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Major lumber contract awarded local sawmill

Will take one shift output per month

A timber contract involving the supply of 2,000,000 board feet per month for a period of one year has been awarded to the Prince Rupert Sawmills Ltd., it was announced today by Akira Ishsikawa of Ataka, New York, Incorporated (Portland branch) and mill manager H. W. Roberts.

Work will be starting shortly, when planking of the dock to facilitate deepsea loading has been completed, Mr. Roberts said. One load of lumber has already been dispatched south by barge and then transhipped to cargo vessels, but this was not economical, he said.

Rail shipping, also, is not economical, Mr. Roberts said, although some lumber has been shipped by Canadian National Railways.

The planking work is not expected to take more than about two weeks and the work will be carried out by local labor.

SHIPS AVAILABLE

Mr. Ishikawa said that company ships are already scheduled for British Columbia and some of these vessels will be diverted to Prince Rupert for lumber shipments. The first of these is expected around the end of April or early May.

Ataka and Company Ltd., the parent firm, is based in Osaka, Japan, and has been actively engaged in international trade for the past 57 years. It now has branches in every major country in the world and representatives in many cities.

The company handles an extremely wide variety of goods in light and heavy industry and commerce.

YARD WORK SCHEDULED

On Monday the Prince Rupert city council approved the sale of 120 yards of blacktopping material to the sawmill for improvements to its yard. Mr. Roberts said this work would be mostly in the vicinity of the green chain, but that further blacktopping would be carried out later.

Some 35 persons are at present employed at the mill among these, Mr. Roberts said, were some out-of-town specialists who were assisting in ironing out production line problems.

The current capacity of 2,000,000 board feet per month, at present absorbed by the Ataka contract, is the work of one shift only. Offers had been received for supply of timber from independent lumber firms within this area, he went on, and these facilities would be utilized when further supplies were needed.

The Prince Rupert Sawmills Ltd. has a 6,000 - acre timber stand on the south side of the Skeena River between Terrace and this city, Mr. Roberts said that this was not being worked at present.

AKIRO ISHIKAWA
. . . sawmill contract

Teachers seek new status

VANCOUVER (CP) — Public school teachers in British Columbia will decide next week whether they will take the final steps towards professional status.

The decision will be made here at the annual B.C. Teachers' Federation conference. There are 12,000 public school teachers in B.C.

A plan to police teachers' ranks to guarantee professional competence would establish categories for teachers according to experience and training.

Although teaching certificates are controlled by the department of education, the proposed plan would give the federation an opportunity to recommend or withhold its approval of any teacher who seeks employment.

About 1,200 delegates will attend next week's convention.

War veteran Ermal Foster dies aged 66

The death occurred Monday of Ermal Ray Foster, 66, of 1448 Second Avenue West. Born in Battlefield, Michigan, he served with the British Expeditionary Force in France from 1914 until 1918. He lived for a time in Edson, Alta., and McBride, B.C., before coming to Prince Rupert in 1942.

The funeral service will be held at the United Church at 2:30 p.m. Thursday. The Dev. R. W. K. Elliott will officiate. Interment will be in the Canadian Legion plot in Fairview cemetery.

Court fines show decline

City revenue from police court fines and costs for February fell below the amount received in January according to the monthly report to city council by Staff-Sgt. W. J. Currie, NCO in charge of the City RCMP detachment.

The report shows that during February $1,068 revenue was received while $1,233.50 was received in January.

There were 28 liquor cases during February and only 19 during January. In both months the liquor situation was termed fair.

Police received and investigated 262 complaints in February and 288 in January.

During February, RCMP attended 18 fires, reported three unlighted street lamps, discovered three business places unlocked, recovered two stolen bicycles and five missing articles and received reports of four lost articles and two stolen bicycles.

Nine parking tickets were also handed out in February.

Prisoners' expenses and maintenance, including meals, for the month, amounted to $211.

In performing their duties, RCMP vehicles covered some 1,079 miles.

Coast ships may be built in Holland

VANCOUVER (CP) — Northland Navigation Company announced Tuesday it will build two big ships in Holland unless the federal government acts this week.

Capt. H. F. C. Terry, president of the company, said it would cost $7,000,000 to have the ships built in British Columbia but they can be built in Holland or Japan for $3,500,000.

He said he has been waiting for the federal government to take action on the proposed Ship Construction Act whereby the government would pay the difference in costs between prices overseas and in Canadian yards.

Capt. Terry said he can't wait much longer as the first ship has to be ready for service in May of next year.

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Man arrested in Worline killing on Alaska Highway two years ago

VANCOUVER (CP) — A man stopped by a police constable because he was in a slightly intoxicated condition today was being held for questioning in connection with a slaying in Prince George in June, 1959.

RCMP said the 33-year-old man may be linked with the slaying of Bruce Worline, 30, of Los Angeles, found shot at a camp site near the northern city.

Police said the man would be taken to Prince George for questioning by RCMP there.

