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Conservatives in historic landslide; Howard takes one of eight CCF seats

How Skeena voted

Approximately 73.22 per cent of the Skeena riding electorate voted in yesterday's federal election. With 138 out of 146 polls reported in at press time 16,318 persons out of 22,285 eligible voters cast their ballots.

Results in the riding with eight polls still to be heard from are as follows:

Howard CCF 6,478; Kenney Liberal 4,012; Rapske Social Credit 837; Vance Progressive Conservative 4,898.

Here is how the different areas throughout Skeena voted:

Name of Poll	Howard	Kenney	Rapske	Vance
Bennett	4	1	0	7
Atlin	—	—	—	—
Cassiar	14	20	6	80
Telegraph Creek	—	—	—	—
Dease Lake	3	2	0	5
Alyansh	0	0	1	3
Klaplox	25	8	3	12
Stewart	85	20	7	43
Alice Arm	—	—	—	—
Torbit Silver Mine	—	—	—	—
Kincolith	0	2	0	0
Digby	31	26	7	13
Port Simpson	3	8	1	6
Prince Rupert (27 polls)	1,764	930	171	1,600
Port Edward	74	47	3	40
Miller Bay	17	16	2	41
Haysport	5	1	0	3
Hunts' Inlet	9	1	0	0
Humpback Bay	4	0	0	3
Odna River	13	5	0	6
Sunnyside	13	12	0	14
Port Essington	10	6	0	8
Kwinitsa	2	0	1	4
Shames	2	2	0	3
Remo	2	11	0	2
Kitsumkallum	12	6	3	0
Terrace (8 polls)	534	765	155	366
Lakelse	—	—	—	—
Usk	22	14	1	10
Doreen	6	0	0	10
Cedarvale	24	13	0	8
Pacific	7	2	0	6
Woodcock	4	2	0	3
Kitwanga	43	28	7	7
Skeena Crossing	9	2	0	6
Silver Standard Mine	7	2	0	4
South Hazelton	22	14	12	25
New Hazelton	54	17	6	18
Hazelton	72	46	31	65
Morricetown	7	10	0	3
Fort Babine	—	—	—	—
Evelyn	18	8	4	17
Glentanna	15	12	1	9
Smithers (4 polls)	413	216	53	279
Telkwa (2 polls)	140	42	9	120
Quick	36	10	6	29
Walcott	10	0	2	1
Topley	53	14	2	10
Pendleton Bay	—	—	—	—
Houston (2 polls)	66	26	59	69
Topley Landing	0	2	2	0
Rose Lake	28	13	2	11
Colleymount	19	3	0	14
Noralee	6	6	1	14
Tatalrose	12	4	2	7
Palling	22	0	0	8
Decker Lake	73	7	9	23
Burns Lake (3 polls)	212	113	47	150
Endako	—	—	—	—
Francoise Lake	38	9	5	25
Grassy Plains	22	11	4	5
Southbank	43	10	7	6
Kemano Bay	49	59	5	43
Washwas	33	43	1	15
Wistaria	13	4	4	8
Ootsa	11	1	4	3
Kitimat (18 polls)	1,192	903	115	1,004
Anahim	2	6	10	14
Firvale	25	0	1	8
Hagensborg	94	27	4	22
Bella Coola	119	16	6	54
South Bentinck	18	5	0	1
Bella Bella	16	17	1	45
Ocean Falls (6 polls)	577	191	25	332
Klemtu	0	5	0	0
Butedale	4	7	0	4
Masset	51	64	15	39
Justkatla	5	8	1	4
Port Clements	22	16	1	6
Tlell	3	3	0	8
Queen Charlotte City	37	43	4	39
Skidegate	14	23	4	3
Aero Beach camp	4	7	1	5
Sandspit	74	46	3	22
Moresby Camp	20	14	0	11
Prince Rupert advance poll	2	2	1	2
Totals	6,478	4,012	837	4,898

Standings by provinces

Party	Total	Nfld	PEI	NS	NB	Que	Ont	Man	Sas	Alta	BC	YNT
PC	209	2	4	12	7	50	68	14	16	17	18	1
Lib.	48	5	0	0	3	25	13	0	0	0	0	1
CCF	8	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	4	1
Doubtful	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	265	7	4	12	10	75	85	14	17	17	22	2

G. E. Hills named president of city's centennial band

George E. Hills will head the newly-formed Centennial Band association as president, it was announced today.

