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$38,111 winter works program set for city to give jobs to 20 men

CARL L. JUNGE, executive director of the Alaska International Rail and Highway commission is scheduled to speak to City of Prince Rupert, Chamber of Commerce and Junior Chamber of Commerce representatives at a dinner meeting in his honor set for 7 o'clock tonight. Mr. Junge is expected to address the meeting on the part that Prince Rupert could play as both a marine highway terminal and a railhead for shipments to Alaska.

Ottawa, Victoria to provide $15,921

A seven-phase winter works program costing an estimated $38,111, was outlined to City Council last night by City Administrator R. W. Long.

Mr. Long, with City Works Superintendent C. J. Gustafson and City Treasurer Derrick Ratcliffe had been appointed a committee to draw up a program to alleviate unemployment in line with the federal government's winter work aid project.

The city's proposed program will give work to 20 men from December 1 until about mid-January, Mr. Long said.

Of the total $38,111 estimated cost, $21,229.50 is for labor, 75 per cent of the cost of which the federal and provincial government pays. The federal government pays 50 per cent, the provincial government 25 per cent.

This comes to approximately $15,921.80.

The following projects, with the amounts to be spent for labor, material and equipment and the number of men to be employed, are as follows:

(1) Culverting of Sixth Avenue East from McKay's store to Piggott Avenue, 480 feet; labor $1,910; materials $960; equipment $178; total estimated cost $3,048. Will provide 20 working days for five men.

(2) Path and sidewalk, on Emmanuel Street between Eighth Avenue East and Eleventh Avenue East; labor $940; material and equipment $460; total estimated cost $1,400; 10 working days for five men.

(3) Ditching and drainage on First Overlook; 1,500 feet; labor $5,025; materials $4,500; 52 working days for five men.

(4) Sidewalk, Fourth Avenue East, Cotton Street to Fifth Avenue junction; 1,550 feet; labor $1,705; materials and equipment $2,712; asphalt top $1,333; total estimated cost $5,750; 15 working days for five ben (two carpenters and three laborers).

(5) Sidewalk, Third Avenue East, McBride to Cow Bay; 977 feet; labor $2,712; materials $3,796. Total estimated cost $6,508; 24 working days for five men; (two carpenters and three laborers).

(6) Drainage, Eighth Avenue East; 250 feet in 400 block; labor $937.50; materials $942.50; total estimated cost $1,880; 10 working days for five men.

(7) Sewer lateral Eight Street, westerly on lane between Second and Third Avenues: labor $8,000; equipment $2,000; 40 days for 10 men; total estimated cost $10,000.

Mr. Long said that the program was a preliminary one and that further projects, such as Eighth Avenue East ditching, would be considered later.

School plans open house tomorrow

The Prince Rupert and District chapter of the Retarded Children's Society of British Columbia will hold its third annual "open house" at its Jack and Jill school at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

The annual function is held to familiarize the public with the problems besetting the retarded child, society president George W. Cook said today.

Mrs. Joe Ridsdale, school director will receive the guests and be on hand to explain the work of the school, which is attended by eight students.

The open house will feature displays of children's work and the new educational tools being used in the school.

Refreshments are being served under the convenership of Mrs. R. A. McLean.

Wires out

Teletype and telegraph service to Prince Rupert was still cut off late this afternoon as a result of vagaries of the weather in the interior and the south.

The Daily News had no teletype service at all last night and the Canadian National Telegraphs was handling emergency messages through the courtesy of the Department of Transport radio station on Digby Island. Total wire failures between Burns Lake and Smithers, east of Jasper and on the Fraser Canyon were reported.

NEW YORK (AP) — Curtiss-Wright Corporation Monday reported the development of an internal combustion engine with only two moving parts.

The engine was developed by Curtiss-Wright with NSU Werke of West Germany.

Scout group elects W. D. Smith

W. D. Smith was elected president of the Prince Rupert District Boy Scouts' Association when the group held its annual dinner meeting at the Canadian Legion (Branch 27) last night.

Mr. Smith succeeds M. E. Martin.

