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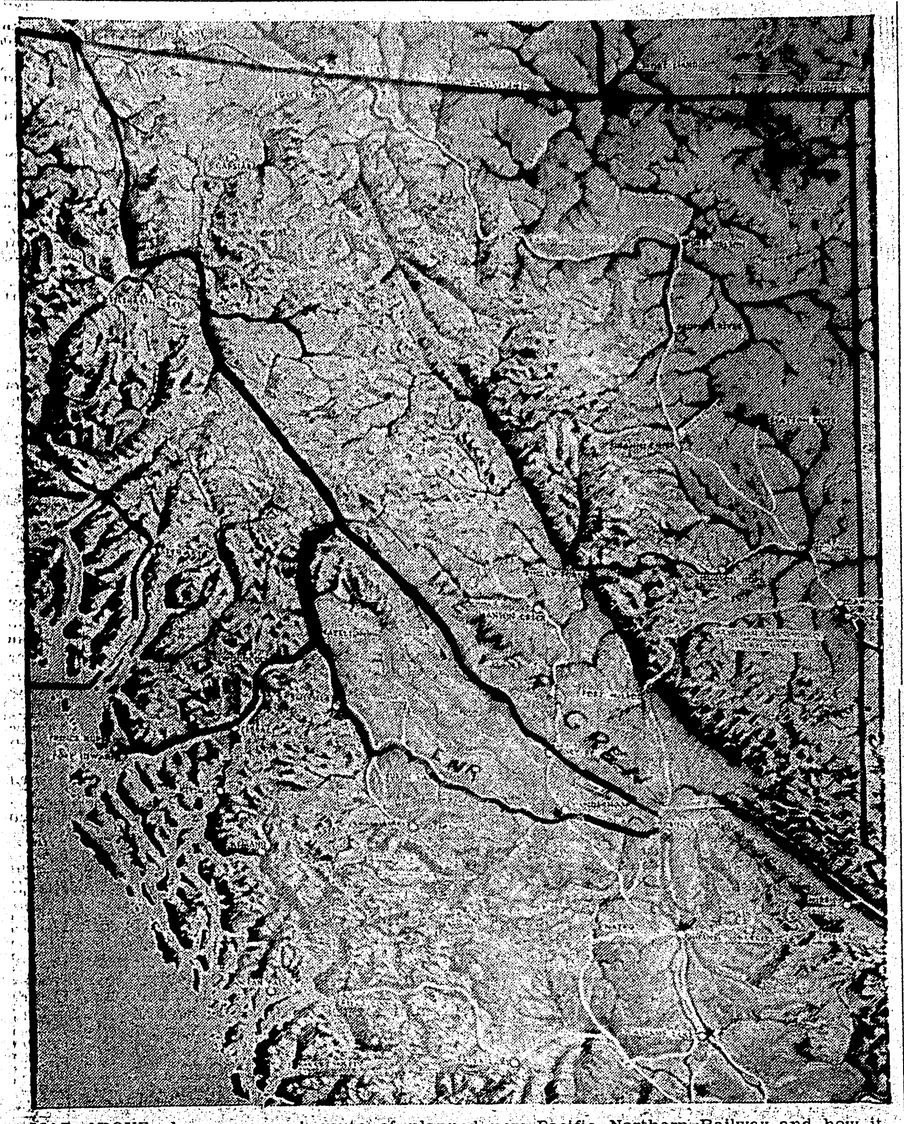
City delegation will protest proposed route of new railway



MAP ABOVE shows proposed route of planned new Pacific Northern Railway and how it would parallel existing Canadian National Railways line to just north of Hazelton. Dark straight line leading to Yukon is PNR while thicker black line joining peak of CNR line is Hazelton where City of Prince Rupert believes PNR should start. City claims that the PNR's route would cost an extra $30,000,000 to terminate at Summit Lake instead of Hazelton.

