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Prince Rupert Floated Last Night

MANITOBA HAS FOUR HUNDRED DIVORCE CASES AWAITING TRIAL IN COURTS

Prince Rupert Moved to Flat Bottom Early This Morning

Pumping Commenced Last Night and the Vessel Cleared Bottom in Three Hours; Ready for Travel in Few Days

Word was received here this morning by R. Beaumont, superintendent of G. T. P. steamships, saying that the pumping of the Prince Rupert commenced last night at 8 o'clock and the vessel cleared the bottom in three hours and was moved into a better position to a place where there was a level bottom and shallower water at 3 a. m.

Before the pumping is completed the pumps will be shifted and part of the cofferdam removed in order to lighten the upper part of the vessel. Then the Prince Rupert will be pumped dry and floated. It should take from four to six days preparing her to leave under her own steam.

The vessel is now practically safe and it is understood she will come here as soon as she is ready to travel.

Various estimates have been made in regard to the time it will take to repair the Prince Rupert. It is understood that it will take from three to four months, so that she should be ready to come back on the run in time for the opening of the busy season.

SEAPLANES UP THE MACKENZIE

Need of Landing Places Eliminated and Only Gas Stations Necessary

CONVEY PASSENGERS TO NEW OIL FIELDS

EDMONTON, Dec. 15.—Sea planes are to be used with coming of open water next year in order to transport passengers and others interested to the oil fields at Fort Norman and Windy Point. Capt. "Wop" May, representing the largest aeroplane company of this city who is understood to also be representing the interests of the Imperial Oil Co., is at present in the east making arrangements for the acquisition of these sea planes for northern transportation.

Landing Places Not Needed.
Sea planes will eliminate the necessity of the creation of landing places in the unsettled lands of northern Alberta and the North West Territories. All that will be necessary will be the creation of gasoline and oil supply stations at various points along the great rivers and lakes of the north. Sea planes will be able to "land" on any of the rivers of the north with the ease that have characterized the "landing" of this class of planes in the bays and inlets of the ocean.

Just how many planes are to be brought to this city cannot be learned. Captain May has been in the east for a considerable time conducting all necessary arrangements and looking into types of planes that will be suitable for the work in the north.

This proposed new development in northern transportation will mean a great deal in the saving of time and money to the oil interests of the north. While it is obvious that the present sea planes will only be used as a means of passenger carrying traffic, it is fully expected that the aeroplane company will be alive to the possibilities of the hour and will extend its equipment to the fullest possible extent in order to keep abreast with the demand.

OUTSTANDING MERCHANT.

A. E. McKenzie, of the wholesale seed company of that name at Brandon, Man., is one of Manitoba's outstanding merchants. He believes that the closer settlement of the lands along the prairie railways will ease the burden of taxation and will go far towards liquidating the national debt.

MAY CHANGE DATE

Opening of Legislature Likely to Be Delayed Later Than January 20.

VICTORIA, Dec. 15.—No decision has as yet been arrived at as to the date of the opening of the next session of the provincial legislature, the first of the Fifteenth Parliament of British Columbia. Premier Oliver states.

When the proclamation dissolving the last legislature was issued the date for the reassembling of the new House was fixed for January 20 next, though the date can be changed.

The Premier stated that as yet the matter has not been considered. So far there has not been opportunity of getting a full executive council session together, but this question of the date of the opening of the Legislature will be among many which will be dealt with next week.

Since his return from his campaigning tour, Premier Oliver has been busy catching up with arrears of work and his ministers have been in the same plight. This week all the ministers will be back in the city, when the executive sessions will be commenced in earnest.

Municipal election matters and the state of affairs at the Hays Cove shingle mill were among the questions taken up at the Trades and Labor Council meeting last night. It is likely that a special meeting of the council will soon be held for the purpose of organizing for the municipal campaign.

HEAVY SEAS ON FISHING BANKS

Schooners Seek Shelter and Fish Spasmodically—Two Big Boats Arrive Today

The two halibut schooners Vansee and Prospector reached port this morning from the outside. The former had 70,000 pounds, which was sold at private sale to the Pacific Sea Products Association, while the latter had 60,000 pounds for the Albin Fisheries. The Vansee was due here last night, but rough weather delayed her several hours.

