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Rupert halibut landings beat 1960—Chamber of Commerce

City may lose out to other townships

Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce was warned last night that unless it took a more active part in Highway 16 community conventions and discussions it would find itself losing out to towns "along the line."

Neil McDonald, who with John Guthrie and A. L. Bell were Prince Rupert's only delegates to the Associated Boards of Trade convention in Prince George September 15 and 16, said Lands and Forests Minister R. G. Williston had said that the available hemlock in the Hecate sustained yield area made establishment of pulp mill either at Prince Rupert or Kitimat a possibility.

ACTIVE CHAMBERS

Mr. McDonald said that the Terrace and Kitimat chambers of commerce were most active and that "if Prince Rupert chamber didn't do something to prevent it," there could be pulp mill in the Kitimat - Terrace area before this city did anything about it.

He said that the $1,100,000 spent on the Terrace to Lakelse Highway was accomplished at the expense of Highway 16, which Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi had promised to keep open and to repair the Copper River bridge.

Despite resolutions urging the government to give priority to completion of the Highway 16 section between Smithers and Terrace and other unpaved portions of Highway 16 before the inauguration of the Alaska marine highway system, Mr. Williston had told Mr. McDonald that "there were only so many dollars to go round and he doubted that Highway 16 would be completely paved by the time the ferry system to Alaska opened.

NOT MUCH HOPE

Mr. Gaglardi didn't promise the convention anything hopeful for Highway 16, Mr. McDonald told the chamber.

Mr. McDonald said that Richard A. Downing, commissioner of the Alaska Department of Public Works stressed to the convention that Highway 16 is vital to the successful operation of the $15,000,000 Prince Rupert-Alaska marine highway project.

Mr. Downing told delegates that the first ferry would be ready by July, 1962.

Mr. McDonald said he got the feeling that Alaskan deegates considered that Prince Rupert wasn't doing too much toward the preparation of its ferry landings for the Alaska-to-Canada vessels.

SOUNDINGS TAKEN

"I told them that the federal government was taking soundings near the drydock to decide on the best site for the ferry landings and asked them what they were doing," Mr. McDonald said.

He said "they admitted that they hadn't done much more."

Mr. McDonald said that other resolutions passed by the convention included:

● That the Smithers airport be improved to facilitate fire-fighting bombers during the forest fire season;

● That the B.C. government create a road connecting Highway 16 with Alaska over a westerly route;

● That B.C. and Alaska work together in advertising and promotion of the Prince Rupert and Ketchikan areas for the Alaska marine highway traffic;

● That 20 more areas for camping, picnicking and boating be established between Williams Lake and Fort St. John, and Prince George and Prince Rupert.

● That the provincial government make available to the provincial museum $25,000 for the restoration and preservation of totem poles.

Mr. McDonald said that next year's convention will be held in Terrace and he hoped that Prince Rupert chamber would send a more formidable delegation than it had to the Prince George convention.

RUNS RAILWAY — Donald Gordon, 60, of Montreal, has been reappointed president and board chairman of Canadian National Railway for another two years. Mr. Gordon, who receives $75,000 a year to make him the highest-paid public servant in Canada, has headed the publicly-owned railway since 1950. His reappointment was announced September 20 in the final minutes of the last session of Parliament. — CP Photo

Figures exclude Butedale, Namu

Halibut landings at the port of Prince Rupert from all sources during this past year totalled 1,000,000 pounds more than those of 1960, the Chamber of Commerce was told last night at its monthly meeting in La Gondola Cafe.

N. R. Christensen, told the chamber's monthly meeting that the halibut landings to Prince Rupert only, and not including Butedale or Namu, totalled 16,681,000 pounds in 1961.

These included halibut landed by Canadian and American vessels and sold on the Exchange or brought in by camp boats, packers and sold in direct sales.

The 1961 landings were more than 1,000,000 pounds higher than the 1960 landings of 15,663,000 and nearly 2,000,000 pounds above the 1959 landings of 14,706,000 pounds.

Mr. Christensen said that prices had been good, with medium and large halibut bringing seven to 10 cents more than last year and chicken halibut prices two to three cents higher than last year's prices.

