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## ABRUPTLY ENDING TO FIGHT IN EAST INSPECTOR MAKES STATEMENT REGARD RECENT CRIME

**EDITORIAL**  
**CLEAN-UP PERIOD**

The annual clean-up period for the city commences today and those who have not attended to this important matter are likely to hear of it officially if it is not done at once.

Taken generally the city is in a good condition and a great many people have been improving their places by planting lawns, cultivating gardens, painting and repairing their premises or otherwise making things tidier and more shipshape. If the civic authorities will follow this up and see that no civic nuisance is allowed to remain and that no careless persons are omitted from the general program, Prince Rupert will look much better.

The past week has not been a good one for work of this kind but the prospects seem to be improving and a fine week should see all preliminary spring work finished.

### Development of Georgia River Mine is Planned Soon as Snow is Gone

A ROAD is to be built to the Georgia River Gold Mines, on Portland Canal, heavy machinery will be taken in and an aggressive campaign of development will be carried on there, according to John F. Coates of Vancouver, a mining engineer, who arrived this morning aboard the Catala and is proceeding south after a visit to Stewart.

Mr. Coates says there is too much snow on the ground at present to do anything definite but he thinks a road could be built that could be used by tractors this year. The road will follow the Georgia River but as soon as the snow disappears he will be back and will decide exactly what is to be done. He says they have the money for development in the treasury but the first thing to work on is the road.

Once the transportation plans are settled, a program will be laid down for the working of the mine. Camp construction will have to be taken in hand and equipment provided and it will be some little time before actual work can proceed. There will be great activity at the property just as soon as the snow is gone.



**WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL ROYAL CHILDREN:** That is what artists and sculptors say about the bairns of the Grandduchess of Luxembourg, who married the Prince Felix de Bourbon Parma

### Fishermen Want Salmon Sold on Open Market

Packers are to be instructed to Follow This Plan When Delivering Fish Here From the Trolling Grounds

AT a meeting of the Warke Canal unit of the Northern B.C. Salmon Fishermen's Association held last week a number of questions pertaining to the fishery interests were discussed and the following resolutions were adopted:

"That all salmon fishermen be requested to put their fish on the market and in case they ship through the hands of a packer to instruct them to do likewise."

"That we shall not sell our white salmon for less than six cents and request all salmon fishermen to support us in this matter."

"That the executive committee take action to enforce high speed boats to slow down going through Canoe Pass as they are damaging fishing boats tied up to the floats there."

### COOL WEATHER IN THE YUKON

ONLY TWO DEGREES ABOVE FREEZING EARLY THIS MORNING AT DAWSON

The thermometer stood only two degrees above freezing at eight o'clock this morning at Dawson, according to the weather report of the Government Telegraph. Other places in the north were slightly warmer but not enough to help much in breaking up the ice.

The detailed report follows:

Terrace—Clear, calm, temp. 40.  
Boswood—Clear, calm, temp. 40.  
Allyn—Cloudy, calm, temp. 38.  
Alice Arm—Clear, calm, temp. 48.  
Aspx—Clear, calm, temp. 48.  
Stewart—Part cloudy, calm, temp. 44.  
Hayport—Clear, light wind, temp. 48.  
Port Simpson—Clear, calm, temp. 46.  
Hazelton—Part cloudy, calm, temp. 48.  
Smithers—Part cloudy, calm, temp. 48.  
Burns Lake—Clear, calm, temp. 37.  
Eight Cabin—Clear, calm, temp. 46.  
Echo Lake—Cloudy, south wind, temp. 38.  
Telegraph Creek—Cloudy, calm, temp. 40.  
Allyn—Cloudy, calm, temp. 40.  
Whitehorse—Clear, calm, temp. 43.  
Stewart River—Clear, calm, temp. 37.  
Dawson—Clear, calm, temp. 34.

### JUDGE CHARGED FAVOR CURRIE

COBOURG, Ont., May 1. — In the Currie \$50,000 libel suit against F. W. Wilson and W. T. R. Preston, Judge Ross this morning concluded his charge to the jury, which retired to consider their verdict.

