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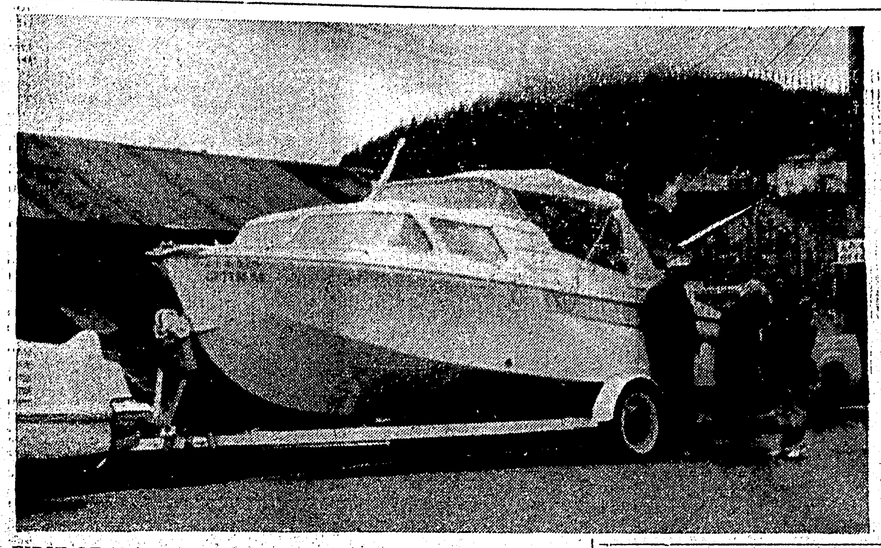


FIRST OF 10-boat outboard caravan to arrive on way to Alaska as part of Alaska Sportsman-sponsored cruise is 19-foot Wendy-K, shown above. Wendy-K, powered by two 35-horsepower outboard engines, was trailered here by Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Peabody from Applew Valley, in Mojave Desert, California. Two of 10 boats are cruising up coast, eight are trailering. After rendezvousing here they will proceed to Alaska.

—Photo by Gladys Baldwin.

Minister discloses new building loan policy to help employment

Boost for winter jobs seen by 'no limit' house fund plan

OTTAWA (CP)—Works Minister Walker Thursday indicated the government is setting no top limit on the amount of money it will loan this year for home construction to stimulate winter employment.

He rejected a suggestion by J. R. Garland (L—Nipissing) that the government consider financing the purchase of older homes for conversion into low-rental living quarters.

The result of this program to stimulate winter employment in the construction and related fields will be that the federal government will lend considerably more than the $150,000,000 it had planned to lend during 1960, he said.

However, he declined under questioning from J. R. Garland (L—Nipissing), opposition housing critic, to estimate just how much federal mortgage money will be committed.

He also declined to estimate the total number of homes that will be started this year except to say it will be more than the 125,000 he estimated some time ago.

STILL GOOD HUMORED

Mr. Walker remained avowedly mild and unprovocative as the Commons neared the end of a grilling that began three days ago with study of his department's 1960-61 spending program.

He practically turned the other cheek when Mr. Garland suggested that not much is being gained if the government intends to shift normal summer construction into the winter months through easing of income limitations on loans to prospective home owners and granting loans to merchant builders.

"If the government is genuinely concerned, as I am sure it is, to create more jobs in the winter, it seems to me it should offer some form of concession which would encourage construction in this field in the winter time," Mr. Garland said.

Mr. Walker replied that even without the three-month easing of restrictions on direct federal loans the government would be lending the $150,000,000 it had planned on. Between $75,000,000 and $80,000,000 had been applied for by last week and $36,800,000 had actually been loaned.

SEPT. 1 EARLY ENOUGH

As a step to help northern and rural construction, Mr. Garland suggested moving up the Sept. 1 start of the employment-stimulation program to Aug. 1. But Mr. Walker replied this had been considered but Sept. 1 was sufficiently early to give builders time to get the foundation dug and the framework up.

Mr. Walker also turned down Mr. Garland's suggestion that the government help in purchases of older homes for conversion into low-rental dwelling units. It would require an amendment to the Housing Act, the minister said, and all the government's housing money was going into new construction.