Good attendance at an organization meeting last night gave the much sought-after band all the ear-marks of becoming a reality.

Others named to office were Peter A. Lien, vice-president; Arne Lien, secretary and W. C. Homenuk, treasurer.

City organizations represented were the Kinsmen club, the Rotary club, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Senior Chamber of Commerce and the Labor Council.

Persons interested in fostering the band are asked to submit their names for the Board of Directors.

An executive meeting will be held Friday at 5 p.m. to form the constitution and band policies.

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Sweeps Skeena easily

By DICK AYRES
Editor of The Daily News

CCF candidate Frank Howard, MP in the last federal parliament swept to a decisive victory yesterday as he led his closest opponent by more than 1,500 votes when a record number of Skeena riding electors cast their ballots.

Results of the vote, in which 16,318 persons out of an eligible 22,285 voters took part, for a 73.22 percentage, are as follows:

Frank Howard, CCF 6,478
A. D. Vance. PC 4,898
E. T. Kenney, Lib 4,012
Rudolph Rapske, SC 837

In retaining the Skeena riding seat, the 33-year-old former miner and logger from Terrace, became one of four CCF candidates to win seats in British Columbia and one of eight across Canada.

Allan D. Vance, Prince Rupert building supplies firm executive, trailed Howard by 1,580 votes with 138 out of 146 polls heard from.

Both Skeena voting as a whole and in Prince Rupert set records.

Voting in the riding at the last federal election in June, last year was only 66.004 per cent when 13,672 out of a possible 21,400 cast their ballots.

In Prince Rupert itself, where there were 5,638 eligible voters, a total of 4,465 electors went to the polls for a 79.1 per cent tally. Last June 10, the city vote totalled only 3,622.

First poll to report was Tlell which gave Vance a 8-3 vote but from that point Howard went ahead and gradually increased his lead.

At 8:45 last night, when Howard had chalked up a 1,000-vote lead, Mr. Vance left Conservative party headquarters to go to the Armories where the CCF party association was staging a victory party. There he congratulated Mr. Howard and conceded the election.

In a victory statement Mr. Howard expressed his "sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the hardworking people who campaigned on our behalf.

"Without such support our victory would not have taken place," Mr. Howard said.

He said he also wished to express his sincere appreciation to all the voters in the Skeena riding who "placed their confidence in the CCF and in myself."

He said it was an excellent, hard-fought and clean campaign and he appreciated the Conservative and Liberal candidates' efforts in making it such.

"Now that the election is over I say the same thing I said after the last election. I will try my best to fulfill my duties and obligations on behalf of all the people in the Skeena riding regardless of which party they might have supported."

Mr. Vance echoed Mr. Howard's sentiment that it had been a hard and cleanly-fought campaign.

He said that the Skeena Conservatives were pleased with the results in as much as it showed great gains for the Conservatives.

"As far as we are concerned we will start working for the next election tomorrow."

"Mr. Howard conducted a very clean campaign and we are very pleased with the improvement in our party here."

Alek S. Bill was returning officer for the campaign assisted by former returning officer E. Victor Whiting as deputy.

At the busy polling station in the Civic Centre, poll clerks were sustained throughout the day by refreshments convened by Mrs. William Rothwell. The coffee bar was arranged by the CCF, Conservative, Liberal and Social Credit party associations.

