

ground shows typical scenery of the picturesque coast of British Columbia.

EDITORIAL

PRINCE RUPERT DEPENDS PROSPERITY OF UPON HIGHWAY BEING BUILT IMMEDIATELY

Prince Rupert's future prosperity depends upon the building of a highway.

The city of Prince Rupert is the only city in Canada today that has no highway leading to it. In that it is unique among cities, but unfortunately not having one is a great loss. In the days before tourist travel this would it is feared, may be short of food. The storm was said to not have mattered much, but with the arrival of automo- be the worst the country had known. bile touring as one of Canada's greatest industries, Prince Rupert is cut off from sharing in it.

In 1927 considerably over thousand cars came through to Hazelton and turned back. Last year the number ran into several thousands. This year if there was a highway along the Skeena River there would be at least five PIONEER BOAT thousand cars come to Prince Rupert and they would thousand cars come to Prince Rupert and they would spend a few days here before turning back. A few of the people would camp in the tourist park that would have to be provided. Most of them would stay at local hotels, would buy tires, oil, gasoline, and clothes; would eat at the restaurants; would leave thousands of dollars here.

Under such conditions Prince Rupert would be Frank M. Davis, Aged 62, Sucprosperous.

Ten-Day Blizzard North of Manitoba 200 Men Hungry

WINNIPEG, May 7.—For the past 10 days a blizzard has been raging north of here along the line of railway leading to Hudson Bay and the Flin Flon Railway. Two BILLY VICKERS work trains were snowed in with close to 200 men, whom, BILLY VICKERS

Today the temperature is rising, bringing relief from intense cold, and aid is being rushed in, the track being cleared by the aid of snow-plows.

TARIFF BILL HOUSE MAN IS INTRODUCED DEAD IN SOUTH U.S. HOUSE

> Duty on Lumber Goes Up and Shingles Taken Off

* DECAPITATION C. P. R. Loses One Step in Big Suit IN CHINA TODAY * NANKING, May 7:-The + * Nationalist Government state * Princess Sophia * council announced today that * * henceforth, decapitation as a * * method of execution in China *

SEATTLE, May 7.-Marking a preliminary victory in the battle for \$2,950,000 by the heirs of 214 of the 298 persons drowned in the sinking of the Canadian Pacific liner Princess Sophia off Juneau, Alaska, in October, 1918, a memorandum report awarding that amount to plaintiffs has been filed in the federal court by United States comnissioner A. E. Bowman.

Before the litigants can hope to collect, the judgment Former Chief of Police Here Suc- in the case must still be fought in the United States su-

> -preme court to determine the extent to which the company is liable.

Taking of the testimony upon which the report is based took six years. In the previous decision Judge Neterer held that judgment could not be satisfied from any resources of the Canadian Pacific other than the \$9000 freight and passenger money earned by the Princess Sophia on her last voyage, which was deposited with the court 10 years ago when the rail. road first filed a petition asking for limitation of liability.

Think of the fishing parties that would have to be taken out by Paul Armour and other boat owners! Imagine how the dealers in car accessories would benefit! this morning of the death last Think what business the Ford people would do here! Saturday in Los Angeles of Frank Hardly a person but what would be benefited. People M. Davis who operated a boat would leave their cars here and go on to Ketchikan, house business in Prince Rupert Stewart and other points. The Monday to Thursday in the early days. He was 62 round trip boat would be crowded each week.

But would it be only Prince Rupert that would benefit? Not a bit. Prince George would be busier because more cars would pass through. Every place along the line the Masonic order. would do business. Smithers, Telkwa, Burns Lake, Vanderhoof, Hazelton and Terrace would share in it. It would spell progress to the whole northern and central sections of the province.

"But look at the cost," says friend Pessimist. Yes, look. It would cost three million dollars. Possibly it might run to four millions, or suppose it cost five, is no argument against it. See what it would mean in increased business to the province. People would come here instead of going off to the province of Alberta or elsewhere. The government would make up a lot of the interest on the investment from the gasoline tax and from the extra licenses that would be charged on the tremendous increase there would be in the number of local cars. It would almost pay to make it a toll road.

