

ther it is proof of the general opinion that conditions render possible valuable service to the public and the State.

A review of these candidates personally reveals the further fact that business leaders are conspicuously absent. For this they, themselves, are in a large measure to blame. Clearly they have failed to recognize their duty of public service and the duty to ensure the thoughtful elector a proper choice of candidates. The other part of the blame lies, in the manner in which candidates have had to reach the field, namely, either through party nominating conventions, or by personal offering of themselves under the best possible cover available to give colour to the claim that the controlling element was the public call for their services.

It cannot be gainsaid that as a rule the candidates are disappointing. Taking Vancouver City, we have weak tickets on both sides of the major-party fight. Name over those whom you consider the fifteen leading business men of Vancouver and see how many of them appear on either ticket. Where are the one or two leading bankers of our city? Where are our merchants, manufacturers, transportation men etc. At a time when a steady return to stable conditions is in progress, when opportunities to build and develop are open, we purpose to do so governmentally with purely, or almost purely, second class material untrained and unlearned in business.

In New Westminster we have a lawyer and not a business man on the Liberal side and W. Gifford on the other. Where is T. S. Annandale that he is not Conservative standard bearer? Where are the other business men of New Westminster? Wherever they are, they are not where they should be, that is on political tickets seeking to advise on political matters in these all too important hours.

Here and there we have constituencies which are exceptional in having good candidates on both sides. Such is Delta where Hon. John Oliver seeks to defeat Mr. Frank McKenzie the sitting member.

With the nomination day just passed, a forecast may seem absurd. No doubt many changes would be made in the following estimates, with later information. One fact stands out clear and indisputable, the Oliver Government is doomed. With Oliver and Farris certain of defeat, and Hart doubtful, the Ministers are in none too flattering a situation.

Some of the Government supporters, such as McGeer in Richmond and Weart in South Vancouver, have escaped defeat by retiring. Others are either seeking, as Independents, to defeat their former leaders, or striving desperately for re-election. Some like Micawber "as 'opes". Some cannot see anything but "darkness (of defeat) visible."

Take the Greater Vancouver constituencies. We have two sure Conservative seats, Bowser and Howe, with Warden a Conservative probability, Miss Patterson a possibility, and Mahon and Black "also rans." The only sure seat besides Bowser and Howe appears to be Joe Martin, with M. A. MacDonald a near certainty; a labor candidate, a strong probability and Mrs. Ralph Smith, the next strongest. Ramsay, McKenzie and Farris are no more than possibilities, if that, and Dougherty as a tail-ender. Richardson and Trotter seem likely labour factors in the campaign. The remaining candidates do not count.

Pearson should easily gain Richmond, while Hodgson seems a certainty in South Vancouver.

With a strong candidate, North Vancouver should be Conservative; with a weak one, Haines should succeed himself.

In New Westminster, Whiteside is the better man, has been a real independent and deserves the seat. Present indications however are that the Government slump will elect Gifford.

The following other candidates, judging from a distance, would seem certain: Stewart, Victoria; Money, Alberni; Sloan, Nanaimo; Stewart, Comox; Jones, Okanagan; Rose, Nelson; King, Cranbrook; Wilson, Rossland; Patullo, Prince

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Liberal probabilities: Vancouver, 1; Victoria, 1. Conservative probabilities: Vancouver, 2; Victoria, 2; Cowichan, 1; Yale, 1; Independent, 1. Doubtful: Kamloops, Slocan, Omineca, Vancouver, 2; and North Vancouver. Unknown: Ymir, Cariboo and Grand Forks.

SUMMARY OF ABOVE ESTIMATE.

Sure of Election	Conservatives	17
	Liberals	10
	Independents	3

Conservative probabilities.....	6
Liberal probabilities.....	2
Doubtful	6
Unknown	3

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