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Plane service to start when docking completed

Tentative date set for August 16

The first scheduled flight into the new airport on Digby Island will not take place until the ferry docking facilities on the island are completed, in spite of the fact that the temporary terminal building and other facilities have been finished.

This is the situation at present, according to Ronald Souch, resident engineer of the airport for the Department of Transport.

Souch said that the temporary building is completed and that the permanent building should be finished late in the fall.

Houses for the airport crew, radio crew and airport manager or electrician are being completed now and will be ready shortly, Souch stated.

A pump house to bring water from a lake below the runway to a 40,000 - gallon reservoir — a distance of some 160 feet — has also been completed.

The temporary standby power plant, and the temporary radio facilities (non - directional beacon) are both finished and ready to operate immediately.

In the process of construction and installation still are: the permanent standby power building; the standby power units at the transmitter - receiver building and the permanent radio equipment. This work is scheduled to be completed in the near future but probably won't be in operation until next spring.

Eventually the present Digby Island marine radio station will be moved to the airport and will become a marine-air radio station.

The Department of Transport airport manager, O. C. (Bud) Fisher, arrived from Vancouver last Thursday and is ready to take over operation of the airport.

Before coming here Fisher was at the Sandspit airport for the past four years.

He said that an inspection party may be here in early August to inspect the airport's present facilities.

Souch said that Digby's high-intensity approach-lighting system is one of the few installed in B.C. airports. The airport has a 6,000-foot runway and should not be affected too much by adverse weather conditions.

A site is presently being cleared to construct a building to house meteorological equipment for the collecting of weather data.

It has been estimated that when the airport is completed it will have cost almost $10,000,000.

The construction of the ferry landing on Digby Island should be ready by August 16, barring unforeseen incidents, city administrator R. W. Long said today.

The work is being carried out by Skeena Piledriving Ltd., of Prince Rupert, who have placed extra men on the job to try and achieve the completion date.

B. I. Anderson, city agent for Canadian Pacific Airlines, said last week that the company was ready to run a scheduled service to the airport as soon as the ferry service was in operation.

Asked about the official opening ceremony, Mr. Long said that this was being arranged by the department of transport and the date would be announced later.

DRUM MAJOR RETURNS — Returning to Canada, his homeland, this July, will be Drum Major Alfred Moon of the Scots Guards. He will be in charge of the Massed Corps of Drums, drawn from the five regiments of the Household Brigade, which will represent the British Army at the Canadian Searchlight Tattoo in Vancouver, and also of the 200-strong Canadian Pipe Band. Drum Major Moon was born at Vankleek Hill, Hawkesbury, Ontario, thirty years ago. His father was Canadian and his mother Scottish. After living in Montreal Drum Major Moon came to Britain in 1945 and joined the Scots Guards as a boy-soldier two years later.

Sawmill complaints received by council

Complaints have been received from residents of the city in the vicinity of Ambrose Avenue and Overlook of smoke and noise from the Prince Rupert Sawmills Ltd., it was reported to city council Monday night.

J. W. Deane of 976 Ambrose complained to council by letter that during the past few months the noise and smoke had reached a stage where the latter was keeping people awake nights and the smoke "smokes up Ambrose Avenue."

He went on: "The drag chains which take up the sawdust and slabs to the burner apparently have not been lubricated and the noise that comes from them is so great that many of the residents have trouble sleeping. This is particularly so since the second shift has been put on the last few weeks which keeps the mill in operation until 2:15 a.m."

Mr. Deane went on to say that the city must have some agreement with the company controlling noise and smoke.

Mr. Deane also considered that the burner had become clogged so that the majority of the smoke came out the bottom instead of the top. No apparent attempt, he said, has been made apparently to clean the burner.

Mayor P. J. Lester has written the company urging them to deal with the matter as Mr. Deane's letter is not alone. He said: "We understand you are taking steps to eliminate the noise and hope your efforts will be successful. Will you also please make every attempt to eliminate, or at least decrease, the amount of soot that eminates (emanates) from your burners."

The council approved the letter which concluded by asking the council be informed of the steps taken to counteract the nuisance.

Early teacher dies Monday

Requiem mass will be held for Mrs. Alice Blain, 68, 123 Elizabeth Apartments, First Avenue, Wednesday, at 9 a.m. with Father M. C. Murphy officiating.

Mrs. Blain died at the Prince Rupert General Hospital after a prolonged illness. She first came to Prince Rupert in 1914, from St. Bernard, Que., where she was born. For a time she taught school on Lucy Island off Metlakatla Pass. She was an active member of the Catholic Women's League.

