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# Plane Crash Carries 91 To Death

## Worst Accident In Air History

MOSES LAKE, Wash. (CP)—The giant globe-master "Christmas Special," flying servicemen home for holidays, crashed with 118 aboard early today and the air force announced there were 91 known dead—the worst accident in aviation history.

Light snowfall had begun just before the plane took off from Larson Air Force Base at 6:30 a.m. for Kells Air Force Base at San Antonio, Tex.

Some of the survivors were injured and some escaped unhurt. The dead were trapped in the wreckage of the Globemaster, which was consumed by gasoline-fueled flames which flared an instant after the crash.

The C-124 is the biggest U.S. military plane in service. Big as a five-room house, it is capable of carrying as many as 200 combat troops. The plane crashed only moments after the takeoff. Firefighting and rescue crews raced to the scene but were unable to save those trapped in the wreckage. Highest previous loss of life in a plane disaster was March 12, 1950, at Cardiff, Wales, when 80 soccer fans were killed.

The C-124 normally has a crew of about a dozen. Most of the passengers were military men hitch-hiking a ride home for Christmas. The skies were heavily overcast, and the snow continued to filter down as the dying flames flickered early in the winter gloom.

Officials said, however, that weather conditions were not a major factor in the crash.

## Crippled Ship Proceeding To Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP)—The crippled 10,000-ton Canadian Pacific Steamships freighter Maple Cove is proceeding to Vancouver at 10 knots under her own steam. Spokesman for CPS said late Friday Capt. R. A. Leicester of Vancouver radioed that the ship's damaged rudder could be used in favorable weather and he had been under way since 8 a.m.

The tug Island Sovereign, which left Vancouver Thursday night after the captain reported his ship out of control with rudder trouble, is still proceeding toward the ship more than 1,200 miles away.

## MacMillan Profit 'Down

VANCOUVER (CP)—Net profit of \$13,818,340 for the year ending Sept. 30 is reported by MacMillan and Bloedel Limited in its annual report.

This is approximately one-third lower than net profits of H. R. MacMillan Export Company Ltd. and Bloedel, Stewart and Welch Ltd. in the previous year.

Giants of the British Columbia forest industry, the two companies merged in October, 1951. Last year H. R. MacMillan Export Co. Ltd. alone had a net profit of \$15,611,138.

## Only 3 Days Left For Boys To Win Prize

There are only three shopping days left until Christmas, and only THREE more days before The Daily News subscription contest ends and contestants can bring up their totals to win a prize.

Far in the lead with 26 new subscriptions is Robert Jensen, while in second place with 14 is Raymond Sklasky, Victor Maskulak, with 11, is in third place.

To date the carriers have added 92 new subscribers to the Daily News since the contest got under way Nov. 24.

The boy with most subscriptions turned in by 2 p.m. Dec. 24 will be winner of the Grand Prize. Each boy who obtains five or more new subscriptions also will receive a prize.

So hurry, boys—remember, only three full days left in which you can qualify for a prize in this contest.



PREMIER BENNETT of B.C. arrived in Edmonton Friday for a one day conference today with leaders of Alberta's Social Credit government. He was accompanied by Finance Minister Gunderson. The B.C. Premier was greeted at the station by Premier Manning.

## The WEATHERMAN Says

FORECAST  
North coast region: Gale warning issued. Intermittent rain, showery after midnight. Not so cold tonight.  
Winds southerly 40 in the area of the southern Charlottes, and southeast 20 elsewhere, becoming southeast 45 over the entire area during the forenoon, shifting to southwest and diminishing after dark. Low tonight and high Sunday at Port Hardy 35 and 45; Sandspit and Prince Rupert 40 and 45.

## Safety Drive to Begin Soon

To protect the lives of night-bicycling youngsters, the Prince Rupert Parent-Teacher Council shortly will begin a campaign to apply "Scotch-Lite" reflector tape to bikes of all city school children.

An order has been placed to supply all school children's bikes, and it is hoped three or four "working bees" can be held as soon as it is received, to make application.

Children will be notified of the time and the place that the "Scotch-Lite" will be applied.

Parent-Teacher members in the city hope to enlist support for their safety campaign from other organizations, and parents of children who own bikes.

"The need for safety meas-

ures for cyclists is very great, and the use of "Scotch-Lite" will greatly minimize the risk of night cycling to both cyclists and motorists," said a campaign director.

Red strips of tape will be applied on rear fenders and handlebars.

The strips reflect auto headlights brilliantly at night, due to their coating of 30,000 microscopic glass spheres on a reflective plastic film.

