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The Queen's Royal Coach

THE MONARCHY is the United Kingdom's most ancient institution. Much of the brilliant pageantry of coronation services dates back centuries. Queen Elizabeth will ride in the same royal coach, shown passing Admiralty Arch, as did her father King George VI and Queen Mother Elizabeth in 1937 following his coronation.

Rents on CMHC Homes Here Set by City Housing Authority

Applications Total 'Well Over Fifty'

Applications for homes of the Prince Rupert rental housing scheme total "well over 50" to date, Housing Authority chairman Orme Stuart said today.

Rents have been established ranging from $67 to $87.50 a month.

Deadline for "priority" applications was yesterday, Dec. 12, but it does not preclude further applications, said Mr. Stuart.

Priority consideration will be given to those applications now on hand, not on a first-come, first-served basis, but on a basis of merits.

Monthly rents on the 50 homes as set by the Housing Authority—the body governing adminstration of the rental scheme—are subject to approval by the federal and provincial governments which have the biggest share in the project.

Rents are as follows:

Section 7 (Sixth Avenue East) —two-bedroom homes, no basement, $67; two-bedroom homes, basement, $75; three-bedroom homes, no basement, $78.50; three-bedroom, basement, $82.50.

Section 9 (Eleventh Avenue, near McClymont Park) — two bedroom, no basement, $72; three-bedroom, no basement, $83.50; three-bedroom, basement, $86.50.

Section 2 (Atlin Avenue) — two-bedroom, no basement, $72; three bedroom, no basement, $83.50; three bedroom, basement, $87.50.

Expected revenue from the 50 homes is $3,950 monthly.

Applications now on hand are being graded by the Housing Authority. Major factors being considered are income of the applicant, number of dependents, and urgency of accommodation

Applicants should have a minimum income of $260 a month to be eligible.

"This is not a subsidized housing scheme. It must stand on its own revenue, but of course, there is no profit-making," said Mr. Stuart.

The rents have been set according to original value, taxable assessment, and cost of maintenance.

No homes are expected to be available before Jan. 15.

A "month-to-month" lease on a continuous basis allows a month's notice to leave by either tenant or the housing authority.

A deposit of $20 will be required from each tenant upon signing the lease which is refundable when the tenant moves out. This is a "good faith" deposit to protect the homes against damages.

The housing project is being built under Central Housing and Mortgage Corporation supervision by three levels of government, federal, provincial, and Prince Rupert city. The federal government is paying 75 per cent of the cost while the B.C. government and the city put up the balance. Losses of the project, if any, are to be shared on the same basis.

The city, the Chamber of Commerce and a special housing committee were active for several years in promoting the project, the first such undertaken in the province.

Teachers Submit Proposal

Plan Contained In New Letter

Prince Rupert district teachers today outlined a plan to the school board which they say "will result in the fixing of salaries for 1953.".

But in his statement to the Daily News, R. H. Davidson, salary committee chairman for the teachers, would not indicate the terms in the proposal, mailed today.

"The teachers expect the board will make our proposal public on Monday," said Mr. Davidson.

This move follows rejection by the board of a salary increase request of $40,000 for 62 teachers here, and cessation of negotiations. Present annual payroll is $210,000.

Mr. Davidson said:

"The latest communication from the board has come as a surprise to the teachers, for refusal to grant the original teacher proposal as mentioned in the Daily News yesterday was received over two weeks ago.

"At that time the teachers queried the board on continuation of negotiations. Within the week, the board stated it would be pleased to continue negotiations and that the teachers would be notified of a suitable date of meeting.

"This meeting was not held and negotiations, which never really got past the initial proposal by the teachers, have apparently ceased.

"In effect, the teachers, wanting to get started on negotiations in line with the expressed opinion of the board, have been told there is no negotiation.

"A letter has been sent to the board expressing regret about cessation of negotiations and outlining a procedure that will result in the fixing of salaries for 1953," said Mr. Davidson.

