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FROM ANOTHER ERA — FO Jim Holt of Vancouver and Kamloops, a pilot in the RCAF's crack Golden Hawks sabre-jet aerobatic team, tried out the cockpit of a 1909 Sopwith pup fighter on display at the Pacific National exhibition in Vancouver for size. The Golden Hawks performed over the exhibition. —CP photo

31 face property sale as 1957 taxes not paid

Reduction reported in 1959 arrears

Thirty-one ratepayers face auction of their property Sept. 30 for non-payment of taxes, City Collector Derrick Ratcliffe said today.

He said this number have not yet paid taxes for 1957. Under the Municipal Act. the city is empowered to sell property unpaid for three years.

The deadline by which 1957 taxes must be paid is 10 a.m. Sept. 30 Property on which taxes have not been paid at that time will be put up for sale the same day.

Mr. Ratcliffe said the number of people three years in arrears will probably drop to three or four by the deadline.

He said the property of seven ratepayers was placed on sale last year. Of this number, he added, five had later redeemed their property.

The city collector said 92.5 per cent of the taxes due July 31 were paid on time this year as against 89.7 per cent in 1958.

This year's figure, he said, is the highest in seven years. He could not say whether this was a record.

Total of taxes due in 1959 is $739,546. Of this amount $684,747 (92.5 per cent) had been paid by July 31, and $701,591 (95 per cent) by Aug. 31.

Taxes unpaid by July 31 each year are subject to a 5 per cent additional payment and other penalties.

Seasonal increase in food prices lifts living costs

OTTAWA (CP)—A rise of nearly one-half of one per cent in Canadian living costs during July pushed the consumer price index to a record high of 126.4 on Aug. 1, the bureau of statistics reported today.

A seasonal rise in food costs of 1.1 per cent was the main impetus as the index of living costs moved from its July 1 level of 125.9 to pass the previous peak of 126.3 reached last Nov. 1.

The index, based on 1949 prices equalling 100, was more than one per cent above the mark of 125.2 a year earlier on Aug. 1, 1958.

Higher prices during July were reported for eggs, organes, lettuce, beef and pork, offsetting price declines for most fresh vegetables especially potatoes and tomatoes.

HIGHER RENTS

Other factors behind the index rise were slight increases in rent and home-ownership costs, gasoline, taxi fares, hospital rates, pharmaceuticals, alcoholic beverages and personal care items.

The July rise in living costs followed a June decline in wage figures. The index of average industrial wages and salaries at July 1—latest date for which figures are available—was 171.6, based on 1949 equalling 100. This compared with 171.9 on June 1 and 164.6 on July 1 last year.

This wages index, computed from a survey of firms employing more than 15 persons and covering a wide range of industries, represents an average of total wages paid.

In a breakdown of the consumer price index, the bureau said the sub-index for food rose to 120.5 on Aug. 1 from 119.2 on July 1. This still was below the level of 122.6 on Aug. 1 last year and compared with the record of 123.4 last Oct. 1.

Alderman sees pipe upkeep as 'excessive'

A major part of the city's water supply system is in such poor condition that it cannot be maintained for much longer without excessively high repair costs, Ald. Norman Bellis said last night.

Ald. Bellis, chairman of the board of works committee, gave the warning in a broadcast over Radio Station CFPR.

He said a three-mile section of the water pipe along the shore of Shawatlan Lake is kept in serviceable condition only by constant patrolling and patching of leaks.

He made the observations in an address in support of a $980,000 bylaw for reconstruction and extension of the water supply system. The bylaw is to go before voters Sept. 10.

City driver fined $550

A city man has been fined a total of $550 on charges of criminal negligence and failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

Helmut Schultz, 27, of 940 Ambrose Avenue pleaded guilty to the two charges August 26 and was remanded until yesterday afternoon for sentence.

Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite also prohibited Schultz from driving a motor vehicle anywhere in Canada for a period of one year.

