UIC reports good year

Out of a total of 1,282 openings for employment in the Prince Rupert area of the local Unemployment Insurance Commission, the National Employment Service filled 1,114, Cecil Pitt, manager, said in his annual report.

During the period 1960-61 paid out was a total of $1,487,773.80 in benefits. This resulted, Mr. Pitt went on, in greater regional economic stability, than would have been the case. Some 7,687 claims for benefits were received by the office.

In more stringent efforts in protecting the fund, the report showed, 893 persons were barred from benefits for varying periods and an unstated number of false claimants were prosecuted.

In addition several employers were prosecuted during the year for failing to keep proper records as required under the Act.

Outside the office, the report showed, there had been considerable activity on the part of staff and local organizations and persons assisting. Three professional vacancies were filled and on three occasions staff addressed the high schools, holding individual interviews, on job qualification and the improvement of those qualifications. Mr. Pitt said that a number of school "drop outs" returned to study as a result of these meetings.

The annual winter employment campaign was assisted by a number of townspeople. They were: A. P. Crawley, J. S. Black, Norman Bellis, Gordon Carlson, Ray Gardner, Mrs. Catherine Holder, H. F. Robbin, John West, A. J. Wright and E. Woodward.

In keeping the public informed of the Commission's activities the report showed that 86 press releases had been made and a total of eight speeches.

NEW STORE MANAGER, — Gerald Derkatch, 23, has taken up his new position with Overwaitea Ltd., Prince Rupert. He has come here from Cranbrook, B.C., where he was assistant manager for the company. He replaces Robert Benedict who has been transferred to Kamloops after two and a half years here. Mr. Derkatch has been with Overwaitea for five years. — Staff photo by John Pain

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CPR to close Coquihalla

PENTICTON (CP)—The railway through British Columbia's Coquihalla Pass was capable of serving every conceivable passenger discomfort—and gigantic headaches to its owners.

It tipped soup into laps and tossed travellers against walls as they slept in their bunks. All this as the train snaked over some of Canada's steepest railway grades, around tortuous curves and through spectacular country.

When a great storm in November, 1959, triggered slides that wiped out long sections of the Canadian Pacific line it was never repaired, and now, before a public hearing at this Okanagan city, the company has presented arguments it hopes will close the Coquihalla route forever.

MASSIVE SNOWFALL

The single line of track was punched the 49.6 miles between Hope and Brode between 1911-15 and since then the CPR has fought a losing battle against snow and slides. Intermittent bombings by Kootenay terrorists compounded the trouble farther east.

Most winters the line was closed. One of them was 1955-56 when 54 feet of snow was measured at the Coquihalla summit. The 11-year average snowfall was 454 inches, or 38 feet.

THE GEORGETOWN MILL

Source of aircraft timber produces fish boxes with 1900 machinery

By TED AUCKETT
Daily News Correspondent

PORT SIMPSON — In museums throughout the world there are probably still World War One aircraft — old fabric, wire and wooden craft — built of timber from the Georgetown mills, 15 miles north of Prince Rupert; and also the more modern De Havilland Mosquito of the Second World War, which was the fastest and most outstanding twin-engined fighter - bomber of that war.

From the hum of high production a quiet has settled on this mill which once exported the famous Sitka spruce to all points of the world.

Situated on an arm of Big Bay, nine miles south of Port Simpson, the mill operates on water power fed by Georgetown Lake, running into the bay via a small stream.

The stream has been dammed at its lower end and this controls the flow to a second dam closer to the mill. The second dam is connected to the mill by a half-mile flume of wood about 10 feet by five feet.

The same machinery which helped turn out WW1 aircraft timber still operates from the flume-drive by power wheels below the floor of the mill, via belt drives to the machinery above.

At the time of my visit I was unable to find out the date of the original mill on this site, which was installed well before that date.

Today the mill is still active cutting lumber for fish box construction. Mainly spruce, the booms are towed down from the Upper Nass and the nearby inlets.

The mill had closed down for the weekend when I arrived from Port Simpson. The type of work being carried out there now was clearly visible in the piles of neatly stacked wired bundles of short timber on the small hand trucks which are used to transport the timber to the wharf.

Waste timber was piled high on either side of the half-mile track from the mill to the wharf, which had accumulated after years of work.

In some places the waste timber had been used to build the rail track embankment.

Quite a number of Port Simpson people work at the mill. If they don't go trout fishing in the lake, they sail home for the weekend with their families.

About one dozen buildings house employees, the general store and the foreman and manager's quarters.

The mill rests in a quiet and tranquil setting backed by a tall forest of cedars. The days of its prime are past where time has not changed since it first came into being the turn of the century.