Shipments of frozen fish were fair to good, the fisheries committee chairman said, adding that while there had been a slump in sales for awhile "they are starting to increase."

Mr. Christensen said that while the main fishing seasons had ended there were still crab, shrimp, clam, flatfish and herring operations planned for the winter.

Both Nelson Brothers Fisheries and the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative Association plants were planning crabbing operations with the former using four and the latter three of the larger type fishing vessels. Both plants would be canning fresh and frozen crab meat.

He said that Nelson Brothers and the Co-Op would be fishing shrimp. The Co-Op would be sending out 15 boats and Nelson Brothers 10 to 15 vessels.

The clam season was expected to open November 1, Mr. Christensen said, and British Columbia Packers Ltd., expected to be canning by November 10, using Nelson Bros. facilities at Port Edward.

Two hundred tons of herring had already been caught by Co-Op boats and had been taken to Nelson Brothers plant at Port Edward for processing.

Mr. Christensen said, that the Co-Op had been expanding its Farview operation and that the new equipment was expected to be in operation by October 15.

Four Co-Op beam trawlers and one Atlin Fisheries Ltd. trawler were already out after flatfish and several other vessels were putting on beam trawl gear. There is a shortage of mink feed to supply ranchers from Prince Rupert to Manitoba.

"More boats are needed if we are to supply the mink feed demand," Mr. Christensen said.

Halibut could still be caught at a ration of one pound of halibut to seven pounds of black cod.

He said that the canned salmon pack had been good with the sockeye salmon pack greater than had been anticipated.

MONTY ARRIVES — Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery chats with stewardess Sumiko Ohara and president Norman A. M. MacKenzie of the University of British Columbia on his arrival at Vancouver after a visit to Communist China. Lord Montgomery came as president MacKenzie's guest for a four-day visit before continuing his journey back to Britain. — CP Photo

Greater grain storage asked for city elevator

The Chamber of Commerce will prepare a brief to two federal government departments to accompany a resolution urging immediate action to increase the storage capacity of the Canadian government elevator by 1,000,000 bushels.

The detailed brief and the resolution will be sent to the Departments of Agriculture and Trade and Commerce.

R. B. Finlayson, chairman of the chamber's port and marine committee, said the preamble of the resolution was based on the facts (1) that recent bulk sales of Canadian grain for overseas shipment had resulted in grain movements which existing facilities on the Pacific Coast were unable to handle efficiently (2) that it is estimated that an increase of 41 per cent in grain handling capacity on the Pacific Coast is required (3) that Prince Rupert is two ½ day's steaming closer to Asiatic ports than any similarly serviced port in North America and (4) that Prince Rupert is the terminus of the government - owned Canadian National Railways and already is the location of a government - owned grain elevator with a capacity of 1,250,000 bushels.

Dr. L. M. Greene, who talked with government officials as a member of a chamber delegation to Ottawa said that while Prince Rupert was recognized as an ideal location for shipping grain to the Orient, the chamber should remember that the new port of Squamish was pushing for a grain elevator there.

"I suggest that we lobby for the extension to our elevator and circularize a brief to all government departments."

A copy of the brief, which the chamber ordered prepared, and the resolution will be sent to Frank Howard, MP Skeena.

Fish eating may reduce heart disease incidence

Increased fish consumption has been mooted as a means of reducing heart disease, N. R. Christensen told the Chamber of Commerce last night.

Mr. Christensen, chairman of the chamber's fisheries committee, said that an international scientific conference sponsored by the United Nations last week had called for more research on fish flour as a means of meeting world nutritional needs. The United States delegation attending the 35-nation conference in Washington, had urged implementation of large scale human testing of fish flour.

The conference said that there "is an exciting possibility" that increased fish consumption might cut down on the incidence of heart disease.

Mr. Christenson reported to the chamber that establishment of a proposed definition and standard of identity for fish protein concentrate or whole fish flour had been announced by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration September 15, 1961.