PRIME MINISTER JOHN GEORGE DIEFENBAKER
. . . spearheaded tremendous triumph

HOUSE TO RECONVENE EARLY

John Diefenbaker quietly elated that electorate caught "vision"

By BILL BOSS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. (CP)—Affable John Diefenbaker, who rose from Saskatoon newsboy to prime minister of Canada, was quietly elated today that Canada's electorate had caught a "vision."

With the most one-sided victory in Canada's political history, he attributed success largely to his political judgment in offering the electorate a "vision" of northern development. During his entire 6½-week general election campaign he had hammered at it throughout the country.

Parliament would be summoned "at the earliest possible time," he said, with the solution of the country's unemployment problems as its first major task.

Cabinet would sit later this week, possibly Thursday, aides said, and it appeared that Mr. and Mrs. Diefenbaker may start for Ottawa tonight.

Relaxed humanity leavened with wit ran through Mr. Diefenbaker's day Monday from early-morning balloting with Mrs. Diefenbaker, through a quiet afternoon spent lounging in his hotel bedroom here, to the flush of a victorious coast-to-coast television broadcast from Saskatoon in the evening.

A devoted son, he called upon his ailing 85-year-old mother before speaking to the nation. From her hospital bed Mrs. William T. Diefenbaker counselled her son to be humble.

"When one has much power," she told him, "one must use it with care."

That, he later told reporters could stand as his own answer to questions about what his overwhelming majority could do to the parliamentary system.

In his enthusiasm over the victory the prime minister slipped in one of the first cuss words most reporters assigned to him had heard.

One asked whether his mother had voted, and Mr. Diefenbaker replied, "You're damn right!"

CPR firemen Face lay-off

MONTREAL (CP) — Canadian Pacific Railways today announced plans to implement recommendations of the Kellock Royal Commission report and eliminate firemen from its freight and yard-switching engines from May 11, 1958.

TEMPERS COOL UNDER HOT SUN

Dreary weather is supposed to breed ill temper and crime, but with sunny skies and warm April weather even the mildest potential law offenders took advantage of April Fool's Day to stay out of city police court.

According to RCMP records this is the second day this year that court has not been convened for lack of customers.

Last year approximately five days were free of police court activity.

Ex-policeman freed on bail

A man, who according to his counsel is a former Edmonton policeman, will appear in city police court April 8 on charges of causing a disturbance by fighting and assault occasioning to bodily harm.

William Ralph Green, 24, was remanded without plea on the first charge yesterday morning. Defence counsel Willa Ray said Green had arrived in Prince Rupert recently after serving with the Edmonton police force.

Yesterday afternoon he was remanded without plea on the second count. He was released on bail of $250.

The charge was laid following a fight in front of a city restaurant Saturday night.

ALGIERS (AP)—Three French soldiers and two girls were seriously wounded when sub-machine-gun fire was sprayed into a nightclub in Constantine during a dance Sunday night.

Liberals, CCF cut, Socreds wiped out

By ALAN DONNELLY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Prime Minister Diefenbaker and his Progressive Conservatives rode a whirlwind of votes Monday to the most resounding election victory in Canada's history—shattering all opposition parties on the way.

The new 265-seat Commons, with one seat undecided, shaped up:

Progressive Conservatives 209; Liberals 47; CCF 8.

Missing was Ontario's Kenora-Rainy River where only 17 votes separated Conservative and Liberal candidates when counting ended for the night.

The Conservatives gained almost 100 seats—most from the Liberals—in reaching their record-breaking total.

For the first time more than 7,000,000, probably 7,200,000, voted—and apparently a higher proportion of eligibles than ever before cast ballots. The percentage vote was 75.4 in 1945 and 75.3 in 1957, the previous record years.

Liberal and CCF strength in the House was shattered. Social Credit was obliterated.

Lester B. Pearson, 60, elected Liberal leader less than three months ago when Louis St. Laurent retired, won personal election in Algoma East constituency in the heart of Ontario's uranium country.

