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Tax rate up 1.66 at 52 mills; '59 budget down $292,668

Storms hit Ontario, prairies

By The Canadian Press

The elements erupted in sudden violence across Canada Monday as hurricane-force winds struck in widely separated Ontario points, a snow storm hit Newfoundland and a dust storm blacked Saskatchewan skies.

Winds gusting up to 100 miles an hour caused extensive damage in Ottawa in a 25-minute period as cool air pushed rapidly across eastern Ontario into Quebec, dumping torrents of rain.

Violent wind storms which first ripped through southeastern Michigan jumped into southwestern Ontario and left a trail of wrecked buildings, broken power lines and uprooted trees.

At least seven Michigan centres were raked by the winds. A woman was electrocuted by a fallen power line at Ann Arbor and $100,000 damage was done to the University of Michigan.

SIX BARNS DOWN

A small tornado moved across the St. Clair River and struck a farming area about 30 miles south of Sarnia, smashing six barns, a garage and knocking down power lines. Damage was about $60,000.

In Ottawa, the winds blew six freight cars off a siding on to the main CNR line southeast of the city. One was derailed and the westbound super-continental was held up for 1½ hours.

OPPOSITION LEADER Lester Pearson became a leader of another kind Friday night when he headlined a cast of VIPs in Ottawa's annual Springtime Party at the Coliseum. Mr. Pearson played the leading role of Robinson Crusoe and he is shown leading his girl Friday, CBC actress Toby Robins, out of the wilderness on his desert island. —CP photo.

Safe-driving roadeo set for May 18

The Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce Teenage Safe Driving Roadeo together with the district finals will take place May 18, it was announced today by Chairman O. H. Kniepkamp.

Winner of the district finals here will travel to Vancouver for the provincial finals. Winners of the provincial meets across Canada will take part in the national finals at Medicine Hat.

City Council last night granted the Junior Chamber permission to block off the area on Second Avenue West between McBride Street and First Street for the purpose of the roadeo.

Time for the local event has been set at 10 a.m.

Competitors will take a written examination at the Driving Inspectors office Sunday.

Taking part in the district finals will be teenage drivers from Terrace, Kitimat and Prince Rupert.

Teenagers wishing to take part can register at Booth Memorial High school or Annunciation school.

Anyone under 20 years of age can enter if he has a driver's licence and has been free of a moving traffic violation in the preceding six months.

The three winners of the national finals will receive scholarships. Local winners receive trophies.

All Prince Rupert insurance companies are sponsoring the district finals.

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Lively budget debate peps up city council

By DICK AYRES
Editor of The Daily News

Prince Rupert City Council had a budget debate last night just like the House of Commons and the British Columbia legislature.

However, it wasn't quite as long but it did pep up council, saw every alderman speak to the motion to approve the city's $1,178,333 budget and ended up with Alderman T. Norton Youns defending his honor, his integrity and motives in seeking an amendment to the budget just prior to its first reading.

Alderman Youngs does this every year, at least he has for the past two years.

This year he wanted to lop $10,000 from the budget at the expense of the public works committee's sidewalk program or the snow removal funds.

Last year he wanted to cut the hospital allocation from $15,000 to $5,000. Last year he found no seconder for his motion. Last night Alderman Norman Bellis, chairman of council's board of works, seconded the motion just so that he could speak against Ald. Youngs.

In moving his amendment Ald. Youngs said that the allocation of $40,000 for sidewalks was "out of proportion" and could be reduced by $10,000.

Council, he said, was allowing itself to be smug because it had only raised the mill rate by 1.66 mills but "any time we can hold it down or even reduce the mill rate, it was a good thing."

He said that council should be sure that every dollar that has to be spent should be spent carefully.

"We are building (in public works) a little faster than is justified."

"We should hold things down," he said.

Alderman Bellis said that possibly there was a little more money in the sidewalks allocation than necessary, but council often received during the year, individual requests for sidewalks in addition to those budgetted for. If the requests are made, council likes to be able to acquiesce, he said.

