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WOODWARDS IS REPORTED COMING

HOSPITAL HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR; NEEDS NEW BUILDING

Woodwards Reported to Have Purchased a Site For Business Block Here

Seattle Message Indicates That Deal Made With Dybhavn and Hanson for Corner on Third Avenue

In the night's news over the radio last evening, J. A. Morris reports that he picked up with the big King-Cusader set for which he is local distributor, the announcement that the big retail firm of Woodwards Ltd. had closed a deal for the purchase of a location in Prince Rupert on which the concern planned the erection of a large department store. The same report stated that Woodwards' expected to be ready immediately to announce through the press their specific plans in connection with the project such as size of building specifications, etc.

It has been common talk in the city recently that Woodwards have been negotiating for the purchase of the double corner at the northeast of Fifth Street and Third Avenue. The fact that John Dybhavn and Olof Hanson, owners of the property, are both in Vancouver at the present time lends color to the report. A building 100 by 80 feet in dimensions is mentioned.

VANCOUVER, January 28.—(Canadian Press),—Woodwards say no announcement to be made yet.

VANCOUVER TO HAVE SHAKEUP IN THE POLICE

Number of Dismissals Said to be on the Cards in the Big City

VANCOUVER, Jan. 28.—Complete reorganization of the city police department within the next 30 days has been ordered by the Vancouver police commission and written instructions it is understood have already been issued to Chief H. W. Long to this effect. Should the shakeup prove unsatisfactory to the commission, the police board will name a commission of investigation to carry out the edict.

Immediate action, it is stated, will involve the dismissal of six or eight members of the force. No reason is given other than that the Board has for a long time been dissatisfied with the conditions.

C.P.R. SKIPPER LOST IN SOUTH

W. Dixon Hopcraft Finally Discovered in Portland Hospital With Memory Lost

SEATTLE, Jan. 28.—Police were asked today to search for Captain W. Dixon Hopcraft, 60 years of age, retired commander of the transpacific liners of the C.P.R., who left his home here Monday night and has not been seen since. He had been acting as marine surveyor here for the Maritime Insurance Adjustors.

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—Canadians here today identified W. Dixon Hopcraft, formerly commander of the C.P.S. Empress of Australia, as a man suffering from memory lapse, who has been in the hospital here since January 24 when he was reported to have slashed his wrists in a hotel room.

CITY OF OSAKA CRASHED DOCK

Thousands of Dollars Damage in Seattle When Vessel Crushed Gaping Hole in Structure

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—Twenty men ran for their lives and damage estimated at many thousands of dollars was done to the Northwestern grain dock and warehouse last night when the British steamer, City of Osaka, crashed into the dock. The steamer was only slightly damaged but the grain dock, valued at about $300,000 towers 150 feet above a gaping hole about 50 feet high and 35 feet wide and 35 feet deep where the nose of the craft crashed into the building.

SPALDINGS MAY BE INDUCED TO BRING BASKETBALL TEAM

Douglas Frizell announces that there is a possibility of securing a visit here from A. G. Spalding's basketball team. The manager of the Vancouver organization was in the city yesterday and suggested that they might be induced to come here in March. The matter is being taken up at once with a view to having three games played here.

TOLMIE ASKS ABOUT SELLING THE P.G.E

OTTAWA, Jan. 28—Hon. S. F. Tolmie, in the House of Commons yesterday, asked if negotiations for the acquisition of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway by the government of Canada or the Canadian National were under way. Hon. C. A Dunning replied that he would require a little notice before answering.

VANCOUVER STOCK EXCHANGE SYSTEM TO BE MODERNIZED

VANCOUVER, Jan. 28. — Expansion and complete modernizing of the system and facilities of the Vancouver Stock Exchange which will be undertaken within ten days will enable the exchange to handle two million shares a day.

RADIO EMPLOYEE WAS ELECTROCUTED FRIDAY

VANCOUVER, Jan. 28.—James Poole, an employee of a radio firm, was electrocuted yesterday when the radio aerial he was erecting crossed high tension wires.

