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Bishop H. G. Watts dies after suffering stroke

RT. REV. HORACE G. WATTS, BISHOP OF CALEDONIA
. . . Refused to give up.

Simple funeral set for Thursday

Rt. Rev. H. G. Watts, BA, LTh, BD, DD, Bishop of Caledonia for the past six years, died yesterday as he wanted to—"in harness."

Bishop Watts suffered a stroke while taking part in the morning service at St. Andrew's Anglican cathedral yesterday and died in Prince Rupert General hospital at 9:15 last night.

A man who spent 33 of his 58 years serving the Church of England in Canada and the Anglican Church of Canada on the prairies, in China, Japan and northern British Columbia, he survived a heart attack two years ago and continued to work until he "burned himself out."

His funeral will be a simple one.

The bishop left instructions that there was to be "no pomp ...no paganism"; just a simple service to be conducted by Archdeacon C. A. Hinchliffe of Terrace assisted by Rev. Paul Mercer of Aiyansh, both longtime friends of his. Mr. Mercer, was the first British Columbia Indian to become a priest and was ordained by Bishop Watts in 1954.

The funeral service will be held in St. Andrew's cathedral at 3 p.m. Thursday.

It is expected that Bishop Godfrey Gower, of the Diocese of New Westminster and Bishop Ralph Deane of the Diocese of Cariboo will attend and take part in the service.

It is requested that there be no flowers sent for the funeral. Donations may be sent to the Bishop Watts Memorial Fund, St. Andrew's cathedral.

Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Horace Godfrey Watts was born in 1901 in Woking, Surrey, England, was educated at Rydehouse School, Ripley and came to Canada in 1921 to Saskatchewan.

He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1926 with his Bachelor of Arts degree and that same year obtained his LTh degree from Emmanuel College Saskatoon and was ordained a deacon in the Church of England in Canada at St. Alban's cathedral in Toronto.

While still a deacon he went to China and served as a missionary in the Diocese of Honan. He returned to Canada in 1927, was ordained as a priest, also at St. Alban's cathedral in Toronto and married Ruth Lampman Jenkins of Ottawa at Chelsea, near Kingsmere, Quebec.

As Rev. H. G. Watts, he then went as a missionary to the Diocese of mid-Japan. Back in Canada in 1932 he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree at Emmanuel College at Saskatoon.

In 1940 he again went abroad after being appointed secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Mission to the Diocese of Mid-Japan.

He returned to Canada in 1941 to become the field-secretary of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada which post he held until 1952. In 1946 he was the Canadian representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission in Japan.

The following year he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of Emmanuel College in Saskatoon and from 1949 until 1952 was also president of the Bible Reading Fellowship of Canada.

In 1950 he had also been the Canadian representative to the Diocese of Amritsar, India.

On October 23, 1952 he was elected to the See of Caledonia and on January 21, 1953 was consecrated as bishop by the Most Rev. Harold E. Saxton, archbishop of British Columbia in Christ Church cathedral in Victoria.

He was enthroned as Bishop of Caledonia in St. Andrew's Anglican cathedral on February 1, 1953.