But what excuse is given for not building this highway now? It is said that an aerial reconnaissance is necessary. Ask any man who was in the flying corps overseas how long it would take to make that reconnaissance. He would tell you that a week or two at the most would do it, possibly less. Yet we are to be delayed a whole season because there is no reconnaissance. To the people of Prince Rupert, of Terrace, of Hazelton, of Smithers, of Telkwa, of Houston, of Burns Lake, RETURNFROM of Endako, of Fraser Lake, of Vanderhoof, of Prince RETURNFROM George, of Quesnel, and of intermediate points, we say this: Let us all work together to insist that this highway be built into Prince Rupert. By the time it can be built, even at the best possible speed, ten thousand cars will be ready to come through to Prince Rupert and they will all Canadians to Number of 30,000 leave some money as they pass along the route. Today they are kept back from the knowledge that they cannot get through all the way. If it was once advertised that Prince Rupert highway was finished, there would be such a rush to drive through that it would be hard to accom- decided movement of Canadians wishing to land there. The big convention is to be held here next month. Let States, according to figures re- council, the city fathers passed a modate all who would come. this Skeena River road be the leading subject and let it be put forward in such a manner that it cannot escape notice. If necessary let the convention travel to Victoria in a body and storm the executive council and let them know that delay will not be tolerated. Failing this let us form The total number of immigrants office officials to the necessity of aged 86, a resident here since Our own province and put through the road ourselves in- coming to Canada within the airmail service from Seattle to 1905 when he came from Edmondependent of Victoria.

Los Angeles

Word was received in the city years of age and is survived by a son, Webb Davis.

cumber Last Saturday in

The late Mr. Davis moved south many years ago. He belonged to

HOOVER IS GRATIFIED

Will Take Prompt Action Looking to Conference View to Disarmament

WASHINGTON, May 7 .--President Hoover said today that while no method of obtaining an international discussion of naval disarmament had as yet been initiated, results of the Geneva conference were to be followed by prompt action looking toward a conference of this sort. The greatly gratified with the reFree List

WASHINGTON, May 7:-The tariff bill was introduced in the House today. Even before it was offered, mutterings of trouble were audible. Agriculture members from the west and south declared the rate on agricultural products were not high enough. The industrial members were also dissatisfied.

While the imports from Canada will be to some extent curtailed by the bill, the increase in general as to pro" ducts largely shipped from Canada is not as great as many anticipated. Hides have been left on the free list; grains generally are unchanged; a material increase is made on lumber: shingles, which are now on the free list will bear a duty of 25 per cent ad valorem; beef is increased from three to six cents a pound; no change has been made on stock or cattle.

AIRPLANE DOCK FOR CITY OF KETCHIKAN

president said that he was City Council to Take Action at Alaskan Port to Accommodate Seaplanes

night in Victoria of William Henry Vickers, who was one of the real pioneers of Northern British Columbia and chief of city police in this city for sixteen years. The late Mr. Vickers had been in rather failing health for several weeks, local friends had learned, but his death was not expected and news of it came as great shock. Probably no man who ever lived in this city and district had more friends, was more popular or generally res-National Silver, 16¹/₂, 17. pected than the late "Billy" Vic-Noble Five, 60, 61¹/₂. kers. Oregon Copper, 47, 48.

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DIES IN SOUTH

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toria Last Night

AGED SIXTY SEVEN

Administered City Force in

Prince Rupert From

1910 to 1926

It was with general and gen-

uine regret that word was re-

ceived in Prince Rupert this

morning of the sudden death last

* will be prohibited.

Born in Plymouth, England. 67 years ago, Chief Vickers came here from Atlin in March, 1907, and was the first provincial police constable in Prince Rupert. On incorporation of the city in 1910, he was pressed to accept the appointment of chief of police and held that office until June 1926 when policing of the city was given over to the provincial force. Since then the late Mr. Vickers has been with the registration of trap lines branch of the Game Department at Victoria. Vickersville, one of the early tent settlements in Prince Rupert townsite, was named after him.

In his capacity as a police officer, the late Chief Vickers ever executed his duties without fear or favor and, nevertheless, he was a man of extremely kindly heart

and genial disposition. His long

Georgia River, 35, Nil. Golconda, 1.55, 1.60. Grandview, 431/2, 441/2. Independence, 9, 91/2. Indian, Nil, 5. Inter. Coal & Coke, 35, 38. Kootenay Florence, 111/2, 121/2. Kootenay King, 44, 45. L. & L., 31/4, 31/2. Lucky Jim, 14, 16. Mohawk. 4, 41/2. Morton Woolsey, 61/4, 63/8. Marmot River Gold, 6, 7. Marmot Metals, Nil, 41/2.

Pend Oreille, 6.00, 6.15.

Pioneer Gold, Nil, 1.50.

Reeves Macdonald, 1.65, 1.75.

Premier, 1.90, 1.95.

Porter-Idaho, Nil, 53.

Rufus-Argenta, 23, 24.

Ruth-Hope, 37, 38.

Silver Crest, 7, 8.

Silverado, Nil, 95.

Silversmith 14,, Nil.

Slocan King, 5, Nil.

Snawflake, 561/2, 57.