The announcement said that a manufacturer had visited the federal food and drug agency to discuss a process he had developed for manufacturing a fish flour produce which could be used as source of protein to be marketed at a price "that would be most attractive when compared with the cost of other sources of protein."

The "whole fish flour" is to be made by taking whole fish of varying sizes, grinding them and after removing the fat by a chemical process, drying the flour so produced.

Specifications laid down for the fish flour rule that the fat content shall not exceed 1 per cent and that the final product should have no more than faint fish odor and taste. When baked in bread in the ratio of one part of fish protein concentrate to 11 parts of grain flour, there should be no detectable fish odor or taste.

Missing boys safe at Anyox

Two city boys missing since Sunday night were found safe and sound at Anyox, approximately 100 miles north of here, about 7 p.m. Monday night.

Grant Derry, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Derry of 1125 Seventh Avenue East, and Larry Lindseth, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lindseth of 608 Eighth Avenue East, left town in Mr. Lindseth's boat Saturday morning.

An RCAF Albatross, a Pacific Western Airlines plane and the RCMP boat Nanaimo took part in the search for the 14-foot boat in which the boys were travelling. They had food and camping gear on board.

Parked car hit

A car driven by Stuart Glenn McFarlane of 1600 Eighth Avenue East was in collision with a parked vehicle owned by Northwest Construction about 12:10 a.m. Tuesday.

Damage was unestimated.

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Awards, speeches, reports at Legion dinner meeting

A plaque of honor was awarded to Canadian Legion Membership Chairman G. N. Lemire at the Canadian Legion No. 27 dinner meeting held last Wednesday night. The presentation was made by Zone Commander Samuel Kirkcaldy to the branch for gaining the greatest number of new members in the zone, which covers the area from Houston to the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Mr. Kirkcaldy congratulated the branch on their wonderful progress during the past year. He suggested that the Legion take part in the athletic program next year and send athletes to compete in the Pacific National Exhibition. He stated that he was certain that Prince Rupert and district had athletes with the necessary calibre to enter. "Activities such as these also help control juvenile delinquency," he said.

This athletic program is not restricted to adherants of veterans, but is open to all age groups.

Guest speaker at the dinner was Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite who gave an interesting discourse on the House of Commons, telling of the various branches of government procedure.

Edgar Woodward, an Unemployment Commission advisory representative, spoke of the advisability of having a vocational training centre or job training course of some kind instituted in Prince Rupert, since the closest one was in Prince George.

President Graham Alexander elected a committee to explore this possibility.

Letters were read from Rev. Dr. R. W. K. Elliott thanking the branch for donating a piano and other items to Friendship House, and from Capt. W. D. Sutherland, expressing appreciation for the entertainment and catering done for the Kitimat Pipe Band on their visit here July 1.

A summary of Legion activities was outlined by the president, who informed the meeting that a junior soccer team was being sponsored and was proving very popular. For the first time, a spring bowling team was sponsored and it had gone on to win the championship.

The Pony League, although not so successful, is to be feted at a dinner at the Broadway Cafe.

The Legion boxing club will be starting again for the winter season.

The Legion scholarship was awarded to Ronald Roberts, who is now enrolled at the University of B.C.

William Rance, a life member and bugler for the Legion for many years, presented to the branch the original bugle he had carried all through the First World War. Mr. Rance brought the bugle back with him from his recent holiday to England.

A 25-year badge was awarded to John Munro, who could not attend because of ill health. The award will be taken to Mr. Munro by Rev. D. R. Chassels, Legion Padre.

William Brett reported on the senior citizen's housing project and stated that this work should be underway in the very near future.

On Saturday, a zone meeting was held in the Legion auditorium, with delegates from eight other branches in attendance.

Firemen answer two alarms

Firemen responded to two calls during the weekend with little damage reported.

About 3:36 p.m. they were called to 720 Third Avenue West, a building owned by R. C. Mutch. Children were apparently playing with matches and a small fire resulted.

About 11:30 a.m. Monday firemen had to extinguish a rubbish fire on an empty lot in the 300 block Third Avenue West.

Housing figures lack provokes criticism of council by C of C

The Chamber of Commerce last night decided to ask city council just how much longer residents have to wait for its survey on the housing shortage in Prince Rupert.