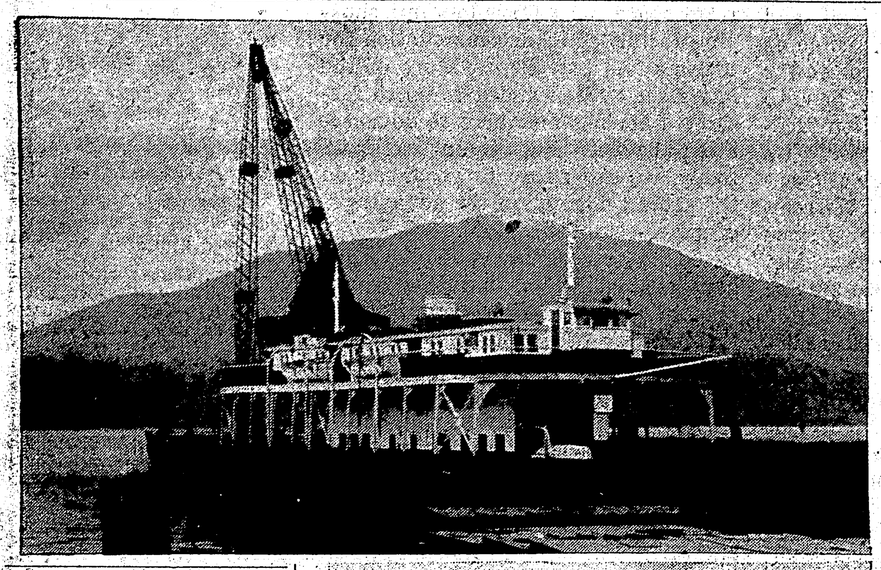
Other officers elected were John D. McNish, vice-president; Derek Mullin, secretary and Richard A. Morley, treasurer.

Councillors are K. F. Harding, RCMP Inspector W. B. Irving, Desmond O'Meara, J. W. Kilgour, C. F. LaCroix, W. J. Smith, M. E. Martin, E. T. Applewhaite, Mrs. T. A. Johnstone, Mrs. Roy Boychuk, Rev. J. A. Roskam, J. B. Davis, A. H. Ogilvie, A. D. Perley, T. B. Black, Earl R. Gordon, John Guthrie, H. F. Robins, Dr. G. W. J. Fiddes and R. H. S. Sampson.

Retiring president Mr. Martin thanked all who had made possible "a most successful year" and introduced to the more than 130 scouters and friends Field Commissioner John Miller, who brought greetings from provincial headquarters.

The meeting ended with community singing and entertainment.

Prince Rupert has now gone 312 days without a fatal traffic accident.



FORMERLY THE NO. 4 NORTH VANCOUVER ferry and now waiting to start its job of taking passengers and cargo to Prince Rupert airport, the vessel is berthed at the old drydock site. Pontoons in foreground, which came up from Vancouver with ferry, are for ferry slips. Bottom picture shows row of lifeboats. There are four lifeboats, 28 life-rafts and enough life-jackets for more than 75 passengers. —Photos by Gladys Baldwin.

Youth given six months for assault

A Port Simpson youth was sentenced to six months in Oakalla Prison farm this morning for pointing a loaded revolver at an RCMP constable.

Sentenced in police court by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite was 19-year-old Aubrey Charles Price, who pleaded guilty last Tuesday to a charge of assaulting a police officer and to intoxication under the Indian Act. Remanded until today for sentence he received one day in jail on the latter charge.

Price obtained the revolver early last Tuesday morning in a struggle with Constable Bruce McDonald who was in the process of arresting the youth for intoxication. The accused who had been asleep in a booth in a city cafe, arose, struggled with the officer and snatched the revolver from the policeman's holster. For a second or two he levelled the gun at the constable.

Const. McDonald grappled with Price, retreived the revolver, broke it open and spilled the cartridges.

In passing sentence on the assault charge, Magistrate Applewhaite told Price that he had a certain amount of sympathy for a man who resisted arrest solely by reason of his intoxicated condition.

"But indications are that you were sufficiently in control of yourself to realize what a gun was and what it could do.

"A man could have been shot," he said.

Also in police court this morning was Bruce Charles Stewart, recently of Prince George who was sentenced to three days in jail after he pleaded guilty to vagrancy. Police said Stewart had been found at 3:45 this morning asleep in a parked bus.

