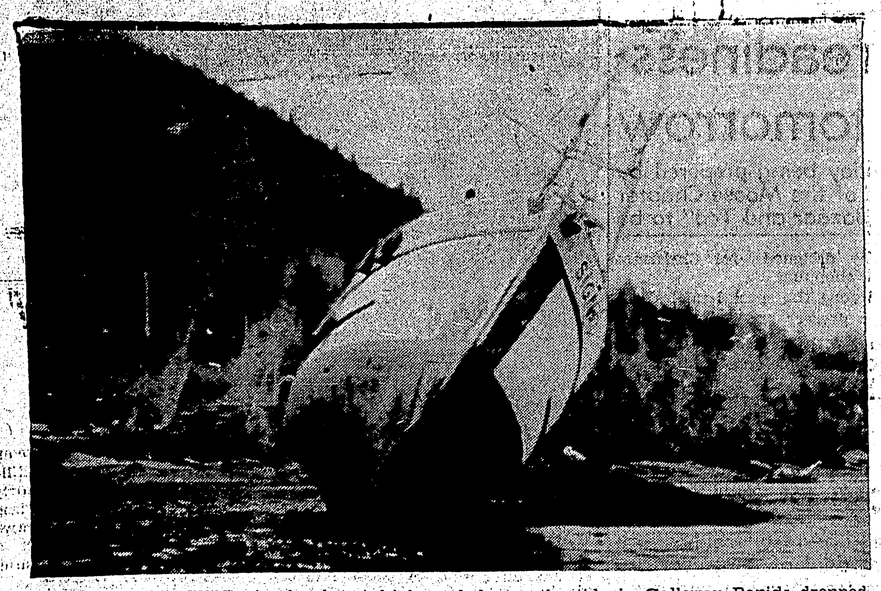

THE SEINER SIGNAL stands almost high and dry as the tide in Galloway Rapids dropped after she grounded on the rocks. With a crew of two, Skipper Vern W. Fossum awaited the next tide to float her free. She had been on a set with the Oldfield, which also grounded and toppled as the tide dropped. — Staff photo by John Pain

Ottawa cause present state says Bennett

The present unemployment situation throughout Canada is traceable to three unfortunate policies which have been followed by the past two Federal Governments—

(1) Tight money.
(2) High interest rates.
(3) Overpricing of the Canadian dollar.

The first two policies slowed down and then depressed the healthy rate of Canadian industrial expansion. The third has badly hampered our export industries in the markets of the world, and has also turned away millions of dollars in tourist revenue.

B.C. EXPANSION

The British Columbia Government was the first in Canada to point out the disastrous consequences which were certain to result from these policies, and although the ability of a single province to remedy the ills of unemployment in the absence of realistic Federal policies is limited, this government has done everything possible to maintain employment here at the highest possible level. In encouraging industrial development, the expansion of our economy, and the growth of our tourist business, many steps have been taken.

During the last 12 months the government has let more highway and bridge contracts than ever before in British Columbia's history. School boards have been encouraged to build all necessary school facilities and the required capital has been made available to them. We have encouraged hospitals to build and extend their facilities wherever necessary and have paid 50 per cent of the capital cost of these facilities — the highest contribution of any provincial government. Additionally, municipalities have been aided in expansion of their waterworks and sewage programs, and the provincial government has guaranteed many millions of dollars worth of bonds to make capital available for these projects.

WINTER WORKS

The provincial government has joined fully in the Federal program of winter works by underwriting 25 per cent of labor costs, and I have asked the Federal Government to broaden this program through inclusion of hospital and school building projects. All possible steps are being taken meanwhile to assist the unemployed. British Columbia pays the highest social assistance rates in Canada, and, with the co-operation of the public-spirited doctors of the province, persons on social assistance are provided with free medical and dental care and medicine.

I am convinced that, despite the urgent need for realistic policies at the Federal level, the over-all employment picture in British Columbia is sound.

Further plans for a co-ordinated effort to create additional work are in the making, and in that connection we enlist the vigorous co-operation of management, labour, and private citizens.

Finally, as a means of stimulating employment, rendering increased service to our own citizens, and encouraging tourist business, I have recommended that an immediate start be made on construction of a third ship to join the British Columbia Government ferry service between Victoria and Vancouver, which was inaugurated so successfully this year.

Cell door kicked in by angry inmate

George William Prieston, of no fixed address was sentenced to one month in jail today when he appeared before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite today in police court to be sentenced on a charge of wilful damage under $50.

The charge was laid Sunday after Prieston had destroyed a screen in the door of the city jail.