Line would by-pass Rupert as top port

A City of Prince Rupert delegation supported by MLA William H. Murray will protest the proposed route of the Pacific Northern Railway at a Public Utilities Commission hearing in Vancouver June 21.

The decision was made at last night's City Council meeting after Mayor P. J. Lester read a report of the railway company's intentions and Mr. Murray voiced his support of the city's stand.

The Wenner-Gren financed railway is seeking permission from the PUC to "carry out clearing work in connection with the construction of the first 100 miles of such a proposed railway from a point on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway south of Summit Lake to a point on the British Columbia-Yukon border between Lake Laidlaw and Lake Atlin."

A report of the City Council sitting as a committee of the whole, stated that council was not satisfied with the proposed route as "it would have the effect of holding back development of the north."

The report, read by Mayor Lester, said that "from studying the information available, it appears that this proposed railway will parallel the existing north line of the Canadian National Railways to a point some miles north of Hazelton.

"This would cost $30,000,000 extra to terminate at Summit Lake as against joining the CNR at Hazelton."

The report said that such a route as proposed by the Pacific Northern Railway "would cause the complete by-passing of Prince Rupert as the natural port for northern British Columbia and the Yukon.

"Consequently, raw materials, to be shipped by sea, will have to travel an extra 700 miles by rail to be sent from Vancouver," the report concluded.

Mayor Lester appointed City Administrator R. W. Long, Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite and himself as a delegation to oppose the granting of the PNR's application at the PUC hearing in Vancouver June 21.

Mr. Murray, MLA for Prince Rupert, who was invited to last night's meeting, said he felt the same as council and would attend the PUC hearing at his own cost.

Mr. Murray said that while everyone in the province was in agreement that a railway would open up the vast resources of the north, at the same time "a route should be chosen that is economical in construction for freight rates will depend largely on the capital costs.

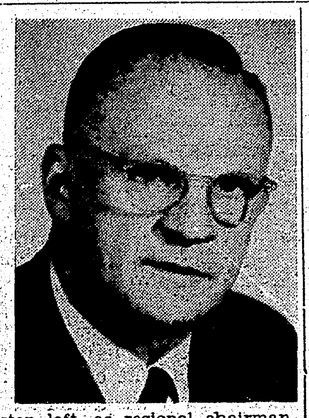
"This point was made very clear in the submission by the government to the Royal Commission on Transportation in February of this year," Mr. Murray said.

He said the submission stated in part that:

"It is the fundamental concern of this submission that the economic health of the province be not weakened by reason of high or unreasonable freight rates . . ." and "the highly competitive situation of foreign markets for the products that B.C. has to offer makes it essential that the prices be comparable with world prices."

Mr. Murray said that "obviously, the railway in question should follow a route terminating at Hazelton, thus utilizing the already existing CNR line to the east or west and the CNR or PGE for goods destined for the south."

In addition to sending its own delegation to support its protest, City Council voted to communicate with other northern communities which would be affected to ask them to support Prince Rupert's protest at the PUC hearing.



ELECTION OF Mayor P. J. Lester, left, as regional chairman of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities for the northern region of British Columbia was announced at last night's City Council meeting. Also announced was election of Alderman T. Norton Youngs as president of North Central B.C. Municipal Association. Ald. Youngs succeeds Alderman Harry Loder of Prince George.

Brooke Claxton, 61, dies

OTTAWA (CP) — The indefatigable Brooke Claxton, 61, died Monday after struggling months against cancer. His life was devoted to public service to the end.

For the last three years he had combined the roles of insurance executive and unpaid chairman of the arts-promoting Canada Council, working in both with a stamina that ended only when he was taken to hospital Satuurday.

Liberal MP for Montreal St. Lawrence-St. George from 1940 to 1954, he drafted Canada's family allowance legislation, was the country's first minister of national health and welfare and for the last 7½ years of his political career was the minister of national defence—the job in which he was best known to Canadians.