Furthermore, he said, while $11,000 had been set aside for snow removal this year and only $7,500 had been spent there was no way of knowing what snow and ice conditions would be next October.

Alderman R. G. Large, chairman of the finance committee said that Alderman Bellis had spoken in a similar vein to what he thought on the matter.

He said the city must have sufficient money not only for snow removal but for ice-control in the winter months. A bad month could eat considerably into the funds.

He said people and children are continually using roads on which to walk where there were no sidewalks.

"I don't think $40,000 for sidewalks is a bit too high. We have put them in, partly because they are a safety factor and partly because they are necessary."

Ald Large said the mill rate had been held down to approximately what it was last year and he thought the citizens would appreciate council's efforts.

Alderman Gordon E. Carlson then livened up the debate considerably by suggesting that since the budget had been gone over in detail in committee "there was no need to discuss it further.

"However, he said," if Ald. Youngs wishes to discuss it, when the press is here for the purpose of a press release, then I feel that I should speak against the amendment."

This brought Ald. Youngs to his feet protesting that he hadn't spoken for press release purposes and that "people know where I stand and if I can do anything to save the people money, I will."

When Ald. Youngs subsided, Ald. Carlson continued by say-

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—see "LIVELY BUDGET"

Expenditures set at $1,178,333

A total tax rate of 52 mills, an increase of 1.667 over last year's rate was approved last night by City Council in the first three readings of the city's $1,178,333.74 budget for 1959.

This year's mill rate of 52 mills compares to that of 50.333 last year and 45 mills in 1957.

The 1959 budget is $292,668.04 less than last year's budget of $1,471,001.78.

No changes in the budget were recommended last night by City Council's finance chairman Alderman R. G. Large who said that council had worked hard to keep down the mill rate, no small task in face of rising costs.

Mill rates in cities in the south of the province had been raised appreciably, Ald. Large said.

"We have been very realistic in holding the mill rate down to as close to last year's as we could and at the same time ensuring that we are providing all the services, even if some are only bare necessities."

An amendment by Alderman T. Norton Youngs to lop the budget by $10,000 at the expense of the public works department's sidewalk program was defeated 5-1. (See story elsewhere on this page).

City Clerk-Comptroller R. W. Long explained that the main reasons the mill rate was up, was due to the increase in the school requisition and the loan rate requirements.

One mill $14,089 this year

The city will raise its $1,178,333.74 budget from $721,818.52 in general revenues and $456,515.22 in general taxation on 32.3883 mills.

One mill, $14,089.65 goes to the Civic Centre while 16.714 mills or $242,415.83 goes to school costs and 1.8977 mills or $26.739 goes to loan rate requirements. School costs are up $29,029.83 over last year and the loan is $4,173.19 more than last year.

The general rate of 32.3883 mills is up 1193 over last year's 32.269 general mill rate.

Some of this year's expenditures are up, some down and some have remained the same. No change was made in the street lighting allotment or that for the cemetery.

Public works has been increased by $12,530 to $320,423 while the waterworks budget is up $12,530 to $114,674.

The parks commission's budget was reduced $3,085 to $37,001 and fire protection was cut $695 to $80,729.

Also down are city telephone department expenditures with an estimated $174,552 compared to $178.105 last year.

Sanitation and waste removal costs have been boosted from $54,750 to $58,250 an increase of $3,500.

The library grant was increased $1,602 from $11,170 to $12,772 this year.

Administration of justice this year is up $12,743 from $102,875 last year to $115,619 in 1959.

