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STUCK TRUCK is surveyed by operator Dennis Egen of the Department of Recreation and Conservation at Oliver Lake where construction continues on 300-foot road leading to new picnic and camp site. Rock for the road is being hauled to the site from Prince Rupert. Tractor freed truck without any trouble and work resumed. Job is expected to be completed before end of June. —Staff photo by Ken Specht.

Kemano hydro resources slated for province-wide grid system

Terrace to Kitimat line forerunner

By JOHN MATTERS
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VICTORIA (CP) — The Government - owned British Columbia Power Commission will take an initial step next month towards introducing the huge hydro resources of the Kemano dam into a province-wide power grid.

Officials say a 50-mile line connecting the aluminum-producing city of Kitimat with Terrace is a forerunner of a broad plan to co-ordinate the biggest power sources in the province into a "backbone" distribution system.

The proposed grid would tap the 1,000,000 horsepower being produced to supply Kitimat's aluminum smelters. In its final stages, it would also be fed by products planned on the Peace and Columbia Rivers.

"The construction of lines and development of transmission systems by the power commission has followed an evolutionary pattern," says R. C. Miller, the corporation's senior transmission and distribution engineer.

Will be continuing pattern

All indications are that this pattern will continue, although as a result of the process further development will be on a larger scale and require more refined techniques."

Lands and Forests Minister Ray Williston has asked the provincial energy board to study the feasibility of a high-voltage transmission system which would link the major sources.

Since the power commission was formed 15 years ago, it has adopted a policy of purchasing small generating and distribution systems which often operated at a deficit.

In most cases it replaced and repaired the local utilities and, its finances backed by the government, built high-voltage lines connecting a series of cities and towns to one generating facility.

B.C. Hydro, as it is called, has built 1,194 miles of high-voltage lines and engineers say the current facilities could provide five major links for a provincialt ransmission network.

Widely-separated major plants

The systems are fed by major plants at Kimberley, Kamloops and Vernon, Prince George, Quesnel and several dams on northern Vancouver Island.

The biggest project was in the North Okanagan, where the Whatshan dam was built on lower Arrow Lake to supply the Kamloops and Vernon areas. Natural-gas burning turbines were installed at plants at Dawson Creek, Prince George and Quesnel.

Spokesmen for the commission say most of the high-voltage poles are designed so that heavy-duty arms and insulating hardware may be installed on them.

A 102-mile line of that type was built last summer to connect Prince George, Vanderhoof and Fort St. James.

This system would be the first to be served by an extension of the Kitimat-Terrace link. The new system will replace the natural gas units at Prince George which were more economical than were the maintenance of generators in the towns.

June 30 deadline for voters' list

Provincial registrars of voters are now taking steps to bring their lists up to date and Howard W. Harding, registrar of voters for Prince Rupert and Atlin electoral districts, said today that a campaign is now being carried out in these two districts.

The drive for registration for the provincial voters list will end June 30, Mr. Harding said.

He said that post cards have been mailed to everyone who is on the Prince Rupert and Atlin voters' lists.

Persons not receiving cards will know that they are not on the voters' list and if they wish to vote they should take immediate steps to see that they are registered.

Mr. Harding said that persons may register for the provincial voters list at the Court House in Prince Rupert or if they are unable to call, they should telephone 2121 and ask for the Voters Office.

A registration form will then be mailed to them which must be completed and returned so that their names will be included on the appropriate polling division.

Registration forms for the Atlin District may also be obtained from the government agent at Atlin and the government sub-agents at Telegraph Creek and Stewart.

For most of the polling divisions in the Prince Rupert District there has been a door-to-door canvas by an enumerator.

However, Mr. Harding said, persons are advised to check with the Voters Office if there is any doubt in their minds that they might not be registered. A partial enumeration of Atlin District has also been made.

To be entitled to register as a voter, a person must be a Canadian citizen or British subject, 19 years of age, who has lived in Canada for the past year and in the province of British Columbia for the past six months.

MAURICE P. FINNERTY, president of the British Columbia Chamber of Commerce, will meet members of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday, June 20. Mr. Finnerty, accompanied by Charles K. Bantock, manager of the B.C. Chamber, will arrive here by car from Kitimat June 19.

Colleagues pallbearers for Claxton

OTTAWA (CP)—Five former cabinet colleagues of former Defence Minister Brooke Claxton were among his 16 honorary pallbearers today.

