



Flames Level Paper Town

DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED at \$1,000,000 as the biggest fire in its history swept the paper-making town of Corner Brook, Nfld. Fifteen stores were destroyed in the town's west business district. Firemen were hampered by lack of water pressure. Work had been done on the town's main mains on the day the fire struck and pressure was low.

One Boat Seeks Herring

Fishing Almost at Standstill Here

LARRY STANWOOD
The commercial fishing industry probably has never been at a low ebb in Prince Rupert as adversely as it is now. The adverse economic effect has hit at nearly every point.

Aldermen Fail to Agree
On Sherbrooke Ave. Work

After a long session to begin work immediately on the construction of a dead-end street, the three-aldermen council failed last night when Mayor Ald. Whalen cast his vote. The council called for further discussion and a new petition from property owners on Sherbrooke Avenue was passed after a vote of six aldermen present. Aldermen George Hills and Kruger are in Victoria. The issue was raised by Ald. Gomez in city council. He said he was "sick and tired" of this drag on and on.

Kamloops to Get
Oil Refinery

KAMLOOPS — First industrial development for interior British Columbia as a result of the Trans-Mountain Edmonton-Kamloops oil pipeline will be a \$10,000 refinery near here. The project was announced last night by Syd Smith, former member of the legislature and Kamloops, Mr. Smith is president of the Kamloops Refinery Syndicate which is underwriting the project. Mr. Smith said construction will begin early next year and the plant is scheduled to be in operation by the spring of 1954. It will process 2,500 barrels of crude oil per day, purchased from the Trans-Mountain Oil Pipeline Company.



A CARILLON in a belfry, these buoys are drying in a Nova Scotia fishing village after weeks of use as net markers. They are ready now for a new role, showing lobster fishermen where traps have been laid.

Loggers' Committee Agrees
To Accept 1952 Wage ScaleOnly One
TV Station
Per AreaPrivate Stations
May Get Licences

OTTAWA (CP) — The government announced on Monday television stations, whether publicly or privately owned, will be limited to one for each area in Canada.

Expanding in the Commons on the television policy announced at the opening session, Revenue Minister McCann said "no two stations will be licensed at present to serve the same area."

"It is desirable to have one station in as many areas as possible before there are two in any one area."

Dr. McCann said the government objective will be to make "national television service available to as many Canadians as possible through co-operation between private and public enterprise."

The government would consider applications for licences for private stations in areas not served or to be served by the publicly-owned CBC.

The CBC has stations in Montreal and Toronto and plans stations in Ottawa, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Halifax.

Dr. McCann did not name the areas from which applications for private stations would be considered.

RCAF Pilot
Missing
In Korea

OTTAWA (CP) — An RCAF fighter pilot with the United States Air Force in Korea, Squadron Leader A. R. (Andy) Mackenzie, DFC, of Montreal, is missing on operations. Air Force headquarters here have been advised.

Squadron Leader Mackenzie, 32, is officer commanding No. 441 fighter squadron, which is stationed at North Luffenham, England.

A Second World War fighter pilot with 8½ enemy planes destroyed, he went to Korea in October for a tour of operations with the USAF.

He is the first RCAF casualty of Korea war.

Health Engineer
Goes to Kitimat

VICTORIA — The provincial health department has sent Reginald Bowering, public health engineer, to Kitimat to investigate health and sanitary conditions.

