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## Enrolment In School Up 7.2 Pct.

Maintaining the steady increase which is being recorded month after month, enrolment in Prince Rupert's four public schools this April hit a new high mark of 1338—a gain of 7.2 percent over 1258 in the same month last year. Most notable gain is in Borden Street School which has 27 pupils more than a year ago. Booth Memorial High School has 27 more and Principal A. M. Hurst informed the board last night that he estimated there would be from 520 to 550 pupils next September. This would entitle the school to government grants for two or three new teachers. The board, accordingly, agreed that two more teachers should be engaged at the new term, making a total of 23. The school attendance figures for this April and last were as follows:

	1951	1950
Booth Memorial	473	446
King Edward	321	307
Borden Street	278	250
Conrad Street	266	255

Percentage attendance per school in April was: Booth School 93.997; King Edward 94.4; Borden Street 94.61; Conrad Street 96.49. The only rural school to report on attendance was Port Edward where 89 pupils are enrolled with percentage attendance of 87.48.

## Would Cut on New Building

Board of school trustees last night received a communication from Hon. W. T. Straith, minister of education, drawing attention to a request originating from the federal government, that civilian building be held to a minimum in view of defence needs and that further new school building be reduced to the minimum of necessity. The minister pointed out that the provincial government was cutting its grants of assistance for new schools in the province this year from \$10,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The minister was informed that major expenditure in connection with local new school building has been incurred as from last year and that there can be no turning back now.

## Denied Grant For School Transport

Leroy Stone, who applied recently to the board of school trustees for a special grant in connection with the transportation of his children from Rainbow Lake to city schools, was rejected by the school board last night. The board so decided after hearing advice from the executive assistant to the minister of education that care should be exercised in granting such requests in view of complications which might arise. There was also the matter of insurance. It was stated that, in any case, Mr. Stone was coming in to work himself and was bringing along the children at the same time. Motion of the board, by Trustees A. B. Brown and Mrs. Earl Becker, was that the board could not set a precedent by paying transportation and that, under ordinary circumstances, the children concerned would be obliged to take their schooling by correspondence.

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## local and PERSONAL

A brush and grass fire last evening in the 600 block Eighth Avenue East soon was quelled by the fire department.

Canadian Legion W. A. meeting Thursday 8 p.m. (104c)

Mrs. D. Slevert was among the ladies who took part in the spring sale of St. Peter's Anglican Women's Auxiliary. She was at the home cooking booth.

Articles for Women's Hospital Auxiliary Giant Rummage Sale can be left at Smith and Elkins shop or call Blue 949 for collections. (104c)

Library Committee of the Women of the Moose met at the home of Mrs. B. Bellamy. Mrs. O. Tweed was the hostess. Four members were present, Mrs. Betty Blair, Mrs. R. G. Skinner, Mrs. O. Tweed and Sylvia Johnson. Visitors were Mrs. J. MacDougal and Mrs. A. Hamilton. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

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Hon. Harry Bowman, minister of agriculture for British Columbia, and Mrs. Bowman arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert this morning from Victoria and will proceed to Prince George on this evening's train. Mr. Bowman was formerly located at Prince George as colonization and agricultural representative of the Canadian National Railways. He represents Port George riding in the Legislature.

There will be a men's softball meeting Thursday, May 3, at 8 p.m. in the Civic Centre. World Series baseball films will be shown. Team entries for 1951 are invited. (H)

Mrs. Elma B. Dunn was last night granted leave of absence from her teaching duties at Conrad Street School until the end of June in view of her continued illness. Mrs. M. O. Kullander, who has been substituting for Mrs. Dunn, will be given a temporary appointment to carry on for Mrs. Dunn, the school board decided last night.

## Double Baptism At St. Andrew's

Rev. Canon Basil S. Procktor officiated at the double christening on Sunday of Carol Mae Hemmons and Jacklyn May Hemmons in St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral. Godparents of the Graham baby were Betty Hemmons, Ruth Ketcheson and Glenn Hemmons; Godparents of the Hemmons baby were Sally Graham, Charlie Graham and Jackleen Scott of Kamloops.

## Air Passengers

From Sandspit (Monday)—Mr. and Mrs. Kindlish, Mr. King, Mr. Gardiner, A. Hachey, Mr. Ficko, W. I. Doubleday, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Marsden.  
From Vancouver (Monday)—W. N. Zottoff, B. Kurth, J. Forman, R. Thickett, A. Forman, C. W. Smith, J. Bertalino.  
To Vancouver (Monday)—Mr. and Mrs. McGowan and infant; R. L. King, E. Angus, W. Angus, H. Whiffin, W. Soinik, M. Mines, K. Leckie, Mr. Marrs, Mr. Vance, E. Messier, J. Smith, R. B. Miller, D. S. Love, J. P. McDonald, C. C. McKenzie.  
To Vancouver (today)—S. McLaren, B. Weurch, H. E. Lake, Mr. Bosworth, Mr. Northcott, W. McGowan, Mr. Abowitz, Mr. Fox, C. Hale, L. E. Cook, J. Roche, V. McNeil, E. Soderblom, C. W. Smith.

