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City airport to be operational by April next year says Hees

ATTENDING THEIR FIRST BOARD meeting are two new school principals, W. Lessard (left) and L. G. Truscott (second from right) of Seal Cove and PRSH respectively. With them are school board chairman W. J. Scott (2nd left) and Schools Superintendent J. M. Phillipson.—Staff photo by John Pain.

Projected starts October, November

Transport Minister George Hees has informed City Council that the Prince Rupert airport on Digby Island can be made operational by April 30, 1961, if there is heavy winter construction work. Various projects relating to this work will go to tender this week, he said in his letter.

The construction of the runway, taxiway and apron, entrance road and car park has been completed. The balance of projects have been grouped together as follows:

(1) Runway, taxiway and apron lighting, approach lighting and hazard beacons plans are being prepared and tenders will be called later this month; with an intended work start scheduled for mid-November; and completion date, April 30, 1961.

(2) Control, communication, and power supply lines to be completed December 1, 1960. It is expected that power supply work will be completed by October 1, 1960.

(3) Navigational aids and let-down facilities (remote transmitter and receiver and instrument landing system) plans and specifications have been completed and tender call should be this week. The target date for the building and access road is late February, 1961, with completion April 30, 1961.

(4) Water supply and sewerage disposal facilities plans and specifications are underway and a tender call is expected early in October. Completion date, April 30, 1961.

(5) Airport maintenance equipment and facilities is in preparation for purchase and the target date for this is March 31, 1961.

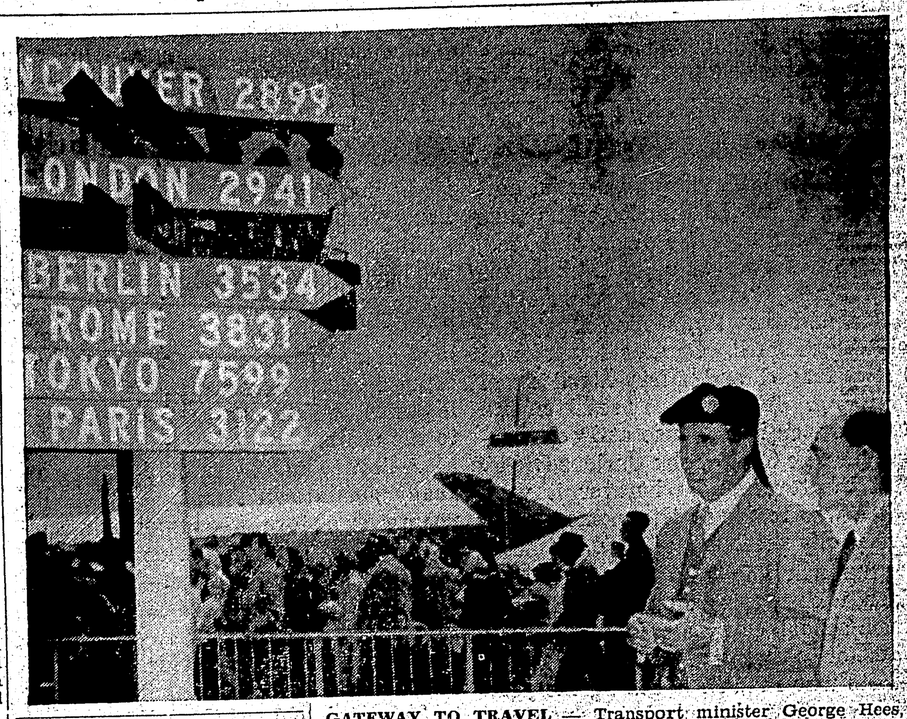
(6) Working drawings are almost complete on the airport terminal building and a tender call is expected very shortly with a contract award in October. The project will be completed, if on schedule, by October 1, 1961.

City council work involving ferry landings has reached the engineering plan stage, but further information is being awaited from Ottawa before work proceeds.

During the period of time the airport will be operational and the completion of the terminal building, a prefabricated structure will provide temporary facilities for passengers.

Negotiations with the City of Prince Rupert are proceeding and these must be completed before an airport licence can be issued. When these are completed visual flight routing flights could take place from the airport.

No application had been received, said Minister Hees, from Canadian Pacific Airlines for a permit to start operations.