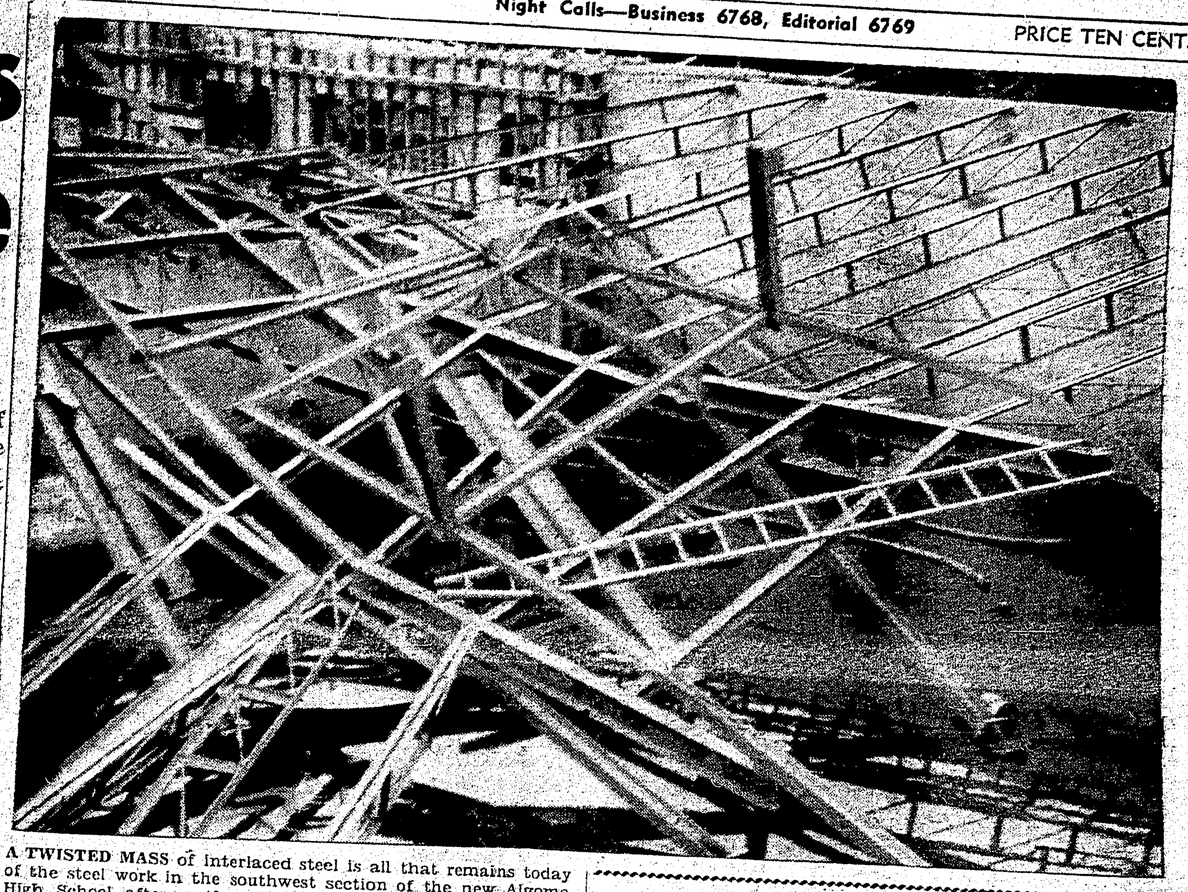
As "Horace Caledonia", Bishop Watts travelled a diocese of 300,000 square miles which extends northwards to the Yukon, east to the Alberta border in the north, south to and including Ocean Falls and west to the Queen Charlotte Islands.

In 1955 Bishop Watts launched the Caledonia $100,000 restoration fund and that same year made a major contribution to the Huron Church News in a message outlining the financial problems facing Caledonia. He also helped write the history and future plans of the diocese in an article entitled "Rise up and Build." On his most northerly visits around the Diocese, Bishop Watts was often 1,300 miles from the See city of Prince Rupert.

After his heart attack in 1957, Bishop Watts recovered to take up his duties again and last summer went to London, England with Mrs. Watts, to attend the Lambeth Conference of Bishops.

Besides his wife, Bishop Watts is survived by two sons, Ronald Lampman Watts in Kingston, Ont., and Hugh Godfrey in Boston, Mass.; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Ruth Sibbald at Jacksons's Point, Ont., and Margaret Elizabeth Watts in Kingston; and one grandchild.

Among the honors Bishop Watts received during his lifetime was the award of a Fellowship in the Royal Geographical Society, in 1930.



A TWISTED MASS of interlaced steel is all that remains today of the steel work in the southwest section of the new Algoma High School after a 40 mile-per-hour gale Thursday ripped through the superstructure, insecurely anchored while workmen were temporarily off the job, and sent it crashing into the basement. The falling beams smashed prefabricated floor joists and tore the stay bolts from the cement walls. The damage is expected to delay completion of the school and cost $5,000 to repair. —Staff photo by Charles E. Giordano.

Sons of Freedom staying as Russian move dropped

KRESTOVA, B.C. (CP)—The Sons of Freedom Doukhobors have handed a brief to RCMP officers here indicating they want to remain in Canada and not migrate back to their Russian homeland.

The RCMP has declined to release details of the brief. For the first time in the history of the radical Sons of Freedom minority sect of the 12,000 Doukhobors in British Columbia's lush Kootenay district, the police Saturday were invited to a conference of the group.

At least a dozen men and women disrobed during the meeting and stood in the nude while their leaders explained the stay-in-Canada plan of the 2,500 Freedomites involved and asked RCMP to deliver the brief to Ottawa.

It was reported the Sons want federal authorities to help in bringing back to Canada their spiritual leader, Stefan S. Sorokin, who has lived on a 25-acre orchard farm near Montevideo, Uruguay, since 1952.

Early last year, after the Doukhobors had been in Canada 50 years, a delegation went to Russia to seek land to start life anew. Federal and provincial governments, seeking to end years of controversy and acts of terrorism in the Kootenays, 200 miles east of Vancouver, agreed to help the emigrants.

