Switchboard will cost city $4,500

Telephone Superintendent reported to city council recently that he recommends the purchase of a PABX switchboard for the new Community Health Centre at a cost of $4,500 at the request of the Skeena Health Unit.

The cost of wiring new lamp standards on Section 2 bridge and on the Hays Cove bridge were quoted as $328.80 from Northern British Columbia Power Co. Ltd., and $515.79 from The Electrician. The wiring would be by conduit, Mr. Janes said, and so remove the present overhead lines.

Cable laying on Digby Island airport, the report went on, was proceeding and work is expected to start on the northern end of the field shortly.

A cable failure supplying Third Avenue West was quickly remedied and was the only failure reported.

Mr. Janes also requested permission of council to attend the Independent Telephone Convention in June. This was granted.

Shippers aided by new plan

By The Canadian Press

Shipping and shipbuilding officials from coast to coast cheered the federal government's aid program to their industry, announced Friday.

As an immediate result, Capt. H. J. S. Terry, president of Northland Navigation Limited, announced in Victoria that two passenger and cargo ships which were to be built at Amsterdam, Holland, because of lower costs, will be switched back to Canada.

He would not say if the ships will be built on the west coast. They would replace the Canadian Prince on the Vancouver-Prince Rupert run and the Skeena, operating to northern B.C. and the Queen Charlotte islands.

Comments came quickly after Transport Minister Balcer announced in Ottawa that Canadian shipbuilders are to get a 40-per-cent subsidy for the next three years and a 35-per-cent subsidy after that. Coastal trade on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River would be limited to vessels of Canadian registry. The new government policy offered incentive for building steel fishing trawlers and wooden fishing craft more than 45 feet in length.

WONDERFUL THING

"This is a wonderful thing for the west coast," said H. A. Wallace, president of Yarrows Limited. "It will benefit shipowners, shipbuilders and shipyard workers generally."

"In particular it will be a boost to the towboat and fishing fleet industry. Our fishing fleet needs bigger and better boats, particularly for halibut fishing in the north."

Mr. Wallace said he hoped the subsidies will create a "healthy survival" in shipbuildings on the west coast.

Col. George Pullin, president of Blackball Ferries Limited, said he hoped the subsidies will enable the company to build two more ferries over the next two years—one for the Vancouver-Nanaimo run and the other for service from Howe Sound to Sechelt.

"One of our biggest difficulties has been to raise sufficient capital to meet the cost of building new ships," he said.

Provincial officials said they expect a large portion of the $7,000,000 cost of B.C.'s two new government ferries will be covered by the subsidy policy.

But in Vancouver, J. W. Hudson, executive vice-president of Burrard Dry Dock Company, said he felt most of the benefit of the new policy would go to Eastern Canada shipbuilders.

"In B.C. we face considerably higher labor costs than our competitors in the East," he said.

IMMEDIATE EFFECT

Mr. Hudson forecast the subsidies would have no immediate effect on construction volume at B.C. shipyards.

On a long-term basis, he said, the plan would likely encourage construction in B.C. of a few coastal freighters.

"But we are generally elated at the prospect of assistance to ship owners for new construction . . . what is good for the owners will be good in the long run for the shipbuilders."

ADVERTISING IN THE NEWS BRINGS RESULTS

A BUNDLE OF FIGHTING FURY is about the best way of describing this polar bear cub. An Eskimo hunter near the RCAF's DEW Line radar site at Cape Parry shot the mother bear that had two cubs. Husky dogs, used during the hunt, killed one of the cubs but the Eskimo hunter rescued this one. Flight Lieutenant T. H. Collins from Air Defence Command Headquarters in Montreal, gingerly holds the bear while the Eskimo hunter grins proudly. — National Defence Photos

Building down in '61

City building figures are still markedly below those of the same period in 1960, City Building Inspector J. C. Ewart reported to city council, when he showed that April figures were some $30,000 below those of the previous year.

The total value of permits issued for the month amounted to $49,327, the report showed.