GATEWAY TO TRAVEL — Transport minister George Hees, brightly dressed in Scottish kilt, inspects the eye-catching sign at Halifax Airport, which he officially opened. The project cost $18,000,000. With Minister Hees is Nova Scotian premier Robert L. Stanfield.—(CP, photo).

Congo army breaking up

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (AP)—The Congo Army, counted as a deciding factor in the struggle between President Joseph Kasavubu and Premier Patrice Lumumba, today appeared disintegrating into tribal lines.

No one was sure whether Lumumba or Kasavubu held the upper hand in the undisciplined army. It was clear both leaders could rely on a hard core of their tribal supporters, but the rest of the force wavered back and forth between the two political camps.

A senior Congo government official who claims to be non-partisan said the soldiers have been gradually regrouping themselves into their tribal attachments in the 10 weeks since they mutinied against their Belgian officers following Congo independence.

The situation became more confused Tuesday night when Lumumba defied a new Kasavubu arrest warrant and strode into a joint session of Parliament which gave the premier a rousing cheer and voted him dictatorial powers.

The vote meant little, since a majority of the Senators and Deputies were absent, but Lumumba jubilantly hailed it as a legal mandate empowering him to "arrest any person causing trouble."

"I did not ask for full powers," Lumumba asserted. "It is the Parliament which has offered it because of the gravity of the situation."

Highway link clearing scheduled for winter

The Northern Trans Canada Route Association has been informed by Lands and Forests Minister R. G. Williston that the "missing link" between McBride and Sinclair Mills of the proposed Trans Canada Highway No. 2 will be cleared this year if the federal government approve the project as a winter works project.

Mr. E. T. Applewhaite, reporting on a recent meeting of the Association in Edmonton, also stated in his report that Mr. Williston stated the provincial government definitely look upon the Jasper-Prince George-Prince Rupert link as the route for the new highway.

Mr. Applewhaite outlined to the meeting details of the proposed Marine Highway to southeastern Alaska.

Directors for the interested provinces were appointed. Representing British Columbia will be John Guthrie, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Harry Loder of Prince George.

It was decided to prepare area maps of the entire route showing sections completed, terrain structure and other details. Discussions also covered publicity methods for the promotion of the new route.

The Association felt, said Mr. Applewhaite, that joint federal-provincial action on the northern route should start immediately and not wait for the completion of Trans Canada Highway No. 1, as this might be considerably held up in other provinces.

Mr. Applewhaite, in reporting to City Council, urged active participation and support in the Association.

B.C. ROUNDUP

New government posts discussed in south

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Province says the "likeliest bet" for the new Social Credit cabinet following Monday's general election is Frank Richter of Similkameen as agriculture minister, Works Minister Chant as labor minister and Waldo Skillings of Victoria as works minister.

In a dispatch from Victoria, the newspaper said the appointment of Mr. Richter, wealthy rancher from Cawston, to the agriculture post seems a "foregone conclusion."

Agriculture Minister Steacy was defeated Monday, along with Labor Minister Wicks.

Granny Seymour, 108

PRINCE GEORGE (CP)—Happiness is the key to long life, says Granny Seymour, who celebrated her 108th birthday here. "The old days were best, but these days are good, too," she added.

She was born Margaret Bouchey, daughter of a Hudson's Bay Company factor, at old Fort St. James, one of the pioneer fur posts. The record of her baptism in 1860 at Stuart Lake is preserved by the church, and the high date of 1852 was accepted by the pioneer priest who officiated at the baptism.

She said she remembers many noted figures of British Columbia history, including Sir James Douglas, governor of Vancouver Island and later governor of British Columbia.

Sees more jobs

VICTORIA (CP) — Mayor Percy Scurrah said Tuesday the federal government's decision to create a six-vessel coast-guard service could mean relief of the unemployment situation in the shipyard industry here. He said he hopes the government will take immediate action on its plans.

"Hunter" kills man

FERNIE, B.C. (CP)—A CPR employee was shot to death Tuesday night in the second hunting fatality of the young season in the Fernie area. The man, whose name was withheld, was shot behind a vacant schoolhouse in Hosmer, eight miles northeast of here. Police said the youth reported he heard a noise in the bush and thought it was a bear.

