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British Columbia Free-for-All

Next week British Columbia goes to the polls to select its Nineteenth Legislature. As in Alberta two years ago and Manitoba last summer, the voters waver in party confusion. In all but four of the 48 constituencies they will have a choice of from three to seven candidates, all bearing different labels, and promising everything from reactionary economy to the radical's mercenary conception of a State-made heaven.

Five major parties, aggregating 166 candidates, are listed to date in this Provincial free-for-all: Liberal with 48 candidates, Conservative with 43, Co-operative Commonwealth Federation with 45, Social Credit League with 18, and the new British Columbia Constructive Party (a breakaway from the C.C.F.) with 12. In addition, there are such extremes as Sound Finance, Financial Justice, Labor, Socialist and Communist groups, with a total of 20 candidates among them.

What can happen out of a mess like that is a matter of blind guessing. It may be, as some observers claim, that Premier Pattullo, having the advantage of returning prosperity and a comparative boom in the mining and lumber industries, hopes to make use of the confusion to achieve another rout like that of three and a half years ago, when the Liberals entirely eliminated a thirty-five seat Conservative Government, gained as many seats themselves, and faced a seven-member C.C.F. Opposition, since split in two.

If Premier Pattullo has a reliable census of the radical vote, and can be certain that the C.C.F. and Social Credit candidates will not cut heavily into his potential vote in an otherwise straight fight with the Conservatives, then, perhaps, he is justified in testing Fortune a year or so earlier than he need have done. It is reasonable to believe that an additional five years under a rational, progressive administration, capable of turning recovery to the best advantages, will eliminate many of the fetishes that have crept into British Columbia politics. Depression is a notoriously successful incubator of crackpot theories and political sham.

But, no matter how sure the Premier may be, there remains a large element of risk. Not so much that a Social Credit or C.C.F. majority will sneak into power, but that the result will be another Manitoba fiasco—a minority Government with control in the hands of a badly divided Opposition. Political instability of the kind and the possibility of a radical coalition grabbing control are not the recovery agents British Columbia or any other Province is seeking.

Of the two old parties—the Conservatives made a substantial comeback in the last Federal election—the edge would seem to be with the Government. Premier Pattullo's appeal, apart from his record, hinges on a demand for more liberal treatment from Ottawa; a demand he expects to have supported by the findings of the Royal Commission for the Provinces. With that go a highway program of 500 miles of hard-surface roads and increased co-operation with the mining and lumbering industries.

Dr. Patterson's offer in the name of the Conservatives is financial. Debt reduction, a refunding program to secure lower servicing charges, and a redistribution of taxes between municipalities and the Province are features. Highways and public utility Commissions are promised, together with a health insurance scheme that will be "actually sound."

It is on this last item that the Pattullo Government is weakest. The Administration's State Health Insurance Act met such strong opposition in the form presented that it was abandoned. With little or no alteration, and embarrassed by the criticism of its own Commission, it comes to life as the subject of a plebiscite election day. It and a multiplicity of strange easy-money theories are what the Liberals have to beat.

Diamonds

Diamonds were very much in evidence at the Coronation. It is the chief of precious stones. It has long been held appropriate for the engagement ring, because it was thought to soften anger, strengthen love and promote harmony between husband and wife. The derivation of the word is Greek, from adamas, meaning invincible.

All the diamonds known in ancient times were obtained from the neighborhood of Golconda in India and Indian lapidaries were the first to realize that the diamond could be ground with its own powder. Diamonds were first cut in symmetrical shape in Europe in the 1400's. Since then, they have been discovered in Brazil, Australia, Russia, South Africa, Borneo and other places in the Orient. Today, South Africa supplies all but a small proportion of the world's diamonds. Stones devoid of any tinge of color are said to be of the "first water."

The most famous and the oldest diamond is the Koh-i-nor, or Mountain of Light, believed to have been found in India four or five thousand years ago. It was presented to Queen Victoria and is now in the collection of Crown Jewels. The largest diamond in the world is the Cullinan, found in South Africa and presented to Edward VII by the Transvaal Government. It weighed 1 1-3 pounds, was divided into nine large stones and a number of brilliants and set in His Majesty's crown and sceptre.

Other famous diamonds are the Florentine Brilliant, bought from a Swiss soldier for 40 cents, the Great Mogul, the French Regent and the Orloff. The latter was stolen from the eye of an idol and eventually found a place in the sceptre of Catherine of Russia.

We imported last year close to one million dollars worth of unset diamonds, according to the External Trade Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Department of Trade and Commerce.