Special page devoted to work plan

First of a series of special pages being planned by The Daily News and its advertisers devoted to the efforts of the Winter Work Committee of Prince Rupert will be found on Page 4 of today's edition. Radio station CFPR is also cooperating in the promotion of the campaign through special broadcasts. On the air tonight will be an interview with Sydney Kirk of the local office of the National Employment Service.

MONTREAL (CP)—Mrs. Gabrielle Bouchard-Demers, 37, was charged with murder Monday in connection with the deaths of her two young daughters and a 30-year-old man strangled Saturday with nylon stockings.

Council not taking airport yet

City Council has no intention of accepting the Prince Rupert airport on Digby Island until it is "completed to a degree that would allow satisfactory operation."

Council last night approved action of City Administrator R. W. Long in informing A. H. Wilson, regional superintendent airways, Department of Transport that the city had decided not to accept the airport.

MORE ACTION SOUGHT

Furthermore, council decided that unless there is considerably more action over on the airport in the way of contracts for terminal buildings and landing facilities a strong protest would be sent Transport Minister George Hees.

Earlier this month, Mr. Wilson visited the city and asked the city to sign an interim certificate accepting the handing over of the runway, parking apron, taxiways and access road on Digby Island.

Mr. Long later wrote Mr. Wilson that it wouldn't accept the airport as it is now, for the following reasons:

NO BUILDINGS

- Council does not consider it is completed to a degree that would allow satisfactory operation. The power line to the airport has not been completed, the terminal building is not erected and there are no equipment buildings, radio navigational aids, runway lighting and standby power units.
- The apparent lack of progress is "vefy discouraging to the city" since the city has gone ahead and expended considerable funds "in order that those items which are our responsibility will be ready for the completion of the airport, which it is still hoped will be in the spring of 1960." In 1958 the city bought and installed submarine power cables to Digby Island at a cost of $50,000. It has also bought a ferry and done considerable work on the ferry landing terminal.

WOULD HELP JOBLESS

Mr. Long said that work on the power line, the terminal building and the radio navigational aids would help the city's winter work program and alleviate unemployment.

The city was told early this year that plans for the terminal building were underway but as yet the city has not seen them.

Mr. Wilson was told that council was anxiously awaiting a reply and council added a resolution that unless a satisfactory reply was received, Ottawa would hear about it.

Double-ended vessel awaits airport finish

By GLADYS BALDWIN

A chunky, double-ended "lady" from southern British Columbia will soon be plying the waters of Prince Rupert harbour between Kaien and Digby Island.

Purchased by the city of Prince Rupert as the ferry for the new airport on Digby Island, the vessel is the former No. 4 North Vancouver ferry, presently berthed at the old drydock where a general overhaul of her innards and outers has been carried out by George (Brick) Currie.

Ferrying isn't new to her, it's just the scenery.

According to Harbormaster W. H. Koughan's records she is the smallest of the ferries that operated on the run between Vancouver and North Vancouver.

DIFFERENT LOCALE

Instead of Stanley Park, the Lion's Gate bridge and the towering mountains of the North Shore of Burrard Inlet as her background, she'll have the tree covered islands of Venn Passage, Mount Hays and unnumerable fishing craft on the crisp blue waters of the harbor.

Built by Boeing Aircraft of Canada in 1931, the 130-foot vessel is powered with a 350-horsepower Union Diesel engine.

Mr. Currie said the huge motor is in fine shape and it seemed to be the general opinion the motor alone was worth as much or more than the $10,000 paid for the complete ferry.

PROPELLERS BOTH ENDS

She has propellers at both ends, which, to identify them are marked north and south. Right hand pitch for going one way and left hand pitch for the other and woe betide if they get mixed!

The ferry's gross tonnage of 418 tons is to be reduced to 350 tons to fit her for airport service. Although final arrangements have not yet been made, Mayor P. J. Lester said four crew members was the number the city plans to use for handling the vessel.