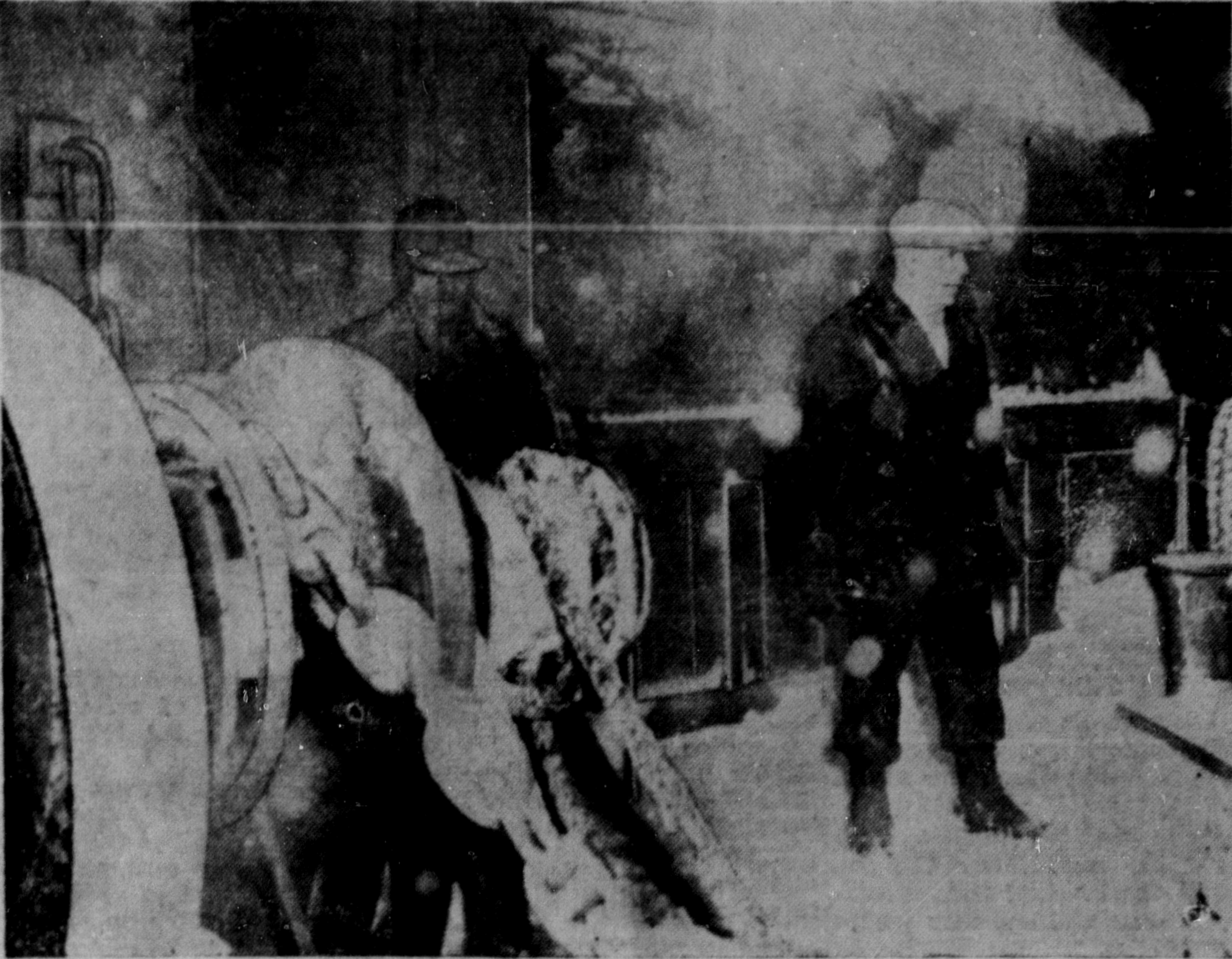
The "Scotch-Lite" reflectorizes the bicycles so they can be seen by motorists from any angle of approach.

The tape is easily applied and becomes a permanent part of the bike.

Strips are cut to proper size with scissors, knife or razor blade. Parts of the bike where the "Scotch-Lite" is to stick are cleaned carefully and dried with some non-inflammable material, after which the strips are placed and rubbed down firmly with finger pressure.

Application must be made at a temperature above 60 degrees Fahrenheit. When the time comes to make application the work probably will have to be done indoors so bikes can be brought to the proper temperature.

While there have been no deaths here this school season as a result of bicycle accidents, several "close scrapes" have occurred. The reflectors will reduce night cycling hazards both to motorists and pedestrians.



Steamer Battered by Storm

A BLINDING SNOWSTORM and heavy winds harried the steamer Cadillac, owned by the Hamilton Harbor Commission, slowing the ship's passage through the Welland canal locks. Standing by winch engines are Henry Tupper (left), mate and Warren Dean, almost obscured by the snow. The rough trip from Detroit was made without the aid of radio or radar.

