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WITH BROOMS ON THEIR shoulders and smiles on their faces, local and visiting curlers in Prince Rupert's Golden Jubilee Marine bonspiel march up Second Avenue West in the annual downtown parade Saturday. This year marks the first year the curlers have been able to march in good weather as sun shone for the annual hi-jinks which preceded the official opening at the curling rink. —Staff photo by Dick Ayres.

Curtailment of service by DOT poses threat to ships Hees told

Chamber protests move on new vessel

Curtailment of protection services by the Department of Transport could create a hazardous situation to coastal, deepsea vessels and the large fishing fleet here, the Chamber of Commerce has told Transport Minister Hees in a letter of protest.

The protest was made in view of the fact that the new CGS Simon Fraser, scheduled to work out of Prince Rupert, has been based in Victoria.

The letter to Mr. Hees "protests vigorously the decision of your department to base the new vessel (replacing the CGS Alberni) at Victoria.

"The new vessel was built to replace a locally-based ship. It was intended for the Prince Rupert (DOT) agency as specifically differentiated from the Victoria agency," the letter said.

The Chamber pointed out to Mr. Hees that the federal government was on record as having intended the CGS Simon Fraser destined to be Prince Rupert-based.

"This was stated twice by the then minister of transport, on August 9, 1956, as appears on Page 7332 of the House of Commons debates of that date. Also in a letter to E. T. Applewhaite, then MP for Skeena, dated February 14, 1957, the deputy minister said:

"The total ship's complement is 36. The ship is to be used for supply and buoy work for the Prince Rupert agency but will have a radius of action sufficient to permit operation in the Canadian western Arctic and it is planned to send the ship into Arctic waters to assist with the DEW line re supply for approximately three months each year. The ship is well equipped to break ice and has a 20-ton derrick for lifting the buoys."

The Chamber said that it had always understood that the new vessel would be based here and not that the building of a new vessel would leave the Prince Rupert agency badly underserved.

"The curtailment of protection services would not only create a situation of great hazard to coastal, deepsea vessels and the large fishing fleet since it is dependent to a great extent on properly maintained aids to navigation."

The letter to Mr. Hees urged him to give serious consideration to the time required for a vessel to reach Prince Rupert waters from Victoria and to the needs of the north coast of British Columbia.

"We feel confident that you will agree that this vessel 'to be used for supply and buoy work for the Prince Rupert Agency' should be based at Prince Rupert," the letter concluded.

POPULAR RADIO SPORTS commentator Bill Good, centre, holds "Good Rink" banner, worn on the sweaters of the rink he was going to skip in the Prince Rupert Golden Jubilee bonspiel. Mr. Good was unable to arrive in Prince in time and delegated his duties to Jim Georgeson, at right in front row. Others on rink are left front, Bill McChesney, lead, Sid Elkins, third at left rear, and Al Perley, second at right rear.
—Staff photo by Dick Ayres.

FIRE SAFETY DRIVE

Spot check planned on oil installations

In a drive to ensure that all oil heaters, stoves and furnaces are correctly installed, an intensive "spot check" of oil installations is planned by the City Fire Department next month.

The move to increase the efficiency of fire protection is a combined effort on the part of the City Council and City Fire Marshal Earl W. Becker.

Under the Fire Marshal's regulations installation permits are required for all fueled heating and cooking devices.

The public is asked to cooperate in the fire safety campaign by making sure that their oil installations have been checked by the fire department.

On its part, City Council last Monday night, discontinued the $1 charge for oil installation permits.

Permits may now be obtained by applying directly to the firehall.

Fire Chief Becker said that all oil burning equipment will be required to meet regulations covering installation as set down by the Fire Marshal's regulations.

The spot check will not start until about two weeks from now which will give persons with oil installations an opportunity to obtain their permits.

Failure to comply with the regulations on request by the fire marshal could result in suspension of oil delivery.

Persons moving into a different house, where an oil heater or furnace is already installed, can find out whether it has been checked or not, by telephoning the fire department.

G. C. Mitchell dies suddenly at age of 56

One of Prince Rupert's staunchest sports fans and a former athlete himself, well-known city businessman George Cowie Mitchell, died suddenly Saturday night in Prince Rupert General hospital after a brief illness. He was 56.