New work layoff

VANCOUVER (CP)—A temporary two-week layoff of 70 men at Western Plywood plant here was extended indefinitely Tuesday and 100 other employees were told they would be laid off in six to eight weeks time. A sales decline and troubles with new machinery were blamed for the layoffs.

Polio victim

LANGLEY (CP)—A two-year-old boy was admitted to hospital Tuesday in this Fraser Valley community suffering from polio. His condition was reported fair. The new case brought the total number of polio victims in B.C. this year to 140.

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World News Briefs

BERLIN (Reuters)—East German Communist leader Walter Ulbricht has asked to be relieved of his duties as deputy premier after being elected chairman of the new council of state, the East German news agency ADN reported Tuesday. The new council will take over the functions of the president, whose post was abolished following the death of President Wilhelm Pieck.

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LONDON (Reuters)—Drought has hit the Volga region of the Russian Steppe, Moscow Radio said Tuesday in a broadcast for agricultural workers. No rain fell in the region in April and only about a half-inch a month from May to August.

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TORONTO (CP)—Mayor Nathan Phillips announced Tuesday he will seek his fifth term in the December 5 elections and gave his support to Sunday movies in Toronto, an issue that also will be settled in the voting. Controller Jean Newman announced earlier that she would be a candidate for mayor. Various church groups have said they will fight Sunday movies.

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LONDON, Ont. (CP)—Three persons were forbidden by officials to distribute anti-civil defence pamphlets near a nuclear fall-out shelter at the western fair Tuesday night. The pamphlets said fall-out shelters are useless for protection and that their only function is to "persuade us that we can somehow survive nuclear war."

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NICOSIA (Reuters)—Archbishop Makarios, the president of Cyprus, will "most probably" lead this young republic's first delegation to the United Nations General Assembly session starting in New York September 20, a press report said here Tuesday.

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KUALA LAMPUR, Malaya (AP)—The Malayan govrenment has agreed to a United Nations request to increase its contingent to the UN force in the Congo to 700 officers and men. It was reported Tuesday an extra company will be added to the original 450-strong unit due to leave for Leopoldville next week.

First Aid study set, Saturday

A one-day study course in casualty simulation is planned for Saturday, September 17 at the Civil Defence hall, across the street from City Hall.

The course, sponsored by the Prince Rupert branch of the St. John Ambulance Association, will provide instruction in the basic arts of casualty portrayal.

Beginning at 10 a.m. sharp, the course will last all day, and a $1 fee will be charged to pay for materials.

City building down sharply from '59 level

Construction in Prince Rupert climbed during July but almost collapsed in August.

Building inspector J. S. Ewart said that 39 permits for a value of $206,197 were issued in July, while 50 permits for a value of $50,167 were issued in August.

The large increase in July was due to construction of the Canadian Bank of Commerce on Third Avenue which was valued at $99,597.

An eight-month total shows that up to the end of August, 1959, 335 permits for a total value of $1,319,894 were issued, while for the same period this year, only 278 permits for a total value of $748,324 have been issued. This is a decrease of $571,570.

In August there were 41 residential permits issued for a total value of $40,067, while the commercial total was seven permits for a value of $4,650. July's figures were 26 residential permits for $74,250 and nine commercial for $106,747.

The construction of residential dwelling houses almost stopped last month as only one permit for $14,500 was issued. In July four dwelling permits were issued for a value of $56,500.

August 1959's total was 11 dwelling permits for a total value of $143,000.

Permits issued for July included: 30 building for $347; 14 plumbing for $74; one blasting for $2; and four septic tank for $20. August's total was 50 building permits for $160; nine plumbing for $57.50; three blasting for $6; and one wrecking for $2.50.

One killed at Smithers

An accident which occurred 35 miles east of Smithers about 2:30 this morning took the life of one teenager and seriously injured two others, RCMP at subdivision reported.

Dead is Joseph Haran Gozo, 15, of Smithers. Franklin Newton, 14, is in fair condition in Bulkley Valley District hospital at Smithers, while Jacob Bisenberger is also in hospital in serious condition.

Police said that other details of the accident are not known, but no other vehicle was involved.

Jack de Hod dies at 72

A long-time resident fo Prince Rupert, Jack de Hod, formerly of Miller Bay, died yesterday in Prince Rupert General Hospital, at the age of 72 years.