Frank Regan, counsel for the defense, claimed that the judge's charge was one-sided but this was overruled.

### FUNERAL SERVICE FOR FISHERMAN IS HELD HERE TODAY

Funeral service for the late Carl Axel Bergren, local halibut fisherman, who died at the end of last week took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the chapel of the B.C. Undertakers under the supervision of the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union and the Loyal Order of Moose. Rev. J. R. Frizell, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiated and interment followed in Fairview Cemetery. A number of friends and acquaintances of the deceased were in attendance to pay last respects. Pallbearers were Ed. Peterson, Sigurd Grunfur and J. M. Morrison, representing the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union, and Gillis Royer, L. E. Parry and Percy Cameron of the Moose Lodge.

Those sending flowers included Mr. and Mrs. C. Jackson and family.

### AWARD \$500 LIBEL SUIT

PRESTON AND WILSON GUILTY AND MUST PAY SMALL FINE TO SIR ARTHUR

COBOURG, Ont., May 1. — Five hundred dollars was awarded Sir Arthur Currie in his libel suit against W. T. R. Preston and F. W. Wilson defendants in the suit for \$50,000. The jury found defendants guilty.

SPRING SALMON FISHING

Reports received from Dundas Island is that spring salmon fishing is showing a slight improvement. At Warke Canal the fishing is very slow at present.

WIRES ALL DOWN.

The wires were all down today with the result that most of the telegraphic features usually received are absent. A few brief despatches came by wireless.

### Portion of Weapon with Which Murder Committed is in the Possession of Police They Say

Inspector Spiller Makes Official Statement in Regard to Crime and Declares Perpetrator Will yet be Found

ANOUNCEMENT that a portion of the weapon which it is believed was used in the slaying of Mrs. Esther Killias on April 17 has been in the possession of the police for some time was the most interesting feature of an official statement on the crime which was delivered to newspapermen in an interview last evening by Inspector William Spiller. The nature of the weapon and the place it was found Inspector Spiller declined to divulge. The inspector stated that the investigation was continuing and would continue until the perpetrator of the crime had been apprehended. Solution of the mystery surrounding the crime might take some time to reach, however, it was evident Inspector Spiller feared.

The statement was as follows:

"On arrival of the police, the house was found to be in a very orderly condition. Nothing had apparently been moved and nothing rifled.

"The police have been in possession for some time of a portion of the weapon with which it is presumed the crime was committed.

"Between one hundred and 150 persons have been interviewed and investigated, some two, three and even four times. The police have been finding difficulty in tracing men who were down there that night and it has been necessary to work back through long channels before being able to check up on some of these men. In some cases, owing to denials and other causes, many valuable hours have been lost. Much time can be saved if people who visited Comox Avenue that evening would inform either Sergeant Hannah or myself so they may be checked up on. Any information and names of persons who were in that locality that night will be kept strictly confidential. Appointments can be made at any hour of the day or night.

"Owing to the locality, detection of the perpetrator of a crime of this kind is an extremely laborious task. The public can rest assured, however, that it makes no difference, whether it be six hours, six days or six years, the case will never be lost sight of and some police officer or officers will be working on it all the while. The in-

### KEEN BIDDING FOR HALIBUT

HIGHEST PRICE SINCE EASTER PAID AT EXCHANGE THIS MORNING FOR FOUR CENTS

There was keen bidding at the fish exchange this morning with the result that halibut sold at the highest figure it has reached since the Easter holidays. Only four boats were offering and two of them went over the fifteen mark while the other two were paid about seventeen cents. Following were the sales:

Nordic, 27,000, to Booth Fisheries, at 15.10c and 6c.  
Senator, 28,000, to Cold Storage, at 15.10c and 6c.  
Lenore, 12,000, to Pacific Fisheries, at 17c and 8c.  
Lumen, 18,000, to Royal Fish Co., at 17.10c and 8c.

WIRELESS REPORT.

8 a.m.