Worline, a student at the University of Alaska, was apparently killed by a hitch-hiker he picked up while driving to Los Angeles from Fairbanks.

His body was found partially buried under a pile of leaves on the campsite off the Alaska Highway. He was shot by a .22-calibre bullet. His panel truck was found later in a parking lot here.

RCMP said no charge has been laid against the arrested man.

Constable Gordon Howland of the city police said he stopped the man when he found him in a slightly intoxicated condition shortly after 5 a.m. on a downtown street corner.

Then, playing a hunch, he telephoned headquarters and learned the man was wanted by RCMP.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Communist candidate to be tried by union

VANCOUVER (CP) — A man who ran as a Communist candidate in the last British Columbia election will be tried April 8 by the International Woodworkers of America (CLC).

George Lakusta faces expulsion from IWA Local 1-217 if found guilty by a jury of local members of being a Communist. The IWA constitution does not permit Communists to be union members.

Break in

KAMLOOPS (CP) — RCMP said a break in at Palm Dairies netted thieves 250 pounds of butter. It was the second break in at the dairies within two weeks. On March 14 an unsuccessful attempt was made to open the safe.

Body found

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP)—Police said Tuesday night the body of a man believed to be in his 50s was found in the Fraser River earlier. Police said the body, so far unidentified, had been in the river for about a month.

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World News Briefs

LONDON (Reuters) — A government report today disclosed Britain's foreign trade deteriorated sharply last year, with imports rising more than twice as much as exports. The 1959 surplus of £51,000,000 ($142,800,000) became a deficit of £344,000,000 ($963,200,000) in 1960.

UNITED NATIONS (CP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko's delay in leaving for the Warsaw Pact meeting has aroused speculation that some important Russian move is about to be made at the UN or in Washington.

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — The SEATO foreign ministers today adopted a compromise resolution that failed to make clear what the alliance will do if the Communists continue their military drive in Laos.

MONTREAL (CP) — The International Air Transport Association announced Tuesday night another attempt will be made to avert an air freight war on the North Atlantic.

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Red Skelton still can't find his Irish Sweepstakes ticket, worth $1,183, but he's confident he will get the money. A spokesman for the comedian said the latest information is that Skelton can collect the money if the person who gave him the ticket will corroborate the fact for sweeps officials.

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Actress Elizabeth Taylor, beautiful as ever, came home to California Tuesday — and almost got trampled by newspaper men. A small army of photographers and reporters converged on the raven-haired actress as she disembarked from a plane in a wheelchair.

DAR ES SALAAM (AP) — Britain has agreed to grant full independence to Tanganyika next December 28, Colonial Secretary Iain Macleod announced here today.

SWEEPSTAKE WINNER happily covers his face in his hands as he hears the news of his $138,500 win on the Irish Sweepstakes. A railroad worker from Lakeview, Ont., Michael Lazar, 40, drew Nicholaus Silver, the horse which won the Grand National, at Aintree, England, last Saturday. Lazar was attending a reception at a Toronto hotel when the news came through. — CP Photo

Government supports CCF move on power companies take-over

VICTORIA (CP) — It has become clear that the British Columbia government, demanding a greater share of corporation taxes which power companies pay the federal government, would take over private utilities to get that money.

Members of the legislature Monday unanimously approved a CCF motion calling for a study of public ownership of B.C. Electric, West Kootenay Power and Light Company and East Kootenay Light Company.

The vote reinforced earlier statements by Premier W. A. C. Bennett that unless B.C. gets better treatment in corporation taxes it will take over the companies.

The CCF party for years has urged that B.C. Electric, which serves the Greater Vancouver and Fraser Valley area of the Lower Mainland, come under government control. Social Crediters always opposed the suggestion until Opposition Leader Robert Strachan raised it again this week.

EXPECTED MORE

Mr. Bennett, also finance minister, says the provincial government estimated the 50 per cent of corporation taxes returnable to the province last year should have been $1,400,000. The province received $350,000.

Ottawa was asked to state how much the total tax was, but refused. Mr. Bennett says provincial finance department officials asked if they could see the books, but this was also denied.

If the power firms were brought under government control they could come under the jurisdiction of the Power Act, legislation under which the government-operated B.C. Power Commission functions.

B.C. Electric is a subsidiary of the mammoth B.C. Power Corporation Limited, which also owns the natural gas and public transit utilities in the Vancouver and Victoria areas.

Western Development Limited another subsidiary of B.C. Power, has an interest in Peace River Development Company Limited which has proposed a $600,000,000 hydro development in northern B.C.

REVENUE EXTRA

Then there is the question of revenue which would be funnelled into the provincial treasury — apart from that which would be saved on corporation taxes. B.C. Power Corporation last year earned $11,197,000 for its shareholders — a return of approximately 5.5 per cent of its investment.

B.C. Power Commission, which will develop the $458,000,000 B.C. portion of the Columbia River project, is known to be looking for markets for its new source. If it cannot negotiate suitable contract with B.C. Electric to supply the heavy demands of the Lower Mainland, the government may decide that taking over the private utility would solve the commission's marketing problems.