Born in the Ukraine, Mr. de Hod came to Prince Rupert in 1020 and had lived here ever since.

He had been a gardener for School District 52 for the past eight years.

Mr. de Hod is survived by his wife Margaret, and a sister in Winnipeg.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Ferguson Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. R. W. K. Elliott officiating.

GROUP TO MEET

The Other Group will meet at 8 p.m. tonight at 134 Fifth Avenue West. Business, general discussion and a play reading will be the main features of the evening. All those interested are invited to attend.

POLICE COURT

Car incident earns seven days stretch

A seven-day jail sentence was handed out by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite today in police court to Clive Russel Wiatt of 713 Third Avenue West, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of taking a car without the owner's consent.

Waitt was arrested September 9 at his home, following an incident at the bottom of the Canadian National Railways ramp.

A similar charge against a juvenile and Arnold Angus of no fixed address was dismissed.

A charge of possession of liquor against Irvine Erwin Edward Isbister of 1964 Seventh Avenue East was dismissed in court today on the grounds "that it was not proven that what Isbister discarded was a bottle of liquor."

Clayton Dennis Anderson of 1130 10th Avenue East and Isbister were observed at the fair grounds near the Civic Centre. It was stated that when the pair caught sight of the police, they fled up First Street towards Second Avenue and were noted to throw two bottles away.

Anderson was found guilty of a similar charge of possession and fined $15 when police proved that the bottle he had discarded contained liquor.

Frank George Robinson, of Metlakatla was convicted yesterday afternoon in court on a charge of assaulting a police officer and was remanded until September 19 for sentence.

Leonard D. Leighton of 2187 Seventh Avenue East pleaded not guilty to a charge of impaired driving and was remanded until September 24 for trial.

Leighton and Robinson were arrested early Sunday morning at McBride Street and Third Avenue when an RCMP patrol spotted Leighton's car weaving. The car was stopped and Robinson immediately began fighting with a constable. They were both subsequently charged.

Two Port Edward men, Joshua Jeffery and Reginald Douglas, were each sentenced to six months in jail when they appeared in Port Edward police court yesterday afternoon on charges of breaking and entering.

Jeffery and Douglas pleaded guilty to the charge which was laid August 28.

The two men had broken into a dwelling house in Port Edward but had left empty-handed.

They were arrested by RCMP the same night.

Fog causes shipwreck

Special to the Daily News

MASSET, QCI — No injuries were reported from 13 crew and passengers of the Joy Charlene when she went aground on Rose Spit last Saturday.

The 50-foot vessel will be refloated as soon as possible. Blame for the wreck was laid to fog. The vessel was holed in the accident.

RESCUE AIRCRAFT

An RCAF Canso flew in to Seal Cove this morning. It is carrying officials who will be discussing rescue work in this area with local officials.

WEATHER

Mostly sunny today and Thursday. Fog patches in south. Little change in temperature. Winds light occasionally reaching North 15. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 50 and 60.

TIDES

(Thursday, Sept. 15, 1960)
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	10:02	15.8 feet
	21:51	17.0 feet
Low	03:32	7.3 feet
	15:47	0.7 feet

Changes in Phase 2 of sewer job reduce tender amount by $96,323

Board of Works committee reported a $96,328.77 cost saving on Phase Two of the City sewerage scheme Tuesday night. The original bid was $858,028.26 by Interior Contracting Co. Ltd., of Penticton.

A meeting was held between the company, the City and the City's engineering consultants which resulted in a series of recommendations which have been adopted by Council.

Some 6500 feet of small sewer laterals have been deleted from the original contract and will be constructed by city crews. This was a high risk item in the contract and priced accordingly.

The company have also agreed to supply to the city 4000 cubic yards of bedding gravel at $2.50 per cubic yard loaded on trucks at the crusher. It was also agreed that the company work on a basis of 55 men during the winter work incentive period.

The city, in return, agreed to grant to the company right to crush and use on this project stockpiles of broken rock near Moresby Avenue.

Sufficient funds are now available to complete the work as now tendered.

Reduction in price bid for manholes, rock excavation and gravel bedding is $65,095.77; reduction by minor alterations in design amounted to $15,750; and the reduction by city crews undertaking certain works will be $18,698. This is a total saving of $96,323.77.

Prince Rupert has now gone 608 days without a fatal traffic accident.