These broke down as follows: residential (new) $29,800, additions $3,400, alterations and repairs $7,627. Commercial: additions $500, alterations and repairs $2,000. Industrial: alterations and repairs $6,000.

A total of 25 building permits were issued during the month of which two were for new buildings. The new building figure for April, 1961, is $20,700 below that of the previous year.

Total fees amounted to $167 for the month and included two wrecking permits, seven plumbing, and one septic tank permit, in addition to building permits.

NATURAL GAS

Medicine Hat in Alberta is built over a natural gas pool and its streets were illuminated with gas as early as 1890.

Fire department estimates major fire damage $28,500

Fire damage for the year has already amounted to $38,835, reported Fire Chief E. W. Becker, reporting to city council, of which $28,500 was lost in the Hampton Apartments fire April 20 when one life was also lost.

The department answered 20 calls during the month of April, he reported, and a further 21 ambulance calls were also received and answered.

Total fire damage for the month of April, the worst this year, was $31,350.

One fire caused by starting a fire with fuel oil caused $1,750 damage to the building and a further $1,000 loss in contents.

Calls were classified as follows: three oil burners, two overheated chimneys, fuel oil on fire, one children playing with cigaret lighter, extension from this fire, call back to same fire (mattress), two smoke and fire scares, one accidental false alarm, three grass fires, four malicious false alarms and one gasoline spillage.

Out of 95 oil burners inspected during the month, 50 of them were found to require changes.

The department inspected, Mr. Becker's report went on, three hotels, five schools, one theatre, the general hospital, the Civic Centre and 15 other public buildings.

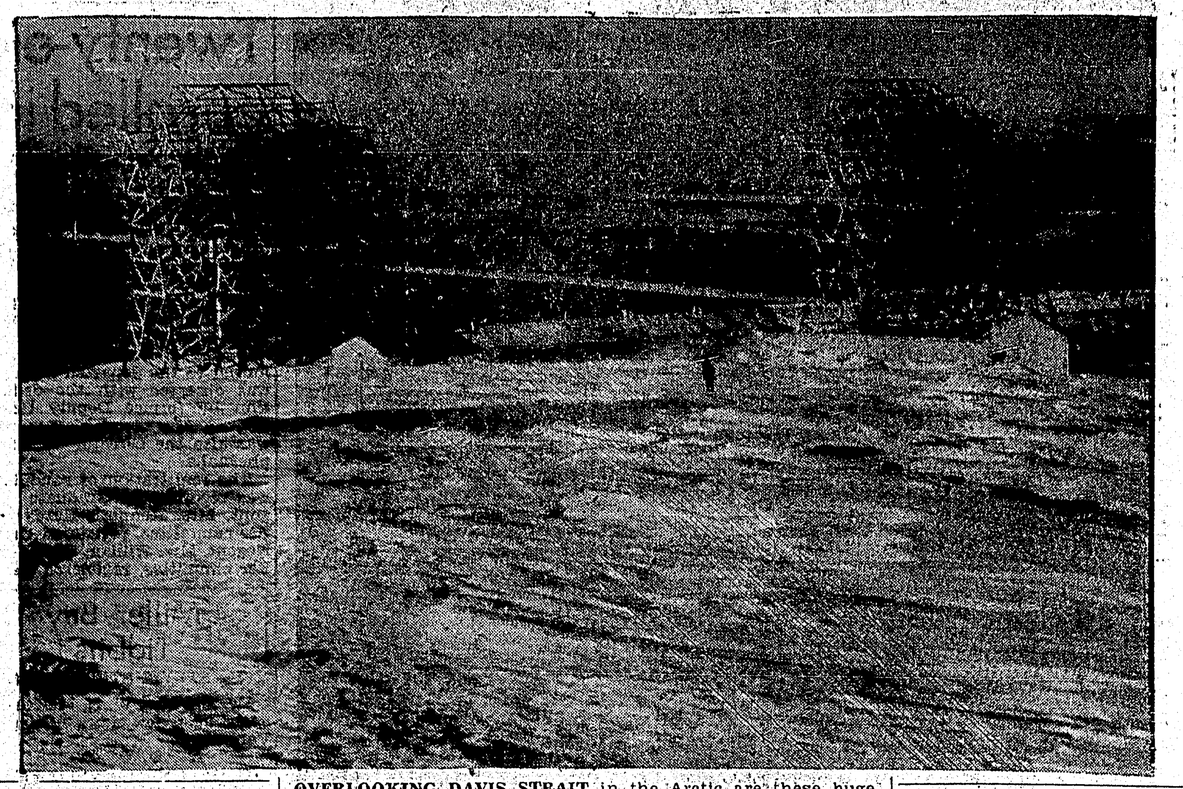
Demonstrations and classes were held during the month for 25 girl guides and 15 members of the Salvation Army's women's auxiliary.

