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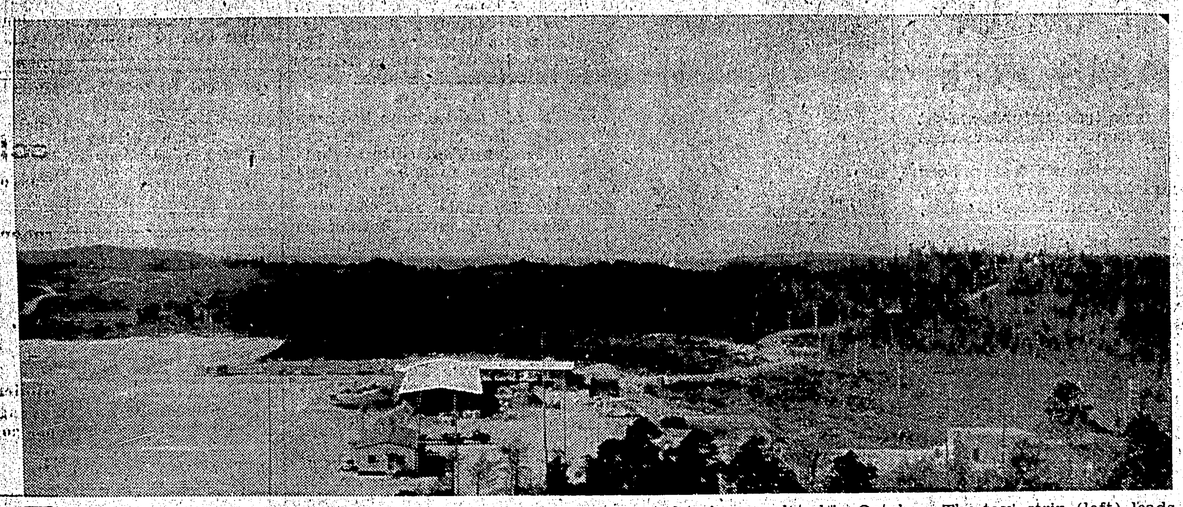
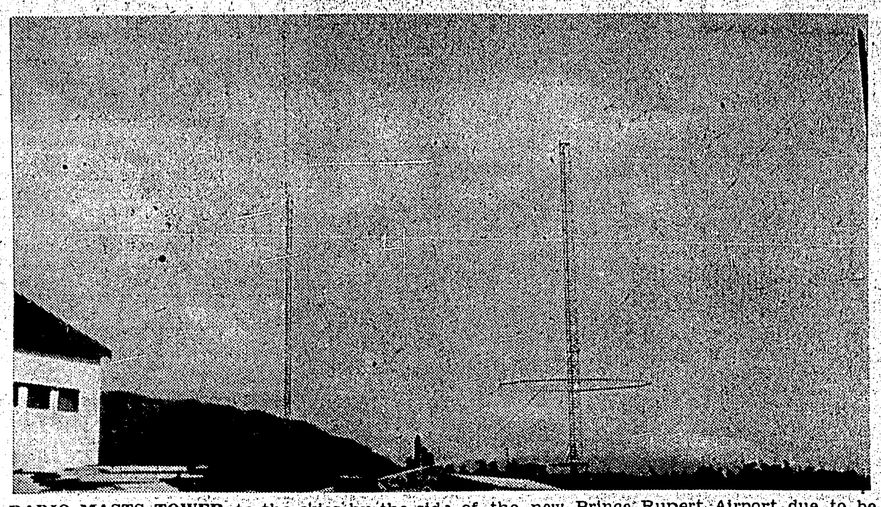


NEW AIRPORT BUILDINGS are expected to be in use when the Prince Rupert Airport opens next month. Nearest to the camera is the temporary airport building which has been completed for some time. The main terminal building in the background is expected to be completed in October. The taxi strip (left) leads to the 2,000-yard runway running roughly north and south along the western shore of Digby Island. The first scheduled flight will take place when ferry facilities on the island are completed. — Staff photo by Gary Oakes



RADIO MASTS TOWER to the skies by the side of the new Prince Rupert Airport due to be opened sometime next month when transport facilities to and from Digby Island are complete. The station will combine air-marine duties and is also hooked up directly with search and rescue headquarters in Vancouver. Originally, the station was located near Dodge Cove further south on the island. — Staff photo by Gary Oakes