In the latter job he was responsible for the post-war defence buildup of the Canadian forces, spurred in 1950 by the outbreak of the Korean War.

LEFT POLITICS IN 1954

He retired from political life in 1954, to become Canadian head of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, with which his family has been associated since 1885.

Mr. Claxton, who built up a reputation for a long working day that often stretched to 21 hours and normally was around 12 to 16, had been too ill for weeks to go to his Ottawa office. But he had his work sent home, refusing to recognize that cancer was an impediment to his work.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon in Christ Church Cathedral here. A memorial service also will be held for him Thursday at St. Matthias Anglican Church, Montreal.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker said in a statement that Mr. Claxton earned the respect of Commons members whatever their political views.

"The honorable Brooke Claxton was a decorated veteran of the First World War, a lawyer of distinction and a parliamentarian of note, but his outstanding contribution in my opinion was as chairman of the Canada Council. This was a work to which he devoted himself unceasingly and unsparingly."

SIX YEAR BATTLE WON

Campsite underway at Oliver Lake

After six years of trying to prod the provincial government into action, the Rod and Gun club has realized its dream of establishing its Oliver Lake property as a camp site.

B. J. Bacon, Fish and Game Council Zone representative said last night that construction of a parking space and a road leading into the site was launched by the Department of Recreation and Conservation June 7.

Thomas Moore, foreman on the project said that parking facilities, 80-feet by 200-feet have been completed while almost one-half of a 300-foot road to the site is finished.

He predicted the completion date as approximately June 25.

Mr. Bacon said that the camp location will be on a knoll, about 300 feet from Highway 16. The camp area will be approximately 200 feet square and that 15 benches and two fireplaces will be installed. Toilet facilities have already been completed.

Mr. Bacon said that while the site is a far cry from the proposed, 40-bench, shelter and wading pool, camp program, "it is at least a start."

He said the site would be a boon for city families who wanted to have picnics and provided an extra recreation facilities for children.

"A government biologist, who was here a few years ago inspecting the fish in the lake, said that there was no reason why 800 to 1,000 fish couldn't be caught per year," Mr. Bacon said.

However, he said, while the fish do not grow very big, children would be allowed to catch fish up to six inches in order to practice their angling tactics.

"In the future we hope to have water piped from the Miller Bay pipeline to the Rod and Gun clubhouse for member and public use," he said.

Port Edward police court busy place

Port Edward police court was a busy place Saturday as seven motor-vehicle and liquor cases were heard.

George Henry Trapp of 646 Taylor Street and Andor Vegh of no fixed address, both pleaded guilty to charges of speeding and were each fined $50 or in default of payment each sentenced to seven days in jail.

Also in court was Clayton Dennis Anderson, 20, of no fixed address, who pleaded guilty to charges of being a minor in possession of liquor and driving contrary to restrictions on his driver's licence. He was fined $25 and costs on both counts.

Allan Brett, 20, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty to a charge of being a minor in possession and was fined $25 and costs or seven days.

Lucien James Lever of Terrace who pleaded not guilty to a charge of driving while his licence was under suspension, was found guilty and fined $25 and costs or 10 days.

Marvin Duane Baker of Prince George, pleaded guilty to a charge of consuming liquor in a public place and was fined $50 and costs or 30 days.

Making false statements on an accident report netted Mervin Vender Diesing of Terrace a fine of $25. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

Monday, Peter George Doell, 19, of 140 Ninth Avenue East, pleaded not guilty to a charge of being a minor in possession of liquor, but he was found guilty and fined $25 and costs or seven days.

Impaired driver fined $110

Abel Shanus of Port Edward was fined a total of $110 by Deputy Magistrate R. A. McLean in police court this morning after pleading guilty yesterday to charges of impaired driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's licence.

Shanus was fined $100 or in default of payment sentenced to 14 days in jail on the first charge and fined $10 or in default seven days on the second charge.