Teachers first made their proposal to the board Nov. 18. The board made its rejection known to the Daily News yesterday.

STILL WORKING

CLINTON, Ont. (CP) — Mr. and Mrs. Aaron C. Fisher celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the farm to which the groom brought his bride 50 years ago, and which they still operate.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO Queen Elizabeth—then a solemn young princess—watched her father, King George VI, walk down this aisle in crowded Westminster Abbey following his coronation. Next June the young Queen herself will be crowned head of the Commonwealth in an elaborate ceremony, to be witnessed by many Canadians.

Government Won't Arbitrate Wage Dispute Over Herring

(Compiled from Canadian Press and Special Dispatches)

The deadlock in the herring industry won't be touched by the government and has been tossed right back into the laps of the fishermen and the operators.

Fisheries Minister Ralph Chetwynd has refused to arbitrate the dispute which has tied up B.C. herring fishing since October.

At the present moment I can not see where arbitration would be a means of starting fishing immediately," Mr. Chetwynd said Friday.

The fishermen, represented by United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, have said they would fish immediately at a floor price of $9.37 a ton if the dispute was arbitrated by the government.

The last price offer by the operators was $8.98 a ton.

When the union first started negotiations for this season's prices, operators said they would not be able to pay the 1952 scale because of a five-cent a pound drop from last year's herring oil market price.

DEMAND SLOW

And while prices are keeping at last year's level in the U.S. because of government ceiling, demand is slow, say operators.

There just isn't any market there. While there are no unsold stocks on hand, neither is there any sign of being able to move herring meal on world markets.

Even if an agreement could be reached, or an arbitration ordered, there is little, if any, likelihood that fishing would commence at this late date.

The best herring for oil production are the season's first schools, but the little silver fish begin losing their oil content rapidly by excessive swimming and their biological preparation for spawning in late winter.

LITTLE OIL

"After-Christmas" herring hold very little oil, operators claim and "are not worth our while to process."

While the union has urged arbitration by the government for some time, operators have been cool to this proposal.

There was too much discrepancy in price asked and price offered to hope for any success in arbitration, they have stated.

Union officials say that "should the present season be lost as a result of unsettled differences, there would be a considerable loss to the province this year. The future loss due to the development of new sources of supplies by past purchasers of our production might be even more grave."

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY APPOINTS NEW GOVERNOR

WINNIPEG (CP)—William Johnston Keswick has been appointed governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, succeeding Sir Patrick Ashley Cooper, it is stated in announcements in London and Winnipeg.

The appointment will be submitted to shareholders for confirmation at the next annual general court of the company.

Coldwell, Low Clash In Renewal of Feud

OTTAWA (CP)—Leaders of CCF and Social Credit movements hurled charges and counter-charges at one another in a renewal in the Commons of the No. 1 feud of the moment.

M. J. Coldwell, CCF leader, reiterated his accusation that the Social Credit movement is steeped in anti-semitism and racialism and has shown dictatorial and anti-democratic tendencies."

Solon Low counter-charged that the CCF itself tries to foment class hatreds by blaming business and capital for everything that goes wrong, and described Mr. Coldwell's charges as "adolescent and flimsy distortions and falsehoods."

Mr. Low said the whole issue was stirred up by angry words Mr. Coldwell used in British Columbia because the Social Credit had wrecked his aspirations for power there.

Social Credit holds power in B.C. by having one more legislature seat than CCF.

It was a straight two-man fight but one Liberal, James A. Byrne (L-Kootenay East) got on the fringes by accusing Social Creditors of hiding their political ambitions under a religious cloak.

Province-Wide Strike Looms In Quebec

LOUISVILLE, Que. (CP)—Quebec Labor has marshalled support in aid of its rank and file clashed with police and went to jail on charges of violating the Riot Act.

