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Alcan Finances Logging Of Tweedsmuir Area

**City Plans
Instal
Phone Plant
Contractors
Extract Bid**

The city of Prince Rupert has undertaken to do outside plant work for new automatic telephone system here at a cost of \$145,113.84.

Decision was reached after a meeting of the City Council and the Board of Aldermen, which was awarded the contract to install the system. The city is very happy that the system will be installed and will be a great help to the city.

Original bids submitted by H. H. Williams & Co., Ltd., \$174,000, and Peterson Construction Co., \$173,108.

At a special meeting of the City Council last night, endorsed a recommendation of its utilities committee that the city do the work.

The cost of \$145,113.84 was estimated by the committee. The city estimates that the work will cost more than \$98,000 and less than \$25,000.

Skilled laborers may be hired here from Vancouver to do the project and Andrew Macdonald, construction foreman for B.C. Telephone Company, will be general superintendent of the job.

**City Stops
Payment
On Repair Job**

The Council will not pay G. W. Macdonald & Company, Limited, for work on the reservoir. The job has been completed and the satisfaction of the superintendent of works.

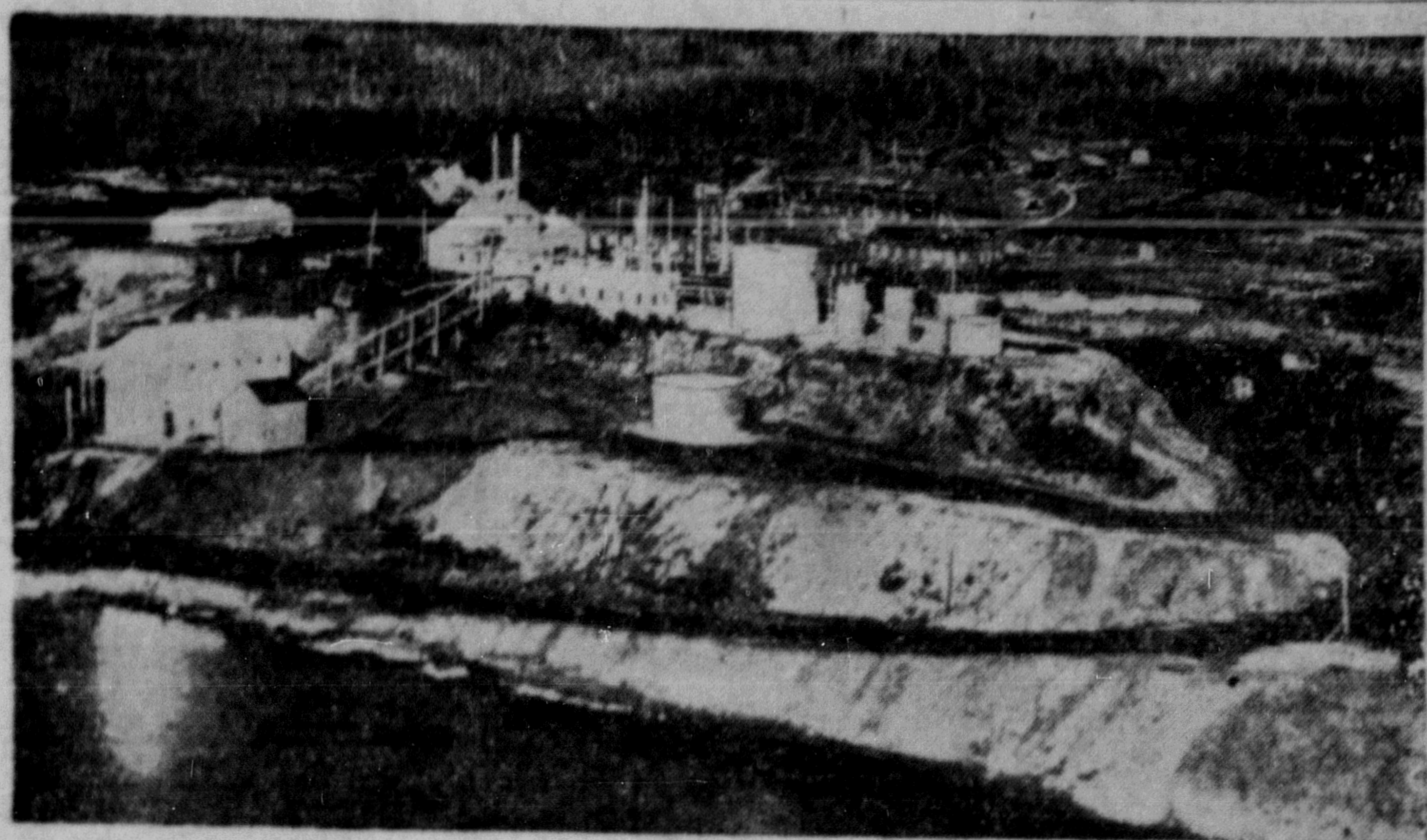
It was decided after aldermen were told that the company had to complete the \$27,500 job by the spring because of the conditions here.

