that they may find before them a golden age of freedom and of peace.

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VICTORIA REPORT By J. K. Nesbitt

The political convulsion that came on when Coalition government fell apart in January of last year still shakes this province.

The shakes will continue until June 9, when, perhaps, the people will elect a majority government of some kind or other. That's the only way B.C. will get political and governmental stability for a few years.

Last June's election cooked up a messy omelette. The Social Credit part of the mess had one more egg than any other part—and so a Social Credit government.

Then the session ended in history-making defeat of the government on the floor of the

House. The convulsion goes on in the internal workings of the political parties.

Let's look at the parties this time last year, and now:

Social Credit—leaderless, Rev. E. G. Hansell, MP, imported to run the B.C. campaign; now leader—Conservative rebel W. A. C. Bennett, 52.

CCF—Harold Winch the leader; new leader—Arnold Webster, 54.

Liberals—Byron Johnson the leader; new leader—Arthur Laing MP, 48.

Conservatives—Herbert Anscomb the leader; new leader—Deane Finlayson, 33.

What extraordinary changes—

but, wait a minute—we've gotten one party.

Mr. Uphill of Fernie was leader last year, as since Mr. Uphill, leader this year, Uphill, 78.

Preserves Dignity

WINNIPEG (CP)—To ensure respect for the school and staff, parents "must avoid criticizing the school and the teachers in front of their children," Dr. Andrew Moore, inspector of Winnipeg high schools, adding the Manitoba Education association.

He said the modern jet figures in fewer crashes the old Spitfire.



Provincial Election Act

The Provincial Voters List is now being revised

If you are not registered you will not be able to vote at the next Provincial Election.

Registration on the Dominion or Municipal voters lists does not mean that your name is on the Provincial Voters List.

The responsibility is YOURS... to see that you are properly registered.

Registration Centres will be opened, between April 16 and 27 inclusive, at the following locations:

Prince Rupert Electoral District

Location	Hours
Ormes Drug Store Prince Rupert, B.C.	9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Except Sundays)
Registrar of Voters Office Court House, Prince Rupert, B.C.	Weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 Noon
In addition to the above, Registration Cards are available at the following places throughout the district:	
Mrs. Alma Hadland, Dodge Cove, B.C.	Indian Superintendent, Masset, B.C.
Mr. Herald Gray, Masset, B.C.	Mrs. Alberta Brown, Skidegate Masset, Skidegate, B.C.
Mr. Adam Pyper, Port Clements, B.C.	Selwyn Logging Company, Pacifi, B.C.
Hudson's Bay Company, Port Simpson, B.C.	Mr. Nelson Brew, Haysport, B.C.
Butedale Cannery, Butedale, B.C.	Klemtu Cannery, Klemtu, B.C.
Mr. H. R. Beavan, Queen Charlotte City, B.C.	Mr. Danny McLeod, Humpback Bay, B.C.
Nelson Brothers Limited, Port Edward, B.C.	Mrs. B. Ryan, Metlakatla, B.C.
Mr. E. C. Stevens, Skidegate, B.C.	Mrs. Grace Vickers, Kitkatla, B.C.
Kelly Logging Company, Aero Camp, Cumshewa Inlet, B.C.	Alaska Pine Ltd., Moresby Camp, Cumshewa Inlet, B.C.
Mr. John Francis Murray, Hunts Inlet, B.C.	Kelly Logging Company, Juskatla Camp, B.C.
Inverness Cannery, Inverness, B.C.	Sunnyside Cannery, Sunnyside, B.C.
Mrs. L. N. Iverson, Oona River, B.C.	North Pacific Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.
Mrs. T. Johnson, Osoyoos, B.C.	Cassiar Cannery, Skeena River, B.C.
Northern Pulpwood Ltd., Sandspit, B.C.	Indian Superintendent, Prince Rupert, B.C.
Mr. E. S. Richardson, Tiel, B.C.	

NO GENERAL HOUSE TO HOUSE CANVASS IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN.

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GORDON F. FORBES,
Registrar of Voters,
Prince Rupert Electoral District,
Court House, Prince Rupert, B.C.

Atlin Electoral District

Location	Hours
Aiyansh—Rev. S. Kinley	2 to 6 p.m.
Atlin—Court House	10 am. to 4 p.m.
Alice Arm—A. L. Yorke	10 am. to 4 p.m.
Lower Post—W. C. Hodgkinson	1 to 5 p.m.
McDane Creek—G. Duncan	10 am. to 4 p.m.
Stewart—Court House	10 am. to 5 p.m.
Telegraph Creek—Court House	10 am. to 4 p.m.

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W. SHIELDS ORR,
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Atlin Electoral District,
Stewart, B.C.