Members were slow getting down to the estimates as they debated Prime Minister Diefenbaker's resolution to add Friday night and Saturday morning and afternoon sittings to the present schedule.

By a vote of 147 to 45—the Liberal and CCF parties voting against the Progressive Conservatives—the motion was approved, boosting House sitting hours to 55 a week from 45.

Fighters rest as fires die down near Kamloops

By REG VICKERS
Canadian Press Correspondent

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP)—British Columbia's widespread forest fires raced on Friday, sometimes ahead of communications. Some died, others were born—and no-one knew for hours.

Early Thursday night, two men were reporter trapped for a few hours in a re-kindled fire at Spius Creek, 60 miles northwest of here. It was not until midnight, after a roll call, that all were known to be safe.

The same fire destroyed a bulldozer, left when its operator fled from oncoming flames.

For a time, a new fire threatened the mountain-locked mining community of Bralorne, 90 miles west of here. The blaze, less than a mile north, was rushing southward through the treetops. Sawmill employees — 200 men—brought it under control. A converted B-17 Flying Fortress flew from here to help with water bombs.

A resurgence of the Spius Creek fire caught those on guard by surprise. The flames had been under control late Wednesday.

Six hundred men renewed their fight against the monster when gusting winds of more than 50 miles an hour puffed it into life.

COSTS $80,000 A DAY

Sixteen new fires started in this district Thursday, bringing the total to 672 since April 1. It costs $80,000 each day to fight them.

A fire started by campers who left in a hurry at Hedley, 100 miles south of here, has covered 500 acres and still is burning.

Campfires have been banned in the Kamloops and Nelson districts and in most parts of the coast forests.

More than 2,300 men are employed fighting the fires in the Kamloops district alone.

PNR must form a new company

VICTORIA (CP)—If the Pacific Northern Railway Company plans to extend its proposed rail line into the Yukon and Alaska, a new company must be set up, Premier Bennett said today.

Explaining the legal questions involved, the premier said PNR is a British Columbia company and "it can only build within B.C."

Railway in the Yukon or Alaska is not the responsibility of the B.C. government."

The PNR has begun construction of a 700-mile rail tram from Summit Lake, near Prince George, to the Yukon border.

There has been talk of a possible extension to Alaska and it was an occasional conversational point during the recent Alaska-B.C.-Yukon conference here.

North-eastern route chosen

VICTORIA (CP)—A consulting engineer said Wednesday the federal government has authorized start of detailed survey work on a route for the proposed Pacific Northern Railway extension through the Yukon Territory from British Columbia to Alaska.

Engineer H. H. Minshall told the conference here of B.C., Yukon and Alaska representatives he was ordered to make the extension survey for the railway nine months ago.

He said the railway suggested two routes, one following the Alaska Highway and another cutting northwest through Carmacks.

He said the government favored the second route, apparently because it would open up new territory. This route would make the total length of the line from its southern terminus near Prince George, B.C., to Fairbanks, Alaska, a distance of 1,390 miles.

The route begins at the B.C.-Yukon border near Gladys Lake, passes through Whitehorse and takes the Mayo Road to Carmacks and Fort Selkirk, following the Yukon River.

From Selkirk the line would follow the Yukon, White and Ladue rivers, crossing the Alaska border alongside the Ladue and then turning southwest to rejoin the Alaska Highway within the new state and follow it into Fairbanks.

The journey from Vancouver to Fairbanks, by way of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George and thence by PNR would cover a distance of 1,856 miles, Mr. Minshall said.

Official start of construction of the PNR took place last month at the Summit Lake terminus site, 30 miles north of Prince George, in a ceremony presided over by Premier Bennett of B.C. The line is backed by Swedish financier Axel Wenner-Gren.

TO BE STUDIED

Alaska, B.C. parley hears Murray brief

Construction of the Pacific Northern Railway from Hazelton on the Canadian National Railway, instead of from Summit Lake, north of Prince George, would save an estimated 210 miles of railroad building, William H. Murray, MLA for Prince Rupert told an in-camera session of the Alaska-Yukon-British Columbia conference Wednesday.

In a two-part brief Mr. Murray said that Prince Rupert is not, nor never has, opposed the building of the Pacific Northern Railway.