Born in Grange, Scotland, Mr. Mitchell came to Prince Rupert as a child with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mitchell.

As a young man he was most active in sports, playing soccer for the Sons of Canada and Callies elevens and basketball and baseball for the Colts. He was also an ardent badminton player.

Educated in Prince Rupert, Mr. Mitchell started his business career with Bryant and Greer men's furnishing store, worked for the Royal Bank of Canada and later became manager of Albert and McCaffery Ltd. In 1948 he bought the interest of John Currie in Mitchell and Currie Limited and was president of that firm at his death.

A longtime member of the Prince Rupert Rotary club, and the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Mitchell was also a past exalted ruler of Lodge 342 of the Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Jean, whom he married in October, 1935; a daughter Mrs. E. T. (Georgina) Novakowski; a son Bruce; his mother Mrs. J. R. Mitchell; a sister Mrs. W. D. (Caroline) Lamble; a brother, Alex Mitchell, all of Prince Rupert, another brother J. R. Mitchell of West Vancouver and a sister Mrs. David (Irene) Mitchell of Powell River.

Funeral services will be held from First Presbyterian church at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday with Rev. Ivan S. Gamble officiating.

No flowers by request. Contributions may be sent to the First Presbyterian Memorial Fund, 237 Fourth Avenue East.

Man given suspended sentence

Robert Alonzo McGarvey, 27-year-old fisherman from Alert Bay, changed a plea of not guilty to guilty in police court this morning on a charge of theft over $50 and was given a six-month suspended sentence. Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite ordered him to make restitution for a coat valued at $65 he took from a local hotel.

McGarvey pleaded not guilty March 17 to the March 16 theft when he was seen taking a woman's coat from a beer parlor.

Also in police court this morning was Leonard Griffiths Jr., of 717 Seventh Avenue East who was fined $10 and costs or in default of payment five days when he pleaded guilty to a charge of backing a motor vehicle onto an intersection.

In police court Saturday morning was Ervin E. Isbister of 1349 First Overlook Street who was fined $75 or in default of payment sentenced to 30 days in jail after he pleaded guilty to a charge of being in control of a car while his ability was impaired by alcohol. Magistrate Applewhaite also prohibited Isbister from driving anywhere in Canada for three months.

Fat embolism caused cannery man's death

A rare condition of fat embolism which plugged the blood vessels and cut off the supply of oxygen, caused the death of Lawrence Jonasson, a coroner's jury decided at an inquest in the City Hall Friday afternoon.

Jonasson, a 23-year old Inverness Cannery employee, died March 12 in Prince Rupert General hospital, eight days after he suffered compound fractures to both legs when he was pinned to a wall by a car driven by Oscar Helge Johnson on the night of March 4.

COMPLICATIONS

In its verdict the jury, headed by Gordon Payne, foreman, stated that Jonasson "died of complications (fat embolism) likely resulting from injuries to both legs when accidentally struck by a car at 9 p.m. March 4.

Testifying at the inquest, presided over by Coroner George J. Dawes, was Dr. William B. M. Hick, who told the jury that when he was called to the house of Oscar Helge Johnson at 1074 Seventh Avenue East, he found Jonasson to have compound fractures of both legs, below the knees, at the level of a car bumper.

Dr. Hick said he and Dr. W. S. Kergin repaired Jonasson's legs and that on the Saturday morning, March 5, there was no indication that there was anything wrong.

"In fact," the doctor told the jury, "he was doing very well."

However, he said, Sunday morning, March 6, Jonasson lapsed into a deep coma and never recovered.

Symptoms displayed by Jonasson indicated that fat embolism had been the cause of death. He said that shock from severe injuries could cause a change in the circulation of blood and that fat enlarges the molecules, plugs the blood vessels and cuts off the supply of oxygen to the heart.

Oscar Helge Johnson, driver of the car which broke Jonasson's legs, told the court that the only mechanical defect on his 1956 car, was the fact that the engine idled at a high rate.

He said that on the night of March 4, he, his wife and Jonasson had arrived home in his car from a shopping trip.

He said he parked his car on the 20-foot long by 13 foot wide wooden driveway and after they had all got out, he decided the car wasn't close enough to the house.

He said he went back to the car but didn't close the door or turn on the headlights as he was only going to move the car "a couple of feet."