Shanus was arrested following an accident June 11 when his car struck the rear end of a car owned by Abel Matthews of Prince Rupert at the intersection of Second Avenue West and First Street.

Prince Rupert has now gone 517 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Six vessels land total of 377,000 lbs.

Six vessels landed a total of 377,000 pounds of halibut in Prince Rupert today.

Three vessels sold 191,000 pounds on the exchange while the remaining three delivered their total 186,000 pound catch to the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association's Fairview plant.

Boats selling on the exchange were:

Silver Viking—55,000—40,000 medium at 14 cents; 15,000 large at 15 to Nelson Brothers.

Dollina II—60,000—38,000 medium at 14; 2,000 chix at 10; 20,000 large at 15.2 to Babcock Fisheries.

Western Spirit—76,000—55,000 medium at 14; 1,000 chix at 10; 20,000 large at 15.2 to British Columbia Packers.

Co-op boats were:

Parma with 62,000 pounds, Victor F with 92,000 pounds and Five Princes with 32,000.

City awards hose purchase

City Council last night approved a purchasing committee recommendation that the tender of Dunlop Canada Ltd., for two varieties of fire hose, be accepted.

The bid of $1,814.61 for 1,000 feet of 2½-inch hose and 500 feet of 1½-inch hose, was the lowest of five received.

$25,000 tag on Alberni

The Canadian Government ship Alberni is up for sale for $25,000, it was learned here yesterday.

The former Prince Rupert-based Department of Transport buoy and light tender was advertised for sale in the Seattle Times as follows:

"Canadian buoy tender Alberni, 157-foot steel hull, steam operated, complete with 17-ton crane ready for use, $25,000. Railwater Terminal Company."

The Alberni left here in February.

World News Briefs

GENEVA (AP) — The Western powers again told the Russians today that they will never accept a disarmament agreement without a control system providing guarantees for their security.

Jules Moch, French disarmament expert speaking on behalf of all five Western delegations at the 10-power conference, said the Western position on this point "is constant and firm, and the Soviet delegation must realize that it cannot be modified."

PARIS (Reuters) — President de Gaulle will renew his invitation to Algerian insurgents to discuss a cease-fire when he makes a televised speech tonight, informed sources said.

WARSAW (Reuters) — Twenty-one persons, including 18 teenagers and their school teacher, were drowned when a tourist boat overturned in the Dunajec River on the Polish-Czechoslovak border Monday, the newspaper Zycie Warszawy reports.

SINGAPORE (AP) — A British Navy spokesman said that what was first believed to be the shipwreck of a Canadian cargo vessel on a sandbank north of Borneo has turned out to be only a difficulty in a Filipino firm's salvage operation which has been going on for months.

MANILA (AP) — A joyous outpouring of more than 1,000,000 Filipinos roared a tumultuous welcome for President Eisenhower today, rivalling the frenzied reception he got in India last December.

Three Booth students top poster contest

Three Booth Memorial Junior High school students have won top prizes in the Junior Division of the 1960 North Interior Region International Forest Fire Prevention poster contest, F. A. Dunford, principal, said today.

David Eby, Trucy Rochon and Karen McBride took first, second and third prizes respectively and will receive engraved trophies. Choques will be deposited in their bank accounts at a later date.

David Eby also placed second in the same event for the province of British Columbia.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Children's parents impaired in fire that took four lives inquest told

VANCOUVER (CP)—A Vancouver couple who died with their two children in an apartment fire here June 5 were impaired by alcohol, a coroner's jury was told Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bain, both 39, and their elder daughter Willa, 4, were dead when firemen arrived. Susan, 2, died in hospital 16 hours later.

The jury was told the clinical tests showed Mr. Bain had a blood alcohol reading of .24 and his wife of .17. A reading of .15 is generally accepted as level of impairment.

A fire warden's report said the fire was started by a smoldering cigaret in the bed chesterfield. All four died from asphyxia due to inhalation of carbon monoxide and smoke.

Coroner Glen McDonald ruled the deaths accidental.