The firm asked council for \$90 per cent of the cost for the work done and the city withheld the balance until it finished the job.

Superintendent Don Macdonald told council that an estimated 6,000 gallons of water is leaking from the joints in the walls of the floor of the elevator.

The company, in its contract, agreed that not more than 10 days would be required to complete repairs. One day before they could complete the job.

The new coating, called Gun-Crete, is a mixture of sand and cement in a dry state and is applied under pneumatic pressure. The machine had to be used in dry weather.



EXTRACTION PLANT—Oil is extracted from Alberta's oil sands in this provincial government plant at Bitumount on the Athabasca river. The extraction method includes the use of hot water and steam. Swedish interests will use part of the plant for experiments with another extraction method. In this photo the sand outcrop on the Athabasca river is shown. At lower right is the quarry from which sand is taken for the pilot plant operation.

Leading Citizens Cite Reasons For Support Of Bylaw To Build New School at Port Edward

(To present opinion of leading Prince Rupert citizens on the by-law calling for approval of construction of a seven-room elementary school at Port Edward, the Daily News presents a series of interviews. In the following, Dr. R. G. Large, chairman of the school board, and a teacher, R. G. Moore, principal of King Edward School, say why they are in favor of the new school.—Editor.)

"We are seeking support for the proposed new seven-room school at Port Edward because the present school there is wholly inadequate and a new school will save the bother, danger and cost of transporting 50 small children to Prince Rupert and back each day," says Dr. R. G. Large, chairman of the school board.

The total money needed is \$167,960, he explained, of which the Education Department's share is \$83,980; city's share, \$39,311, and the district share, \$44,669.

This division is based upon assessment values and will be paid for in 20 annual payments between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

City to Seek Answers From Power Commission Aldermen Prepare 30 Questions For Delegates to Capital City

More than 30 questions prepared by aldermen concerning future power supply in Prince Rupert will be presented to the B.C. Power Commission at Victoria on Monday.

The questions were read at a special meeting of council sitting as a committee of the whole last night and on suggestion of Aldermen Ray McLean and Mike Krueger the delegation to meet the Commission has been asked to obtain written answers to all the queries for presentation to council on their return.

Aldermen George Hills and Ald. Krueger were appointed last Monday to go to the capital city to discuss the power situation here with the B.C.P. They expect to leave by boat tonight.

In the meantime, on suggestion of Ald. Hills, the city clerk will prepare and circulate a letter to all municipalities now being served by the B.C. Power Commission asking if they are satisfied with the service.

Copy of all questions to be presented to the Commission will be retained in the city clerk's office and also distributed to aldermen.

The delegation received permission of council to employ a stenographer to take notes at the hearing in Victoria so council may have a complete record of the talks with the Commission.