He said that Prince Rupert fully realizes the immense benefits that would accrue to not only this province but to the Yukon and Alaska as well when the project is an operating utility and indeed during the construction phase.

"We do oppose, however, and oppose strongly the present route chosen by the railway company, at least until such time as the merits of the suggestions we have made have been fully and carefully investigated," Mr. Murray said.

His brief on the PNR and also one stressing the need and desirability of the marine highway between Prince Rupert and Alaska, was referred to a joint technical committee yet to be appointed.

Mr. Murray said that the route chosen by the PNR parallels to a large extent the existing route of the CNR northern main line from Summit Lake, its starting point to a point 105 miles north of Hazelton known as Babiche Hill.

"This section of road is calculated to be 315 miles in length. Prince Rupert proposes that the southern start of the railway be made at New Hazelton on the CNR, an estimated saving of 210 miles of construction."

He said the feasibility of the Hazelton route was established by the early Indian route and the 19th century telegraph line. In 1933 a United States commission appointed three years earlier by President Herbert Hoover, recommended a route through Hazelton for a proposed highway to Alaska.

Mr. Murray said that the costs of building an extra 210 miles of railroad argued against the presently proposed route. "Service charges alone," he said, "would amount to $2,000,000 to $3,000,000."

He said that the city's principal concern was that commodities shipped into the area to be serviced, and the natural products, principally wood products and minerals, shipped out, would enjoy resultant lower rates via Hazelton rather than through Summit Lake.

Saving would also be considerable for shipping by sea. Mr. Murray said as the distance from Babiche Hill to Prince Rupert is 285.6 miles while from Babiche Hill via Summit Lake to North Vancouver on the PGE it was 805.9 miles.

Mr. Murray quoted Minister of Industrial Development R. W. Bonner who said in a report to the Royal Commission on Transportation that "the railways were constructed in uneconomical locations and became instruments of national policy. Although these aspects were considered by the Turgeon Commission, the disadvantages remain for the British Columbia shipper who must ship over a route to his markets which was more costly in construction and more circuitous than it could have been."

WILLIAM H. MURRAY MLA

The Prince Rupert MLA said that while the railroad under discussion was not the same the situation is "entirely parallel."

He said:

"We in Prince Rupert are endeavoring only to avoid the very handicaps that Mr. Bonner referred to in his submission to the Royal Commission on Transportation.

"It is the advantage of proximity to tidewater that we are now asking to have protected for the whole of British Columbia. It is the disadvantage of remoteness from markets that we are asking not to have unnecessarily aggravated," Mr. Murray concluded.

18 cruisers rendezvous here tomorrow afternoon

Eighteen yachts, 83 adults and 21 children will be arriving in Prince Rupert between 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Saturday at the Prince Rupert Rowing and Yacht Club as 18 vessels complete the Pender Harbor-Prince Rupert leg of the Capital-to-Capital Cruiser Race.

Dr. J. A. Macdonald, secretary-treasurer of the local club, received full details of the yachts due to arrived tomorrow mailed from Butedale by Frank Morris of Seattle, chairman of the International Capital-to-Capital Cruiser Race.

A special occasion will be made of the arrival as a part of the Jubilee celebrations of this city. Visiting yachtsmen will be welcomed at the landing by civic officials and local club members. In the evening a smorgasbord dinner and dance will be held at the club at 7:30 p.m. A six piece orchestra will play for dancing and the show will be emcee'd by Dr. R. G. Large, chairman of the city's Jubilee Committee.

LIST OF YACHTS

Largest yacht in the race is the 93-foot "K-Thanga", Balboa Y.C., Calif; skipper, John Brand. On board: Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Tovrea of Phoenix, owners; Mr. and Mrs. Morley, Phoenix, Art Wilkinson, Jim Klovstead and Mike Benedict.

Others are: "Malecite", 72 feet, Royal Vancouver; Bob Day, skipper; "Nelsie", 55 feet, Seattle; J. H. Moffatt, skipper; "For-O-Vus, 39 feet, Portland; Art Randall, skipper; "Puget Pride", 52 feet, Queen City & Poulsbo, Bob Wilson, skipper.