B.C. tax law

VANCOUVER (CP) — Attorney-General Robert Bonner said Monday night the Supreme Court of Canada decision throwing out a B.C. law providing a tax on producing iron mines is "disappointing and frustrating" and increases the importance of the July federal-provincial conference discussions of the tax-sharing agreements.

"The decision heightens the importance of the discussions on the Dominion-provincial taxation agreement," Mr. Bonner said, "because all provinces have difficulty in securing adequate returns from their own resources."

Fatal collision

GOLDEN (CP)—James Friend, 34, of North Vancouver was killed Sunday in a three-car collision in nearby Rogers Pass. At least two other persons were injured.

Police said Friend, a timekeeper on the Rogers Pass Highway project, was returning to a camp in a car driven by David Lawrence of Golden.

Bargaining agent

VANCOUVER (CP) — Business Agent Thomas McGrath said Monday the breakaway Canadian Ironworkers Union (Ind.) has applied for certification as bargaining agent for one company.

He would not name the company.

Moonlighting

VANCOUVER (CP)—A city school board sub-committee has spoken out against "moonlighting" by teachers and other board employees. The committee recommends that the school board go on record as opposing the practice of their employees taking on jobs during the school year outside their regular duties.

Unfair sentence

VANCOUVER (CP) — John J. O'Conner, 60, told Magistrate Oscar Orr that he was just out of the B.C. Penitentiary after serving sentence for his 35th conviction. He pleaded guilty to theft from a store, but said he wanted to go to Victoria.

"I can't do that," said the magistrate as he sentenced O'Conner to three months. "That wouldn't be fair to Victoria."

Wedding fears

VANCOUVER (CP) — James O'Neill collapsed unconscious an hour before his wedding here Saturday.

The 25-year-old waiter was revived by an inhalator crew and taken to hospital for a checkup.

Doctors said he was suffering from nervous exhaustion, brought only by the wedding preparation.

The ceremony went off without a hitch.

Labor consultant

VANCOUVER (CP) — Norman Cunningham, former port agent here for the Independent Seafarers' International Union, has set up a business here as a labor relations consultant and group of five Vancouver shipping companies is expected to retain his services, it was learned Monday.

Mr. Cunningham said he was not in a position to make a statement Monday but a spokesman for one of the companies said he will act as a consultant.

The five companies involved are Northland Navigation Co. Ltd., Straits Towing Ltd., Vancouver Barge Transportation Ltd., Blackball Ferries Ltd, and Gulf of Georgia Towing Co. Ltd.

Japanese army may be called during visit

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese security officials may call on troops of Japan's new army to back up police in case violence flares during President Eisenhower's visit.

A defence board spokesman said a 2,000-man regiment has been placed on alert and a division of 15,000 stationed in Tokyo could be rushed up if the situation warrants.

The spokesman stressed that responsibility for guarding Eisenhower rests with the 25,000-man police force to be mobilized. Leftist demonstrations against the U.S.-Japan security treaty and the Japanese government are expected when Eihonhower arrives Sunday.

Simpson man, W. A. Johnson dies aged 53

A long time resident of Port Edward and Port Simpson, William Arthur Johnson, died this morning in Prince Rupert General Hospital, at the age of 53.

Mr. Johnson was born in Port Simpson and lived there for some years before coming to Port Edward, where he worked as a fisherman until his death.

He is survived by his wife Laurie, four sons, William, Stanley, Floyd, and Robert; and two daughters, Alberta and Donna; all of Port Edward.

Funeral arrangements in the hands of Ferguson Funeral Home, have not been completed.

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WEATHER

Cloudy with scattered showers and occasional sunny periods tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Winds southeast 15 today, westerly 15 tomorrow. Low tonight and high Wednesday, 45 and 55.

TIDES

Wednesday, June 15, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	05:45	18.0 feet
	18:44	10.4 feet
Low	12:11	4.4 feet