## Historic Meeting of Natives Set For April 25 in Hazelton

The biggest and probably most historic convention is being planned for next April 25 at Hazelton by the Native Brotherhood of B.C.

Returning from an organizational trip into the interior, Frank Calder, MLA for Atlin and secretary of the Brotherhood, said today "this convention will be one of major importance to all B.C. Indians."

Main items expected to come before delegates representing B.C.'s 30,000 native Indians, are the legality of income tax paid by Indians, problems of trapline registrations, aboriginal timber and fishing rights, and commercial fishing problems.

Of these subjects, Mr. Calder said he was not at liberty to

elaborate, pending formation of a brief by the Brotherhood executive. Other points the convention would bring up, he said, were discussions on an educational level of certain sections in the revised Indian Act, such as election of village councilors, and the voting rights of women.

"By the time the convention takes place, the new Act will have operated for two years. We have been told the government will review the act after that time and listen to our proposals for possible amendments or suggestions," Mr. Calder said.

## Broom Ball Game, Moccasin Dance Turkey Shoot All Set For Curlers

Tonight is the big night for curlers. The Prince Rupert Curling Club's social evening begins at 7 with a curling shoot for turkeys.

From 9 to 9:45 two teams of men curlers will have a game of broom ball—five minutes each way. Then two teams from the women's club match wits.

The "championship" will be played between the winners of the men's and ladies' events.

A moccasin dance will begin at 10 p.m. on the curling ice. Few are expected to be wearing moccasins but there should be lots of rubbers and overshoes.

## Christmas Cheer Donations Set Record on Opening Day

The Salvation Army's annual Christmas "cheer-pot" began boiling in front of the Post Office yesterday morning and by midnight \$200 was donated to make it one of the most responsive days in history here.

The Army reported today it was "very happy" with the response to the campaign which features a red and blue uniformed man or woman ringing a bell beside a Christmas Cheer Kettle.

Last year's receipts from this campaign were \$840, a 10 per cent increase over the previous year.

accomplished by the Army with the use of last year's Christmas cheer fund.

Twenty-eight hampers of food were given to the needy; 323 treats to children and hospital patients, jail inmates and members of the Pioneers' Home; 9,000 garments collected in the district; of which more than 7,000 have been distributed in an area from Hazelton to Japan; more than 400 meal tickets issued and temporary shelter provided; temporary relief given to families, care given to children without homes, and many tickets issued for Christmas dinners.

Over and above the \$200 collected in the "Cheer Kettle" at the Post Office, donations have come in by mail. One was a \$100 check—the same amount which has come from the same person for more than 10 years.

## \$500 Reward Offered For Safe Robbers

VANCOUVER (CP)—A \$500 reward has been offered for the capture of robbers who escaped from Whitehorse, Y.T., with a railway safe containing nearly \$100,000 in cash and cheques.

Guy Wilson, general agent for the White Pass and Yukon Railway here, announced the reward offer Friday.

He said the safe was carted away from the station on the night of Nov. 30 and loot included \$2,500 in cash and \$97,000 in cheques. He doubted the thieves would be able to cash the cheques.

## Old Country FOOTBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE Division I  
Arsenal 3, Aston Villa 1.  
Blackpool 3, Portsmouth 2.  
Cardiff C. 0, Wolverhampton 0.  
Charlton A. 3, Sunderland 1.  
Chelsea 2, Manchester U. 3.  
Derby C. 4, Bolton E. 3.  
Liverpool 2, Preston N.E. 2.  
Manchester C. 2, Stoke C. 1.  
Middlesbrough 2, Burnley 2.  
Newcastle U. 1, Sheffield W. 5.  
W. Bromwich 2, Tottenham 1.

Division II  
Barnsley 2, Doncaster R. 2.  
Birmingham 4, Rotherham U. 0.  
Blackburn R. 2, Nottingham F. 1.  
Bury 1, Fulham 1.  
Hull C. 1, Everton 0.  
Leeds U. 2, Huddersfield T. 1.  
Lincoln 0, Brentford 0.  
Luton C. 1, Plymouth A. 0.  
Notts C. 2, Leicester C. 2.  
Sheffield U. 7, Swansea T. 1.  
Southampton 1, West Ham 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE Division A  
Aberdeen 4, Partick T. 2.  
Clyde 1, East Fife 2.  
Falkirk 2, Celtic 3.  
Hearts 3, Third Lanark 3.  
Motherwell 2, Dundee 1.  
Queen of S. 2, Hibernian 7.  
Raith R. vs. Airdrieonians postponed.  
Rangers 4, St. Mirren 0.

## Freight Rate Hike Approved

### Will Compensate For Wage Boost

By The Canadian Press  
OTTAWA.—A nine per cent general increase in freight rates was authorized today by the Board of Transport Commissioners.