Mrs. Blain is survived by her husband, Leon, a sister, Mrs. Robert Armstrong; a son, Emil, all of Prince Rupert; one daughter, Mrs. Frederick Lemoine of Vancouver; and 10 grandchildren.

Prayers will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Ferguson Funeral Home. Interment will be at Fairview.

Impaired driver loses licence

A charge of impaired driving brought a $50 fine and three-month's suspension of his driver's licence to Adolf Smidt of Prince Rupert Tuesday in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

Smidt pleaded guilty to the charge which was laid after a minor motor-vehicle accident early Tuesday morning.

Police stated that a car driven by Smidt struck a telephone pole at the intersection of Third Avenue West and McBride Street causing minor damage.

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GOOD HARVEST

VERNON (CP) — The agriculture department said Monday the Okanagan apricot harvest now is in full swing.

Top catch landed by Co-Op ship

What is believed to be the biggest halibut catch ever landed in Prince Rupert was brought in Monday to the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative Association's plant at Fairview by the Northern Dawn.

The 75-foot vessel, captained by J. H. Johnson of 1800 Atlin Avenue weighed in at 162,300 pounds of halibut. She had originally hailed 155,000 pounds.

This is believed to be the biggest catch ever landed in port since the days of the "dory" boats around 1910.

In those days large "schooner" vessels, from 90-110 feet, landed loads of about 175,000 pounds. The "schooner" or mother ship would send out several small "dory" boats to do the actual fishing.

Last year the Silver Bounty had a catch of some 170,000 pounds but 20,000 pounds were unloaded at Sand Point in Alaska and the vessel landed in Prince Rupert with 150,000 lbs.

The Northern Dawn carries a crew of eight including the captain.

It was the second trip for the vessel which was built in 1960 and purchased this year. The maiden voyage June 3 netted a total of 150,000 pounds.

The Northern Dawn is owned by four partners. Captain Johnson; T. P. Pallant, captain of the Silver Bounty; crew member G. F. Nicholls and engineer G. H. Olafson all have a share in the vessel which is worth approximately $200,000 complete with gear.

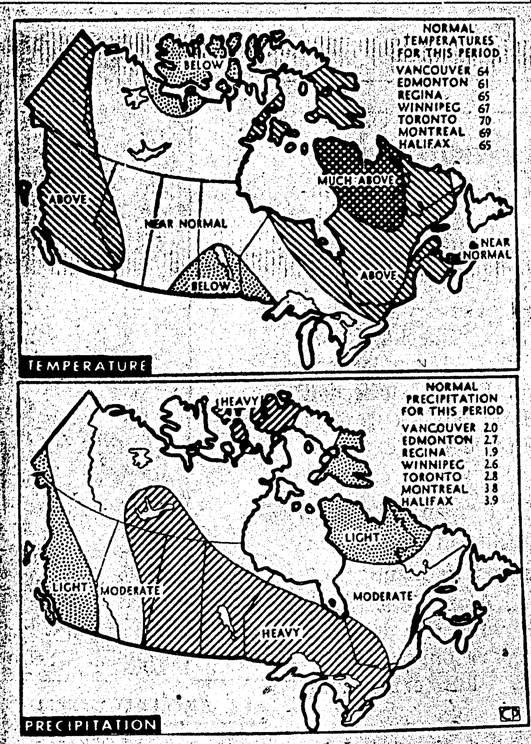
It was built by Matsumoto Ship Yards of North Vancouver.

Elevators destroyed by wild fire

WILCOX, Sask. (CP) — Farmers around this small drought-stricken farming community 25 miles south of Regina rallied with their precious water resources Monday afternoon to battle a wild grain elevator fire.

The fire, brought under control at about 9 p.m. (PST), destroyed three grain elevators, their four annexes, two Canadian Pacific Railway boxcars and the community curling and skating rink.

Patterson agent Ray Argue said, "we were right there loading grain. Nobody knows how it got started."



WARM AND DRY—That's the long range weather forecast for Prince Rupert district and most of the West Coast for the next 30 days. On the other hand, rain is predicted for the drought-stricken prairie regions. The United States weather office, in making this forecast, cautiously points out that a major change in the weather pattern could bring about major errors. — CP Newsmap

B.C. ROUNDUP

No racial violence says Alberni Indian Agent

VICTORIA (CP)—A spokesman for the Department of Indian Affairs Monday denied published reports that he had opened an investigation into a reported brawl between Indians and whites in a Vancouver Island fishing village.