The city's $721,818 in general revenue is made up of:

Penalties on taxes $4,500; interest and tax arrears $1,300; trade licences $36,000; dog tax $875; pound fees $225; ambulance fees $1,500; meter collections (Co-Op) $1,100; building and plumbing fees $2,600; oil burner permits $100; leases and rentals $2,200; payment in lieu of taxes, federal government $10,724; fines and costs $27,000; business tax $20,000; sales tax commissions $250; telephone directory advertising $9,000; telephone rentals $180,000; long distance commissions $38,000; water revenues $135,000; water connection fees $2,400; garbage collections $39,500; night soil $600; burial permits and plots $3,200; local government grants $129,984; utility tax $6,060; sewer charges $53,000; grain elevator grant $16,700. Total $721,818.

Council will meet tomorrow at 5 p.m. to reconsider and finally adopt the 1959 budget.

Four vessels sell halibut on exchange

Four halibut vessels sold a total of 125,000 pounds on the Prince Rupert Halibut exchange this morning.

Prices for medium, large and chicken size halibut in brackets are as follows:

Haida Chief, 54,000 pounds sold to British Columbia Packers for (18.6; 19.7; 12).

Zapora, sold 50,000 pounds to Babcock Fisheries for (18.6; 20.6; 13).

Kaien, sold 8,000 pounds to Booth Fisheries for (18.1; 19.4; 13).

Arctic, sold 13,000 pounds to Booth Fisheries for (18.6; 19.6; 13).

Two halibutters delivered a total of 77,000 pounds to Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association.

The Signal landed 32,000 pounds and the Cape Beale delivered 47,000 pounds.

Revenue, spending of city at glance

REVENUE

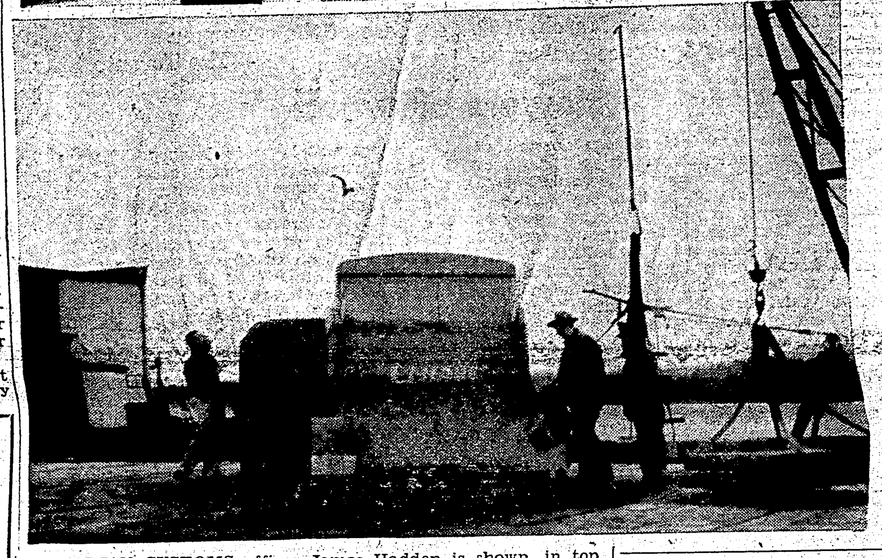
General revenues	$ 721,818.52
Taxation (32.3883 mills)	456,515.22
	$1,178,333.74

EXPENDITURES

Finance	$ 141,136.95
Board of Works	320,423.98
Waterworks	114,674.31
Street lighting	20,000.00
Parks commission	37,001.00
Cemetery	10,000.00
Administration of justice	115,619.00
Fire protection	80,729.00
Sanitation, waste removal	58,250.00
Health	22,800.00
Social welfare	27,650.00
Telephone department	174,552.00
Library	12,772.00
Capital expenditure from revenue	13,225.00
Brought forward 1958	25,000.00
Equipment replacement reserve	4,500.00
	$1,178,333.74

MILL RATE COMPARISONS

	1958	1959	Increase
School rate	15.392	16.714	1.322
Loan rate	1.672	1.8977	.2257
Special rate	1.000	1.000	—
General rate	32.269	32.3883	.1193
Total	50.333	52.0000	1.6670



CANADIAN CUSTOMS officer James Hadden is shown, in top photo, checking sacks and boxes of fruit and vegetables as Frederick R. Martin of Seattle, (right), unloads his truck-trailer shipping project that brought produce from Seattle on way to Ketchikan, Alaska. Goods were checked before being loaded aboard vessel "Urania" bound for Ketchikan. In bottom picture, the one-ton truck and trailer are shown going out on dock to be unloaded. —Photos by Gladys Baldwin.