VANCOUVER EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked.
Big Missouri	.60	.75
Coast Copper	51.00	57.00
Cork Province	.34½	.35½
Daly Alaska	.12	
Dunwell	.30½	.31
George Copper	3.75	3.90
Glacier	.06¼	.06½
Gladstone	.14	.15
Golconda	1.00	4.05
Indian	.13	.13¼
L. and L.	.21	.22
Leadsmith	.06	.06⅜
Lucky Jim	.31	.32
Marmot Metals	.17½	
Premier	2.50	2.60
Porter Idaho	.45	.49
Silvercrest	.17	
Silversmith	.23	.25
Surf Inlet	.00½	
Sunloch	3.70	4.00
Toric	3.90	4.10
Whitewater	2.31	2.35
Wheat	1.47⅞	

CIGARETTES AND LIQUOR REPORTED ON

Customs Commission Also Would Cancel Bonding Warehouse for Export Liquor

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—The Customs commission report, tabled yesterday, recommends the cancellation of customs bonds for export houses.

It states that evidence was given before it indicating that material reduction in the excise duty on cigarettes would materially diminish smuggling without seriously affecting the revenue.

The report also says that in seeking the cause of smuggling liquor in Canada we found it was owing to some extent to the high customs tariff on imported liquor and the high excise tax on liquor manufactured in Canada. As the sale of liquor is largely in the hands of the various liquor boards of the provinces, full benefit of the reduction could not be realized unless with co-operation of the provincial authorities.

DEVELOPMENT AT DUNWELL

Work Will Probably Commence in March Says Report of Directors

VICTORIA, Jan. 28.—An interim report of the directors of Dunwell mines Ltd. for the period from May 1 to December 31, 1927, says: "Unforeseen reverses were sustained from sources beyond control of your directors. Ore reserves did not prove nearly as extensive as the blocking out indicated."

Reference was made to the decline of the world metal markets and in August the directors ordered the cessation of all development and other capital expenditures until the financial stability of the company was fully assured.

"The wisdom of this move has been fully justified but much adverse criticism has been made by people not conversant with the facts. A development program will be carried on at an early date, it is expected about the beginning of March."

As we are very close to our objectives two or three months' work will supply a great deal of valuable information but from knowledge already gained it may possibly change the whole aspect of the ore situation. Ample funds are available for this work."

LEADERS WILL SPEAK MONDAY

Hon. R. B. Bennett Will Lead off in Debate, Followed by Premier Mackenzie King

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—After sitting barely 60 minutes the House of Commons adjourned until Monday when the Conservative leader, Hon. R. B. Bennett will open the debate on the address and Premier King will be heard in reply. It will be a field day with the two leaders as such meeting for the first time in parliamentary debate.

Premier King, soon after the House assembled, tabled the long awaited report on the Royal Commission on customs after which J. L. Ilsley, Liberal for Hants and King, moved the address. He emphasized the prosperous condition of the country but held that the prosperity was not evenly distributed and cited the Maritime provinces as a case in point. He suggested trade treaties with Cuba and Germany, the former as a stimulus to the export of Canadian potatoes and the latter as a stimulus to the export of apples.

Mr. Beaubien of Provencher seconded the address and dwelt on the new status of the Dominion and pointed to Canada's increasing importance in world affairs as instanced by the country's election to a seat in the council of the League of Nations.

THE LITTLE COLONEL, the Duchess of York, inspects the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, of which she became colonel-in-chief last August.

Digby Island Radio Station Completes Feat of Speaking Ship Throughout Long Voyage

At 8 o'clock this morning, Digby Island wireless station again spoke the big motorship Aorangi, this time 100 miles from Auckland, New Zealand, which port she will reach this afternoon. As Sydney, Australia, the final destination of the Aorangi, is about the same distance from Digby Island as Auckland, roughly 6,600 miles, the local station has now practically accomplished the feat of having been in constant communication with a vessel throughout a trip from Victoria to the Antipodes. It is the first time that such a feat has been carried out by a Pacific coast commercial radio station.