On motion of Ald. Hills, council also decided to employ a stenographer to take down all statements at any hearings held here later with Northern B.C. Power Company, present suppliers of power to Prince Rupert, which has been asked to submit a new contract by Dec. 22 stating how and by what means it proposes to generate the city's power over the next 20 years.

The Power Commission and NBPCP have both been asked to negotiate with the city regarding future power.

Merchantable Timber To Escape Flooding

By The Canadian Press
VICTORIA.—The Aluminum Company of Canada announced yesterday that merchantable timber will be harvested from the 350-square-mile area to be flooded in British Columbia's Tweedsmuir Park.

The company told the B.C. government Alcan will underwrite the financing of a logging project "to extract such merchantable timber from the area to be flooded as can be done on a commercial basis."

The arrangement was completed in conferences between McNeeley Du Bose of Montreal, Alcan vice-president, and Lands and Forests Minister Robert Sommers.

Mr. Du Bose said negotiations have been under way for some time between the aluminum company and a B.C. logging outfit which already has removed some of the timber from the shores of Ootsa Lake.

The logging company is being guaranteed against loss by Alcan, he said, although removal of this timber is not required by the company in its charter with the B.C. government.

FLOODING STARTER
Flooding of the Tweedsmuir area started several weeks ago with the closing off of the Nechako River. The reservoir will store water for power to run Alcan's Kitimat project.

It is expected that logging operations will continue for more than a year and will be tackled as the waters in the reservoir are gradually rising.

Removal of timber from the area was strongly urged by the Burns Lake and District Board of Trade who appealed to the B.C. government for action.

Lands Minister Sommers visited the area a few weeks ago after which he promised action on behalf of the government.

The controversial subject was given much coverage by the Daily News and other B.C. newspapers.

9 People Saw It
More Witness 'Flying Saucer' Across Harbor
The "flying saucer" that is reported to have zoomed over Prince Rupert yesterday morning was seen by at least nine persons.

Three citizens told the Daily News yesterday about a shiny object that streaked across the sky at 8 o'clock in the morning and six others have since reported sighting it.

W. M. Armstrong of 1511 Graham Avenue said the object "glowed like a bright light in the clouds, big at front and tapering at the end. The tail seemed to flutter a little. It disappeared into a heavy cloud past the city."

Mr. Armstrong said he was down by the CNR yards at the time and estimated it took four seconds to cross two-thirds of the city. He saw it first appear over the harbor to the northeast.

"It travelled in a dead-straight line in about an easterly direction," Billy Starr and Frank Miller were walking on Alfred Street when they saw the object.

Said Miller: "It must have been travelling about 1,000 miles an hour. It was a shiny round thing with a glow behind it. We watched it disappear into a cloud."

VAPOR TRAIL
Fred Louis, who works at the Columbia Cellulose plant on Watson Island, said he and three other persons noticed the object while they were waiting for a bus at Seventh and McBride.

"It streaked in a northeasterly direction. It was a little hazy at the time. The thing was bright and there was a vapor trail behind it. It appeared as if it was heading downward about two to five degrees. It was a pretty good size and was like a ball."

"It was no mirage and we all saw it. One of the girls on the bus also saw it. I was with Mrs. C. Nilson and Miss Sankey waiting to go to work."

PAPER BOYS VIE IN RACE FOR 'NEWS' SUBSCRIPTIONS

A contest to see who will obtain the most new subscribers to the Daily News before Christmas is in full swing with Raymond Sklapycky currently leading the race.

He has added 11 new customers to his list since the drive got underway on Nov. 24 but is being pressed for the leadership by two other carriers—Robert Jensen and Marvin Sterritt—who have nine each.

In fourth place is Clifford Valentin, who has five new subscribers.

Altogether the carriers have added 45 new subscribers to the circulation total since the drive started.

Each boy who gets five or more new subscriptions before Christmas will receive a prize with a grand prize for the boy obtaining the greatest number.

