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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Prince Rupert Elevator Leased to Alberta Wheat Pool and Will Be Operated by Them in Future

Deal put through largely through good offices
of F. G. Dawson who has worked stren-
uously to have it consummated

Word was received this morning by F. G. Dawson from Fred Stork, M.P., at Ottawa, that the Prince Rupert elevator has been leased to the wheat pool of Alberta otherwise known as the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers Ltd. with an option to purchase. No particulars are given in the telegram but it is understood the house will be taken over in the near future and operated by the pool in the handling of the Alberta crop.

To what extent the elevator will be used this summer is not known but it is understood it will be operated to capacity as soon as the next crop is available for export.

Revival of Industry

The making of this agreement is one of the most important events that has ever happened in Prince Rupert. It means that this port will be established as an export point from which ships will trade to all parts of the world. It means the expenditure of much money on the railway, an increase in the number of railway employees here, more work for the machine shops, more work for the drydock, more work for the longshoremen, more business arising from the presence of sailors in port practically throughout the year, increased employees at the dock, business from coal bunkering, and a general revival of business activity such as the port has not seen before.

One of the new industries which will be started here immediately is that of lining ships which carry the grain. This has to be done promptly and will mean a great deal in itself. Also it will provide business for local sawmills.

History of Deal

When a local grain board was formed last year it formulated a proposal for leasing the elevator which was at that time turned down by the Government. The matter was then allowed to rest until early this year when F. G. Dawson, accompanied by M. P. McCaffery, made a special trip to Calgary with the object of once more interesting the pool in this port. They interviewed the heads of the pool and arrived at a tentative scheme for operating the elevator which they could lay before the Government. The local men then came home and a few days later Mr. Dawson made a special trip to Ottawa and discussed the matter at length with the member, Fred Stork, and with him laid the proposal before the Government. They were given a good hearing and after some discussion the Government accepted the proposal as a basis for negotiations.

Met the Pool

Mr. Dawson then went at once to Calgary and laid the matter before a meeting of the directors of the pool with the result that a special representative was sent by them to Ottawa to close the deal. He has been in Ottawa for several days and several telegrams have passed within the past few days in regard to it. The outcome was the receipt of the message this morning stat-

ing that the elevator had been leased.

The Alberta Wheat Pool controls over seventy per cent of the wheat raised in Alberta and it is probable the proportion may be larger next year.

Prince Rupert people are lucky in having such a public spirited man as Mr. Dawson to carry through the arrangement on their behalf and that at no expense to the city. They also have had the active help of the member, Fred Stork, and Mr. McCaffery showed much public spirit in going with Mr. Dawson on the trip to Calgary when the negotiations were opened. The outcome has been eminently satisfactory and local people will be glad to hear the news.

For Two Years

Mayor Newton today had the following wire from Fred Stork in connection with the deal:

"Agreement arrived at. Only item outstanding is that of taxation. Please submit necessary bylaw to ratepayers. Lease is for two years. Would suggest bylaw to provide for longer period of exemption. If you concur anticipating future operation. Will be away for few days returning here Monday."

HOLD-UP IS FRUSTRATED

One Robber Killed and Two
Captured in Seattle at
Noon Today

SEATTLE, April 1. — One robber was killed and two were captured at noon today when they attempted to hold up the payroll of the the Brewster Cigar Co. Employees of the company resisted when the three men appeared on the scene in an automobile just as the pay car arrived. The robbers seized the money and were about to depart when their automobile collided with another, one robber being killed at the curb and the other two being captured in a nearby alley by a messenger.

The tramp freighter Golden Gate will, it is expected, call here some time this month en route to Queen Charlotte City where she will load a cargo of lumber for the Atlantic sea-board.

MURDER CHARGE NOT SUSTAINED

VANCOUVER, April 1.—"No Bill" was the verdict returned by the grand jury to the indictment charging Harry Howard and Alex. Anderson with the murder of John Bogres, a Greek confectioner on February 14, thus exonerating the pair.

Moose Purchase Brick Block; Will Use Elks' Home Rooms for Club Soon as Possible

One of the most important real estate transactions that has taken place here recently was consummated this morning between the local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and Mrs. Alice Clapp whereby the former becomes owner of the Beckwith Block and two lots on the south side of Third Avenue near the corner of First Street. The deal was carried out through the office of Theo. Collari Ltd. and the price involved was \$20,000.