Members play "Walker lottery"

OTTAWA (CP) — The "walker lottery" feud was fought in the Commons Wednesday but it was hard to tell who won.

It erupted late in what had been a routine debate on the spending estimates of the public works department.

Works Minister Walker interupted a speech by Frank Howard (CCF - Skeena) and shattered the quiet of the chamber by saying:

"I know there is a game going on among the CCF members this afternoon. They are trying to get me to blow my top."

He said it was something like a lottery with bets as to whether he was going to explode over what he called the flow of trivial questions delaying progress on his estimates.

Russian plans to work Peace

COURTENAY (CP)— W. C. Mainwaring, president of Peace River Power Development Company, says an engineer who designed 500,000 - volt transmission lines in Russia is working on similar plans for his firm.

Addressing a service club Tuesday, he said the designs are being drawn up in Vancocver. Power from dams on the Peace River could be fed to Vancouver Island over a line from Williams Lake in the Cariboo.

He said Vancouver Island would have ample power for 100 years if the Peace River was developed. The Island doesn't have adequate water reservoirs to look after all its own long-range requirements.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy came down with a "mild virus infection" today and his temperature hit 101.6 degrees.

Makes bed trip across Channel

CALAIS, France (AP)—A London bank clerk has found a new way to cross the English channel—by bed.

Bob Platten, 36, chugged into port Wednesday after a six-hour trip from Dover on a heavy old wooden bed frame. It was mounted on a 12-foot twin-hulled boat with an outboard motor.

Patten, who makes a hobby of offbeat channel crossings, undertook his first trip in a canoe.

What's next?

A coffin.

"It's unusual," Patten explained.

CBC to expand in province

OTTAWA (CP) — The CBC Wednesday applied to the Board of Broadcast Governors for expanded facilities for some of its Low Power Relay Transmitter operations in British Columbia.

It asked for two new 40-watts LPRTS at 1340 on the dial in Cassiar, B.C., and at 860 on the dial in Haines Junction, B.C.

It applied for increases in powers to 40 from 20 watts for LPRTS at North Bend and Princeton, B.C.

The CBC also asked for a change of antenna site for its LPRT in Revelstoke, B.C.

Eastern strike nears showdown

TORONTO (CP)—Employers and unions in the Toronto building industry seemed set today to force the pace of their bitter dispute to a showdown that could halt all construction in the Metropolitan Toronto area by Monday.

Union pickets posted at the international airport project in nearby Malton and along the Gardiner Expressway on Toronto's lakeshore for the second day running were confident they would stall work on those jobs.

SPORTS DAY at Port Simpson brought victory for Linda Lawson and Yvonne Spence who tied for first place in the girls under 16 100 yard dash. The sports day was a major feature of the year for the children at the Indian school and the many adults who took part in other events. Weather marred the latter portion of the day, but this didn't handicap the enthusiasm of the youngsters for the field day. — Photo by Ted Auckett.

PORT SIMPSON ROUNDUP

Village fishermen relieved strike averted as they readied for season

By TED AUCKETT
Daily News Correspondent

PORT SIMPSON— The harbor was very busy on Saturday and Sunday as the fishermen loaded nets onto their boats and stocked up with supplies in readiness for the opening of the sockeye season at 6 p.m. on Sunday. Everyone was very pleased the pronosed strike was averted. There have been good catches of fish this week.

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The School Sports was held on Monday, June19. Although the day was somewhat marred by intermittent rain showers most events took place and the children had a good time. One outstanding event was the open house tug-o-war won by James Lawson's and Ron Sampson's team. After sports entertainment was a weiner roast on the beach.

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Charles Dudoward has just completed two large orders for totem poles. One is twelve 18½ foot poles for a hotel in Prince Rupert.

They were installed last week.

The other consignment consists of two 12-foot poles with wings representing Thunderbirds supporting an elaborately carved 16-foot beam forming an archway when erected.

It is to be a welcome sign on Curtis Island near Daytona Beach, Florida, USA. Curtis Island is a privately owned resort, the property of Norman Curtis. Also carved and consigned to Norman Curtis are two Plains' Indian statues—a man five feet high and a woman sitting down.

Charles Dudoward will be in Prince Rupert some time this week to carry out repainting operations on the outside totem pole of the Totem Theatre.

Besides carving totem poles Charles Dudoward paints landscapes in oils and water colors, and is busy keeping up with orders.

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Mrs. William Spence gave birth to a baby boy weighing 8 lbs. 12 ozs. on June 20. Both are doing well.

