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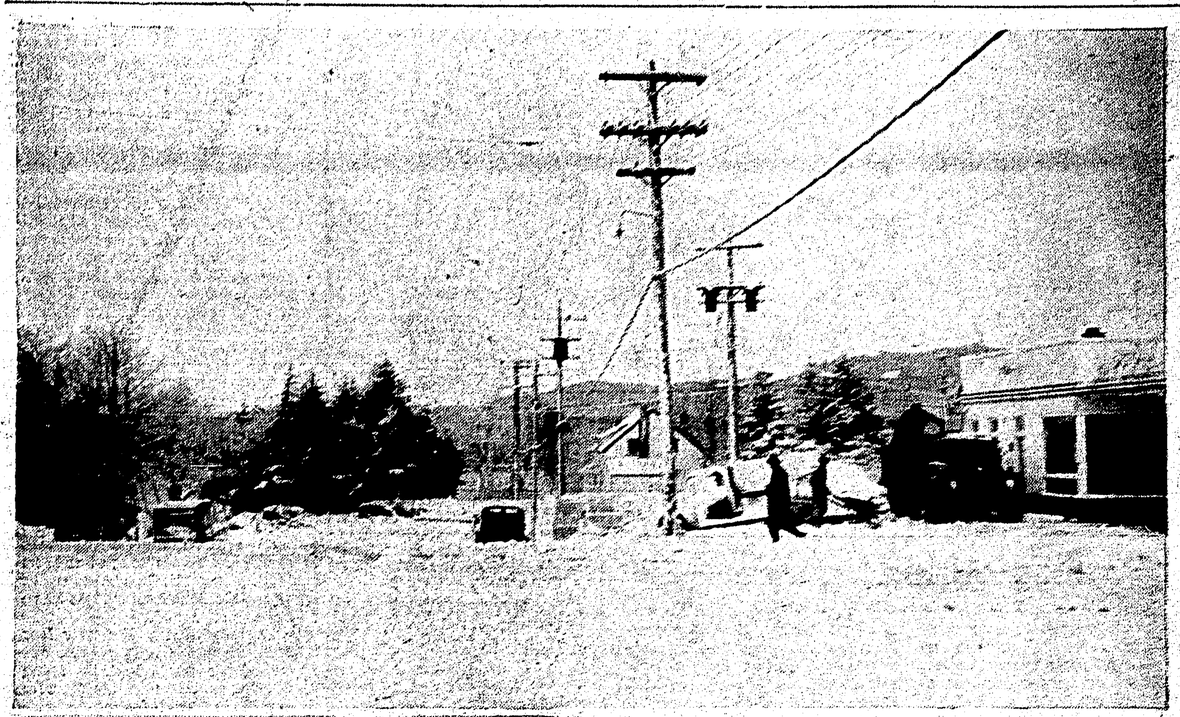


PRINCE RUPERT was digging itself out of heavy snowfall yesterday morning after 7½ inches of snow fell overnight Wednesday and early Thursday morning. Top picture shows Second Street and Second Avenue and service station operator Goodwin Stromdahl cleaning off oil truck while helper wheels away in wheel barrow. Bottom picture shows snowed-in car on Third Avenue West, with snow piled up in centre of street.
—Staff photos by Dick Ayres.

American tug capsizes, six dead, one man safe

Numbed crew slip from lifeboat

VANCOUVER (CP)—The 90 foot American tug Henry Foss struck a rock in a 70-mile-an-hour gale today and sank in the Strait of Georgia with apparent loss of six men. One man was saved.

The survivor, Chief Engineer Edward Hanson, of Port Angeles, Washington, said the mishap in the 4 a.m. darkness happened so quickly there was not time to radio for help. A lifeboat was launched but capsized, Hanson said.

Another man, deck hand Richmond T. Lothian, of Port Angeles, was taken to the medical centre at Ganges Harbor, B.C., but was dead on arrival.

"Lothian almost made it" Hanson told hospital attendants.

"He hung on to the lifeboat almost the end.

"I couldn't reach him when he slipped off."

Others apparently clung to the lifeboat for a time but slipped away as they were numbed by frigid water and battered by high waves.