"Miss Kathy", 42 feet, Portland; Dewey Estey, skipper; "Mickey Fritz", 40 feet, Queen City; Bob Fakler, skipper; "Off Shore", 40 feet, Vancouver Washington; Mr. Hall skipper; "Dolphin Bay", 45 feet, Seattle; A. T. Coffin, skipper; "Twanoh", 75 feet, Rainier; Art Church, skipper.

"Jadon", Seattle & Queen City; skipper, Jack Rottler; "Namhar", 33 feet, Bremerton; skipper, R. Rahman; "Sea Nymph", 36 feet, Bremerton; Carl Wilhelm; "Docsout", 46 feet, Everett; skipper, Dr. Edwin B. Chase; "Here's Howe", 36 feet, Bremerton; skipper, Allen Howe; "Sun Beam", 46 feet, Alton and Mary Alexander.

"Quick Stream", 36 feet, H. L. and Marge McElhaney; "Rhenania", 60 feet, West Vancouver; skipper, Dr. J. M. Spruenken.

In view of the Jubilee celebrations this year in this city all yachts will not depart on the Juneau leg until Monday when feted and 'surfeted' skippers, crews and passengers will contest the last lap.

Prizes will be awarded at Saturday night's banquet to first, second and third yachts for the Prince Rupert leg. This year there will also be special trophies to mark the city's Golden Jubilee.

First started in 1928 the Capital-to-Capital Cruiser Race has become a major summer sporting event along the North American west coast.

CCC seeking estimate on new building

Columbia Cellulose Company, Limited at Watson Island are investigatnig the possibility of constructing separate facilities for the reasearch and development division, it was learned here yesterday.

Vancouver architects Thompson, Berwick and Pratt are expected to complete working drawings sometime in August to give the company an idea of estimated costs. The design calls for a two-storey, 100 foot by 70 foot building of reinforced concrete with wood roof.

Halibut area close stated

The International Pacific Halibut Commission today announced that Area 2 will be closed to all halibut fishing at 6 a.m. July 31, 23 days later than 1959.

Reason given for the extended time is that the quota of 26,500,000 pounds has not been reached.

Pioneer III, a U.S. vessel, sold 27,500 pounds to Pacific Fisheries, Ltd.; 15,000 pounds of medium at 16.4 cents; 12,000 pounds large at 19.3 cents and 500 pounds chickens at 10 cents.

Teeny-Milly had 40,000 pounds; 28,000 pounds medium at 15.6 cents; 8,000 pounds large at 18 cents and 4,000 chickens at 10 cents. Catch was sold to Babcock Fisheries, Ltd.

MORE SALMON FISHING AREAS CLOSED UNTIL SUNDAY NIGHT

Further closures for salmon fishing have been announced by District Supervisor R. C. Edwards.

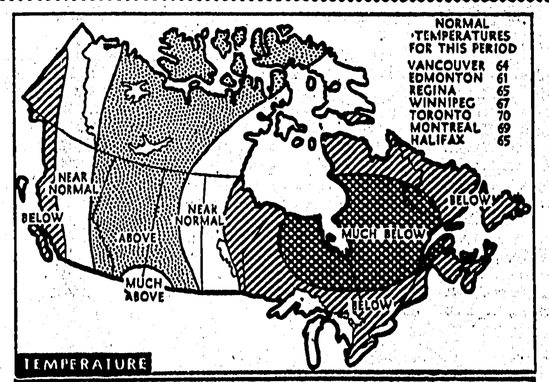
Closed until 6 p.m. Sunday, July 24 are:

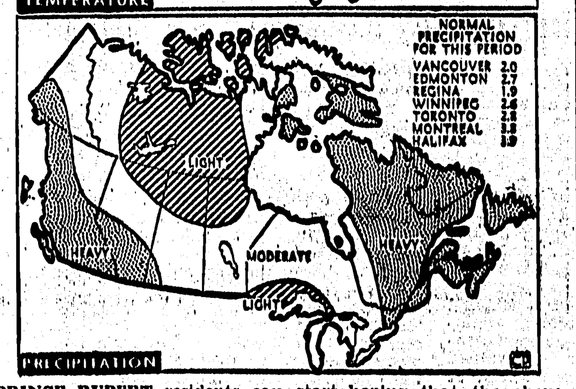
Salmon purse seine Area No. 5 and Principe Channel salmon gillnet area; salmon purse seine Area No. 6; salmon purse seine Area No. 7; salmon purse seine Areas Nos. 9 and 10, Rivers Inlet salmon gillnet area and Smith Inlet salmon gillnet area.