Once in operation, the customer for the airport will step aboard a bus and relax while the bus rolls smoothly aboard the ferry near the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association Fairview plant for a 20-minute run to Digby Island. At the Digby Island end the bus will debark for the two-mile run to the waiting plane. Besides the bus there is room aboard for private cars.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Safety-wise there are four lifeboats, 28 liferafts and more than enough lifejackets for 75 passengers.

Firefighting equipment is taken care of by a five horsepower electric motor delivering 100 pounds pressure from eight fire hydrants. There is also CO2 for oil fires.

Lighting is generated from two generating plants seven-and-a-half and 10 kilowatts each. In the event of one giving out, the other is ready for use.

One trip-a-day is planned for the ferry which will be quite a change for the lady from the south.

SCOUTERS TOLD

Support of law, order responsibility of all

It is the responsibility of every citizen to support the forces of law and order, County Court Judge W. A. Schultz said last night.

Speaking at the annual dinner meeting of the Prince Rupert District Boy Scouts' association at the Canadian Legion auditorium, Judge Schultz declared that the first duty of every citizen was to maintain the state.

"If we are to be successful in waging war against crime," he said, "we must have an honest, efficient police force, criminal courts, institutions of detention and a system of probation. But everybody in the community must give at least moral support to these agencies—and preferably active support."

The judge told approximately 130 Scouters and friends of several instances of crimes by young offenders. He pointed out that in many cases no amount of patient rehabilitation could effect reform, unless the offender himself wanted to be reformed.

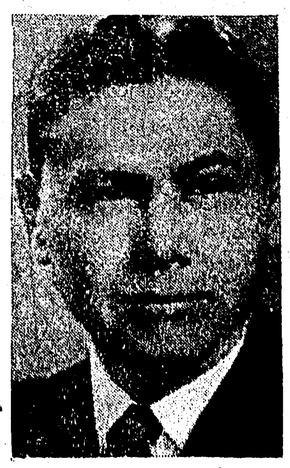
"Ultimately no one can be improved except by himself, notwithstanding society's will to help," he remarked, adding that there was no substitute for self-discipline and family responsibility.

Judge Schultz paid tribute to the work of the Scouting organisation.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," he said.

"Your work is salutary and beneficial, and is to be commended."

Judge Schultz was introduced and thanked by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.



JUDGE W. A. SCHULTZ . . . stress responsibility.

High tribute paid RCMP for work with Scouts

High tribute to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was paid by retiring District Commissioner E. A. Williamson at the annual dinner meeting of the Prince Rupert District Boy Scouts' association at the Canadian Legion auditorium last night.

"An attitude of disrespect to the RCMP is sometimes encountered in this town, as well as elsewhere," he charged.

The answer to this state of affairs is the fine work they are doing, and a good example is in the field of Scouting. In spite of enjoying very little leisure time, the men of the RCMP here are among the first to volunteer to work with our Scout and Cub organisations."

Mr. Williamson, who emphasized that he was not retiring from Scouting in relinquishing his appointment, was presented with an engraved wallet by retiring president M. E. Martin.

E. A. WILLIAMSON . . . presented with gift.

HAVANA (AP)—Cuba's organized labor rejected a Communist bid Monday and elected an all-Castro slate as its ruling committee.

Hunt's Inlet man L. D. Heath dies

A fisherman and resident of Hunt's Inlet, Porcher Island for 49 years, Lionel D. Heath died this morning in Prince Rupert General hospital. He was 78.

Born in Blenheim, Ontario, Mr. Heath came to Porcher Island the year of Prince Rupert's incorporation in 1910.

He is survived by a brother Orvil in Port Rowan, Ontario and a sister also in Ontario.

Funeral services, not yet arranged, are in the hands of Ferguson Funeral Home.

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Patients sent home

KAMLOOPS (CP)—An official of Royal Inland Hospital here said Sunday, doctors are sending patients home early to help relieve a serious bed shortage in the institution.

John Maynard, assistant administrator of the hospital, said one person had been refused admittance during the weekend because of overcrowded conditions.

WEATHER—

Variable cloudiness with a few showers, mostly along the mainland. Little change in temperature. Winds northerly 15. Low tonight and high Wednesday 41 and 46.

TIDES—

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1959
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	08:58	18.0 feet
	21:23	17.3 feet
Low	02:22	7.3 feet
	15:32	7.6 feet