Digby Island—Clear, calm; barometer, 29.80; temperature, 51; sea smooth; 6 p.m. spoke steamer Aleutian, five miles from Wrangell, bound for Juneau; 6:45 a.m. spoke steamer Catala, left Port Simpson, bound for Prince Rupert.

Dead Tree Point—Raining, fresh S.E. wind; barometer, 29.68; temperature, 44; sea rough.

Bull Harbor—Raining, fresh S.W. wind; barometer, 29.61; temperature, 38; heavy swell; 8 p.m. spoke tug Lorne, weatherbound at Watson Bay; 8:45 p.m. spoke steamer Prince Rupert, abeam Pine Island, southbound; 8 p.m. spoke steamer Starr, Seward from Seattle, 370 miles from Seattle; 5 a.m. spoke steamer Princess Alice, abeam Maude Island, northbound; 8 a.m. spoke steamer Prince George, abeam Milly Island, northbound.

NOON

Digby Island—Clear, calm; barometer, 29.82; temperature, 54; sea smooth.

Dead Tree Point—Clear, fresh S.E. wind; barometer, 29.76; temperature, 48; sea moderate.

Bull Harbor—Cloudy, light S.W. wind; barometer, 29.28; temperature, 56; heavy swell.

### CANADIAN OBSERVER COMING AT WEEK-END

C.N.S.S. Freighter Due Here Saturday or Monday With Piles and Lumber

Canadian National Steamships freighter Canadian Observer of the Ocean Falls-California paper carrying service is due here May 5-7 from Vancouver with a cargo of cross-tied piles and lumber for the Canadian National Railways. The piles will be used in the refacing of the G.T.P. wharves, which work is now in progress. The lumber will be for bridges on the railway.

### Jack Sharkey Knocked Out Delaney in First Round of Scheduled Fifteen Round Bout at New York Last Night

NEW YORK, May 1.—Jack Sharkey, the Boston heavyweight, won in the first round of the big fight last night here against Jack Delaney flooring him with a jolt on the jaw which put him to sleep and ended the fight.

The bout was scheduled to have gone fifteen rounds, but there were not many blows struck before the end came, less than a minute from the time the round began. Delaney never hit his opponent once but he received several heavy blows from the Bostonian, the fourth doing the business promptly and effectually.

Sharkey was the favorite, betting being strong on him prior to the go, but no one expected it to end as quickly and suddenly as it did.

### City Formally Accepts Offer to Transfer Waterfront Property Made by Provincial Government

THE city council last night accepted an offer from the provincial government, through Hon. T. D. Pattullo, to convey to the municipality seventy-five feet of waterfront at the foot of McBride Street, committing itself, however, to no immediate scheme of development on the property. The finance committee recommended that the offer be accepted.

Ald. Collart felt that this was a good opportunity for the city to obtain a piece of foreshore on which to eventually put in floats though the city was in no position to carry out such developments at this time. Possibly, after a while the necessary money bylaw could be put to the people. "Meanwhile, I think it is wise for the council to accept what practically amounts to a gift."

Ald. Brown inquired if it was the understanding in connection with the transfer that improvements would be undertaken immediately.

"There are no strings attached to it," the mayor replied.

Ald. Prudhomme questioned if it was the most desirable piece of waterfront the city could have.

Mayor McMordie replied that, if the city wanted other waterfront, it could always apply for it. He referred to the fact that the city would be receiving other waterfront for its rights in Cow Bay whenever the Federal government should proceed with development there. The piece at the foot of McBride Street, he thought, might become very valuable in time. Floats for the benefit of local boat owners as well as residents of the district visiting the city could be placed there. He advised acceptance of the offer.

The offer was accepted without discussion.