In addition to the above, the following conservation measures have been authorized:

Effective at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 24, the salmon fishing boundary protecting the Bella Coola River in North Bentinck Arm will be moved seaward to "Ten Mile Point."

All the waters of Dean Channel Salmon Gillnet Area will close to all salmon net fishing at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 24, until further notice.





PRINCE RUPERT residents can start hoping that the above 30-day outlook by the United States weather bureau is full of major errors. After having what can be termed a somewhat damp spring and summer, the gloomy forecast predicts that from mid-July to mid-August Prince Rupert will have below normal temperature and heavy rainfall. However, the city won't be alone for the same is predicted for the whole coast. Only the Prairies and the Northwest Territories appear to be headed for better than average summer weather. Fortunately, the bureau says that a change in the weather pattern can produce major errors in the forecast. —CP Newsmap.

Fishermen request group meet

Hubert Doolan, chairman of the Nishga Tribal Council, has requested the district supervisor, Mr. R. C. Edwards, department of fisheries, not to regulate an additional day-off on the Skeena river during next week's fishing until he has heard from the fishing industry.

It was learned yesterday that, beginning next week, there would be only a day and a half's fishing instead of three.

Mr. Doolan said that, as Mr. J. Whitmore, Pacific fisheries director, was arriving tomorrow, any new regulation be withheld until the groups concerned have discussed the situation with him.

Radio station at Terrace near completion

All phases of construction on the Terrace-Kitimat radio station are nearing completion, it was announced today by J. Frederick Weber, managing director.

Mr. Weber said that tests for the station, which will have the call letters CFTK, will be carried out this weekend. Results of the tests will be forwarded to Ottawa and approval to start broadcasting is expected on or before August 1.

The station will have a power of 1,000 watts and a frequency number of 1140 on radio dials.

Prince Rupert has now gone 555 days without a fatal traffic accident.

World News Briefs

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Russia goes before the United Nations security council today with charges that the United States deliberately violated Soviet borders wih spy planes. The United States, which will reply Monday and President Eisenhower has instructed U.S. delegate Henry Cabot Lodge to hit back hard in accordance with Washington's tough new line toward Soviet threats and accusations.

PARIS (Reuters)—The French Senate Thursday approved a bill granting special powers to the government to fight "social scourges" including prostitution, alcoholism and homosexuality. The bill, approved with only minor amendments, will now go back to the National Assembly or lower house, for action.

LONDON (Reuters)—Russia today accused United Nations forces of fighting Congolese national troops. The official Communist party newspaper Pravda expressed Russia's "serious concern" over this development. It specifically named Moroccan troops as one unit which "started a battle with Congolese forces."

Japanese named Tory candidate

GRAND FORKS (CP) —Yasushi Sugimoto, 40, a Canadian-born Japanese, was nominated here Thursday to contest the Grand Forks-Greenwood seat in the next provincial election for the Progressive Conservative party.

Mr. Sugimoto, a farmer here, is the first Canadian of Japanese descent to seek election to the provincial legislature.

He is manager of the Grand Forks Potato Growers' Co-operative Association.

Born in the Queen Charlotte Islands off the northwest B.C. coast, Mr. Sugimoto grew up in the Okanagan. He moved here in 1941.

Dutch consul due July 30

Dutch consul L. Kruytbosch, will arrive in Prince Rupert July 30. The purpose of the visit is to handle any problems of Dutch immigrants. He will be available at the Prince Rupert hotel throughout the day.

Polio suspected

VICTORIA (CP)—Two suspected polio cases were admitted to hospital Thursday. The victims are brothers, about one and two. So far four confirmed polio cases have been reported here this year.

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WEATHER

Cloudy with sunny periods Saturday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight and high Saturday 50 and 60.

TIDES

Saturday, July 23, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	00:51	20.2 feet
	13:44	18.5 feet
Low	07:26	3.1 feet
	19:28	7.1 feet