West Kootenay Power and Light has assets of approximately $20,000,000 and serves several cities in the B.C. southern interior, including the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company's nickel smelter at Trail. It has more than 24,000 customers.

East Kootenay Power is much smaller, with about 70 customers and assets of $8,000,000. It sells electricity in remote communities and has its head office at Fernie, a coal mining town. The Kootenay distribution systems are relatively close to the Columbia project and the B.C. Power Commission could also introduce Columbia energy into those markets.

Man bruised in car crash

An Alyansh man suffered a bruised chest when the car which he was driving went out of control and crashed into a ditch near Butze Rapids on Highway 16 about 2 a.m. today.

Douglas Clayton was reported in satisfactory condition in Prince Rupert General Hospital this morning. He was reported to have bruised his chest on the steering wheel when the car crashed.

It is not known at present whether the man has any broken bones.

RCMP said that no other vehicle was involved in the accident and apparently no one was with Clayton.

Damage is believed fairly extensive but no further details are known.

Metlakatla archdeacon appointed by Bishop

A new appointment has been announced by The Right Rev. G. E. Munn, Bishop of Caledonia, which will make the Rev. George A. Robinson of Jasper, Alta., Archdeacon of Metlakatla.

The Rev. Robinson is expected to take up his new position about the middle of April.

It is planned, said the bishop, to have the new appointee handle all Indian work in the diocese. An Oblate, Father Robinson is free to travel throughout the diocese as the Indian's own priest.

Headquarters will be at Port Edward, the bishop continued, and the Missionary Society is being approached to supply funds for a clergy house.

Road work includes Lakelse

VANCOUVER (CP) — Highways Minister Gaglardi Tuesday night announced $10,000,000 worth of new highways contracts.

They include completion of a four-lane Deas Island Highway to the United States border, two 10-mile sections between Port Mann and Chilliwack and a highway from Terrace to Lakelse.

Defending the three-cent-a-gallon tax increase, the minister said gasoline and vehicle taxes, even with the increase, would pay 68 per cent of the cost of roads. The rest comes from general revenue.

NUERNBERG, Germany (CP) — Czech investigators arrived here today to sift through the wreckage of a Czech airliner that crashed and killed 52 persons Tuesday night. There were no survivors.

Chimney fire

A chimney fire in the Sunstand Block at 830 Second Avenue West brought firemen out yesterday afternoon.

The blaze was not serious and caused no damage.

High school opening

KELOWNA (CP)—Premier Bennett and Education Minister Peterson will formally open the $350,000 Dr. Knox Junior High School Thursday.

Prince Rupert has now gone 803 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Gas station can benefit by gas tax

VANCOUVER (CP) — City motorists complaining about the gasoline tax increase can be glad they don't live in other parts of the province.

Outside Greater Vancouver both the government and some service stations will make money on the three - cent increase and only the consumer will suffer.

The oil companies own Greater Vancouver service stations. The operator is paid a commission.

However, in other parts of the province, the service stations buy the gas from the parent companies. The operator then resells the product to the motorist at his own price.

The major oil companies have decided they'll only charge Greater Vancouver motorists the three-cents tax.

Elsewhere, operators may charge three to four cents more for gas.

Executive secretary J. L. Kimmeard of the automotive retailers Association of British Columbia said in an interview Tuesday reason for this is:

"The service station operators buy the gas wholesale and add a certain percentage markup. The wholesale price of gas has gone up three cents — so, to maintain the percentage markup, the operators will charge a fraction more than three cents.

Scout canvass extension set

One hundred canvassers, many of them accompanied by boy scouts, opened the annual fund canvass last night in Prince Rupert for the local scout association, vice - president Arthur Beliveau announced today.

The United Church was the first organization to donate to the movement, said Canvass Committee Chairman H. F. Robins. Wyn Stothert, president of the Association, commented: "I feel confident we will reach the target figure of $2,500 judging by last night's returns."

In view of the Easter holidays the drive will be extended until April 5 and not, as previously announced, April 2.

Members of the public who have not been called on by that date are asked to call at the Canadian National Telegraph Office on Second Avenue where their donations will be passed on to the Scouts Association.

The Annunciation group reported a highly successful first night out and hope to repeat in succeeding nights.

Gun battle nets suspect

MONTREAL (CP) — Guy Forest, 24, subject of a countrywide search in connection with the attempted murder of a police constable last January, was in critical condition in hospital early today after he was felled by police bullets while resisting arrest Tuesday night.

Forest, suspected of having shot and seriously wounded Cst. Andre Campeau early January 31, underwent surgery to remove bullets in his stomach and legs.

WEATHER

Variable cloudiness with a few showers tomorrow. Winds light increasing to southwest 20 tomorrow morning. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 40 and 50.

TIDES

Thursday, March 30, 1961
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High	00:20	10.3 feet
	12:35	10.7 feet
Low	06:34	5.4 feet
	18:40	4.0 feet