The increase, to gross carriers an estimated \$43,350,000 a year, was awarded to compensate them for the 16-cent-an-hour wage increase they gave non-operating employees.

The application for higher rates was filed after the railways decided earlier this month to grant increases effective Dec. 1, but while they and the non-operating unions were still involved in wage-negotiation talks.

Settlement was reached yesterday on the 16-cent figures, retroactive to Sept. 1.

Today's formal board order implemented the announcement on Dec. 16 that the increase would be granted if the board was satisfied about the accuracy of the railways' cost figures in higher wages, which were submitted earlier this week.

At the hearing Monday, the two big companies said higher wages will cost them \$52,700,000 in all.

A railway witness indicated the companies might try to make up some of the balance by increasing express rates and telegraph rates.

The board today did not give its customary "reasons for judgment" explaining its decision. It merely issued an order telling the railways they may put the increase into effect Jan. 1 provided they get out the new rate schedules before Dec. 31.

In announcing settlement of the lingering wage dispute, the railways said the new contract also provides for checkoff of union dues.

They thus reached settlement pretty much along the lines of the majority report of the federal conciliation board which three weeks ago recommended check-off of union dues and an average increase of 16 cents.

The new settlement, placing the increase back three months, indicated concessions were won by the unions in the final stages of negotiations.

The announcement made no mention of original union demands for union shop and cost-of-living bonus, both of which were turned down in the majority finding of the conciliation board.

Frank H. Hall, chief spokesman for the unions, told reporters later he regarded the settlement as "a very good agreement."

## Declined Nomination First Time

In 1920 he was first approached to run for alderman on city council but he declined. Twenty-three years later he accepted and headed the polls for a two-year term.

But Daggett resigned from his aldermanic post at the end of the one-year term. He was elected again for the following term, which is a record in the city's civic history.

He claims another record: in 1946 he was defeated at the polls by four votes when Mrs. Nora Arnold ran against him, "the closest majority race in this city."

He was again elected as alderman with a large majority, was defeated in another mayoralty



HARRY M. DAGGETT

## Many City Homes Under-Assessed

(City administration is big business—it is a million-dollar operation composed of many departments. To acquaint the public better with these departments, in and out of the city hall, The Daily News has secured permission to investigate and write without restriction. This is the first in a series of articles.—Editor.)

By LARRY STANWOOD

Attention, all property owners, business and residential.

By and large, your buildings and property have been under-assessed for many years and the city has been losing a lot of good tax money—one of the big reasons why city streets are crumbling faster than they can be repaired, why the water system is on its last legs, and why a new telephone system has been long a-waiting.

Had an under-assessment of property in Prince Rupert accounts for the very high tax rate—70 mills, one of the highest rates in the province. To rectify this appalling situation, city council finally took steps some six months ago, to hire a full-time assessor, the first in the city's history.

The assessor is Harry M. Daggett, 72-year-old pioneer carrier, former alderman and mayor of the city.

There'll have to be some changes made, says Daggett, to work on a program devised by himself, and under

## Some Homes Assessed to the Limit

He gave an example. A house he had just assessed cost \$3,500 to build. Recently, the house was sold for \$7,500, yet combined lot and building assessment was less than \$2,500.

Some homes, and business premises, too, however, are either re-valued or assessed to the limit considering present-day values.

## Assessor Working Day and Night

In the last two months, the city's first assessor has not had many evenings off, or Sundays, for that matter. He starts early and ends his work late in the day, compiling records and reports. Yet the veteran of civic affairs still manages to squeeze council meetings, which he attends as a spectator.

"Got to keep up with events," he chuckles.

Harry Daggett, born in New Brunswick, answered early the call of the west. Arriving here before the city's incorporation, his first stop en route was Alberta where he took up ranching from 1901 to 1907, when he headed for Vancouver.

On the coast, he went into business for himself, but after two years found it didn't pay, that he was broke. He moved north, landing in Prince Rupert April 3, 1909.

Son of a carpenter and a journeyman in the trade himself, Daggett found work the day after he landed, to build a house where the Prince Rupert Hotel stands today.

Wages were 75 cents an hour for a 10-hour day, "good money, those days," as Daggett remarked.

Following years were spent as government wharf superintendent, on the halibut exchange, and as a carpenter.

election, then returned as alderman until he resigned last summer to take on the job of assessor.

Standing erect as a newly-driven piling, Daggett shows few of his years over three-score, although there are 12, and with his energy and fervor to things accomplished he takes no back seat to most men half his age.

Often smiling and always a gentleman, he will visit every home and place of business in the city the next two years. While there may pass many a friendly exchange on these visits, they will have but one main purpose: to evaluate equitably the property and the land on which it stands—to give the city and its taxpayers a fair break.