William Bailey, Indian agent at Port Alberni, said reports of a brawl at Tofino early Saturday as being an outbreak of racial violence were "sheer nonsense."

"To say that they were racial clashes is just so much tripe," he said. "There are about 100 fishing boats tied up at Tofino right now and the boys had a night on the town."

Murder charge laid

LYTTON (CP) — Raymond Tom, 51, appeared in police court at this Fraser Canyon centre Monday, and was remanded for eight days on a charge of murder.

Workers laid off

VANCOUVER (CP) — Continuing high forest fire hazard has brought layoff of more than 200 sawmill workers on southern Vancouver Island. Some have been away from work three weeks and authorities said today there is no hope for a return to work before it rains.

Parking price up

VICTORIA (CP)—The city's new dime meters were made legal Monday one week after they began going up on downtown streets. A bare quorum of aldermen took 10 seconds to give final reading to the belated by-law change increasing meter rates in the one-hour zone from five cents to 10.

Unionists object

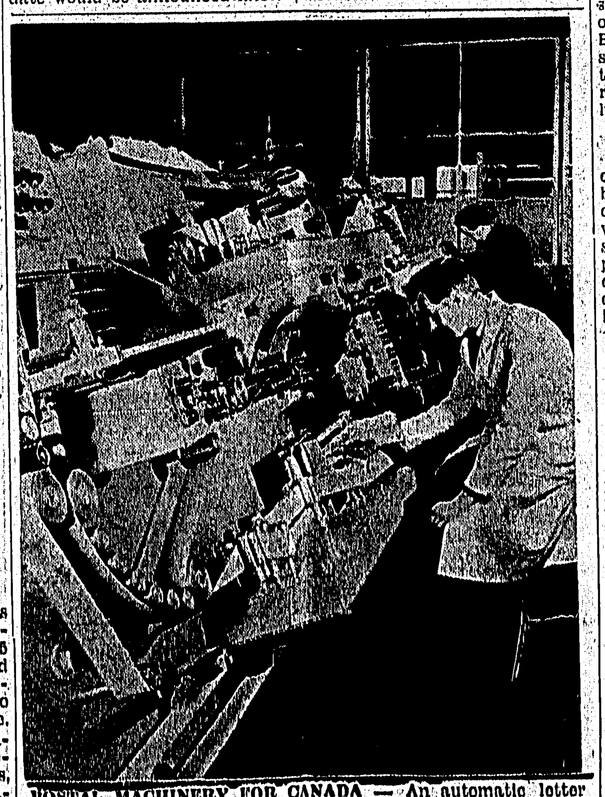
KAMLOOPS (CP) — The Kamloops local of the International Typographical Union (CLC) announced Monday its withdrawal from the city labor council in protest against use of the council's funds to send a delegate to the New Party's founding convention.

Business improves

VICTORIA (CP) — The forest service Monday reported signs of improved business activity in B.C.'s lumber industry as timber scaling figures indicated production would catch up to the 1960 record. Officials said there is "a heartening trend."

Co-ordinator named

VANCOUVER (CP) — Capt. Herbert Walter Dale-Johnson, 46, has been named marine rescue co-ordinator to succeed the man who six years ago was responsible for saving his life. The appointment was announced Monday by Capt. J. C. Barbour, western chief of the Canadian Marine Service.



POSTAL MACHINERY FOR CANADA — An automatic letter facing machine, of the type which is being supplied to the Canadian Post Office, receives final adjustments at the London, England, factory of the British company which is manufacturing the machines. The facing machine shown here is part of a set of equipment for automatic mail handling, and is normally used in conjunction with segregating and grading machines made by the same company.

Hotel extension plan passes council stage

A major development is in the preliminary stages in the city now that city council Monday night approved the close of the laneway leading from Sixth Street to Seventh Street by the side of the present Prince Rupert Hotel.

The closure of this lane, as recommended to council by the finance committee, will permit the building of an extension across the lane to vacant land on the corner of Sixth Street and First Avenue, opposite Tony's Drive-In. This will join lots 11 and 12 to lots 13 and 14.

The lane will be relocated on lot 9 and a portion of lot 10. City Clerk R. W. Long will prepare a bylaw to authorize the changes, it was decided by council.

Charles Reda, manager of the hotel, today refused to reveal any details of the proposed new structure saying: "My partner has told me not to say anything to the press at this stage."

It is believed, however, the extension will be a multi-storey structure comprising some 60 new rooms.

President of the company, Prince Rupert Hotel (1957) Ltd., Frances Streif is at present visiting the United States, said Mr. Reda, with a view to incorporating the latest hotel design development from that country into the new extension.