They were former Prime Minister St. Laurent and four other members of his Liberal cabinet—C. D. Howe, Lester B. Pearson, now Opposition leader, J. W. Pickersgill, Commons member for Bonavista-Twillingate, and Mr. Justice D. C. Abbott.

Also named were Defence Minister Pearkes; C. M. Drury, former deputy defence minister; D. E. Kilgour of Winnipeg, president of Great West Life Assurance Company and also president of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers Association; Senator W. Ross MacDonald and Dr. Albert Trueman, director of the Canada Council.

City man committed for trial

John Orban of 843 Ninth Avenue West was committed for trial by a higher court by Deputy Magistrate R. A. McLean after a preliminary hearing in police court yesterday afternoon on a charge of breaking, entering and theft of a wallet from a room in a boarding house.

W. N. Poole pleaded not guilty on behalf of the accused while Crown prosecutor was A. Bruce Brown.

In police court this morning James M. Currie of 515 Cotton Street was fined $35 and costs or in default of payment sentenced to 10 days in jail after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to relinquish one half of the road to oncoming traffic.

RCMP told the court that Currie was arrested June 5 following an accident on Third Avenue West where his vehicle had collided with another car causing $200 damage.

J. E. Gamache of no fixed address was remanded for sentence until June 22 after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of being in possession of stolen property.

Police told the court that Gamache was arrested June 4 in a local beer parlor where he was found to have in his possession two pairs of socks with W. F. Woolworth Company Limited tags on them. Earlier that day, about a dozen pair of socks had been stolen from the store.

Donald L. Lawson, of no fixed address, was remanded for sentence until June 22 after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of theft under $50. Lawson was observed by a clerk at the Universal Ladies' and Men's Wear, leaving the store with a sleeping bag without paying for it. The police were called and the accused subsequently arrested.

Teacher called "Peanuts" wins compensation

SYDNEY, Australia (Reuters) — A school teacher Tuesday was awarded $22 compensation for being overworked and persecuted by his students.

Brian Buchhorn, out of work for five weeks, had told a Workers Compensation Board that his pupils called him "Peanuts" and told him to "get back into your shell."

B.C. ROUNDUP

USAF installing more equipment in three American bases in B.C.

KAMLOOPS (CP)—New computor equipment for automatic detection of airborne objects is being installed at the Mount Lolo United States Air Force base near Kamloops.

Similar installations are underway at U.S. radar bases at Punci Lake, near Williams Lake, and at Baldy Hughes, near Prince George.

Captain Don Corcoran, public relations officer at Mount Lolo, said Tuesday night in answer to questions that the new SAGE (semi-automatic ground environment) detection equipment which will feed information automatically into computors at the base and to regional command headquarters is being installed.

He said the new equipment will be used solely for detection of airborne objects.

Cougar spotted

NANAIMO (CP)—The game department said Tuesday a cougar has been spotted near a Nanaimo residential district. A hunter now is seeking the animal, reported by a fisherman.

Crackdown set

TRAIL (CP)—Arrangements are under way with a financial agency to crack down on bad cheque artists and other guests who skip payment on hotel rooms, Roy Corbett, managing director of the B.C. Hotelmen's Association, said here.

Mr. Corbett, of Vancouver told a meeting Monday night that persons who fail to pay hotel bills have been "a serious problem for years, and the influx of credit cards has not helped."

BCPC in gas

VICTORIA (CP)—The British Columbia Power Commission announced Tuesday it will negotiate to take over natural gas distribution in Fort Nelson, B.C.

The move is regarded as a major policy change for the publicly owned B.C. Hydro, reversing previously established practice of staying out of the gas field.

Plant closes

VANCOUVER (CP) — Shrinking defence contracts has forced closure here of Canadian Aviation Electronics Ltd. plant, C. D. Reekie, company comptroller announced Tuesday.

He said lessening work in overhauling equipment of the Pinetree Warning Line, which the firm handles in Western Canada, necessitiated the closure.

Gas demand

VICTORIA (CP)—An unexpected demand for petroleum and natural gas rights has forced a scheduled sale by the provincial government.

Mines Minister Kiernan said Tuesday the sale will be held in his office July 28. He said the department had received more nominations for parcels of land to be auctioned than expected.