He was assessed $500 or in default of payment six months in jail for criminal negligence in the operation of a motor vehicle and $50 or one month, concurrent to the first charge, for hit and run.

The charges arose following an accident on Third Avenue West August 23 that sent a city man, Melvin Paulson, 26, of 513 Eighth Avenue West, to hospital with back injuries and facial lacerations.

Also in police court yesterday, George Sato of Prince Rupert was committed for trial in County Court on a charge of possessing of a stolen $200 cheque.

Sato pleaded not guilty through counsel A. A. W. MacDonell yesterday before Magistrate Applewhaite.

Pool tiling due to start

Tiling will begin on the indoor pool next Tuesday, Civic Centre manager Jacob Vandenbrink said today.

Contract for the tiling work, which is expected to take between four and six weeks, has been awarded to Vancouver Tile Co.

Mr. Vandenbrink said official opening of the pool will take place "sometime in November." He added he hoped the opening could be arranged for the first week of the month.

He said a full aquatic program has already been arranged for the pool. This includes public swimming, diving and life-saving classes.

Fourteen swim trophies to be awarded Labor Day

A host of trophies await swimmers young and old when the Prince Rupert Labor Council stages its annual swimming meet at the Gyro pool, McClymont Park this weekend.

Heats for the swim meet will be run off Sunday afternoon with the finals being set for Labor Day afternoon starting at 2 p.m.

The swim meet is just part of the events planned by the Labor Council.

The day will start at 10 a.m. when track and field events get underway at Algoma Park.

Main trophy of the meet, The Daily News Grand Aggregate trophy will be awarded the swimmer or diver amassing the most points during the meet. Last year's winner was Douglas Small.

Other trophies include: The Labor Council Grand Challenge trophy for the 100-yard free-style open, won last year by former Hungarian champion Frank Fogarassy and the Local 708 International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers trophy for open diving.

Other donors of trophies are Frosty's Lockers, Gordon's Hardware, Shop Easy, Watts and Nickerson, Family Shoe Store, La Gondola Cafe, B.C. Packers Ltd., McRae Bros., Esquire Men's Wear, Deeth's Pharmacy, Manson's Jewellers.

The swimming meet will be officially opened by Mayor P. J. Lester.

Body found in Skeena

Body of one of two men missing since August 15 when the car they were riding in plunged into the Skeena River, eight miles east of Kwinitsa, was found Monday, RCMP at Terrace reported today.

Police said they recovered the body of Perry Bolton, 30, of Terrace after it had been spotted by a CNR crew, floating down the river.

The body was located about 300 yards from where the vehicle is believed to have plunged into the river, RCMP said.

Still missing is Leo Therrien, 24, of Usk.

Two other persons, Mrs. Perry (Cora) Bolton and Mrs. Percy Kennedy of Usk, drowned in the mishap.

No cases of parrot fever have been reported in the Prince Rupert area, acting medical health officer Dr. E. Edwin Stockdale said today. A number of cases had been reported in Greater Vancouver, where residents had been warned to take precautions when buying birds. Symptoms are similar to those of influenza.

Year's rainfall total nudges 20-year record

News brought back by holidayers that British Columbia's weather was poor all over last month is small comfort to persons who stayed in Prince Rupert for the month of August.

Not only did a total of 7.43 inches of rain fall during the 20 days when there was measurable precipitation, but the eight-month total for precipitation this year is the third highest in more than 20 years.

Up until the end of August a total of 57.48 inches of rain and snow had descended on the city. Only other eight-month dampness totals to top that figure were in 1955 when a total of 62.12 inches of rain and snow had been recorded by the end of August and 1939, another soggy year, when 64.03 inches had fallen in eight months. Last year's eight-month tally was 45.16 inches.

LESS SUNSHINE

Nor does the sunshine total brighten the picture too much. There were only 89.8 hours of bright sunshine compared to 92.9 hours up until the end of August, 1958. The eight-month total for 1959 is 674.6 hours compared to 946 hours last year and 714.8 hours in 1957.