Earthquake drops power output

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — An earthquake which rocked the Manwatu, Wairarapa and central districts of the north island was believed Sunday to have set off an eruption in the Wairakei geothermal field where steam is used to generate electricity. The flow from steam bores, used for generating power, slumped and production dropped 2,000 kilowatts.

ADVERTISING IN THE NEWS BRINGS RESULTS

AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
PLANE FACTS
THE LARGEST HANGAR IN CANADA
RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED AT R.C.A.F. STATION TRENTON, ONT. TO HOUSE GIANT TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT—COVERS SIX ACRES!



OVERLOOKING DAVIS STRAIT in the Arctic are these huge communications antennas at the DEW Line site at Cape Dyer. The RCAF has operational control of the DEW Line with an Air Force officer acting as military commander at each of the four main sites. Size of the antennas can be compared to the officer standing in the snow between the two structures.

"Conchies" get non-military job

BONN (Reuters) — For the first time in German memory, a group of young conscientious objectors in West Germany has reported for duty in hospitals and social welfare institutions throughout the country as an alternative to military service.

The West German government so far has recognized a total of about 2,500 conscientious objectors after a protracted struggle by various organizations to be allowed the right to refuse to do military service on religious or moral grounds.

U.S. KEEPS RED CHINA OUT

TAIPEI, Formosa (Reuters) — Vice-president Lyndon Johnson assured Nationalist China Sunday night the United States will not recognize Communist China and is opposed to it being seated in the United Nations.

Johnson told a state dinner here during a 24-hour visit that the U.S. "will honor our commitments to the Republic of China under our mutual defence treaty."

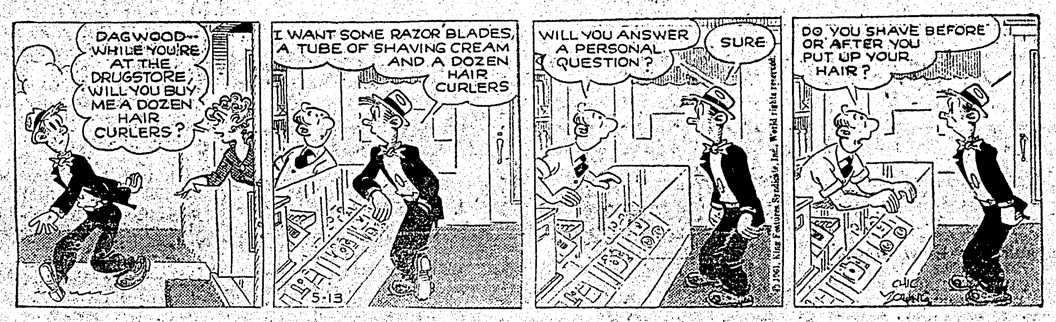
Advertising in Daily News Brings Results

INGENIOUS ANTS

Tailor ants, among nature's most ingenious builders, make nests of leaves bound together with silk threads.

3215 DIAL 3215
FOR THE BEST IN CHINESE FOOD
TRY THE
GRAND CAFE
FRESH BREAD DAILY
Buy your Show Tickets Anytime
Open 'Till 1:00 a.m.

BLONDIE By CHIC YOUNG



LI'L ABNER By AL CAPP

THE HEART OF JULIET JONES By STAN DRAKE

ARCHIE By BOB MONTANA

LARRY BRANNON By WINSLOW MORTIMER