After he had started the motor, he put the automatic transmission into "forward position" and the high rate of idling caused the car to jump forward. He said he hurriedly tried to jam on the brake but in doing so he stepped on the accelerator. The car shot ahead, over the three-inch plank at the end of the ramp and crashed into Jonasson and the house 13 feet ahead.

He said he saw Jonasson just as the car was about to hit him but couldn't stop the car in time.

Mr. Johnson told the jury that he didn't know what Jonasson had been doing in front of the car, as the steps leading into the house were on the right of the driveway.

City solicitor A. Bruce Brown conducted the inquest for the RCMP.

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World News Briefs

BURNS LAKE (CP)—The number of paralytic polio cases reported from this area increased to 14 during the weekend. Mrs. Martha Michell, 25, of Pendleton Bay 25 miles north of here, was admitted to Burns Lake Hospital with slight paralysis.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (CP)—Police opened fire on 12,000 African Negroes besieging a police station today. Brig. C. J. Els of the Witwatersrand police said 30 Negroes were killed and at least 100 were wounded.

QUESNEL (CP)—An outbreak of mild influenza has affected 500 persons in this area with a population of 10,000. Dr. K. I. G. Benson, medical health officer for the Cariboo, said there is also an outbreak of measles at Williams Lake, 60 miles south of here. There was no estimate of the number of cases.

GENEVA (Reuters)—Russia today proposed that East and West should voluntarily suspend small nuclear tests for a period of "from four to five years" while a foolproof method of detecting them is worked out.

OTTAWA, Ill. (AP)—Crime laboratory officials said today that two of the three socially prominent women beaten to death in Starved Rock State Park a week ago apparently were bound together by a psychopathic killer. Earlier police said they were hunting for a young man reported to have seen talking to the three women last Monday shortly before they were killed.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The eighth week of Negro anti-segregation demonstrations began in the United States South today with no sign of an immediate solution in sight.

BIRMINGHAM, England (Reuters)—Ten thousand workers were idle at plants of the giant British Motor Corporation today because of a wildcat strike by 51 loaders and truck drivers.

TORONTO (CP)—The body of John Fusillo, 23, was found Sunday night wedged beneath the water main he was welding in a suburban North York tunnel where five immigrant workers died Thursday night.

Ship waiting to load grain

A second freighter is berthed at the Canadian Government elevator with the arrival Sunday morning of the Norwegian-registered MV Bronnoy from Vancouver.

The Bronnoy, which was here in July of 1959, is expected to start taking on barley when the MV Peter Nielson finishes loading.

Soft section on highway "hazardous"

A soft section on the east side of the "summit" towards Tyee on Highway 16 has caused hazardous conditions, Roger Mccown, district highways superintendent reported today. He said that a 24-hour patrol has been placed on the area by the Department of Highways.

Mr. McKeown said that the general condition of Highway 16 all the way to Prince George is generally "good" with the exception of a few frost boils and slippery sections.

FALSE ALARM

City firemen answered a call Sunday at 4:30 p.m. to Ninth and Fulton Street but upon arrival found it was a false alarm.

Firemen said that an alarm box in that vicinity had been turned on by some children playing nearby.

Prince Rupert has now gone 432 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Navy daffodil proof of spring

While spring arrived at least officially yesterday to snowbound Eastern Canada and United States, it really did arrive in Prince Rupert. The Royal Canadian Navy claimed the first daffodil, reported to be blooming in a blaze of glory in a flower bed at HMCS Chatham.

Morven fund now at $392

The Cuthbert Morven Family Fund has now swelled to the amount of $392.33 since donations have been received over the weekend.

The special fund is for the Cuthbert Morven family whose home at 600 Thompson Street was destroyed by fire Wednesday.

Last donations received have been from Mrs. B. Stewart with $3; two anonymous donations received in amounts of $50 and $20; $30 collected by Captain Earl McInnes, commander of the local Salvation Army Corps and $22 reported from the Bank of Montreal, $20 from G. Fox and $2 from Leon Paulin.

Donations may still be sent to the Daily News editorial office or any of the three chartered banks in the city with cheques made out to "The Cuthbert Morven Family Fund."