High temperature for last month was 72 degrees on August 10 while the mercury dropped to 46 degrees on August 9, 10 and 11. Monthly average was 55 degrees.

Lightning starts fire

Cool, wet weather kept fires in the Prince Rupert Forest district to a minimum over the past week with only one new blaze being reported, iDstrict Forester J. R. Johnston said today.

The new fire, caused by lightning between Terrace and Kitimat,, was quickly extinguished.

The Terrace area fire brought the district's total for the year to date to 49 compared with 252 at the same time last year. Fire fighting costs for this year's 49 fires are estimated at $58,662 compared to $518,580 last year for the same period.

Mr. Johnston said there is still some hazard in the Atlin-Telegraph Creek area.

Quebec premier's condition grave

QUEBEC (CP) — Premier Duplessis is unconscious and in an extremely serious condition in hospital at Schefferville, Que., after being stricken while visiting the Ungava mining community.

Exact nature of the premier's illness was not disclosed, but a reliable informant said Mr. Duplessis is unconscious and his condition is extremely serious.

Woodfibre mill to be reopened

VANCOUVER (CP)—An old firm with a new name has announced plans for an immediate start on a $15,000,000 pulp mill conversion at the Howe Sound ghost town of Woodfibre, 25 miles north of here.

Rayonier of Canada Ltd., which changed its name Monday from Alaska Pine and Cellulose Ltd. will build a 250-ton high-quality bleached kraft pulp mill employing 375 men at the little community.

Bonner, Hamilton to address trade convention in Alaska

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — The 42nd general conference of the Pacific Northwest Trade Association opens today at the university of Alaska. It will be followed Saturday by the first public hearing in the state by the Alaska International Rail and Highway commission.

More than 300 persons are expected to register for the sessions.

The opening day's program includes talks by Robert Bonner, British Columbia attorney-general and minister of industrial development, trade and commerce and Alvin Hamilton, Canadian minister of northern affairs and natural resources.

An afternoon panel discussion will include W. C. Mainwaring, president of the B.C. Peace River Power Development Company.

Representatives from Canada are expected to travel with the rail and highway commission as it meets at various cities throughout Alaska and later at Prince George, B.C. and Edmonton.

No paper Monday

The Daily News will not publish on Monday as the staff joins personnel of banks, provincial and federal government offices, stores and businesses in observing the Labor Day holiday. Publication will resume Tuesday.

Postmaster R. S. Schark said today that all Post Office wickets except the one for money orders will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday. The box lobby will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be no letter carrier service Labor Day but dispatch and receipt of mail will be carried on as usual.

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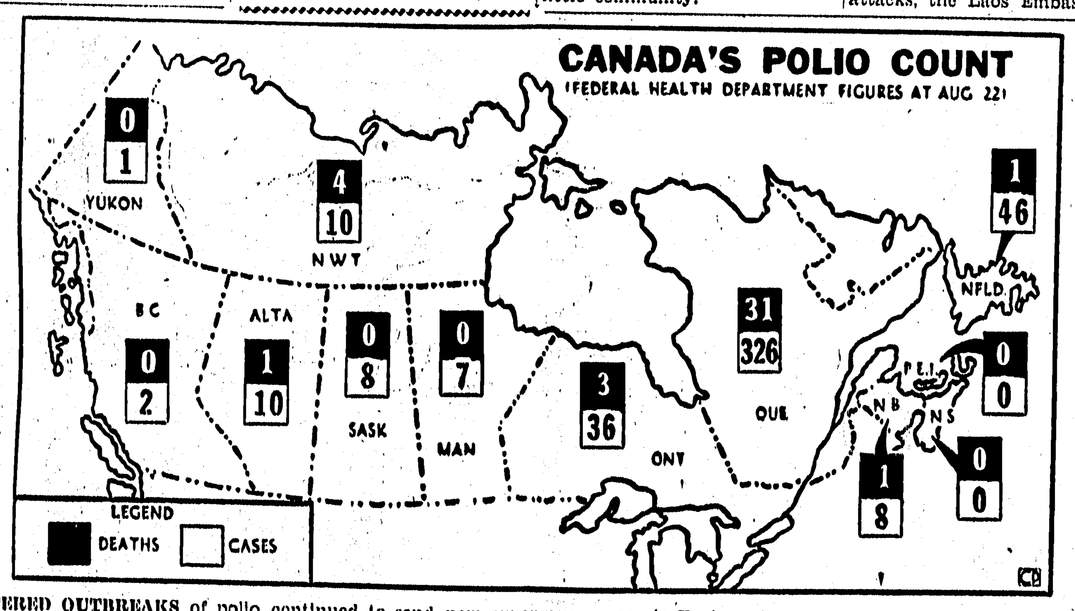
Prince Rupert has now gone 232 days without a fatal traffic accident.