M. J. Coldwell, 69, veteran leader of the CCF, was beaten in Rosetown-Biggar, Sask. Social Credit Leader Solon Low, 58, lost in Peace River, Alta.

Tim Buck, the Labor-Progressive (Communist) party head who has never sat in Parliament, got nowhere in his Toronto Trinity contest.

Almost with first returns from the Atlantic seaboard, the Conservative runaway was obvious.

PC steamroller moves westward

And as the count progressed westward across the country, these highlights unrolled:

● The Progressive Conservatives scored clean sweeps in four provinces—Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and Alberta. In the Maritimes they gained strength in New Brunswick.

● They won 50 of 75 seats in Quebec, cutting the Liberal strength there to 25, smallest number the party has held since 1882.

● They added more than a half-dozen seats to the stranglehold they already had on Ontario.

● Across the country they lopped away more than three-fifths of the CCF strength at dissolution, leaving that depression-conceived Socialist party at its lowest level in Parliament since it won seven seats in its first general election, in 1935.

● Social Credit, another movement born of the depression, was annihilated. It lost the 19 seats it held in the last House, all in British Columbia and Alberta.

● The Liberal party held its own in Newfoundland—five seats of seven—but lost ground in every other province except Prince Edward Island, where it had nothing left to lose after last June.

● The Liberals have members in only four of the 10 provinces—Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. The only member they have in the West is in the Northwest Territories riding of Mackenzie River. Before the election they held nine Western seats.

● Three members of the former Liberal cabinet were defeated, added to the nine defeated in June, 1957. James G. Gardiner, veteran Liberal agriculture minister, suffered his first federal election defeat since 1935 in Melville, Sask. Former fisheries minister James Sinclair lost in Coast-Capilano, B.C., and former transport minister George Marler in Montreal St. Antoine-Westmount.

● Every member of the Diefenbaker cabinet was re-elected.

● Extent of the Conservative victory was shown clearly in the popular vote. With 94 per cent of polls reported they had 54 per cent of the votes cast, compared with 40 per cent 10 months ago. The Liberal share had dropped from 40 per cent in 1957 to 33. The CCF had 10 per cent compared with 11 in the last election. Others made up the other 3 per cent.

PERSONAL TRIUMPH

For Prime Minister Diefenbaker, the Conservative landslide was largely a personal triumph. He was the spearhead of his party's campaign in almost 30,000 miles of travel after he dissolved Parliament Feb. 1 to seek an over-all majority in the Commons. His was the name—as in 1957 when the Conserva-

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Mesit rites set Thursday

A city resident since 1950 died this morning in Prince Rupert General Hospital at the age of 53.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday from Ferguson Funeral Home for Peter Mesit, 1203 Eighth Avenue East. The Very Rev. A. E. Hendy, Dean of Caledonia, will be officiating.

Born in Smolensk, Russia, Mr. Mesit came to Canada in 1948 and lived in Prince Rupert for the past eight years. He was employed by Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd.

Grain ship arrives

The 10,000-ton Greek freighter "SS Ania" arrived at the Government Grain Elevator at 7 o'clock last night from Vancouver to take on a full cargo of No. 1 and No. 2 feed barley, a Grain Elevator spokesman reported today.

WEATHER—

Mostly sunny. A few cloudy periods tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Winds southeast 25 near Charlottes tonight. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Prince Rupert 35 and 52.

TIDES—

Wednesday, April 2, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	12:04	21.1 feet
Low	5:59	4.1 feet
	18:18	3.1 feet

VICTORIOUS CCF candidate Frank Howard is shown being congratulated by PC standard bearer Allan D. Vance in the Officers' Mess of the Armouries last night. Mr. Vance went to CCF headquarters at about 8:45 p.m. when results showed Mr. Howard leading the Skeena riding count by a substantial margin. —Staff photo by Meinhart Laglos.