6 die in fires

By The Canadian Press

Fires and traffic accidents took the lives of 14 Canadians during the weekend.

A mother and two children died in a Nova Scotia fire and two bachelors died in a fire in Napanee, Ont. Nova Scotia reported one other fire death.

STANDS ALONE

Lemire chalks up six wins, no losses

Gerry Lemire's rink stood alone at noon today as a quartet to reckon with as the Prince Rupert Golden Jubilee Bonspiel headed into its final stages.

The Lemire rink had six victories and no losses to its credit, three wins in the Grand Challenge A Event and three in the second primary B Event.

Play in the A Event was edging into the fours this afternoon with the Terry Lewis RCMP rink beating Jack Paul's crew 9-6 in the 8:30 draw this morning.

Also in A Event, Peter Bell's rink handed Ed Garner's quartet a 13-7 shellacking in the 10:45 draw this morning.

In B Event Anderson downed Myers of Terrace 6-3 in the 8:30 draw this morning.

In C Event play today for the secondary to grand challenge trophy, Miner Simundson trimmed Pat Deane 11-6, Larry Pruden from Terrace beat Pete Moroz 9-4 and Stan Cooper downed Ted Parker 7-4.

D Event results this morning show that Tom Lloyd won over Bobby Rudderham 10-5; M. Mealy took Joe Scott 10-5; and Bert Rowbotham edged Rusty Ford 12-11.

Other results this morning in the 10:30 draw in D Event were: Dominato 11, Bremner 5; Manson 12, Hughson 1 and A. MacDonald 9, McKenna of Smithers 6.

For earlier results see Page 6.

Seaman fined $50 for driving while impaired

Knud Berg Anderson of the Danish freighter MV Peter Nielson was fined $50 or in default of payment sentenced to 30 days in jail, when he pleaded guilty before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite in police court this morning to a charge of impaired driving. He was also prohibited from driving in Canada for three months.

Honor students visit warships

Eleven members of Booth Memorial High school "Honors Club" were treated to a visit aboard the visiting Royal Canadian Navy destroyer escort HMCS Fraser Saturday afternoon. Under the direction of their teacher-sponsor V. R. Freisen, the students were taken on specially guided tours of the modern anti-submarine vessel and later were served refreshments. The Fraser which arrived here Saturday morning, sailed early at 8:30 a.m. today.

Legislature prorogues after 37 days

VICTORIA (CP)—The B. C. legislature ended a 37-day sitting which won't go down in the record for anything politically spectacular — except perhaps that it may be a pre-election session.

Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross ate Friday gave assent to 80 bills in the traditional wind-up ceremony. Paper flew in all directions as members showed their exhuberance at the end of a long legislative grind which included 15 night sittings.

The bills signed by Mr. Ross included the supply measure for Premier W. A. C. Bennett's record $331,000,000 budget, a budget many observers say is a pointer to an election, probably in September.

PREMIER AILING

But the premier isn't saying. Still convalescing from a January kidney operation, he will be busy until late summer including a May-June trade-boosting trip to Britain.

Increased pensions and social assistance, an increase to $50 from $28 a year in the home-owner grant, group insurance and some pay increases for civil servants and increased jury fees —to $8 from $6 a day—were included in the government's program.

D COMPANY, IRISH FUSILIERS SET FOR INSPECTION TONIGHT

Lt.-Col. W. C. Lamb of the Canadian Army Headquarters, B.C. Area, will hold annual inspection of "D" Company, Irish Fusiliers, (Vancouver Regiment) tonight at 8 o'clock in the Armoury.

Commanding officer of the local militia unit, Captain E. T. S. Moore said today that Lt.-Col. Lamb is representing Brigadier J. W. Bishop, who was unable to attend. Accompanying the inspecting officer is Major C. V. Lilley.

All aspects of training and administration of the local unit will be carried out together with a parade of the pipe band.

The visiting officials leave tomorrow morning for Prince George.

WEATHER

Rain Tuesday afternoon. Little change in temperature. Winds southwest 20 tonight, rising to southeast 30 over the Charlottes Tuesday. Low tonight and high Tuesday 38 and 45.

TIDES

Tuesday, March 22, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	09:16	18.8 feet
	22:26	17.8 feet
Low	03:04	8.8 feet
	15:58	4.9 feet