SCATTERED OUTBREAKS of polio continued to send new emergency cases to Eastern Canada hospitals Thursday but there was some indication that cooler September weather is easing the problem in hard-hit areas. Total number of cases in Canada this year now stands at well over 700, with 619 in the Montreal area alone. At Aug. 22, as the map shows, the total was 455 cases, with 41 deaths. On a comparable date last year there were only 64 cases and seven deaths. —CP newsmap

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Stolen Salk vaccine recovered

MONTREAL (CP)—Police recovered $50,000 worth of stolen Salk vaccine Thursday. The loot was found stored in a household refrigerator, cupboard and cardboard boxes in an empty apartment.

Recovery of the vaccine won't help combat the polio epidemic here, however, as it will have to be tested.

Rammed by sub

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) —An air and sea search was launched today after a ham radio operator reported picking up a distress call that a 27-foot yacht had been rammed by a submarine.

Asks UN help

LONDON (CP)—Laos has appealed to the United Nations to send troops to help repel Communist attacks, the Laos Embassy said today. Britain at once announced she favors UN action if aggression in Laos is proved. In its appeal, Laos accused Communist North Viet Nam of intervening on the side of the Red rebels of Laos.

Charge from China

NEW DELHI (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru said today he has received a new note from Communist China accusing India of aggression on the Tibetan border. "There is a big argument over it," Nehru told Parliament. He said the government is publishing a white paper on the tense border situation, including correspondence with China.

Visit Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—Representatives of the Japanese steel industry and export-import firms met briefly with Governor William A. Egan Thursday as they wound up a week-long Alaska visit.

A spokesman for the group said several Alaskan ore deposits had been inspected. He said the prospect of Japanese development of the deposits would be "long range, rather than something for the next three or four years."

Swiss want a-arms

BERN (AP)—The Swiss general staff suggested Thursday that Switzerland strengthen its national defence with atomic weapons. It asked officers to discuss the matter with the country's militia forces.

Liquor code due

MONTREAL (CP)—A national code of ethics for liquor advertising in Canada will likely be submitted to provincial governments later this year, it was learned today. The code was discussed during a four-day meeting at Murray Bay, Que., of the Canadian Association of Provincial Liquor Commissioners.

Unions for peace

MONTREAL (CP)—Claude Jodoin, president of the 1,200,000-member Canadian Labor Congress, said Thursday that international peace can be assured through establishment of free trade unions in every country of the globe. Mr. Jodoin spoke before 1,000 Canadian and American delegates attending the 25th annual convention of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers.

Scottish vacation

TURNBURRY, Scotland — President Eisenhower arrived in Scotland today for a short vacation before returning to the United States from his diplomatic mission to Western Europe.

Eisenhower plans to spend a sporting-resting weekend at Culzean Castle. Scotland gave him 6-room apartment in the castle as a token of respect for his leadership as wartime Allied commander.

WEATHER—

Cloudy with showers tonight and Saturday. Winds westerly 20. Low tonight and high Saturday 45 and 55.

TIDES—

Saturday, Sept. 5, 1959
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	02:20	21.3 feet
	14:50	21.7 feet
Low	08:37	2.8 feet
	21:03	3.0 feet