TRUCK-TRAILER PLAN

New shipping project gives Alaskans break

By GLADYS BALDWIN

Forty hours out of Seattle, 6,000 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables were unloaded in Prince Rupert, Sunday, from a truck and trailer and reloaded aboard the 70 foot fish packer "Urania" for Ketchikan.

Driven the 1,200 miles by Frederick R. Martin, general manager of Martinaire Inc., Everett, Washington and Brien Dyke, this is the first of what is to be a weekly event—the transshipment of fresh fruit and vegetables to Ketchikan via British Columbia highways and the short water trip from Prince Rupert.

It is believed this is the first time fresh produce has been shipped in this manner to Alaska. Mr. Martin also has an application in for a permit to sell his produce in Prince Rupert.

Home office for the new venture will be Ketchikan where Mrs. Martin is owner and manager of the Modern Airmarket. In Ketchikan produce will be distributed to points further north Mr. Martin said.

At Prince Rupert, customs seal on trailer and truck had to be broken in the presence of Canadian Customs officer James Hadden who checked each piece before it was loaded aboard the "Urania". Cantelopes and cabbages appeared to be in excellent condition.

The trip just completed began at 7:30 Friday morning in Seattle and ended in Prince Rupert at midnight Saturday. No mechanical difficulties of any kind marred the trip during which they encountered rain, wind, sleet, snow and ice. Roads were rough in sections, Mr. Martin said but "there was a lot of road work in progress and it will a wonderful road when completely paved."

A one-ton truck and trailer were used for the first trip but a larger truck is being contemplated for the next one. Truck will be stored in Prince Rupert until the return of Mr. Martin, probably tomorrow.

Hansen rites held in south

Funeral services were held in South Burnaby this afternoon for former Prince Rupert resident, Hans Hansen, 72, who died May 8 in New Westminster.

Mr. Hansen lived here from 1908 until about eight years ago.

He is survived by his wife Marie, in South Burnaby; a son Martin in Prince Rupert, a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Steele in South Burnaby and three grandsons, Robert, Bruce and Donnie in Prince Rupert.

PASS TAX BOOST

OTTAWA (CP)— The Commons Monday gave final approval to a bill increasing the excise tax on liquor and cigars—increases imposed immediately after they were made known in the budget April 9.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

City woman's mother dies in Regina

Mrs. W. F. Cameron of Regina, a longtime Dominion president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada and mother of city resident Mrs. L. S. McGill, 326 Sixth Avenue East, has died in Regina, it was learned here today.

Mrs. Cameron, the only woman to be Dominion president of the Federated Women's Institutes for four terms, was awarded the Member of the British Empire medal and held honorary life memberships in the Regina Council of Women, University Womens' club, United Church Women's Missionary Society, the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada and the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

She is survived by her husband in Regina, her daughter, Mrs. McGill in Prince Rupert, one son James D. Cameron, in Regina and five grandchildren.

Mrs. McGill, who was in Vancouver with her husband and daughter Betty at the time of her mother's death, left immediately by plane for Regina.

Prince Rupert has now gone 117 days without a fatal traffic accident.

WEATHER—

Rain overnight, cloudy and showery Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Winds decreasing overnight to southerly 20. Low tonight and high Wednesday 45 and 52.

TIDES—

Wednesday, May 13, 1959
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	04:15	18.5 feet
	17:24	17.0 feet
Low	10:55	4.0 feet
	23:07	8.0 feet