The corner site will require extensive clearing as it is composed of a large rock hillock which will require blasting. Preliminary work on this stage of the development appears to have been started. Mr. Reda refused to give any details of the work in keeping with his previous statement.

The land is owned by the hotel company.

Illegal entry arrest made by RCMP

VANCOUVER (CP) — A Chinese laundry worker charged with conspiring to bring three illegal immigrants to Canada Monday asked the courts for a three - months adjournment of his trial.

His lawyer, Harry Fan, told police court:

"It took 50 RCMP officers three years to lay the charges so it will take me at least three months to prepare the defence."

The laundry worker is Wong Fun, 55, who was arrested in Whitehorse, Yukon, last Friday and escorted to Vancouver during the weekend for trial.

The Crown alleges Fun was an agent in a scheme to bring Chinese into Canada by creating paper families for Chinese already here.

Magistrate Gordon Scott adjourned the case to July 31 when a further adjournment will be granted.

Festival ballet opens in south

VANCOUVER (CP) — After two weeks of international movies and a spectacular 10-day military tattoo, Vancouver Festival goers turned Monday night to the theatre, the serious business of the city's annual cultural jamboree.

Lieutenant - Governor George Pearkes declared open the "arts" section of the fourth Vancouver International Festival from a balcony outside the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. A crowd of 2,000 turned to watch the festival flag broken overhead as trumpeters sounded a fanfare.

The crowd then surged into the big theatre for the opening performance of the New York City Ballet's six-night run.

Fishing time has been extended by the fisheries department in the following areas: Salmon purse seine areas 3 and 4, Nass River salmon gillnet area, Skeena River salmon gillnet area, statistical areas 3X, 3Y and 3Z.

Times now will be from 6 p.m. Thursday, July 27, to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 30 — an extension of 24 hours.

Group urge city terminus for highway

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — Director Harry Loder of the Eastern British Columbia Northern Trans - Canada Highway Route Association says his group is pushing for the northern Trans - Canada highway to run from Alberta to Prince Rupert.

Mr. Loder Monday was commenting on an Edmonton statement by president William Hawrelak of the Trans - Canada Highway System Association that the TCHSA is pressing to have the Yellowhead route completed during the 1967 centennial year.

At present only 46 of the 300 miles from Jasper, Alta. to Kamloops is paved.

Mr. Loder said the Yellowhead route wouldn't help in developing the proposed Pacific Northern Railway or the Prince Rupert-Alaska ferry system.

Mr. Loder said his association is not opposed to the Yellowhead highway, but, it feels both Trans-Canada highways should not end up in Vancouver.

KAMLOOPS (CP) — Brian Devlin, a 30-year-old construction camp laborer, was lodged in provincial jail facilities here today to await preliminary hearing on a charge of murder.

The charge was laid Sunday at Field, B.C., following the death in Calgary Saturday of John Iafrancesco of Field.

Iafrancesco, 24, died in hospital from injuries received in a fist fight. He was taken to Calgary early Saturday after being treated by a doctor in Golden, B.C.

Provincial minister says no word received from Ottawa on Columbia

VICTORIA (CP) — Lands and Forest Minister Williston said Monday that progress is being made on engineering for the huge Columbia River development but he has heard nothing on federal-provincial finance negotiations for the scheme.

He said his department is going ahead with arrangements for public hearings in the Kootenays to determine compensation for flooding and details of water levels.

Mr. Williston said nothing further has been heard on Premier Bennett's negotiations with federal Finance Minister Fleming over project financing.

He said the exact costs cannot be determined until after the public hearings, expected late in August.

Mr. Williston had no comment on reports that the B.C. Energy Board's full study of Columbia and Peace river projects will be made at the special legislative session opening August 1.

Licence removed from car driver

Driving without due care and attention cost Robert Charles Jackson of 817 Fraser Street $50 Tuesday when he appeared in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

Jackson was also fined $2.50 on a charge of failing to produce a driver's licence and had his licence suspended for three months. He was allowed until July 29 to pay his fine and costs. He pleaded guilty to both charges.

RCMP said that the charges were laid as a result of erratic driving early Tuesday morning.

Prince Rupert has now gone 919 days without a fatal traffic accident.

WEATHER

Sunny with cloudy periods Wednesday and little change in temperature. Winds northwest 15. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 52 and 65.

TIDES

Wednesday, July 26, 1961 (Pacific Standard Time)

High	12:31	10.2 feet
Low	06:15	1.8 feet
	18:17	6.2 feet