Cigarettes on Increase

The number of cigarettes released for consumption was greater after seasonal adjustment than in any month in history. The total was 550 1/2 million against 435 1/2 million in March, the index moving up from 195 to 232.5. A slight increase was shown in the release of raw leaf tobacco while cigars showed a gain of less than normal for the season. The production of leather boots and shoes in March exceeded two million pairs for the first time in history. The total was 2,209,000 pairs against 1,826,000 in the preceding month. The operations of the forestry group, after seasonal adjustment, were maintained in April at the high level of the preceding month. The output of newsprint was 298,347 tons against 301,110 in the preceding month, a slight decline being shown after seasonal adjustment. The output of newsprint, however, was higher than in any other April and the same remark applies to the exports of wood pulp. After seasonal adjustment, the outward shipment of pulp was greater than in any other month since September, 1926. After seasonal adjustment, the exports of planks and boards showed a gain of 22 p.c. over March. A decline was recorded in the exports of shingles, the index receding from 107.8 to 80.1.

SNAPSHOTS

Good times: A period when worker and employer prosper by dry-cleaning the salaried man.

We are told the method doesn't matter if the result is good, but the Kaiser said that when he marched through Belgium.

Dizzy Dean isn't smart enough to deserve more pay. Why doesn't he wait till the bases are loaded and a good hitter up and then demand it?

Reaction of relatives to a new infant: First week: "Isn't he precious!" Second year: "What he needs is spanking."

It probably isn't true that women own 70 per cent. of the property. It's just in the wife's name till the old man's debts are outlawed.

The remarkable part is not that we are lawless, but that people unrestrained by laws should behave so well.

Speakers at boys' conventions recommended sports heroes as models for youths. Yes, sir, those fellows certainly make their marks in the world.

"We will never recognize the United Auto Workers Union or any other union," says Henry Ford. In other words Lizzie won't be sat on.

A few of the wise old heads that knew how things used to be done in an emergency will be handy for references as mature men are requested to consider new emergencies; which have to use the same old material in solving new problems.

Lapointe

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subject of European descent" and substituted "a person of European descent who has acquired Union nationality," as the standard of citizenship in the Union.

The change created opposition there. Meetings of citizens passed resolutions demanding the right to be known as British subjects. It has been explained that General Hertzog and his government are not endeavoring to alter the common loyalty of all British subjects to the King. What he wants is a clearer definition of Commonwealth citizenship.

Linked with Hertzog's request for definition is the perplexing problem of the alien who emigrates to British dominions and colonies. It is then somewhat difficult to decide whether in acquiring local nationality he has acquired the full Empire-wide status of a British subject.

For 25 minutes today, Sir Donald Somervell, United Kingdom attorney-general, explained the intricacies of law touching on the subject to the assembled committee. Then it was decided to appoint him chairman of a sub-committee of experts which will investigate the matter further.

The chief delegates to the conference spent today's session on defence matters with statements made on behalf of New Zealand, South Africa.

Alfred Duff Cooper, United Kingdom secretary for war, and Viscount Swinton, secretary for air, spoke on steps to improve the Army and Air Force, an official communique said. The Navy's story will be related tomorrow by Sir Samuel Hoare, first lord of the admiralty.

LONDON, May 25 — The Imperial Conference this week will take up "points having a direct bearing upon our American negotiations and our relations with America," Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons today. He spoke after Liberal and Labor members urged modification of the Ottawa agreements in order that an Anglo-American trade treaty may be reached. Runciman wasn't optimistic on progress toward a trade agreement with the United States.

Delegates

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gramme of last session as cannot be purchased in Canada.

At home four mine-sweepers are being tendered for, while numerous contracts are being placed for air-plane equipment, and certain other project connected with coastal defence are being planned. Very little is being proclaimed about it, however, especially in the absence of the higher authorities. As the Government is so strongly committed to measures for the promotion of peace it prefers not to emphasize its defensive preparations for war.

LONDON, May 25—First moves in the campaign by British Empire countries to fight the subsidized United States shipping lines in the Pacific Ocean were made today.

A subcommittee of the Imperial Conference meeting at the Board of Trade with Walter Nash, New Zealand's Finance Minister, presiding, began a detailed examination of United States competition on the shipping routes between Australia and New Zealand.

The delegates, particularly from Canada, Australia and New Zealand, were understood to have expressed considerable anxiety regarding the ability of British companies to compete with the Matson Line. This American company receives an annual Government subsidy averaging more than \$1,250,000, British estimates showed.