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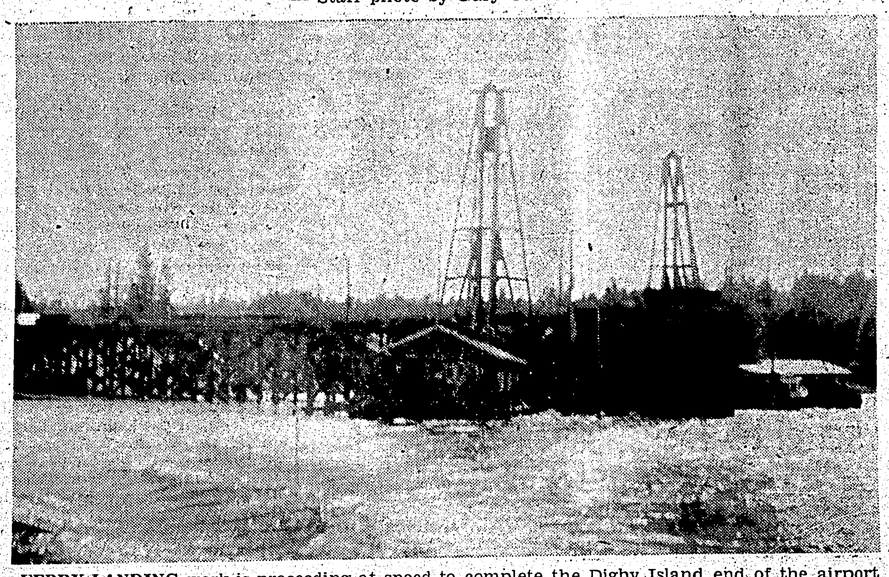
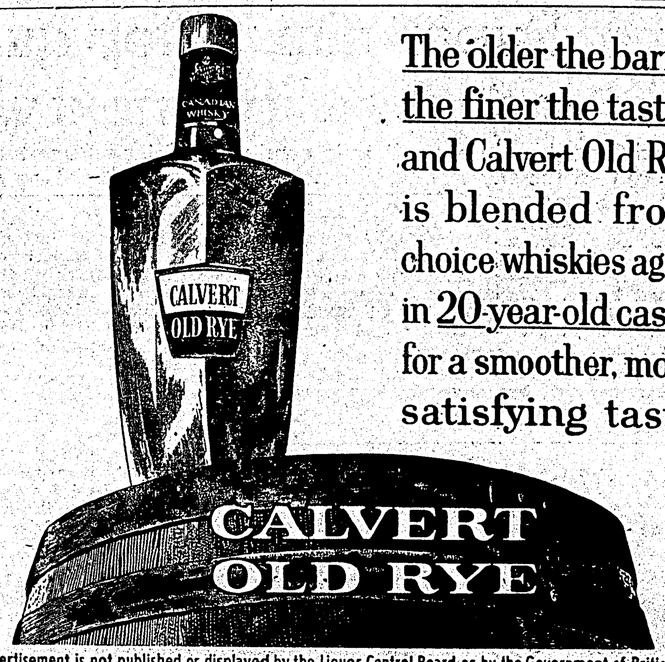


FERRY LANDING work is proceeding at speed to complete the Digby Island end of the airport ferry service by August 16 — the tentative date set for the first scheduled flight to the Prince Rupert Airport. The work is being carried out by Skeena Piledriving Ltd. Vehicles will be loaded at this end from a Barlow Loader at the CNR Ocean Dock. — Staff photo by Gary Oakes



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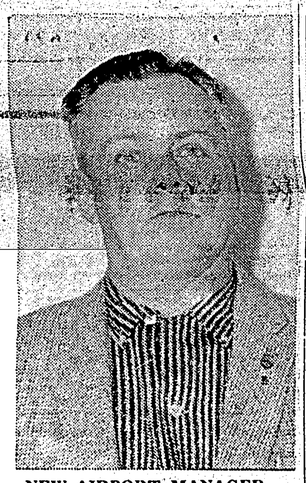

NEW AIRPORT MANAGER — for the shortly-to-be-opened Digby Island project is O. C. "Bud" Fisher. He took up his new duties July 20. Previously Mr. Fisher was manager of the airport at Sandspit on Queen Charlotte Islands.—Staff photo by Gary Oakes.

MEXICO OR BUST — Canoeists Marcel Rochereau, 22, and Gerard Hould, 23, receive a rousing send-off from residents of their native Trois-Rivieres, Que., before setting out on their 15,000-mile journey to Florida, Mexico and Cuba. The two plan to paddle their 16-foot fibreglass canoe up the St. Lawrence River to the Great Lakes, then down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to the Gulf of Mexico. — CP Wirephoto

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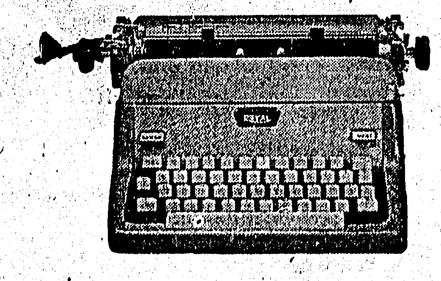

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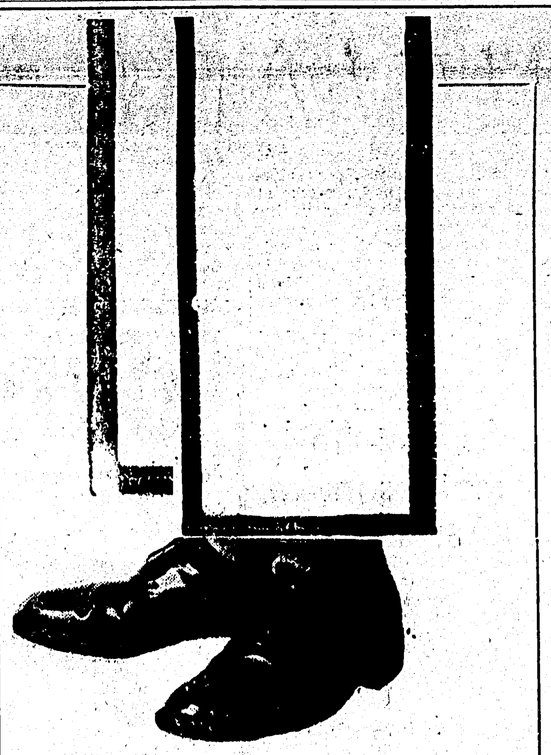

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