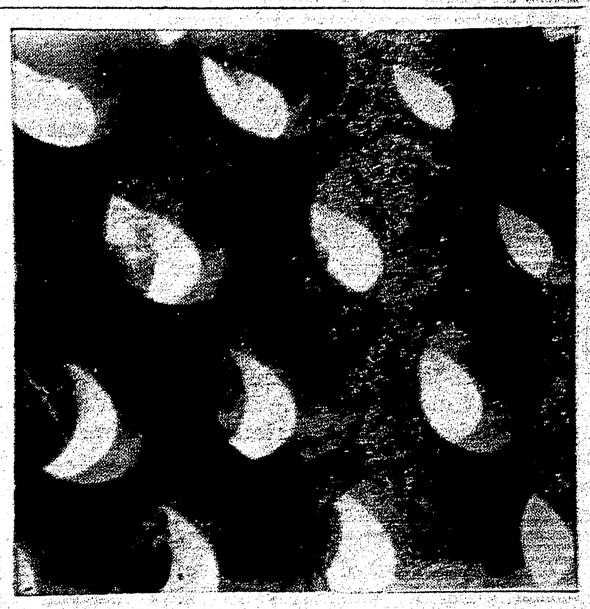
The skipper of the Port Angeles-based tug was a veteran employee of Foss Tug and Barge Co., Warren Waterman, 47, of Port Angeles.

Others apparently lost were Lawrence Berg, 56, mate; Martin Gullstein, 51, assistant engineer; Oswald H. Sorenson, 47, deck hand; and Erick W. Danielson, 60, cook; all of Port Angeles.

Three bodies were recovered a few hours after the accident.

The scene of the sinking was just off Saltspring Island, 30 miles north of Victoria off the east coast of Vancouver Island. The tug was en route from Port Angeles to pick up a log two at Ladysmith, B.C., when it encountered winds reaching 70 miles an hour in the strait of Georgia.

Search was continuing today for two men still missing.



IS IT A HONEYCOMB? inside of a steam boiler? flower pots jammed together? Answer to mystery picture taken by Gladys Baldwin will be found on Page 7.

1951 government charged with BCPC "interference"

VICTORIA (CP)—The Shrum Royal Commission Thursday heard its first testimony of direct intereference by a previous government in the affairs of the British Columbia Power Commission.

Power commission solicitor J. L. Wilson told the royal commission that the Byron Johnson coalition government forced BCPC to sell Hope and Lillooet electrical systems to the B.C. Electric Company.

The disclosure came while Dr. Gordon Shrum was questioning BCPC load development director Charles W. Nash on a reference to "considerable public agitation in Hope" for sale of the electrical system.

FORCED TO SELL

Mr. Wilson rose from his place at the counsel table and said the members of the Power Commission in 1951 did not want to sell the systems at Hope and Lillooet, but were forced to do so by the Johnson coalition government.

He repeated this statement on the witness stand, after being sworn in at the request of Dr. Shrum so that his testimony would become part of the record.

"This is a very important matter," Dr. Shrum said. He asked Mr. Wilson if he was aware of "any other cases of this nature?"

NO MORE CASES

Mr. Wilson replied that there were none to his knowledge.

"Would you know if there were any other cases of this nature?" asked Dr. Shrum.

Mr. Wilson replied that any similar cases would have passed through his department and therefore would have come to his attention.

It was the first clear-cut evidence given to the royal commission probing affairs of the BCPC, of direct intervention by a provincial government.

Dr. Shrum ordered a further report on the influences which brought about sale of the Hope and Lillooet systems.

Successful operation on Dulles

WASHINGTON (AP)—State Secretary Dulles today underwent a successful hernia operation.

Lincoln White, state department press chief, announced the surgery was successful and Dulles' immediate post-operative condition was satisfactory.

White said tissue and fluid were removed during the operation "for microscopical examination."

Such an examination would be to determine whether there was a cancerous condition.

White said the 70-year-old Dulles was on the operating table less than an hour.

The announcement was made at Walter Reed Medical Centre, where the operation was performed by the hospital commandant, Maj.-Gen. Leonard D. Heaton.

Teachers lack qualifications, says report

VICTORIA (CP)—Almost one-quarter of British Columbia's secondary school teachers lacked qualification for their posts in 1958, a report tabled in the provinical legislature disclosed.

The report showed that 2.3 per cent had no training at all and that 22.3 per cent of secondary school teachers and 3.1 per cent of those in elementary schools lacked the required tranling.

However, nearly 30 per cent of teachers in each classification had qualifications that exceeded requirements.

Andy Paull recovering

NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. (CP)—Andy Paull, 67, president of the North American Indian Brotherhood, was resting at home here today after treatment in hospital Wednesday for a heart attack. He has suffered more than a half-dozen attacks since last April.