Sunloch, 2.10, 2.25.

Wellington, 12, 13.

Whitewater, 85, 90.

Woodbine, 61/4, 61/2.

Freehold, 2.03, 2.05.

Sterling Pacific, 2.47, 2.50.

Eastern Stocks

Dallas, 2.25, Nil.

Toric, Nil, 1.50.

Slocan Rambler, 17, 18.

Topley Richfield, Nil, 32.

Oils, Calgary

SIOCK QUOTATIONS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

B. C. Silver, 1.00, Nil.

Big Missouri, 1.42, 1.45.

Cork Province, 13, 15.

George Copper, 7.00, 7.25.

Bayview, Nil, 5.

Dunwell, Nil, 23.

Duthie, 51, 55.

BODY OF GIRL WAS THAT OF STUDENT AT M'GILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL, May 7.-Police announced today that the body of the woman recovered from Riviere des Prairies at Ahuntsic has been dentified as that of Miss Barbara Pitcher, 18-year-old first-year arts tudent of McGill University, who disappeared two months ago.

WHEAT MARKET **PANIC STRICKEN**

Memories of Deep Slump Four Years Ago Conjured Up In Winnipeg Today

WINNIPEG, May 7:-Panic stricken memories of the deep slump in wheat prices four years ago were conjured up on a frantic market today. Breaks of 81/2c to 91/sc from Saturday's close resulted from announcement of reduction of United States freight rates as well as from weakness at Liverpool, Chicago and Buenos Aires. The close, after but a Leagre reaction, was 8c to 7c cwer for the day.

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sults of the conference.



UNITED STATES

and a dealer a dealer !

Again Make Homes in Canada

country.

OTTAWA, May 7.-There is a snags which might hamper planes, will go out. E. V. Ling, formerly back to Canada from the United At the same meeting of the ver, was a nephew. cently given out. Within the past resolution to be sent to the Seat- the orders to which Chief Vickers

year 30.000 have returned to stay tle postmaster. urging establish- belonged. in Canada and they have brought ment of airmail service in southanother 30,000 with them, or, at western Alaska. This is in line

ny rate, that is the number of with the campaign being conduct-Americans who have come to the ed by all interested organizations

with a view to awakening the post year was 167,722. Ketchikan and Juneau.

tenure of office as chief here Mill City, 9.90, Nil. KETCHIKAN, May 7.- A dock testified at the same time to his Regent, 75, Nil. especially constructed to accom- efficiency and popularity and, Spooner, 3.85, Nil. modate airplanes in Ketchikan now that he is gone, the people of will be erected by the city imme- Prince Rupert will generally feel "ately, following the action of the that they have lost a friend inity council which instructed the deed, despite the fact that he had street committee to select a site not been here in the last three Calmont, 5.08, 5.10, for such a dock and report at the years. next meeting of the council. The The late Mr. Vickers is surcouncil also instructed Tom Tor- vived by a widow and daughter, ry, street commissioner, to clear Miss Evelyn Vickers. To them Home, 23.90, 24.00. the Thomas basin tide flats of the sympathy of many old friends of this city and now in Vancou-McLeod, 5.70, 7.80. The Masonic craft was among New McDoug.-Segur, Nil, 4.00. Royalite, Nil, 175.00. Vulcan, Nil, 2.05. Reconstruction from home successing an anti-locate space in these success Hargal, 2.41, 2.45.

VICTORIA MAN DIES

United, 18.25, 18.40. VICTORIA, May 7:-John Ross Sherritt-Gordon, 8.35, Nil Noranda, 54.75, Nil.

Great West, 90, Nil. Mercury, 1.90, Nil. Mid West, 1.20, Nil. Turner Valley, 1.60, Nil. Okalta. Com., 580,00, Nil. Advance, 11.00, 11.25. A. P. Consolidated, 4.95, 4.97. Dalhousie, 5.70, 5.75. Devenish, 1.35, 1.38. Fabyon Pete, Nil, 12. Illinois-Alberta, Nil, 1.89. Mayland, 12.50, 12.75. McDoug.-Segur, Nil, 7.50.

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mere! Ycu, sir!" cried the irate o'd gentleman. "Didn't I tell you never to enter this house sgain." "No sir," replied his daughter's persistent suitor. "You said 1 was not to cross your threshold, so I climbed in at the window."-The Strand.

Scottish Humor

A QUESTION OF AGE Salvation Army girl (to old Aberdonian): "Will you give a 'nilling for the Lord?" "Hoo auld are ye, lassie?" Eighteen past." "Ah weel, I'm seeventy-five. i be seein' him afore you, so 'll hand it to Him mysel'."

ton, died last night.