The British Empire countries were said to claim that this subsidy to liners operating between the United States Pacific Coast ports and New Zealand and Australia threatens the existence of British-owned companies with ships plying the Tasman Sea between New Zealand and Australian ports.

Delegates recalled that the British-owned Union Steamship Company about a year ago, gave notice it was abandoning its Sydney-Wellington-San Francisco route because it had suffered heavy losses for several years. Also the management of the Canadian-Australia Steamship Company announced it might be forced to abandon the Sydney-Auckland-Vancouver line unless it received financial assistance to face the subsidized Matson line.

The subcommittee discussion dealt with the question of United States competition purely from the viewpoint of the shipping companies, without discussing the report of the Imperial Shipping Committee made last December. This report recommended that Britain and other members within the Empire, interested in Pacific shipping, join in spending \$12,500,000 for construction assistance in the operation of two modern express liners.

The shipping subcommittee will meet again Thursday to consider this project.

SOUTH AFRICA
WILL NOT TAKE
PART IN ANY WAR

(Special to The Daily Mail)
JOHANNESBURG, May 26 — The South African Minister of Defence in a speech today stated that South Africa will not take part in any war unless it is in the direct interest of South Africa.

SIR SAMUEL HOARE SHOWS
BRITISH TRADE ROUTES
PROTECTED BY BRITISH NAVY

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, May 26—At the International Conference which is being held in London, Sir Samuel Hoare, Lord of the Admiralty, outlined the part that the British navy had played in the protection of the trade routes.

Boys Ignite

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locate the group which was standing at the window when the conflagration started. Inquiries will be continued and it is expected there will be further developments.

"It is not the first fire of its kind," said Chief Aitchison. "Some years ago boys with a glass started a serious blaze in fireworks on Barton Street East and it was on a Sunday just before May 24," the official recalled.

Sun was not strong at the time, but the miscreants were in possession of a powerful glass and by concentrating the rays on a single fuse were able to start the spark which caused such heavy damage, it was explained. Once the fire started, it spread rapidly. Attracted by the series of explosions and smoke pouring from the window, neighbors called firemen. Several boys had been noticed in front of the store a few minutes before.

Sky rockets shot across the store. Roman candles, lawn lights and other pieces were spraying fire to every corner in a few moments and when firemen arrived the interior was a bed of flame. Hose lines soon brought the fire under control but not before it had taken firm hold on almost everything in the place.

Freer Trade

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means a reversal of the Ottawa agreements policy. There has not as yet been any informal indication that the British Government proposes to co-operate with Mr. King and President Roosevelt in bringing about the ease of trade barriers.

The unity with which the British press has hailed Mr. King as spokesman-in-chief in this viewpoint argues overwhelmingly that the British Government is perfectly willing that he should be so.

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Mrs. Warfield

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cation of the same material, worn blouse.

The trousseau consists of fourteen evening gowns, including two short-skirted dance frocks, seven afternoon dresses, five tailored suits, four beach costumes with matching shorts a luxurious house robe of white satin and figured gold and blue design, as well as a handsome evening coat of white ribbed silk ottoman richly trimmed with sable.

Her dressmaker said that Mrs. Warfield had a perfect figure for smart clothes and had been extremely patient in arduous hours of fittings, sometimes eating her lunch standing while the dressmaker worked.

Mrs. Warfield's evening gowns are simple and smart, made chiefly along smooth flowing lines. One was a violet blue taffeta creation; another, black with a pale blue top, worn with a pale blue satin jacket, beaded with gold sequins. Midnight blue satin made another evening gown, worn with a red and silver lame jacket picturing a group of turbaned Indians.

Her afternoon dresses were chiefly prints along simple lines, high necked in cut and sometimes draped. One tailored suit was of white tweed and another of pale yellow tweed worn with crepe blouses.

For hot weather, Mrs. Warfield ordered several short-sleeved linen dresses in white and pastel colors. The most beautiful of all was a lame house gown made with a long-trained skirt buttoning down the front and worn open to the knees. The train was lined with Wallis blue. The jacket of this costume was trimmed with applications of gold.

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Teaching Morals

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in efficiency," he said, commenting on changes in the school system. "The use of the movies to aid eye-minded children will probably increase when proper educational films are made available. Many children are ear-minded and get most of their knowledge by listening but as many more learn faster by seeing. For these, the growing use of movies in the classroom will bring a rich benefit."

Mr. Knight believes the tragedy of education today is that young men, after graduating from high school and college, and much better equipped than graduates of many years ago, must stand on street corners, or waste time waiting for a job.

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