Engineer to talk

VANCOUVER (CP)—Vernon Robertson, prominent British civil engineer associated with railroads for more than 50 years, will visit Vancouver this month for a series of conferences.

He arrives from San Francisco June 20 to discuss future Canadian projects with officials of Sir William Halcrow and Partners (B.C.) Ltd.

It is expected the proposed Pacific Northern Railway, to run from Prince George to the B.C.-Yukon border, will be discussed during the meeting.

Boy still out

NANAIMO (CP)—A boy missing from Brannon Lake since Saturday has dodged RCMP for more than four days. Described as five feet eight inches tall and with blonde hair, he is 16. He was seen in Nanaimo Sunday but eluded police, who suspect he may be involved in the theft of a boat from Nanaimo Marine and a quantity of cigarets and food from a store Monday.

Lights on

SMITHERS (CP)—Electricity has finally caught up with Jim Kirby, 95, the town's oldest resident. He lived for 10 years within 20 feet of a power line, but did not become a customer until recently when he bought an oil heater and found it would not operate without electricity to drive the motor.

Conference set

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP)—A two-day scientific conference has been scheduled here next week in conjunction with the formal opening of Canada's largest "sky ear," an 84-foot radio-telescope.

The radio-telescope, completed recently on White Lake at a cost of $750,000 is to be opened formally Monday with federal Mines Minister Comtois participating.

Successful campaign

KELOWNA (CP)—Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society collected a record $2,637 in its recent campaign. Quota was $1,750. Kelowna and Glenmore Community Chost groups donated $3,000 to bring the total to $5,637.

Halibut landings down for week ending June 4

Weekly halibut landings and price ranges continued their erratic trends last week, the Department of Fisheries disclosed today.

Landings for the week ending June 4 totaled 827,000 pounds compared to the previous week's 1,004,400 pounds. Three weeks ago landings totaled 596,000 pounds, almost doubled by the following week's one million pounds.

Prices for chickens and large halibut were down from the previous week while mediums rose slightly.

Landings last week included 521,000 pounds of medium at 14.6 to 16 cents; 24,200 chix at 6.7 to 10 cents; 256,600 large at 13.1 to 17.7 cents; 24,600 No. 2 at 12 cents.

Prices for the previous week were: medium 14.1 to 14.7 cents, chix 11 to 14 cents and large at 17 to 17.8 cents. There were no No. 2 landings.

Salmon landings totaled 83,600 pounds, an increase of 28,600 pounds compared to the previous week's catch of 55,000 pounds.

Salmon categories were red spring (net) 20,200 at 37 to 42 cents for medium and 42 to 44 cents for large; (troll) 54,000 pounds at 26 to 44 cents for medium, 50 to 55 cents for large and 30 to 39 cents for small.

Netted sockeye landings totaled 300 pounds and sold for between 32 and 36 cents while net chums sold for nine to 14 cents.

Troll salmon was taken from the Hecate Straits and the Dixon Entrance while gillnet salmon came from the Nass and Skeena rivers.

Bottom fish landings totaled 94,400 pounds and included 71,500 pounds of rock cod at four cents; 100 grey cod at three cents; 2,000 ling cod at four cents; 6,600 pounds of black cod at six to 12 cents; 900 lemon sole at four cents and 13,300 mink feed at one and three-quarter cents.

Also landed were 140 pounds of green shrimps at 12 to 14 cents and 38,095 crabs for a total of 67,404 pounds which sold for 10 cents per pound.

171,000 lbs. of halibut landed today

Three vessels landed a total of 171,000 pounds of halibut in Prince Rupert today.

Boats selling their catch on the exchange were:

Adii — 10,000 — 12,000 pounds of medium at 14 cents, 5,000 chix at 9, and 2,000 large at 15 to Atlin Fisheries.

B.C. Clipper — 80,000 — 56,000 medium at 14.1; 2,000 chix at 10 and 22,000 large at 16.2 to Booth Fisheries.

Fisher Lassie — 72,000 — 47,000 medium at 14, 3,000 chix at 10 and 22,000 large at 15.1 to B.C. Packers.

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June 30 last day for corrections to phone book

Any corrections in names and addresses for the 1960-61 telephone directory should be submitted in writing to the Telephone Office by June 30, A. E. Janes, Telephone Department superintendent said today.

He said that no corrections or changes will be made after that date.