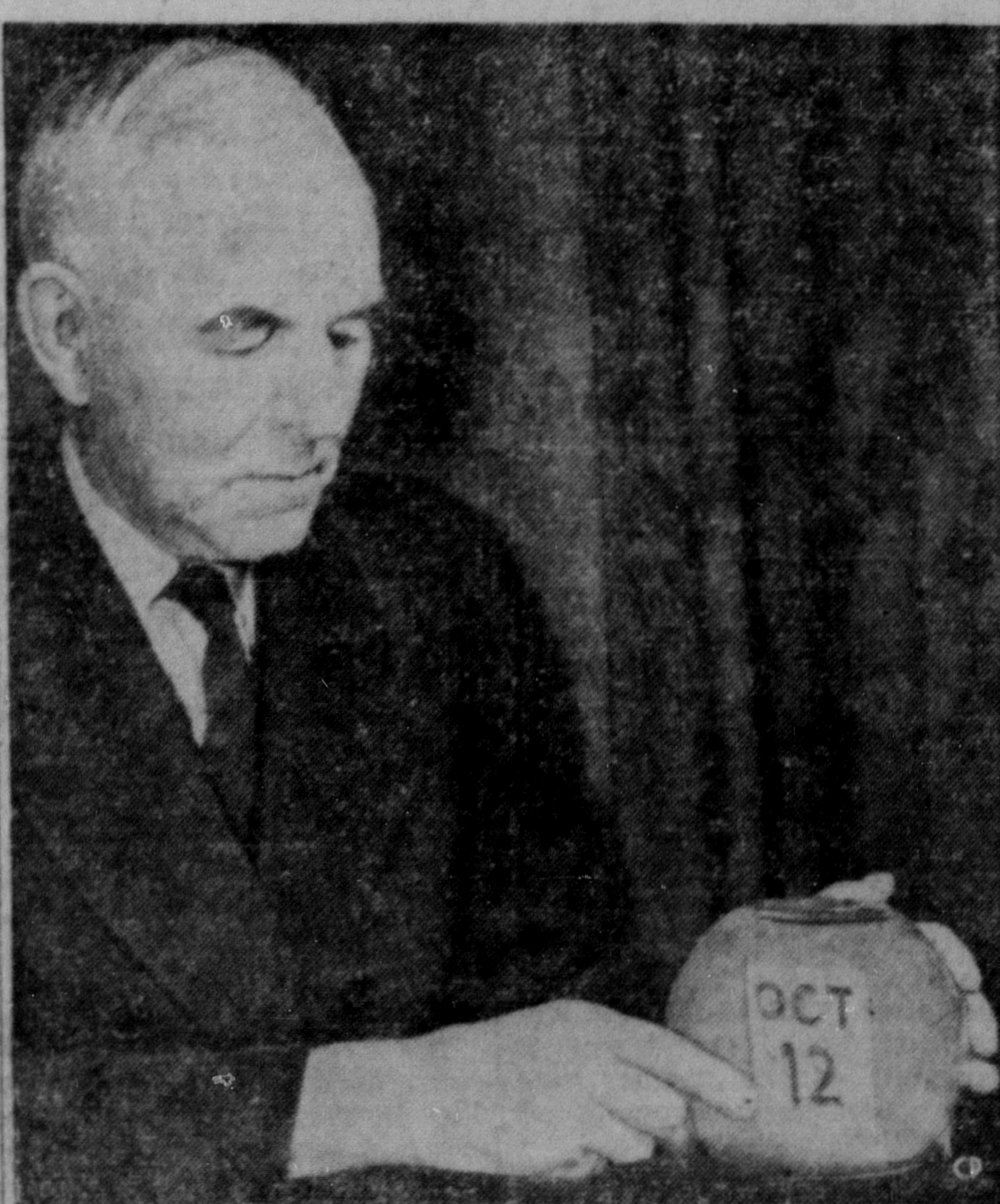
The health department took the action after Vancouver Trades and Labor Council charged health provisions at the big Alcan development were being violated. Conditions were described as "deplorable."

Mr. Bowering will report in the near future on findings of his investigation.

-WEATHER-

Forecast

North coast region, gale warning continued. Cloudy today, rain this afternoon and evening. Cloudy with showers Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Wind southeast 40 today, south 20 tonight and Wednesday. Low tonight and high Wednesday at Port Hardy, 36 and 44; Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 35 and 42.



SENATOR JOHN T. HAIG, Progressive Conservative leader in the Senate, doesn't profess to be a swami but he says his crystal ball tells him the next federal election will be Monday, Oct. 12, 1953. The senator was right on the button on a previous prediction, picking Monday, June 27, 1949, as the date of the last election.

Parking Fines Cut
In Half by Council

Penalty for infractions of the city parking bylaw was reduced from \$5 to \$2.50 last night by city council.

Introduced by Ald. George Casey, the move followed one of the stormiest council sessions this year.

It all started when Ald. James Prusky asked council to order the RCMP to issue "initial warnings" to offenders under the Motor Vehicles Act . . . "with special emphasis on tail-lights."

Ald. Prusky referred to a friend of his, whom he named, who had been "pinched" because his tail-light went out while driving.

"This man had to pay \$7.50 as a fine, which I think is far too much. I also think this council should tell the police to give a warning to first offenders."

MINOR OFFENCE

Ald. Ray McLean, who seconded Ald. Prusky's motion "just so I can speak against it," said "maybe Ald. Prusky thinks that driving without a tail-light is only a minor offence . . . but it may mean somebody's life."

Ald. Prusky said "this fellow" (his friend) had not known that the tail-light was not working and "I think he has a right to protest."

Ald. Darrow Gomez thought the point had merit, and when he tried to speak again, Mayor Harold Whalen called for "order," telling the alderman to "sit down, you've spoken already to this motion."

"In the first place, I hold this subject completely beyond the jurisdiction of the city council," the mayor stormed.

"If we pass this, we might as well throw the Motor Vehicles Act out of the window."

"Another thing—this council has been too much out of order recently with no regards to procedure of any kind. I'm calling for order right now and that's the way it's going to be from now on."

After the motion was defeated by all show of hands except those of Ald. Prusky's the mayor said:

"I hope some aldermen will think a little before trying to bring to the floor matters which are no concern of ours."