General Hospital Reports Being in Good Financial Condition but New Building Will Be Needed Soon

Two outstanding facts were brought to light as a result of the annual general meeting of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Association held last night in the City Hall, with the chairman of the board, J. H. Thompson presiding. These are the need of a new building in the very near future and that the association is now out of debt with all the buildings and apparatus paid for and with a small nucleus toward a building fund. The result has been brought about through the careful management of the institution, as mentioned in the reports given last night and also through something which was not particularly mentioned, the generous grants made by the provincial government and by the city. Without these of course the hospital could not function.

There was a good attendance including several ladies, those present being Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Price, D. C. McRae, E. Unwin, Archie Beatty, T. McMeekin Ald. W. J. Greer, Ald. Percy Tinker, J. L. Christie, George Rorie, S. D. Johnston, S. Suga, D. G. Stewart, Steve King, Alderman Brown, W. C. Orchard, Mrs. Frank Dibb, M. M. Stephens, Dr. Cade, H. B. Rochester, Miss Harrison Chris Elkins, R. E. Benson, N. Muskalem, Mrs. Glassy, Mrs. Pyle, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Laurie Lambly and Secretary-manager Harry Birch.

The financial statement and auditors report was read by the secretary showing that the total receipts amounted to $75,045.15 which were made up as follows:

By Sales: old boiler, $25; Elevator cable $5	$ 30.00
Accounts recovered	1,497.36
Grants—	
B.C. Government, per capita	9,299.55
B.C. Govt. Liquor Profits	4,329.50
City of Prince Rupert per capita	10,497.60
Donations $35.55; Endowment fund, $53	88.55
Hospital fees earned	47,167.50
Bank Interest	205.01
City of Prince Rupert—Isolation Hospital nursing	593.90
Various municipalities — refunds	82.60
Membership fees	174.00
X-Ray operations	1,044.02
Nurses books and pins	.54
Outpatients fees	35.00

At the close of the year there was a surplus of $4,236.66.

The present assets of the hospital are valued at $68,323.99 against which are set accounts payable amounting to $1,767.97 and a small reserve for a contingent liability.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The report of the chairman on the year's operations follows:

You have the annual statement be-

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FOURTH ROUND ENGLISH CUP SOCCER GAMES

LONDON, Jan. 28.—Following are the results of the fourth round English Cup soccer games:

Bury 1, Manchester United 1.
Exeter City 2, Blackburn Rovers 2.
Cardiff 2, Liverpool 1.
Port Vale 3, New Brighton 0.
Swindon 1, The Wednesday 2.
Southport 0, Middlesboro 3.
Derby County 0, Notts Forest 0.
Wrexham 1, Birmingham 3.
Sunderland 1, Manchester City 2.
Huddersfield 2, West Ham 1.
Aston Villa 3, Crewe Alexandra 0.
Stoke City 4, Bolton 2.
Tottenham 3, Oldham 0.
Arsenal 4, Everton 3.
Sheffield United 3, Wolverhampton 1
Reading 0, Leicester 1.

EX-KING GEORGE WINS FIRST HOCKEY GAME

VANCVOUVER, Jan. 28.—The Ex-King George hockey team last night defeated the Monarchs two goals to one in the first of a two game playoff for the city hockey championship.

IRELAND BEATS FRANCE

BELFAST, Ireland, Jan. 28.—Ireland defeated France in an international rugby game here today twelve points to eight.

H. G. Perry Urges Quick Action to Sell the P.G.E.

If any Offer Received from C.P.R. or C.N.R. Would let it go: Should be no Outlet North of C.N.R. he Thinks

VICTORIA, January 28.—Quick action on the part of the provincial government in the disposal of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, was advocated in the Legislature yesterday in a speech continuing the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. The railway should go to either the C.P.R. or the C.N.R., should either of them offer to deal for it. He said it was a shame that settlers were induced to go in along the unfinished route with no facilities provided for them. He deprecated allowing the outlet to the Peace River to go away from the Pacific coast where it properly belonged by means of the C.P.R. and the C.N.R. making a joint agreement to operate the E.D. & B.C. road.

Mr. Perry urged that the province should take care in respect to allowing any outlet north of the G.T.P. line.