Two remanded

George Gereneser and Leslie Nykas of Prince Rupert were remanded until tomorrow by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite in city police court this morning on a charge of unlawfully causing wilful damage. There was no plea entered.

Alaskans here for cage series

New Metlakatla basketball team, runner-up in the recent International Basketball tournament at Ketchikan, arrived in the city from Alaska this afternoon to take on Prince Rupert All Stars in a two-game series tonight and tomorrow night. They open series at 8:15 tonight. Prior to the New Metlakatla - Rupert fixture there will be a game between the city's oldest Old Time eagers and a senior league All-Star aggregation.

Student of life

LONDON (Reuters) — An unblushing woman succeeded in sneaking into a stag concert of 17th and 18th century bawdy songs Wednesday night.

The young woman, her blonde hair tucked into a beret and legs encased in trousers, brazened her way past a close scrutiny at the door of the royal festival hall.

Two hours of "ribald and amorous songs and verse" went by, punctuated by male smirks and guffaws, before she confessed her true sex to a Reuters reporter.

Fined $50 for assault

Patrick August Kelly, 51, of Prince Rupert was fined $50 or in default of payment sentenced to 30 days in jail when he pleaded guilty in city police court this morning before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite to a charge of assault.

He was remanded yesterday without plea for today.

To study English

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Amy Hsiao-Chang Chiang, 21-year-old granddaughter of Generalissimo Chian Kai-shek, enrolled Wednesday as a student in Mills College. She will study art, English and American government.

"Pulse change" for province envisaged

VICTORIA (CP) — A Social Credit cabinet minister took a look into the future Thursday and foresaw the day when the "economic pulse" of British Columbia will flow south from the vast riches of the north.

Lands and Forests Minister Ray Williston, who represents northern Fort George riding, told the legislature there is great development there. Peace River power could be the clincher.

He felt that with the next 15 or 20 years the economic pulse of the province, which now flows south to north, would be reversed. He foresaw the day when Peace River power would supply the means of developing the vast uranium riches of the Great Slave Lake area, one of the largest uranium deposits in the world lying north of the Alberta boundary in the Northwest Territories.

VANCOUVER (CP) — The St. Lawrence Seaway isn't going to slow down British Columbia's economic growth—but it won't contribute much to it either, says a prominent B.C. economist.

Prof. J. J. Deutsch, head of the University of B.C.'s economic and political science department, said in an interview that B.C. is too far away from the seaway to be affected much by it.

The province would get indirect benefits from an overall expansion of the Canadian economy through the seaway; possible reduced costs for eastward shipping of B.C.'s bulk commodities; and some of the interest of foreign investors which the seaway will attract to Canada.

Any adverse results of the seaway on B.C., he said, might come from a shift to the west of the divisional point, which determines whether goods are shipped eastward by rail or westward to B.C. for transport by water.

This might lead to some small inroads on the port of Vancouver's grain traffic.

ALLEN'S WIDOW MARRIES

NEW YORK (AP)—An advertising executive says he will marry Portland Hoffa, former radio personality and widow of comedian Fred Allen. Joseph Kines said Thursday night that the marriage will take place here next Monday.

MINERALS, OIL, GAS FOUND

Survey sparks search of Groundhog Basin

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia's wild and rugged northwest region, largely unexplored, has become the centre of a combined search for minerals, oil and natural gas.

During recent days three major mining companies have been reported on a staking spree in an area 300 air miles north of here, seeking rich veins of asbestos and molybdenite.

South, in an area known as the Groundhog Basin, a search for oil and natural gas is expected in the spring. The basin covers 19,000 square miles, about as large as Nova Scotia, and is centred about 650 miles northwest of here.

PROMISING REPORTS

The rush into the virgin territory has been sparked by the reports of mapping crews of the Geological Survey of Canada.

Dr. E. F. Roots, who carried out a survey of the Groundhog Basin, said the area has "increasing attractiveness for those searching for oil and gas." Farther north, Dr. Roots reported asbestos veins "wider than one-eighth inch appear to be spread at least one to every square yard."

H. S. Southers, another geologist, reported "abundant molybdenite" four miles west of the north end of Chutine Lake.

The staking parties streamed into Telegraph Creek, 50 miles east of the Alaskan Panhandle and about 700 miles north of Vancouver.

Meanwhile, oil development companies have taken out 17,029,000 acres of the northwest area on permit for exploration. 12,500,000 of which is held by Calgary-based Pan American Petroleums in the Groundhog Basin.

Almost alongside Pan American, a Portland, Ore., syndicate called Hemisphere Oil Corporation has taken out permits on 445,757 acres.