Both vessels report very heavy weather outside and most of the boats have been spending the last fortnight in shelter, running out to fish on every possible occasion. After the weather has fared up and there has been some favorable time for fishing, there should be some big catches arriving here.

The price for halibut being paid now is quite low, as the demand for fish on the Eastern market is not very strong, turkey and beef being the main items of fare on the Eastern tables at the Christmas season.

COME STRAIGHT FROM SWEDEN TO RUPERT

Ole T. Pearson and Miss Annie S. Larsen were Arrivals on Last Evening's Train

Among the arrivals in the city on last night's train were Ole T. Pearson and Miss Annie S. Larsen who have arrived straight from Stockholm, Sweden, to renew old acquaintances in Prince Rupert. Both are well known old timers here and will be welcomed by their many friends.

Mr. Pearson has mining interests at Alice Arm, where he was associated with Ole Evindsen. He will go North in a few days.

Miss Larsen will remain in the city to visit with her friends.

L. Eik, another well known Scandinavian, also arrived on last night's train. He, however, came only from Saskatchewan where he is now located.

The C. P. R. steamer Princess Mary will arrive here on Sunday from Skagway instead of Saturday as scheduled. She will be two days late in leaving Vancouver for the north, as she will not leave Vancouver until December 27. Next week the Princess Beatrice resumes her weekly service from Vancouver and will arrive here on December 25.

W. G. Humble returned today from Vancouver where he has been visiting with his family who recently moved from this city.

Terrace arrivals last night included W. F. Mawdsley, P. Kilmarin and Carl Lindbloom.



MOTOR DEALERS HOLD CONVENTION IN WINNIPEG.

Two hundred garage and service station managers representing points in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the West, are attending an all week convention in Winnipeg this week. Three lectures are taking special classes during the week. They are, F. N. Miller, special Willard factory representative of Minneapolis; W. N. Littlewood, of Chicago, who speaks on lighting, starting and ignition, and Charles S. Anderson, of the Imperial Brass Company, Chicago, who speaks on oxy-acetylene welding.

NEW TENDERS GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Word Received that Contract Will Be Let Before the House Meets.

In connection with the court house bids, word has been received from Victoria that the tenders submitted were all too high, but that new tenders will be called early in January and it is expected the contract will be let before the Legislature meets.

The Government has authority from the Legislature to proceed with the work and it is their intention to do so.

VICTORIA COLLECTS 81 PER CENT TAXES

VICTORIA, Dec. 15.—Eighty-one per cent of the city taxes have been collected this year, according to the chairman of the finance committee. This is a much higher percentage than usual at this time of year.

Joe Polk, charged with forgery, came before Judge Young this morning and was remanded until Friday. Mr. Johnson, his counsel, is indisposed.

Lumber Concern Prepares Ship to Foreign Market

Beaver Cove Lumber & Pulp Co. has Hitherto Sent Product to States; Big Business of New Company

BEAVER COVE, December 15.—The Beaver Cove Lumber and Pulp Co., which has been shipping its lumber and shingles mostly to United States points, is making preparations to go into the foreign shipping business. The lumber mill has a daily capacity of 150,000 feet and with the pulp mill and shingle mill, when running at capacity, employs over 300 people.

There has been a considerable slackening of the demand in the United States, with the result that the company is looking elsewhere. One of the chief difficulties is the lack of suitable tonnage.

The Beaver Cove concern was organized in 1918 with William H. White of Vancouver but formerly of Ontario and the United States, as president. Associated with him are a number of prominent American capitalists who have up nearly two million dollars between them to finance the big works here.

There are all sorts of plans laid for the development of a big waterpower. The company owns a big stand of timber and is developing it rapidly.

STRIKE LEADER IS LIBERATED FROM JAIL

R. B. Russell Has Year of Term at Stony Mountain Remitted.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 15.—Robert B. Russell, Winnipeg strike leader, has been released from Stony Mountain penitentiary on parole. Russell was convicted of seditious conspiracy at the fall sessions of the assize in 1919, and was sentenced to two years in Stony Mountain. He was the first of the leaders connected with the strike of May and June, 1919, to stand trial for the charges arising out of the strike.

