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Prince Rupert Mecca for Statesmen

TWO LOSE THEIR LIVES IN FOREST FIRES VANCOUVER ISLAND

Will Give Dinner For Distinguished Visitors Tomorrow

Three ministers in the Oliver Government, the agent general in London for British Columbia and the local federal members will all be guests of the Prince Rupert Board of Trade at a dinner tomorrow evening at the St. Regis Cafe. An address will be given by the agent general, F. C. Wade, and short speeches it is expected will be made by the other guests. In all it should be a memorable occasion. The chief regret will be that Hon. T. D. Pattullo, the local representative in the provincial house, is unable to be present, he having been detained in Victoria on departmental business.

PREMIER MINE BIG DIVIDEND

Fifty Per Cent of Invested Capital in Nine Months

SPOKANE, July 7.—The Premier Gold Mining Co., operating the Premier mine at Stewart, has just paid its second dividend, this year the amount being \$800,000. This is in addition to the \$200,000 distributed in March and the \$400,000 paid in December. It is the most substantial dividend of recent years.

PEACE MAY FOLLOW VICTORY IN IRELAND

LONDON, July 7.—The Irish Free State Government by their substantial victory over the insurgents in Dublin is believed to have taken a long step toward establishing itself firmly and bringing peace.

FIRE AT AMSBURY

Rumor That Mill Has Been Burned But No Official Information.

Rumors are current in town that there is a big forest fire raging in the neighborhood of Ambsbury and this side of that point for three or four miles. It is travelling northward. One rumor says the Ambsbury mill is burned out but there is no confirmation. The Forestry department has no official information.

TERRACE, July 7.—An extensive forest fire on the right of way is burning west of Ambsbury. It is travelling northward and has burned ties and telegraph poles extending four or five miles from that point.

SUPERINTENDENT DIES.

KAMLOOPS, July 7.—Hugh McLean, superintendent of the provincial home for the aged and indigent, for the past 23 years, died yesterday aged 60 years.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD A CALL AT 5:30 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

The fire department had a call at 5:30 yesterday afternoon to the vicinity of the city garbage dump on Park Avenue where a bush fire had started. The blaze was extinguished without any property damage having resulted.

Capt. C. H. Nicholson, manager of the G. T. P. coast steamship service, R. Beaumont, superintendent, and A. Gillard, Capt. Nicholson's secretary, arrived from Vancouver on the Prince John today.

TWO VICTIMS FOREST FIRE

Residents of Soldier Settlement at Merville Burned to Death.

NANAIMO, July 7.—Two people are dead and ten homes destroyed in a forest fire at Merville soldier settlement on Vancouver Island near Comox. The dead are Earnest Layland, 42 years of age, farmer, and Jack Clifford, 16 years old. They perished when their homes were destroyed. Several persons are reported to be missing.

Courtenay and Merville residents fought the flames all night but a high wind which sprang up suddenly swept the flames into town. At Sayward, eighty miles north of Courtenay, the home of M. Geraux, a rancher, was destroyed in what is described as one of the fiercest fires that has swept the district in years. The fire covers quite a large area.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF ANGLICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL WAS HELD

Pleasant Day Was Spent Yesterday by 150 Kiddies and Parents on Digby Island.

About 150 children and parents attended the annual Sunday School picnic of the Anglican Church at Digby Island yesterday afternoon. John Myhill-Jones' "Oh Baby" was chartered for the occasion and several private craft went over in the evening. The first boatload of picnickers left Cow Bay at 10:30 and trips were made until 9 o'clock in the evening when the last had returned home. There was an impromptu program of sports and races and the full lunch baskets were a feature. A. W. Healy, superintendent of the Sunday School, was in charge, the teachers all giving assistance. Altogether the affair was highly enjoyable and one that will be remembered by the children for its delights.

CHINESE TO ISLANDS FOR CANNERY WORK

Over 50 Chinese came to the Queen Charlotte Islands on the Prince John this week to work in the canneries here. Thirty left the steamer at Lagoon Bay. Besides these the John had a full list of passengers for various Island points.

FINED \$200

Chinese Had Opium in Possession and Caught by Mounties

Lee Lone, Chinese, charged by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police with having opium in his possession, was found guilty by Magistrate McClymont this morning and fined \$200 with the option of six months imprisonment. The fine was paid. The hearing of the case took several hours and two or three adjournments were made before it was brought to a close.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

United States, selling, 1 33-64; buying, 27-64.
Sterling—selling, 4.53 1-8; buying, 4.10 1/2.

RETURNED FROM FIRST SESSION.



Prince Rupert's Representative at Ottawa in City after lengthy visit to Nation's Capital.

Federal Ministers Will Visit Prince Rupert in Near Future Says Stork

That Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture, who is now on the prairies, will be here by the end of the month and that Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of the interior, Hon. Dr. J. H. King, minister of public works, and Hon. W. G. Kennedy, minister of railways, will visit the city within the next six weeks is the announcement made by Fred Stork, M.P. for Skeena, who returned to the city last night after having attended his first session as representative for this constituency. Hon. Earnest Lapointe, minister of fisheries, was also coming, but his appointment to attend the League of Nations meeting will prevent this for the time being. Mr. Stork explained that each of the ministers was coming individually on his own particular departmental business. Mr. Motherwell and possibly Dr. King will tour the district accompanied by Mr. Stork and Mr. Kennedy will likely confine their visits in Skeena constituency to Prince Rupert.