"It burns me up, the time that is wasted on trivialities here!" Several of the aldermen clapped their hands.

Ald. Casey asked for support in reducing the parking fine to \$2.50, saying, "I think it is too much to pay." There was no opposition.

Mills May Resume
Production Soon

By The Canadian Press

VANCOUVER.—Lumber mills in southern interior British Columbia, stopping production because of a deadlock in wage dispute, soon may be humming again.

The union policy committee bargaining for some 2,000 woodworkers bowed last night to demands of operators that last year's wage contract be renewed.

Nevertheless, the dispute which has paralyzed logging in the region remained unsettled as both sides disagreed on procedure for resuming the contract.

The International Woodworkers of America said it will not recommend a continuation of the contract to its membership until the operators have reopened their mills.

The operators replied that the mills will not open until the union has signed the contract.

Both statements were made following a meeting before the Labor Relations Board. Operators will give their official answer to the union before Thursday.

MEETING CALLED

LRB member Fred Smelts announced the board has called a meeting between the IWA and northern interior operators.

He said the conference is aimed at bringing both sides into agreement before Dec. 14, date on which operators threaten to shut down mills where workers haven't signed for last year's pay scale.

But the possibility of the IWA accepting such a contract "is so remote as to be virtually impossible" union organizer Mike Sekora said in Prince George last week.

Meanwhile, the union there received a set-back when workers at two mills voted largely against holding a strike, and for acceptance of last year's pay scale. Two other mills, largest in the area, have voted for strike action if wage increases were not granted.

Sekora said further that "the employers, in threatening a shutdown such a short time before Christmas, are showing no regard for their employees or the general public. I believe the operators are trying to use Christmas as a lever in their negotiations."

Meantime, several mills west of Prince George, whose employees are working under the IWA-operator contract are reported to have agreed to a renewal of the 1952 wage scale.

Police Probe
\$300 Theft

RCMP said today they are investigating a theft of "about \$300" from the bar at the Old Empress Hotel on Third Avenue between Sixth and Seventh Street.

A window was broken to gain entry, said police.

This is the second robbery of major proportions in three weeks. Simpson's store was entered and robbed of more than \$3,000 in a safe Nov. 24. No trace of the safe has yet been found, said police.

Sirens
To 'Call'
Voters

Howling sirens, a "bombardment" of the city with paper leaflets and blaring loudspeakers all will be part of the Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce "get out the vote" campaign in the next two days.

Sometime tomorrow, a plane will fly over the city dumping thousands of leaflets calling on citizens to turn out and vote on civic election day Thursday.

On election day, the city curfew siren will sound on the hour from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., reminding folks "it's voting time."

On the same day, a loud-speaker truck will proclaim by voice and music that "it's time to vote," as it is being driven through residential areas by Jaycee Bert Jeffries.

Tonight, the regular Jaycee radio program will give a brief biography of candidates and then interview city clerk and returning officer Bill Long on the subject of voting and civic elections.

Jaycee Jerry Lemire is chairman of the campaign.

Winds Blow
Heavy Fog
From London

LONDON (CP)—The great fog that gripped London by the throat for four choking days began blowing away this morning.

A cold wind came happily out of the southwest and 9,000,000 prisoners of London's worst mist of modern times began to breathe more easily.

Meanwhile, treacherous weather fouled shipping in the English Channel and covered much of northern Europe.

In the fogbound channel, two ships collided and a Franch-bound ferry boat with 300 passengers was stalled for more than 19 hours outside Calais harbor before it could dock.

Fog blanketed Oslo and southern Norway Monday night, stalling air travel and shipping.

Welcome to Prince Rupert

Greeter Service Started Here

"Welcome to Prince Rupert," said two smiling ladies as they entered the downtown apartment yesterday of Mrs. A. E. Sanderson, who moved here from Vancouver a week ago.

The two were hostesses for the Prince Rupert Greeter Service and were making their first call in inaugurating a plan to welcome newcomers to the city.

They carried a basket of gifts from merchants who are

sponsoring the service. They also had a bouquet of flowers.

Among gifts presented to Mrs. Sanderson were a photograph album, a ruler, pencils, an apron, a bottle of milk, loaf of bread, bar of soap and washcloth.

The new city resident was caught completely by surprise and when hostesses Mrs. Robert Armstrong and Mrs. Don Forward called, she was chatting with another recent arri-

val, Mrs. Rod MacDougall.

Entering with the basket of gifts as a welcome, the hostesses also presented Mrs. Sanderson with a booklet listing the names of merchants who are sponsoring the service.

There are coupons in the booklet from the merchants, which the new citizen uses to receive additional favors.

After a brief chat, the ladies left to make another call. They hope to meet every newcomer.