What had started out as a routine report that the Department of Transport is seeking housing for two helicopter pilots and two engineers, brought on a brief but heated condemnation of City Council's lack of action on the housing situation.

Alderman T. Norton Youngs told the chamber any action on housing was being "held up until we get a report on the big survey being made by Associated Engineering Services Ltd.," the city's consultants.

A. P. Crawley, president of the chamber, said that he didn't think 'there is a community shorter of housing than Prince Rupert."

W. J. Smith said that about two years ago there were "lots of headlines and front page stories in The Daily News about two apartment blocks that were going to be built but after Ridge Holdings Ltd, came in there has been no action."

Asked what the survey consisted of, Ald. Youngs said that it was a complete survey of urban needs and that it was being carried out by town planners.

The discussion started when Secretary E. T. Applewhaite read a letter from the DOT reporting that two pilots and two helicopter engineers would be arriving in the city to man the giant helicopter to be based here.

The letter also asked if arrangements could be made to find suitable accommodation for the two pilots and their families and the two single engineers.

Mr. Crawley said that there was a definite housing shortage here and pressure should be brought to bear on the federal government to alleviate it. He said that the DOT proposed to bring in a dozen huge trailers to house its Prince Rupert airport personnel.

O. G. Stuart moved that the chamber ask City Council when the results of its housing survey will be known.

Airport phones requested

The City Telephone Department will be asked by the Chamber of Commerce to install two public telephones on Digby Island for the use of small plane pilots landing after the Prince Rupert airport is closed.

R. A. Morley said that at present there is no means of communication for the pilot of a small plane landing on the airport after 4 p.m. or at least after the airport's temporary terminal is closed.

A. P. Crawley, chamber president, said that a pilot could still telephone for a water taxi from the phone in the contractor's quarters near the terminal.

He said that the new permanent airport terminal, when in operation, would be open 24 hours a day.

The chamber approved a motion asking the city to install two telephones, one at the airport and one at the Department of Transport dock.

Mr. Crawley urged all members to attend the November meeting of the chamber at which Richard A. Downing, commissioner of Alaska Department of Public Works will speak.

Date for the meeting has not yet been set, as it depends on when Mr. Downing gets back to the Pacific Coast from a meeting of American and Canadian government officials in Ottawa.

A motion commending the Italo-Canadian Club on its newly-completed Golden Jubilee plaza and fountain was ordered sent from the chamber to the club after the project is officially opened on October 14.

Jones given earldom

LONDON (Reuters) — Queen Elizabeth has conferred an earldom on Antony Armstrong-Jones, husband of Princess Margaret, it was announced from Buckingham Palace today.

The 31-year-old former society photographer will be known as the Earl of Snowdon. He married Margaret in May, 1960.

Today's palace announcement comes a few weeks before the princess, also 31, is due to have her first baby.

Prince Rupert has now gone 986 days without a fatal traffic accident and 166 days without a fire fatality.

Pythian Sister service Wed.

The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Frances Jacobsen, 78, of 1234 Second Avenue West, in the Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Mrs. Jacobsen was a well-known oldtimer of the district having arrived here in 1907. She moved to Terrace in 1912 and returned to this city in 1918.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. William Moorehouse and her step-daughter, Mrs. James Moen; and three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral service will take place at the Ferguson Funeral Home tomorrow at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Dr. R. W. K. Elliott officiating. Mrs. Jacobsen will be buried in the Pythian plot in Farview Cemetery.

Pelican lands black cod

One United States vessel sold 18,000 pounds of black cod on the Prince Rupert exchange today.

It was the Pelican. Prices paid by B.C. Packers Ltd., were 10.3 cents and 10 cents.

WEATHER

Gale warning in effect. Overcast with intermittent rain tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Winds south to southwest 40 in exposed locations otherwise southwest 15. Low tonight and high Wednesday, 50 and 58.

TIDES

Wednesday, October 4, 1961
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	10:23	16.0 feet
	22:17	17.5 feet
Low	03:57	7.0 feet
	16:22	9.1 feet