### APRIL WEATHER WAS NOT BAD THIS YEAR

Hours of Sunshine Slightly Less than Last Year but Rain Less and Temperature Higher

April weather this year, in spite of unappreciative comments that may be generally heard, was not so bad. Sunshine, totalling 91.8 hours, was almost as much as last year's 100.5 inches. There was less precipitation at 5.21 inches than last year's 6.10 inches of rain and 31.6 inches of snow. The mean temperature was a good deal higher—45.8 degrees this April as compared with 40.6 degrees last year. The following are the weather figures for the month as issued this morning by H. D. Tee, Digby Island, Dominion meteorologist:

Sunshine, 91.8 hours.  
Precipitation, 5.21 inches.  
Greatest daily rainfall, .82 inch on April 28.  
Snowfall, 3.2 inches.  
Minimum temperature, 60 on April 6.  
Minimum temperature, 27 on April 2.  
Mean Temperature, 45.8.  
Highest barometer reading at sea level, 30.62 on April 6.  
Lowest barometer reading at sea level, 29.41 on April 27 and 28.  
Total wind mileage, 4,446.  
Greatest wind velocity, 26 miles from southeast on April 21.  
Average wind velocity for month, 6.2 miles.

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### LAW ENFORCEMENT SUBJECT OF PAPER

5. Harris Speaker Before United Church Young People Last Night—Rehearsal for Play

An interesting paper on the topic: "The Private Citizen's Responsibility in Regard to Law Enforcement" was given before the Young People's Society of First United Church last evening by G. Harris of Booth Memorial School teaching staff. The paper was well prepared and covered many phases of the question. The desirability on the part of each person observing the law was emphasized. This, it was held, would tend to cultivate opinion and sentiment toward the keeping of law and order. An interesting discussion on ways and means followed the paper.

The rest of the evening was given over to rehearsal of the play "The Village School Mam" which will be presented by members of the Society on May 10. Miss E. M. Earle is directing the play.

### PAGEANT SCENE FIRESIDE CLUB

REFRESHMENTS SERVED BY MEN AT REGULAR MEETING LAST NIGHT

The regular meeting of the Baptist Fireside Club held last evening was one of unusual interest and enjoyment. The principal feature of the program was the presentation of a Missionary Pageant entitled "Aunt Tillie Learns to Tithe." The cast included seventeen characters which were represented by ladies of the Mission Circle and members of the Fireside Club.

Mrs. Thurbur as "Aunt Tillie" gave a capital rendering of the part, and all the other members of the cast acquitted themselves in an exceedingly able manner, both dialogue and characterization being very well done. A large audience which crowded the lecture hall witnessed the performance with great delight. Vocal solos were rendered by Miss B. Derry and Mrs. P. Miller, Mrs. Rolf Walker being accompanist. Rev. W. F. Price presided.

At the close of the program a bountiful lunch was served by the young men of the club under the direction of G. Sutherland.

### NEWSPAPER IS CROWDED OUT

UNION RECORD PLANT BEING SOLD BY RECEIVERS

SEATTLE, May 1.—The plant of the Seattle Union Record, which has been crowded out of the daily newspaper field in this city is to be sold and the affairs of the company wound up. At present the affairs of the concern are in the hands of receivers.

### HOLDING SHOWER IN COUNTRY STORE AID

Function Taking Place This Afternoon Under Auspices of First United Church Ladies' Aid

The Ladies' Aid of First United Church, which will be in charge of the "Country Store" stall at the Ridley Home Bazaar this week, is holding a shower tea in aid of that booth at the church parlors this afternoon. Mrs. Walter Thompson in convener of the function and ladies assisting include Mrs. G. V. Wilkinson, Mrs. J. S. Irvine, Mrs. James Krikevsky, Mrs. B. G. Beale, Mrs. M. M. Lamb, and Mrs. G. M. Hunter.

### AINDERBY TO FINISH LOADING WEDNESDAY

Twenty-Seventh ship of season will sail for U.K.—Continent Tomorrow Night or Thursday Morning

Loading of the British steamer Ainderby, Prince Rupert's twenty-seventh grain ship of the season, with a full cargo for the United Kingdom or Continent will be finished by noon tomorrow, it is expected. The vessel will probably sail tomorrow night or Thursday morning.

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### WEATHER REPORT

Prince Rupert—Clear, calm; temperature, 51.

FORESTS EFFECT ON TEMPERATURE

Forests have an equalizing effect on extremes of temperature. Records for Canada show that in forested districts maximum temperatures are lower and minimum temperatures higher than in adjoining deforested tracts.