7 Men, 1 Woman In Civic Contest

Park Commissioners, Trustees Gain Seats by Acclamation

Seven men and one woman have filed nomination papers for the four aldermanic vacancies to be filled in the civic election here next Thursday. Deadline was noon today.

Two park board commissioners were declared elected by acclamation and three school board trustees were also declared elected without a contest.

Seeking seats on the council for two-year terms are William Bremner, Percy A. L. Downing, Raymond L. Gardiner, Darrow Gomez, Hugo Kraupner, Raymond A. McLean, James W. Prusky and Katherine Janet Smith.

Pat Forman and Arthur Murray were re-elected park board commissioners by acclamation for two-year terms, and R. G. Large, A. Bruce Brown and Adelaide Grace Greene, wife of Dr. L. M. Greene, were declared elected as school trustees for the years 1953 and 1954.

Mrs. Smith is the first woman to enter the civic election race since Mrs. Nora Arnold retired from the field after serving six years as alderman from 1942 to 1948 and two as mayor in 1948 and 1949.

Only one other woman has held civic office. Mrs. E. C. Kirkpatrick, now living in Victoria, served as alderman in 1918 and 1919.

Mrs. Smith, wife of W. D. Smith, former Liberal member of the B.C. Legislature for Atlin, was first of the candidates to file nomination papers. She

The WEATHERMAN Says
A secondary disturbance following on the heels of yesterday's storm is entering the province from the southwest this morning. General rainfall over the southern coast should let up as the storm passes inland about noon but snow flurries over the southern interior will continue till quite late today.

Except for fresh to strong southeasterly winds over the southern coast this morning, winds will continue to be of only mild intensity.

Cool, cloudy weather will be general Friday with scattered showers along the coast and a few scattered snowflurries over the interior.

Forecast
Cloudy with a few sunny periods today and Friday. Scattered showers both days. Little change in temperature. Winds southeasterly 20 in the extreme southern part this morning, otherwise light.

Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy 35 and 42; Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 30 and 40.

Railways Will Continue Talks
MONTREAL.—Railways today announced acceptance of an invitation to meet the unions here next Wednesday to discuss further their dispute over a pay raise for 144,000 non-operating railway workers.

First mate Eric Shakeshaft, Warrington, Eng., said the Rosita was first fired on by two gunboats in the darkness Saturday night but the freighter outran them and proceeded toward the Communist port of Fochow.

Chinese Guns Kill Canadian Ship Captain
HONG KONG.—The mate of the British freighter Rosita said a Chinese Nationalist gunboat opened fire without warning Monday off the southeast China coast, killing the ship's Canadian captain.

The 335-ton coastal freighter arrived here Thursday bearing the body of Captain Robert Adam of Montreal.

Santa in Trouble, Youngster Comes to Rescue

NEW YORK (AP)—Of all things, "Santa Claus" was in trouble, and saucer-eyed Stanley Schwartz told a magistrate: "Please don't hurt Santa Claus."

"Why?" asked Magistrate Hilda Schwartz, who is not related to eight-year-old Stanley. "Because he is good to children," stammered Stanley.

This is how it happened: "Santa," 50-year-old Sidney Meyers, who does the Kris Kringle honors each season at a department store came to court from work. He was attired in his Santa Claus suit.

An upstairs neighbor had complained about Meyers, said he talked too loud when she was trying to sleep. "Santa"

laughed too loud, also, the complainant said. Stanley Schwartz was in court with his mother, a witness in another case.

But Stanley couldn't stand seeing "Santa" in trouble. He made his impulsive plea. After listening to Stanley, Magistrate Schwartz said: "If you give me your assurance that you will moderate your tones, you can return to the North Pole, or wherever you come from."

"Santa" agreed, and beamed at little Stanley. It took only a slight motion by Meyers for Stanley to leap on his lap and whisper: "A horse on wheels and a car with headlights."