Rock slide delays train for 16 hours

A small rock slide between Exstow and Salvus, along with trouble at the Jasper junction, caused the westbound Canadian National Railways passenger train to arrive 16 hours late, a CNR spokesman said today.

Originally scheduled to arrive at 7:30 p.m. last night, the train did not arrive until 11:35 a.m. today.

The spokesman said the slide was minor and did not cause any damage.

Prince Rupert has now gone 518 days without a fatal traffic accident.

World News Briefs

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — An airliner crashed near the peak of 9,646-foot Mount Gilbert Tuesday, killing all 14 persons aboard.

Among the nine passengers were two children — one only 22 months old.

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TOKYO (AP) — Premier Nobusuke Kishi's government bowed today to determined leftist opposition and postponed final ratification of the new United States-Japan military alliance until after President Eisenhower's visit.

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MANILA (AP) — President Eisenhower declared today the United States must remain "strong and faithful to its friends" in the face of Russia's current anti-American offensive.

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TORONTO (CP) — Police Tuesday night launched a cross-Canada manhunt for a murder suspect in the death of Mrs. Marjorie Scott, the peroxide blonde whose body was shipped in a trunk from Toronto to Argentia, Newfoundland.

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SANTIAGO, Cuba (AP) — A firing squad executed anti-Castro rebel leader Manuel Beaton and two accomplices at dawn today.

Book on Bennett feats hints election near

VICTORIA (CP)—Indications grew Tuesday that a provincial election may be called this summer in British Columbia.

It was learned here that the B.C. Social Credit League has commissioned a Vancouver advertising agency to prepare a booklet dealing with the accomplishments of Premier Bennett's administration during its seven consecutive years in office.

Several government departments and Crown corporations are reported to have been asked to submit material for the booklet, expected to be distributed near the end of July, informants said.

Political observers have said they expect Premier Bennett to announce the election late in July with polling date early in September. The premier, due back soon from a trip to Britain, has been non-committal.

CCF, Liberal and Progressive Conservative parties have nominated candidates in most of the province's 52 constituencies and the Social Credit party has said it hopes to have the majority of its nominees selected by the end of June.

Voting lists have been brought up to date in several parts of the province and the registrar of voters has issued a set of revised instructions to district returning officers.

Current standing in the legislature: Social Credit 38, CCF 10, Liberals 2, Independent-Labor 1, vacant 1.

PAPER DELAYED

Printing of today's edition of the Daily News was unavoidably delayed when a major breakdown of the press occurred as the machine was started for today's run. Repairs were made locally to permit delivery with a minimum of delay.

ELECTRONIC WIZARDS AT WORK

New coded drivers' licences slated in September

By JOHN MATTERS
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VICTORIA (CP) — "May I see your driver's licence?" the policeman will ask. And the British Columbia driver will have to prove he's hop with the electronics age.

The province's 365,000 drivers will begin in September to be issued with Wallet-size licences which will have all the details — including key letters and numbers of the owners' name and address — coded in punched holes.

Some $350,000 worth of electronic wizards installed in the motor vehicle branch offices here are the first of their type in Canada to be used to sort, code, photograph and punch drivers' licences and motor vehicle registration forms.

The job of sorting and filing cards to find out when certain drivers should have examinations or when the licences should be renewed was a laborious and time-consuming task until the machines came on the scene.

RESEMBLE CHEQUES

The branch now is turning out licences which resemble "baby bonus" cheques. In code are the driver's name and address, the district in which the holder resides, the expiry date and one or any combination of seven restrictions which may be imposed on the driver.

The restrictions cover everything from the use of spectacles to special equipment required by paraplegics. Gordon Spring, supervisor of the branch's mechanical tabulation division, said in an interview Tuesday the next phase of the coding program will be recording most types of convictions and the number and types of accidents.

The problem of sorting and classifying registrations is even more complex. The owners are recorded in alphabetical order, with licence and serial numbers in numerical order. There are also 59 licence fee categories which have to be accurately recorded.

The system has already shown its advantages. For the first time, authorities have been able to work with the knowledge that 75 per cent of the drivers in B.C. are males, .02 per cent are 85 years old or over and slightly more than 80 per cent live in the largest licencing areas of Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria.

WEATHER

Cloudy with showers tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight and high Thursday 48 and 55.

TIDES

Thursday, June 16, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	06:53	17.6 feet
	10:46	10.0 feet
Low	00:55	7.4 feet
	13:12	5.7 feet