There was talk Friday of a possible province-wide strike by members of the Canadian Catholic Confederation of Labor, showing further support behind 800 workers who walked out of the Associated Textiles company plant here nine months ago in a wage dispute.

The move also was suggested as a protest against action of provincial police, who on Thursday quelled violence with tear and clubs.

Gillnetter Sinks After Flash Fire

A 32-foot gillnetter was destroyed by a sudden fire of undetermined origin that sent it sinking within minutes while moored in Alligator Bay, near Georgetown, 15 miles from Prince Rupert.

Only occupant of the Faust, located in clam digging, was skipper, William Rumley, who escaped in a skiff.

The boat was owned by Atlin Fisheries Ltd., under charter to Rumley.

The clam digger was leaving the vessel when the fire broke out in the engine room. It swept quickly through the boat, the burned hulk sinking in less than half an hour, according to reports reaching here today.

Ship's Crews To Be Checked In U.S. Ports

WASHINGTON (CP) — Crew members of Canadian, British and other foreign ships must be checked for political security before they may step ashore in United States ports, a spokesman for the U.S. justice department said.

They said the U.S. government has started work on a new immigration policy under which foreign sailors docking here must answer questions about their political leanings before they may go ashore.

Laborites Endorse CBC Control

NANAIMO (CP) — CBC's control over Canadian television and radio drew support from representatives of 70,000 British Columbia unionists.

A resolution, passed at the annual convention of the B.C. section of the Trades and Labor Congress, opposes any changes that would lessen control by the CBC.

In other business, the convention demanded a halt to immigration into Canada, and added that all persons able and willing to work and now resident should be given secure employment first.

The federal government was asked to enact a comprehensive bill of rights to safeguard citizens, regardless of race, sect or national origin.

An amendement to the Criminal Code to provide that no Canadian court should issue an injunction against peaceful picketing also was demanded.

Also approved was a motion demanding the end of a government supervised strike vote and a waiting period for unemployment insurance.

Highway, Rail Travel Disrupted by Slide

While Prince Rupert moved into its third day without air travel, the first disruption of rail and highway service by this winter's snows—which isolated the city for more than 12 hours—was cleared early this afternoon.

One plane left today for Sandspit, but will not be able to return, due to delay in the connecting flight from Vancouver.

This is the third successive day this city has had no airmail or air passenger service.

Canadian Pacific Airlines said, however, that attempts would be made Sunday to fly, providing weather conditions were favorable.

A major snowslide near Kwinitsa, about 44 miles east of Prince Rupert, and several minor snowslides yesterday afternoon halted the westbound train and all road traffic to and from Terrace.

The Canadian National Railways said today that yesterday's westbound passenger returned to Terrace, then departed for Prince George.

The eastbound train is expected to leave on time (8 p.m.) tonight.

Highway and railway crews worked steadily to clear a five-foot-deep slide 100 feet long which covered both rail and road where the two run parallel near Kwinitsa.

Meanwhile, long distance phone service, disrupted for a few hours last night, and Canadian Broadcasting Corporation lines, out for 2½ hours yesterday, were restored.

On the local scene, no damage of consequence has been reported, but the gale which lashed the city and northern coastline yesterday and last night still continues.

Fire Chief Warns Citizens To Get Oil Heating Permits

Oil barrels not properly installed or handled for the purpose of feeding stoves are a constant source of fire hazard, Fire Chief Earl Becker said today.

The chief referred to 18 fires this year directly responsible to overheated oil stoves, improper use of oil or faulty storage and feeding facilities.

The Chief said he had been notified by the Fire Marshall's office that oil companies would be stopped from delivering to householders without oil heating eprmits, and said such permits would be withdrawn where irregularities in use of oil occurred.

The most common hazard, said Chief Becker, was the use of taps to take oil from barrels in smaller quantities to supply inside stove tanks.

MUST USE PUMP

Householders using this method of heating, are required by law to use a pump to take oil from a barrel and the barrel must be equipped with an air vent.