Appealing on behalf of the north country, Mr. Perry said the day of the slogan "Go West" had passed and had become rather "Go North." The truth of this was shown in the development of the northern parts of Quebec, Ontario and the prairie provinces and he hoped the government would take steps to have the same apply to the province of British Columbia. If no offer satisfactory to the province was received from any source for the P.G.E. he hoped the government would take steps to have it carried through themselves.

Referring to charges made by Conservative members Thursday that seven per cent was being charged by the land settlement board under the government In this district, he said, it was a question for the farmers, not as to the rate of interest but of getting any loan at all. They would be ready to pay nine per cent if they could get the money.

Reg. Hayward, Conservative of Victoria, charged the government was being a profligate spender of the people's money and by the imposition of taxes that weighed heavily upon the people, had forfeited all claims to support of the taxpayers of B.C.

Mr. Coventry, Conservative member for Saanich, advocated that the province pay medical bills in cases of maternity as a step in the direction of health insurance, which he said would be for the betterment of the race.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division II.

Barnsley 3, Fulham 4.
Blackpool 4, Westbromwich 3.
Chelsea 1, Clapton Orient 0.
Leeds 3, Bristol City 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division I.

Clyde 2, Airdrieonians 2.
Dundee 2, Hearts 7.
Dunfermline 2, Aberdeen 3.
Falkirk 2, Partick 1.
Hamilton 1, St. Mirren 2.
Hibernians 2, St. Johnstone 2
Kilmarnock 2, Celtic 2.
Queen's Park 3, Motherwell 1.
Raith Rovers 0, Cowdenbeath 1.
Rangers 3, Boness 1.

MAJOR SHOEBOTHAM OF MOUNTIES DEAD

DAWSON, Jan. 28. — Major T. M. Shoebotham, commanding the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, died suddenly last night from a heart attack as he entered a hall to attend a card party He came here from Vancouver in October last.

WOULD REDUCE SMUGGLING TO UNITED STATES

SEATTLE, Jan. 28.—If the liquor export houses of British Columbia are put out of business it would reduce smuggling of loquor into this state by nearly 100 per cent, William M. Whitney, assistant prohibition administrator declared, when commenting on the Canadian Customs Commission recommendations.

STOCK PRICES MOVED DOWN AT VANCOUVER

Low Priced Issues Dropped off Most but Practically all Were Shaded

VANCOUVER, Jan. 28.—Losses ranging from three to sixteen points were registered yesterday by almost a score of low priced issues while market favorites were shaded down considerably more. Profit taking was evident but the volume of trade was not as great as on the previous days. Coast Copper was stronger in the morning but weakened in late trading. Toric did likewise.

OFFICERS FOR THE HOSPITAL

Three Ballots Taken Last Night in Choosing Directors Owing to Tie

At the meeting of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Association held in the city council chamber last night a board of directors for the coming year was chosen. G. P. Tinker, H. B. Rochester, J. L. Christie and J. H. Thompson were chosen on the first ballot but there was a tie between M. M. Stephens and George Wilkinson which still persisted on the second ballot. The third gave 11 to 10 in favor of Mr. Stephens who was therefore chosen. Others whose names were put in nomination were Messrs. Beatty, Orchard, McMeekin and Benson, while D. G. Stewart and Chris Elkins refused to accept nomination

The board will meet Monday to choose officers.

GRAIN VESSEL SWAINBY HERE

The British freighter Swainby, Prince Rupert's thirteenth grain ship of the season, arrived in port at 11:30 this morning after an uneventful voyage from the Old Country. She is already lined and will start loading at the first of the week a full cargo of grain for the United Kingdom or Continent.

The Swainby was met at Triple Island and piloted in by Capt. J. R. Elfert, harbor master.

BRITISH MINISTER TO OTTAWA HAS NOT YET BEEN APPOINTED

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—The matter of a British minister or liasion officer to Ottawa is one for the British government to decide and so far no name has been submitted to Ottawa, stated government officials, in answering a question based on the report that Sir William Joynson Hicks, home secretary, would be the government's choice.

IBANEZ DEAD.

MENTONE, France, Jan. 28.—Ibanez, the French author, died here today.