Yes indeed! — I'm having it done during the winter when men and materials are available.

EVERYBODY SHOULD SUPPORT THE WINTER WORK CAMPAIGN

Further drop shown by CPR monthly earnings

MONTREAL (CP)—Canadian Pacific Railway's net earnings for October totalled $3,073,803, it was announced Monday. For the same month last year earnings were $3,121,907.

Revenue for the month totalled $39,001,718, compared with $39,068,157 in October 1959. Expenses amounted to $35,927,915 compared with $35,946,250 for the corresponding month last year.

Earnings since January 1, were $383,799,217, compared with $399,595,023.

Net earnings since the start of the year totalled $25,406,265 for the same period in 1959 they were $27,358,864.

Homeowners respond to works committee appeal

Homeowners are backing the Winter Works Campaign Employment supervisor W. B. Adams of the Unemployment Insurance Commission reported today.

A few requests for workers have come in to the National Employment Service to handle such work as cleaning up around houses, ditch-digging and other chores.

The Winter Works Campaign is aimed at easing the seasonal unemployment of the area and will be operating in full force as more and more city council projects pass through the initial planning stages and work is commenced.

Some easing of the situation can be expected with the approach of the Christmas season as stores and businesses take on shop staff to handle the expected rush of buyers during the last few days.

At the Prince Rupert post office, retiring Postmaster R. S. Scherk said that some workers will be taken on by his department to handle the last-minute rush of mail and the normal Christmas overflow.

The slack following the Christmas and New Year period will be taken up to some extent by municipal work.

The influx of unemployed due to the shut-down of the Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd., plant at Watson Island will place an additional strain on the Winter Works Committee and if other shut-downs of mills occur.

Business and homeowners are asked to make the most of the surplus labor at present available and to contact the NES.

Man steals sunglasses in normal PR weather

Leon Arnold Walker, of no fixed address, was remanded until December 6 for sentencing when he pleaded guilty to a charge of theft under $50.

Walker was arrested at 12:20 a.m. today when he was found RCMP told the court that stealing a pair of sunglasses out of a car parked near the Savoy Hotel.

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A fine of $75 and an order prohibiting driving anywhere in Canada for three months was handed out to William Stewart of 1264 Beach Place, today in court when he pleaded guilty to a charge of impaired driving.

Police said the charge was laid as a result of Stewart colliding with a car owned by Diamond Cabs about 10:45 p.m. yesterday.

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Jean Trimble, of Kincolith, pleaded guilty to a charge of causing a disturbance, and was sentenced to five days in jail, today in court.

Police said the charge was laid about 1:20 a.m. yesterday following a fight in front of the Rox Cafe.

Florence Peggy Tait, of Hazelton, was fined $10 when she pleaded guilty to the same charge.

More work, more benefit

"One of the most serious problems that plagues Canada's National economy is winter unemployment," the chairman of the Winter Employment Campaign Committee, A. P. Crawley, said today.

"Each winter thousands of workers are laid off their jobs and have to depend on public assistance for their livelihood," he said. "This results in reduced production and the loss of purchasing power amounting to millions of dollars."

He continued, "As citizens of a community all employed persons contribute, through their spending, to the economic well-being of our city."

He said that each winter, partly because of cold weather, and partly because of habit the economic activity in this community slows down and many wage earners become unemployed. The economic balance is upset and more unemployment is created. This situation can be likened to the widening rings when a pebble is thrown into a pool. The waves of unemployment spread wider and wider affecting our entire city, and like the waves created in the pool, unemployment spreads to other communities and affects the entire nation.

The Government of Canada, through the Department of Labour and the National Employment Service, is providing all-out support to campaign committees right across Canada. This support takes the form of publicity material and a National Winter Employment advertising programme, and provides financial assistance to communities conducting winter-time public works.

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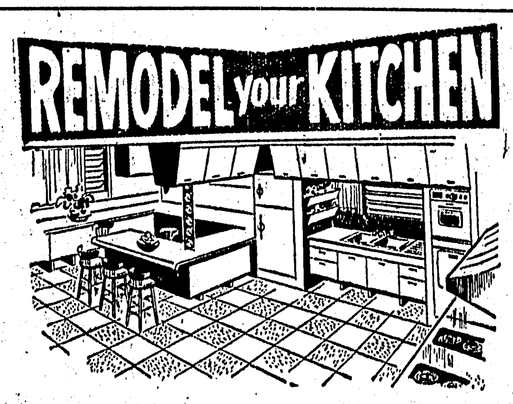

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