Such an arrangement provides protection against explosion of gaseous air inside a partially filled barrel should it come in contact with heat.

Using a tap, said Chief Becker, is hazardous because it can easily be turned on by children or can develop slow leakage and so soak a large area around the tank with oil. A carelessly flung match, cigarette or even spontaneous combustion could start a fire of serious consequence.

NEED CUT-OFF

The Chief pointed out that storage barrels directly feeding stoves or heaters inside the house must be mounted on an iron stand, be fitted with an air vent, and must have a cut-off valve in the feeder pipe.

All householders using fuel oil must possess a permit, obtainable at the city hall. A permit is granted when the installation has been checked by the fire department and passed.

Householders burning oil without a permit are subject to court action.

The WEATHERMAN Says

Synopsis

The present southerly flow of moist mild Pacific air will continue over the weekend.

Skies will remain generally cloudy although sunny periods will occur in many localities. Temperatures both night and daytime remain well above normal for this time of year.

A weak weather disturbance moving over the south coast and central interior late tonight and early Sunday will cause some light rain during its passage.

The persistant gales blowing in exposed coastal waters will blow themselves out by Sunday morning.

Forecast

North coast region — Gale warning continued. Cloudy with showers today and Sunday. Little change in temperature. Winds southeast 30 today, southwest 20 Sunday. Low tonight and high Sunday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 38 and 47.

Injunction Ends Lengthy Tie-up

SEATTLE (CP)—The end of a month-long tie-up of the Seattle waterfront appeared a certainty Friday with the statement by Judge James Hodson that he would sign a temporary injunction today banning picketing.

French Police Arrest More Morocco Leaders

CASABLANCA (CP) — French police arrested three more top members of the Nationalist party today, one a former adviser to the Sultan of Morocco.

The arrests brought to more than 1,500 the number of Nationalists, Communists and agitators arrested since last weekend's rioting.

The Nationalists have demanded independence. Those arrested today included Ahmad Bennani, member of the Sultan's inner cabinet in 1951.

Some 300 leaders of Nationalists have been interned in desert camps.

Airmail Service Approved

Air mail service between Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte City will begin immediately, it is announced in a wire received here today from E. T. Applewhaite, MP for Skeena, whose representations at Ottawa led to the much-needed service.

A telegram addressed to Walter J. Smith, president of the Liberal association here, advised that the delivery has been approved and will operate twice a week. Mail will be transported from Sandspit to Queen Charlotte City via Skidegate by Darby Kendall who runs a car and motorboat service there.

The new system will replace the old round-about arrangement by which mail addressed to Queen Charlotte City went first to Vancouver, was returned to Prince Rupert and finally reached its destination by boat after a delay which would consume two weeks or more.

The mail will be carried by Canadian Pacific Airlines and will be picked up promptly at Sandspit for the speeded-up delivery. The new service has occupied the close attention of Mr. Applewhaite whose efforts in this direction have been made over a considerable length of time.

Contract Talks Planned by IWA

VANCOUVER (CP)—Decision on whether to apply to re-open its coast contract will be made by the International Woodworkers of America here Saturday.

Under last summer's strike-settling arbitration terms either union or operators may apply to Chief Justice Gordon Sloan to have the contract reopened between Dec. 14 and Jan. 1.

Operators so far have not indicated their position.

Import Restrictions May be Lifted in '53

OTTAWA (CP) — Commnwealth import restrictions against Canadian goods may be lifted gradually in 1953.

A broad hint that a change in the Commonwealth sterling-area trade policy insight was given Friday by Prime Minister St. Laurent and officials in the Canadian party returning frm the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference in London.

"The conference certainly was favorable to Canadian interests," the prime minister said.

But the prime minister couldn't be pinned down as to when the United Kingdom and other import restrictions will be lifted.

"You can't remove restrictions at a trade conference. All you can do is work toward removal," he said.

Another member of the delegation said removal of some of the restrictions can be expected in 1953.