NEW TERRITORY

These blocks are entirely new oil-hunting country for B.C., where the major search so far has been in the Fort St. John district in the Peace River country.

Possibilities of wealth for the provincial government are excellent if the explorations are successful. Even if not, the province will get $2,500,000 in three years in rent alone.

Skeena M.P. questions government

OTTAWA (CP)—Trade Minister Churchill made it clear Thursday in the Commons that he doesn't agree with the statement of James Muir, president of the Royal Bank of Canada, that the government is asleep to the opportunities of trade with Red China.

He was asked by Frank Howard (CCF-Skeena) to comment on a report quoting Mr. Muir as saying the Red Chinese want to trade with Canada "but I think our government is asleep."

Mr. Churchill said trade with Red China is "very active," adding that in the last year exports doubled.

Bonner to meet federal cabinet on ferry plans

OTTAWA (CP) — Attorney-General Bonner of British Columbia arrived here Thursday night and said he will meet with federal cabinet ministers today to discuss the CPR's plan to end its Vancouver-Victoria ferry service for the winter.

Mr. Bonner, armed with the B.C. legislature's unanimous resolution asking the federal government to assure continuation of year-round service between the mainland and VANCOUVER Island, said he will meet first with Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

Later, he hopes to meet with the three B.C. federal cabinet ministers — Defence Minister Pearkes, Works Minister Green and Justice Minister Fulton.

Adopt centennial flag for B.C., says Williston

VICTORIA (CP)—Adoption of British Columbia's centennial flag as the official flag of the province was suggested in the legislature Thursday by Lands and Forests Minister Ray Williston.

The minister made it clear he was speaking as the member for Fort George—not as a member of the cabinet—when he said B.C. should have a flag to go along with its intended annual celebration of Douglas day. The day will honor Sir James Douglas who in 1858 became the first governor of the province with headquarters at Fort Langley.

The centennial flag, featuring a shield on a royal blue background, was used in the province's celebration of its 100th birthday in 1958. The minister said its depiction of two tall fir trees, mountains, sea, farms and industry have become a well-known symbol everywhere.

Mr. Williston waved one of the flags before the house as he made the suggestion.

The minister also paid tribute to Paddy Sherman, Vancouver Province reporter and leader of an expedition which last year climbed B.C.'s highest mountain, 15,300-foot Mt. Fairweather, and planted a centennial flag at the peak.

Prince Rupert has now gone 29 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Mothers' March Funds reach $1,900 mark

Donations to the Prince Rupert Kinsmen club's March 31 Mothers' March in aid of the British Columbia Kinsmen Polio, Child Care and Rehabilitation Fund, have reached $1,900, Kin president Raymond Billing said today.

He said that he hoped to have complete returns of the drive by 72 city mothers by the beginning of next week.

Meanwhile, he said, anyone who wasn't home when the canvassers called or who wishes to help the anti-polio drive can send their contribution to Box 151, Prince Rupert.

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"Hot time" expected in Vancouver Feb. 27 when former Prince Rupert residents gather

"There'll be a hot time in the old town" two weeks from now when the Prince Rupert Society stages its third annual dinner dance in Vancouver.

The yearly gathering of the Prince Rupert clans will take place **Friday, February 27 in the Flame Supper Club, at the corner of Smith Street and Grandview Highway in Burnaby,** just half a block from Boundary Road.

Arthur Thompson, secretary-treasurer of the Prince Rupert Society, which is made up of former residents of this city, said that dancing will start at 9 p.m. with supper being served continually from 9 to midnight. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 8 p.m.

Mr. Thompson said that there will be no formal program of speakers but the group hopes to arrange half an hour of entertainment.

John Robertson, former CFPR program director will be on hand to tape the festivities for rebroadcast in Prince Rupert.

Prince Rupert residents planning to attend the reunion are urged to write for tickets as soon as possible as admission is by ticket only. Price of tickets is $3.75 each.

Persons who will be in Vancouver on Friday, February 27 and plan to attend should write Arthur Thompson, 119 St. Patrick Street, New Westminster, B.C.

WEATHER—

Variable cloudiness and scattered showers, snow or mixed rain and snow today and Saturday except some clear periods along the extreme northern mainland. Colder tonight. Winds variable 25. Low tonight and high Saturday 25 and 30.

TIDES—

Saturday, Feb. 14, 1959
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	05:32	18.7 feet
	17:53	15.9 feet
Low	11:40	7.6 feet
	23:40	8.6 feet