Four vessels bring in halibut for sale on exchange

Four vessels landed halibut in Prince Rupert today.

Selling on the exchange was: Bruce I with 60,500 pounds including 45,000 pounds of medium at 20.5 cents a pound; 15,000 pounds of large at 22.6 cents a pound and 500 pounds of chix at 14 cents a pound, sold to Nelson.

Landing at the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association's plant at Fairview were: Blue Ocean with 130,000 pounds; Kryielle II with 25,000 pounds and Silver Bounty with 125,000 pounds.

Nazis chose ocean island for Jews

JERUSALEM (AP) — Adolf Eichmann testified today he tried to save Europe's Jews by creating a homeland for them on the island of Madagascar.

The former Gestapo lieutenant-colonel said he conceived the "Madagascar plan" that was juggled around in high Nazi circles in 1940 but never got past the paper stage.

Eichmann identified principal portions of the plan as his own, particularly a study of climate and living conditions on the French island off the east African coast.

Business failures show small drop

OTTAWA (CP) — There were 729 business failures in Canada in the first quarter of the year.

This was a decrease of 3.8 per cent, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today, from the 758 total of the same period last year.

Liabilities of the companies totalled $26,999,000 compared with $78,495,000 a year ago.

Tradesmen—such as proprietors of food stores, apparel and hardwood shops — were hardest hit with 335 bankruptcies against 326 last year. Failures in the manufacturing industries dropped to 74 from 109 and in construction to 141 from 161.

Hardest hit province was Quebec with 420 bankruptcies, followed by Ontario with 223.

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Concealed microphone judged trespass by British court

LONDON (AP) — Why did William Clegg install that microphone in the attic over Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sheen's bedroom?

To record bird calls, Clegg insisted in court Wednesday.

Sheen said the explanation was strictly for the birds.

The listening device was only eight feet from the Sheen nuptial couch "and every word we said in bed could have been picked up by that microphone."

Clegg and the Sheens live in attached cottages with a common attic.

"I had never been in the loft," Sheen, 52, testified, "but one day recently it rained hard and I went up to see if the roof was leaking.

"I was astonished to find this microphone. It was inside the cardboard core of a toilet role, and the wire led to Mr. Clegg's house."

Said Mrs. Sheen, 48:

"Alfred and I never have any domestic arguments, but it is embarrassing to think that our private conversations were being overheard."

Said Clegg, 42:

"I am making a film on birds with sound track. I set this microphone up in the loft to record the sounds of early morning bird songs.

"It picked up starlings, sparrows, a jet aircraft and a motor scooter. It did not record any human voices."

The judge decided that Clegg was guilty of trespassing on the privacy of the Sheens. He assessed damages of £52 ($145).

Fish landings show decline

Fish landing in Prince Rupert last week fell below 1,000,000 pounds according to the weekly report from the Department of Fisheries for the week ending June 17.

The report showed that there were 751,250 pounds of fish landed last week. An additional 52 tons of herring were landed by one seiner from the Central Sub-District.

Salmon landings amounted to 132,550 pounds of the total while halibut totalled 512,500 pounds and bottom fish accounted for 106,200 pounds.

Included in the salmon catch was: red spring, 58,000 pounds by troller and 47,200 pounds by gillnetter; white spring, 16,500 pounds by troller and 7,500 pounds by gillnetter; sockeye, 1,650 pounds by gillnetter; and chums, 100 pounds by troller and 1,600 pounds by gillnetter.

The halibut was made up of: 36,000 pounds of chix, 323,000 pounds of medium, 140,000 pounds of large and 13,500 pounds of No. 2.

Bottom fish included: 32,000 pounds of sole; 12,000 pounds of grey cod; 2,200 pounds of ling cod; 34,000 pounds of mink feed and 26,000 pounds of crab.

Salmon was landed by 64 trollers and 43 gillnetters operating in Areas 1, 2AE, 2BE, 3X, Y, Z, 4 and 5.

A total of 14 large and 20 small vessels caught halibut in Areas 2AE, 2BE, 2AW, 3A and 4.

Crab was taken by five boats in Areas 2AE and 4 while the remainder of the bottom fish was brought in by four trawls from Area 4.

B.C. BEAST — Around Oliver, B.C. some people claim that the mighty, prehistoric Sasquatch still roams. To give a visual stroke to the persistent legend, this nine-foot high model was fashioned to stir the imagination of tourists visiting the community near the international border in south-central B.C. It was made by Bill Kanerva and his father John, creator of the Calgary Zoo's famous dinosaurs. Kelvin Kanerva, a grandson, paints up the Sasquatch's gigantic teeth. — CP Photo

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