Built of stone and cement, 50 by 100 feet, the Beckwith Block is one of the city's newer permanent structures, having been put up about four years ago. It is two storeys in height and has a front facing of red brick. The basement is 50 by 50 with walls of two foot thickness.

The deal was confirmed by the Moose Lodge at a meeting last night. The building will become the permanent home of the lodge which will move in as soon as arrangements can be made. The top floor, now occupied by the Elks, will be used by the Moose Lodge as club and lodge rooms. The first floor, now used as a furniture store, will not be interfered with, it is expected.

The Moose Lodge will raise the money involved in the transaction by floating \$25 debentures among its 350 members.

New Salmon Cannery at Captain's Cove to be Built for This Season

Work is commencing at once and John Currie
and Son have contract for driving
of piles for wharf

Construction of a new one-line salmon cannery at Captain's Cove on Pitt Island, about thirty miles down the coast from Prince Rupert, is to be started at once by T. F. Foley of Vancouver who is at present in the city making arrangements for the obtaining of construction materials and who confirmed his project to the Daily News this morning. It is the intention to have the plant ready for operation by July 20 to engage in the packing of fall fish.

Mr. Foley, who was formerly associated with the Lockeport cannery on the Queen Charlotte Islands and who previous to that operated in southern districts, obtained the site at Captain's Cove from W. J. Jefferson of Vancouver who staked it last year.

John Currie & Son of Prince Rupert have been given the contract for pile driving for the wharf and construction of the plant will start just as soon as that work is completed.

Mr. Foley, who arrived from Vancouver at the first of the week, will return south on Saturday morning. He will be back here in a week or ten days and will make his headquarters in Prince Rupert.

"JOCKO" ANDERSON WILL BE LAID UP RESULT FRACTURE

Break in Leg is so Near Hip
Impossible to Use Splints
on It

MONTREAL, April 1.—"Jocko" Anderson, the defense man of the Cougars, was operated on yesterday and a plate put in as a result of the injuries to his leg received at Tuesday night's game. The fracture is so near the hip that it is impossible to use splints.

Anderson will be laid up here for some time as a result of the accident.

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Wilkins Airplane Hops Off for Point Barrow

Accompanied by Lieut. E. Eilsen, the explorer
leaves on flight for base of supplies
at Point Barrow

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April 1.—Captain Wilkins and Lieutenant E. Eilsen hopped off yesterday for Point Barrow in the airplane Alaskan. The 500 mile flight takes them over the Brook Range of Mountains to the point where their base is established for the Arctic exploration flights which it is proposed to make.

Wilkins expects to make two or three trips to Point Barrow from here with supplies before making his flights farther north in the direction of the pole.

In spite of the several disappointments, the explorer is in high spirits and is confident of attaining his object. A dog team has preceded him to Point Barrow with his personal supplies and will select a landing site for the plane.

The failure of the snow motors was the first great disappointment and this was followed by accidents on two succeeding days to each of his airplanes. These have now been repaired and if no further accident happens the flights should not be difficult. The preparations for the flight were hastened through the mild weather which was obtained here of late.

A new Liberty engine has been installed in the plane and the landing gear, smashed in a recent test flight, has been repaired.

The metal propeller has been replaced with a wooden one, to lessen the chance of damage to the engine in the event of another mishap. The landing field is also widened to facilitate manoeuvring the plane.

LADY MEMBER GETS HER WAY

Motion Giving Prisoners Share
of Proceeds of Their Labor
Passes House

OTTAWA, April 1.—Amid applause after a brief debate the House of Commons yesterday adopted a resolution moved by Miss Agnes MacPhail that the administration of the penitentiaries be amended to provide "sufficient work of a productive nature to keep the inmates employed" and "that a share of the proceeds go to the dependants of the prisoner and in case there are no dependants such share be held in trust until released."

Miss MacPhail moved a similar resolution last session but was talked out.

FISH ARRIVALS

Only Five Boats With Small
Catches Were Sold Here
Today

Only five boats with comparatively small catches were sold here today the prices being 12.80c and 6c for American and 12c and 8c for Canadian. Following were the boats:

American
Omaney, 20,000, to Cold Storage.
Venus, 27,000, to Booth Fisheries.