Red Letter Days

The sixth of the month seems to be peculiarly of red letter nature in Mr. Stork's political career. He was elected to parliament on December 6, left to attend the session on February 5, and returned home on July 6, after an absence of 5 months at Ottawa. Mr. Stork is looking especially fit and says he feels every bit as well as he looks. He intends to remain pretty closely at home until after the ministers have paid their visits. He plans, however, an early trip to the interior and the Queen Charlotte Islands. He was accompanied home last night by Mrs. Stork and daughters, Kathleen and Patricia.

Speaking generally of the session, Mr. Stork said it had been a very successful one.

There had been a lack of money, however, and Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, was absolutely compelled to cut wherever possible. Ottawa was swarming with delegations from all parts of Canada, many of them, wanting large expenditures. Of course the demands could not be nearly met. Mr. Fielding was also compelled

Eighty Per cent Taxes Were Paid this Year in Time to Secure Rebate

That eighty per cent of the general taxes for the year had already been paid was the very satisfactory report made this morning by W. D. Vance, city treasurer. The total assessment levy for the year is roughly \$267,000 and of this sum \$212,000 approximately is already in. Owing to the irregularity of the mails, it is expected that the next week will probably see even further taxes coming in.

These figures it is contended do not bear out the frantic statements made by some that, owing to the mill rate, much property would revert to the city. It is an exceedingly good sign, in fact, of the confidence that is felt both here and on the outside for local reality. A visit to the treasurer's office while the tax moneys have been coming in would dispel the laments of the grouches in this regard.

Local improvement tax returns have not yet been announced.

The penalty for the non-payment of taxes by July 3 was ten percent, by October 1, ten percent.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST SEA LIONS OF COAST

Givency is Waging War on Them During Present Cruise

VANCOUVER, July 7.—The patrol steamer Givency is waging war on the sea lions of the coast during the present cruise. She carries machine guns for use against them. The campaign is to be waged at the rookeries and islands of Smiths Inlet and Rivers Inlet and at other points as they destroy large quantities of salmon.

CANADIAN NATIONAL MOVES MUCH GRAIN

111,000 Cars Have Been Shipped Over Lines During Season; Prospects Good.

WINNIPEG, July 7.—With 2,000 cars of grain still to be moved from western points, an average shipment of 150 cars daily, the Canadian National railway has moved 111,000 cars of grain since the beginning of the crop season, September 1, 1921, according to a statement made by A. E. Rosevear, general freight agent.

Mr. Rosevear said the Canadian National Railway had moved more than 150,000,000 bushels of the total crop, which approximated 300,000,000 bushels. This aggregate included wheat, 220,000,000 bushels; oats, 59,000,000; barley, 13,000,000; rye, 4,000,000; and flax, 2,500,000.

He added that, apart from the damage done by storm and hail, which was infinitesimal compared with the prairies' total expected yield this season, conditions everywhere were splendid.

IMMENSE LOSS FROM FOREST FIRES DURING PRESENT DRY SEASON

VANCOUVER, July 7.—J. A. Thomas, provincial fire marshal, estimates that the damage to date from the first of the year as the result of forest fires amounts to \$1,150,323.

The C. P. R. tourist steamer, Princess Louise, Arthur Slater, is in port this afternoon bound for the north with a full list of tourists making the round trip to Skagway. The vessel arrived at 1:30 city time.

VIOLATION OF TREATY RIGHTS

That is Claim of Senator in Regard to Jones Amendment.

KNOCK AT THIS PORT.

Effort Made by Jones of Washington to Divert Business.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Demand that retaliatory provision against Canada be put into the proposed tariff bill in connection with the proposal to put two cents a pound duty on salmon, halibut, mackerel and other fish was made in the Senate yesterday by Senator Jones of Washington.

The senator offered an amendment "that no fresh or frozen salmon, halibut or swordfish from the north Pacific or tributary waters be admitted to the United States through any foreign country except when in bond from a United States port."

Senator Jones explained that his amendment aimed at certain Canadian regulations and orders in council designed to concentrate the fishing industry at Prince Rupert, B. C.

The amendment seeks to induce United States fishermen to take their fish to Ketchikan and Seattle.

Senator McCumber, chairman of the Senate finance committee, held that the amendment was in violation of treaty rights.

GREEN WITH ENVY OF THOSE WHO SPENT YESTERDAY IN CITY

Members of the visiting excursionists, who made the Anyox trip were sore with themselves yesterday on their return when they heard what a good time those who remained here had. The trip on the water and the general good time given them made them so enthusiastic that the northern trippers were green with envy.

Future visitors to this city are likely to arrange for a stay in Prince Rupert.

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- * A dinner will be held at
- * the St. Regis Cafe by the
- * Prince Rupert Board of
- * Trade at 7 p.m. July 8,
- * 1922, to welcome—
- * Hon. F. D. Barrow, Min-
- * ister of Agriculture,
- * Hon. Dr. Sutherland,
- * Minister of Public Works,
- * Hon. Alex. Manson, At-
- * torney General.
- * F. C. Wade, Esq., Agent
- * General for British Co-
- * lumbia.
- * Fred Stork, Esq., M.P.
- * Tickets, \$1.00 158
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