The Canadian governments promised to help the Freedomites move when the Soviet government provided assurance that the new settlers would be welcomed. Apparently the Sons did not get this assurance from Russia. The Freedomites have their headquarters in Krestova, a shack town near Nelson, and call themselves the Christian Community of Brotherhood of Reformed Doukhobors.

Co-op floats under repair at Fairview

Prince Rupert Harbormaster William Koughan announced today that the section of floats on the south side of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Cooperative Association plant at Fairview has been closed and boomed off for reconstruction.

Capt. Kaughan said the closure was part of the plan for construction of the entire float area. He stated that work would proceed one section at a time and would be completed within five months.

Little League meeting tonight

The last organizational meeting of the Little League Baseball association before 1959 league play begins will be held 8 o'clock tonight in the Civic Centre.

President George Brown has asked that all parents and those wishing to help attend tonight's meeting for the purpose of arranging final plans.

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Mrs. Nels Ruud dies in hospital

A resident of Prince Rupert for 31 years, Mrs. Nels (Clara Marie) Ruud, 815 Ninth Avenue West died in the Prince Rupert General Hospital Friday at the age of 63.

Born in Sharleroi, Belgium, Mrs. Ruud moved to Vancouver in 1924 and came to Prince Rupert in 1928.

She is survived by her husband Nels, a son Edward Richard of Trenton Pennsylvania, a daughter Mrs. Sarah Crosier of Lockport New York, a brother Ernest Petit of Edmonton, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held 7:30 tonight at Ferguson Funeral Home with Rev. Ivan Gamble officiating.

Remains will be forwarded to Edmonton for interment. No flowers by request.

$50 fines set for city men

A city man, George Edward Cecil was fined $50, costs or in default of payment sentenced to one month in jail when he pleaded guilty in city police court this morning to a charge of assault.

Police told Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite that Cecil struck his wife Queenie across the face causing her nose to bleed.

The incident occurred on the corner of Sixth Street and Third Avenue West shortly after 3 o'clock this morning.

Also in city police court this morning, Ludwig Niemczyk of Prince Rupert pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to remain at the scene of an accident and was fined $50, costs or in default of payment sentenced to 30 days in jail.

RCMP said that Niemczyk collided with a car on Borden Street Sunday evening causing a total estimated damage of $260.

Driving conditions at the time were "poor" RCMP said.

$1000 KINSMEN BINGO WINNER PLANS LONG-SOUGHT HOLIDAY

Mrs. Eileen Graham, 1265 Second Avenue West, who works as a labeller at Wells Ltd., will be taking a long-sought holiday trip thanks to a $1,000 top prize she won Saturday at the Kinsmen's bingo night.

Mrs. Graham headed the list of 27 winners who split a total jackpot in the 20-card contest of $2,000. James Nicoll and A. E. Watson split the $100 second prize.

The Bingo evening added $1,025 to about $1,700 taken in at the last bingo night, swelling to $2,700 the funds made available by the Kinsmen to the Civic Centre as part of their $10,000 pledge toward completion of the pool. The Kinsmen raised $11,000 in an earlier drive.

New election platform set at CCF convention

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia members of the CCF party ended their 26th annual convention here Sunday after deciding on an informal alliance with labor in the next provincial election and a broad new election platform.

The labor alliance, formed with the B.C. Federation of Labor pending completion of details of a proposed labor party at the national level, provides for joint financing and full co-operation at all levels in political education, selection of candidates and election campaigning.

SWAMPED WITH BUSINESS

Business at the three-day convention was so heavy that a number of matters, including national and international affairs, had to be shelved until a smaller convention is held sometime this summer.

In its new policy statement, on which it will base its election platform, the party promised to establish a commission to study educational finance aimed at reducing progressively school taxes on land and improvements if it becomes the government in B.C.

Another pledge in the education field was the establishing of a junior college to provide basic first and second year university training, vocational and technical courses.

It would create a $5,000,000 farm stability fund to help disaster-struck farmers to re-establish themselves and marginal farmers to relocate on productive land.

Long-term, low interest loans would be provided to young farmers to assist them in starting up. These loans would have a provision that the money need not be repaid during the first three years of farming.

The CCF would expand the provincial health and welfare insurance to provide hospital service for chronic cases as well as a larger mental health service. Out-patient physiotherapy and x-rays would be free and federal grants used to provide comprehensive medical services for all.

Once in power the CCF would introduce compulsory basic automobile accident insurance. Other policy pledged public ownership of electric power, telephone services and natural gas and public control of the forests, leaving private operators to handle the actual logging and manufacturing.

A CCF-B.C. federation of labor working agreement, an informal bonding pending completion of details at the national level between the party and Canadian Labor Congress in the proposed formation of a labor party, provided for joint financing and full co-operation at all levels in political education, selection of election candidates and election campaigning.