Canadian
Kaiken, 11,000, to Cold Storage.
Mab, 3,000, to Atlin Fisheries.
Petrel, 900, to Atlin Fisheries.

TWO YOUNG MEN LOSE LIVES AS BOAT CAPSIZES

Ivan Stensvik, 22, and Ole Schul-
stadt, 19, Drowned at Ocean
Falls

OCEAN FALLS, April 1.—Ivan Stensvik, aged 22, and Ole Schulstadt, aged 19, paper makers, were drowned here when their rowboat capsized at 9.30 Monday night. The accident occurred near the mosquito fleet floats to the west of the main dock. A third man, who was in the boat, was rescued.

THREE YEARS FREE BOARD

Virginio Duranti Was Kept in
Okalla For That Period by
Prince Rupert Woman

(Special to Daily News.)
VANCOUVER, April 1.—Released from Okalla yesterday when Mrs. Jeanne Viennet of Prince Rupert decided that she would discontinue "keeping" her former partner, Virginio Duranti is at liberty after having had his board bill paid there for 1,278 days. Declaring that she intended to keep Duranti imprisoned until he gave her \$3,000 alleged to be owed her, Mrs. Viennet had her partner imprisoned on September 15, 1922, when she learned that he intended to flee the country.

EASTER RECESS OF PARLIAMENT

Business to Proceed More Rapidly
Next Week It is Expected

OTTAWA, April 1.—Parliament adjourned last night for the Easter recess and will meet again on Tuesday. The holiday has been made short to make up for the time wasted on the debate on the address, which this year was nearly three times the usual length.

On re-assembling next week it is expected that good progress will be made with business to avoid the necessity of the House sitting all summer. Members are getting restive under the obstruction tactics and refuse to back up any move that will necessitate a long drawn out session.

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

A new telephone directory is about to be issued. Applications for moves, changes or new listings for this issue must be made in writing to Telephone Department, City Hall, not later than April 10.

SEVENTY MILE GALE ONTARIO

Three Quarters of a Million Dollars
Damages to Bell Tele-
phone System Estimated

MANY TOWNS ISOLATED

Heavy Snowstorm Today in Eastern
Ontario and Maritime
Provinces

OTTAWA, April 1.—One of the worst storms in the history of Ontario struck the greater portion of the province yesterday, leaving a network of telegraph and telephone communications almost totally disrupted. A seventy mile gale with rain, sleet and wet snow deprived numerous villages and towns of the means of communication, the storm being particularly destructive in the vicinity of Woodstock, Hamilton, and Guelph, the latter city being completely isolated.

Damage to the Bell Telephone property is estimated at three quarters of a million dollars and the telegraph companies lost thousands of poles.

The Niagara fruit district escaped with slight damage.

This morning eastern Ontario and the maritime provinces were in the grip of a heavy snowstorm.

PORT ARTHUR HOCKEY CHAMP.

Team from Lakehead Defeated
Toronto Varsity in Thrilling
Contest Last Night

TORONTO, April 1.—Port Arthur retained the Allan Cup and the senior amateur hockey championship of Canada defeating the University of Toronto last night by a score of three to two. The game was a thrilling one going over into two overtime periods in order to break the tie.

The victory of the westerners marks the second year in succession that they have won the title.

BOAK SENTENCE MUST BE SERVED

Federal Cabinet Decides Not to
Interfere With Punishment
on Victoria Doctor

OTTAWA, April 1.—The cabinet, after due consideration, has decided that there shall be no interference with the sentence of four years' imprisonment passed upon Dr. E. W. Boak in Victoria last October following his conviction on a charge of manslaughter as a result of running down two pedestrians with his automobile and killing one.

RAIDS AGAINST STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, April 1.—With the recent tide of liquidation apparently receding, the stock market yesterday successfully withstood intermittent attacks against rails and various specialties and the prices of popular issues rallied three to ten points. Short covering accelerated the upward movement in late trading which fell about 2,500,000 shares for the day.

Battle Taking Place in China Sixteen Miles from Peking for Possession of the Capital

LONDON, April 1.—A severe battle for the possession of Peking is raging says a special despatch to the Daily Mail from the Chinese capital. Fighting is taking place 16 miles distant, the booming of guns being plainly audible in Peking.

The invading army is marching from the direction of Tientsin which was abandoned by the National forces a week ago. Since that the armies have been in close contact, the nationals retreating.