Since the time sentence was passed, leaders in labor circles in all sections of Canada, as well as those in Winnipeg, have been working hard to gain the release of Russell on parole, claiming that the spirit of the law was upheld when he was found guilty and sentenced.

Early last week word was received by Alderman E. Robinson, secretary of the Dominion Trades Congress, that Russell would be released. Further communication with the department of justice at Ottawa brought word that the order for his release should reach Winnipeg soon. He is now free.

Arrivals from the south on the Prince George this afternoon included Miss G. Shrumstall, Major V. Cowper Young and Bert Wing. The last mentioned bound for Anxox.

ALBERT GOES SOUTH

Takes Fertilizer and Fish to Seattle, Calling at Butedale en Route.

The steamer Prince Albert left for Seattle early this morning with a part cargo of fertilizer from the Tucks Inlet company and will call at Butedale on the way south to complete her cargo with fish from that point.

Manitoba Divorce Mills Grind Fast

Four Hundred Applications are Before Courts Now; Cost is Less than \$100 for Each

WINNIPEG, December 15.—Four hundred divorce applications await hearing in the courts of Manitoba, it was officially announced by the law courts. Scores of cases have been heard each month since Manitoba was given power to grant divorces a year ago.

Many lawyers have applications filed in their offices which have not yet been officially turned over to the prothonotary.

The small sum for which a divorce can be obtained is believed to be the cause for the hundreds of persons seeking legal separation. Lawyers say that divorce can be secured through the Manitoba courts for less than \$200.

Over seventy appeals of legal actions await hearing before the Manitoba court of appeal, the registrar announced this morning. The appeal of greatest public interest is that of the city of Winnipeg against the increased fares granted the Winnipeg Electric railway.

LIBERALS MAY WIN TWO MORE SEATS

Only Four Votes in Grand Forks to Make up and 21 in Kaslo.

VICTORIA, Dec. 15.—Hopes for the Liberals winning another seat are held out by E. C. Henniger, Liberal candidate for Grand Forks who today sent Premier Oliver word that he is only four votes behind J. McKie, the Conservative, and has information which makes it certain he will win out.

Mr. Henniger says that the vote in Grand Forks now stands, McKie, 334; Henniger, 330.

"But there are eight ballots which were rejected as spoiled at Cascade," Mr. Henniger explains. "These will be counted on the recount. Six of these are for Henniger and two for McKie. The only thing the matter with the ballots is said to have been that the legs of the crosses were a little too long."

Besides these rejected ballots, which will tie the count, Mr. Henniger claims the absentee vote will favor him.

John Keen in Kaslo declares that he is only 24 votes behind Col. Fred Lister, the Conservative candidate, and that the absentee vote will elect him also.

Politicians Still Come.
Premier Oliver today received congratulations on the election result from Premier Martin of Saskatchewan.

The flow of politicians to Victoria continues and they can be found filling the waiting rooms of the ministers as they make their rounds of every member of the cabinet.

Among the arrivals at the capital is Dr. K. C. Macdonald who retained North Okanagan by a large majority for the Liberals. He says that Vernon itself gave him an even greater proportionate majority.

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MANY MEN ARE GETTING WAGES

Since Yesterday Morning Capt. Saunders has Paid 150 Men at Time Office

Since yesterday morning 150 men have been paid off at the time office at the dry dock by Capt. Saunders and his staff and still more are coming today. As yet only those who present their own time checks personally are paid and no word has been received as to what disposal will be made for those who hold time checks which they have cashed for others.

WORKHOUSE CLOSED WHERE OLIVER TWIST ASKED MORE CRUEL

LONDON, Dec. 15.—St. George's Workhouse, just south of London Bridge, where Oliver Twist had the audacity to ask for a second helping of thin gruel, has been closed by the Poor Law authorities and the inmates have been transferred elsewhere.

The gruel of which Dickens' chid hero and his fellow sufferers partook, was made in a copper cauldron, which is to be presented to the Southwark Borough Council's Museum.

The Prince George arrived at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the south.