

## Work to Start in Spring—Costs \$4,000,000

# Terrace-Kitimat Rail Link Begins at Both Ends

Special to The Daily News  
TERRACE — Construction of the Terrace-Kitimat rail link will begin at both ends, W. H. (Pat) McIlroy, Canadian National Railways location engineer, announced here.

He said that while Campbell & Bennett Limited, of Vancouver, have been granted the contract to clear and grade the 41-mile right-of-way, the CNR will do its own track laying.

He estimated this work would take about 2½ months after the grade is finished.

CNR vice-president J. R. McMillan announced awarding of the contract at Winnipeg last Tuesday and a spokesman for the Vancouver company said work will start in the spring "after the breakup."

He said his company had to outbid five firms, including some eastern Canadian competitors, to get the job. Their bid was "approximately \$4,000,000."

Total cost of the line is expected to be close to \$10,000,000. The contract does not include construction of a major bridge to cross the Skeena near Terrace.

Mr. McIlroy said there will be five bridges altogether on the line, crossing the Skeena River, Lakelse River, Cold Water Creek and Big Wadden and Little Wadden River.

"Most of the steel for these structures is already on hand," he said.

Mr. McIlroy, who has lived here off and on for the past 24 years, although he was moved to the Winnipeg office two years ago, said he was pleased that Little Canyon has been chosen as the point at which the railway

will cross the Skeena for "besides the last natural crossing of the river it is also appropriate that it should be at a point named after the founder of Terrace."

Preliminary work on the line was started in August, 1951 and a temporary survey was completed by December of the same year.

Greatest obstacle encountered was the crossing of the Skeena River but Little Canyon was found to be the only point where the river is contained within its banks and there is a solid rock foundation.

Actual location survey began last January with the establishment of five camps between here

and Kitimat. It was completed in August.

Toughest section of the whole terrain, said Mr. McIlroy, was between Squirrel Point and the end of the lake, where steep rock slopes, precipices and ravines abound.

Timber, he said, is extremely heavy from Mile 8 to Mile 30 (Kitimat is Mile 41). In this heavily wooded section are spruce, hemlock and balsam. All good timber will be cut and cold-decked and smaller slash will be burned.

When the track goes through, the stacked timber will be picked up and disposed of. The timber is privately owned.

Asked about the Skeena bridge contract, Mr. McIlroy said it pro-

bably would be let in two sections, sub-structure and super-structure.

He said time limit for completion of the railway is July 1, 1954, which means work will have to start very soon. This date has been set to coincide with the date set by the Aluminum Company of Canada for completion of the first portion of its smelter and power development.

"Targets for all three operations are strenuous," said Mr. McIlroy, "and depend a lot on weather conditions."

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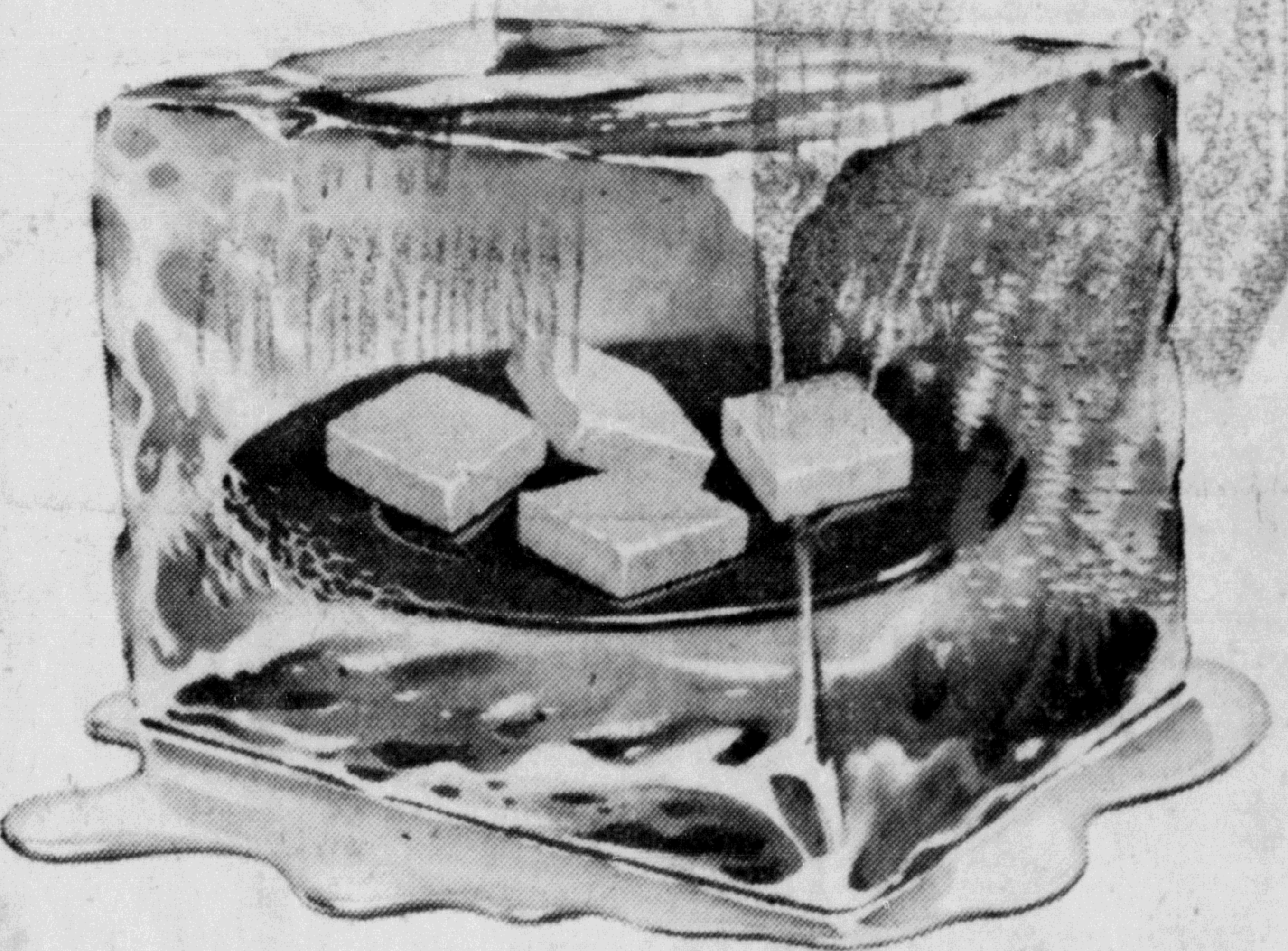
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1½ cups fine graham cracker crumbs  
½ teaspoon salt  
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Beat egg whites until stiff, but not too dry. Mix together the graham cracker crumbs, salt, brown sugar, lemon rind and almonds. Fold lightly and thoroughly into beaten egg whites. Drop onto greased cookie sheet and flatten with fork. Garnish each cookie with ½ almond. Bake in a moderately slow oven (325 degrees F.) for 15 minutes. Allow to stand 2 or 3 minutes before removing from pan.  
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