Prince Rupert has now gone 81 days without a fatal traffic accident.

SUPREME COURT MAY HURRY DATE OF SOMMERS HEARING

OTTAWA (CP) — Chief Justice Patrick Kerwin of the Supreme Court of Canada likely will announce Monday the date the court will hear an appeal by Robert Sommers and H. Wilson Gray against conviction of conspiracy and bribery.

Sommers, 48, former British Columbia lands and forest minister, was convicted of accepting bribes from Gray, 46, Vancouver timber executive, for favorable treatment in obtaining forest management licences in B.C. Counsel for Sommers and Gray appeared today before Chief Justice Kerwin in chambers and asked that the appeal be heard at an early date. The courts spring session opens April 28.

Sommers and Gray [illegible] Vancouver, after being sentenced to five years imprisonment. The B.C. Court of Appeal, in a 2-to-1 judgment last March 19, confirmed their convictions.

Gray's two companies, Pacific Coast Services Limited and Evergreen Lumber Sales Limited, were fined $15,250 and $4,000, respectively.

Police seize records of gold-mine scheme

VANCOUVER (CP)—Police Friday seized records of a gold-mining enterprise in which members of the Baptist Church invested more than $305,000 and which was described by a securities official as being "in a class by itself."

Meanwhile James Harris McKee, the man said to have promoted the scheme to recover gold from Fraser River sands and use the profit for anti-Communist broadcasts, was reported in Santa Rosa, Calif.

J. Stuart Smith, British Columbia superintendent of brokers said all that remains of the money is a certain amount of machinery and "a very outside chance" that a gold-mining enterprise in California may prove successful.

Mr. Smith said in an interview the scheme was "the strangest I have seen since I entered office 20 years ago."

The records were seized at the office of Vancouver accountant A. L. Bruyneel who said he worked on a contract basis for Allied Holdings Limited, a firm of which McKee is president. Mr. Bruyneel said he has at no time been a member of the firm.

Mr. Smith said police seized the documents on his information and further action in the case must wait until the papers have been examined.

He said he was authorized by the B.C. attorney-general's department a year ago to investigate McKee's gold-mining venture, a scheme for extracting gold from the Fraser River sands north of Lillooet, B.C. Work on the project ceased last fall.

The securities official said the $305,000 was invested by persons in Ontario and British Columbia apparently on the basis of "I believe in you and you believe in me."

WILL RETURN?

Mr. Smith said he presumed McKee is in California hoping to [illegible] gold-mining project "to balance the other losses." He said he thinks McKee will return to B.C.

The investments apparently were made in return for promissory notes on the understanding that the profits resulting from the Fraser River enterprise would be used chiefly in setting up a radio station at Prince George, B.C., to broadcast to Communist China.

SECOND SUIT BROUGHT

Smallwood lashes government

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Premier Smallwood lashed out at the federal government and Prime Minister Diefenbaker again Friday from the floor of the Newfoundland legislature.

He announced a second lawsuit against Ottawa, again on the grounds of breach of contract. He also withdrew an amendment that would have reduced the cabinet's powers under labor legislation passed last month.

The premier said his government would sue the federal works department and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for breach of contract concerning subsidized housing in St. John's.

Newfoundland already has launched a suit against Ottawa in the Exchequer Court of Canada, contending the federal government broke a contract by refusing to send requested RCMP reinforcements during Newfoundland's violence-spattered loggers' strike.

The premier also said Mr. Diefenbaker had made an "inexcusable attempt to interfere in a matter of provincial jurisdiction" in his statements concerning the appointment of a judge to the Newfoundland Supreme Court.

Mr. Smallwood said the CMHC had taken from the St. John's housing authority the possession and administration of 192 rental units, contrary to a 1956 agreement. Attorney-General Curtis said he had issued instructions to have immediate action taken against the CMHC and the public works department.

The premier indicated the housing units were taken over by CMHC after his government refused to comply with a request from Mr. Green and W. J. Browne, Newfoundland's representative in the federal cabinet, to replace present housing authority members with Progressive Conservative supporters.

The housing authority is appointed by the provincial government. Such federal government requests were "unwarranted, impertinent interference in the authority and purisdiction of this porvince."

"Only someone with the face of a robbers' horse would try to do it," said Mr. Smallwood. "Only Billy Browne has a skin that thick. A rhinoceros is a sensitive animal by comparison."

WEATHER—

Increasing cloudiness with intermittent rain Tuesday morning. Sunny periods again Tuesday afternoon. A little milder. Low tonight and high Tuesday at Prince Rupert 40 and 50.

TIDES—

Tuesday April 7, 1959
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	00:56	20.5 feet
	13:17	20.1 feet
Low	07:09	3.8 feet
	19:18	4.6 feet