## Festival— Many Items Outstanding

It is impossible to foretell which programs during the Festival will be outstanding. Some of the sessions on Thursday look especially inviting.

In the Capitol Theatre on Thursday afternoon, the program will open with two selections by the Aiyansh Harmonic Silver Band with about 25 members taking part. There will be a cornet solo by Ernest Morven, also of Aiyansh.

Classes in violin are on the schedule in the theatre. Danny Michalsen, of Ketchikan, Billy Kergin and Alan Laird in one class; Robert Dassow (Ketchikan) and Robert Jensen in another class.

Pianoforte will take up the remainder of the afternoon with two separate classes. Under 12 years, contestants are Carol Nelson, Sylvia Helland, Roberta Reid, Eleanor Lahti, Beverly Barwick, Della Haig, Lorraine Gilbert and Brian Roberts. Under 13 years are Thelma Pavlikis, Myrna Knutsen, Sonja Hansen, Marion Smith, and Norma Johnson.

Fossibly the outstanding feature of former festivals has been the high standard of school choirs. They have proved to be a large contributing factor to ward entertainment and audience appeal. In the auditorium on Thursday morning junior choirs will perform from King Edward School under the direction of Miss Berry, Miss Tait, Grade One; Miss Robertson, Grade 2; Miss Patterson, Grade 3; Mr. Goscoe, Grade 4; from Conrad Street School, Miss Irving, Grade 1; Mrs. Kullander, Grade 2; Mrs. Weise, Grade 3; Mr. Jenkins, Grade 4; from Borden Street School, Miss Larsen, Grade 2; J. S. Wilson, Grade 3.

**YOUNG ORGANISTS**  
An innovation this year is the class for young organists which has resulted in a short program at the United Church with Olive Strand and Margaret Starchan taking part. Because it will be a very short program, no admission will be charged.

In the Civic Centre the afternoon program will begin with elocution. Candidates are Derek Allan, Gail Redpath, Jean Currie, Catherine Semple, Maureen O'Leary, Sonja Jensen, Helen Strachan, Edward Turcotte, Bud-Nauman, Billy Kergin, Anne La Sette, Michael Greene and Larry Parent.

The Booth School has entered a class in choral speaking. A playlet, "Twin Cousins" will be presented by the King Edward School under the direction of

Mr. Freeman. Players are Ralph Sykes, Sandra Wales, Arlene Johnson, Jim MacLean and Stephen Bartlett.

"Life O' The Party," a comedy will be presented by Booth High School under the direction of Miss Leprie. The cast is Jerry Ford, Phyllis Nystedt, Louise Wood, Mary Storrie, Leonard Griffiths, Molly Simmons, Betty Hood, Yvonne Jackson, Julie Prockter, Edith Olson, Elizabeth Jones and Gerald Boulter.

On Thursday night in the auditorium there will be vocal solos by Louise Pierce, Anita Rogerson, Louise Mah, Rolande Turcotte, Judy Spicer, Joan LeRoss, Gail Dupas, Della Haig, Pat McLachlan, Sheila Jones, Diane Peters, John Gillanders and Bobby Sturney (New Hazelton).

"The Bishop's Candlestick" will be presented by the New Hazelton School Drama Club. It is being directed by Miss Jean Robb one of the teachers. Eleven adults and seven children arrived last night by train from New Hazelton for the festival.

Instrumental and elocution numbers will be selected by the adjudicators from previous programs for repeat performances during the evening.

**UNDER WAY TODAY**  
The Festival got under way at the Civic Centre this morning when young city instrumentalists and vocalists were heard by the musical adjudicator—Burton Kurth, musical director of Vancouver schools.

Instrumental performances continue at the Capitol Theatre this afternoon with a large class of young performers appearing before the critic.

Mrs. Phoebe Smith of Vancouver started the adjudication of the dramatic section of the Festival at the Civic Centre this afternoon with the appearance of budding elocutionists, the choral speaking grades of Conrad Street and Borden Street schools to be followed by the Prince Rupert Girl Guides' presentation of the playlet "Grave Diggers" and "The Bubble Peddler" by King Edward School.

The official opening is re-opened tonight at the Civic Centre with Inspector of Schools C. W. Graham officiating and the program featuring the play "When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet" by the Prince Rupert Business and Professional Women's Club in addition to numbers by St. Andrew's Cathedral Junior Choir, a series of vocal solos, a vocal duet and selections by two boys' choirs, Borden Street School and Annunciation School.



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## Replacements At High School

Two replacements on the teaching staff of Booth Memorial High School after the present term will have to be made, the board of school trustees has already been informed.

Miss Isabel Rogers of the home economics department submitted her resignation which was accepted with regret. Miss Rogers explained that she was leaving the profession for a year.

Miss Stella Sawchuk, who has been on a year's appointment will be returning to studies at the University of British Columbia.

The board decided to advertise for four new High School teachers—one in home economics, one in French and two general teachers. The two new teachers will be additional to the present staff owing to increased school population.

## Whist Enjoyed By Moose Committee

Whist was enjoyed after a brief business session of the publicity committee of the Women of the Moose at the home of Mrs. J. Taylor. Eight members were present and prize-winners were Mrs. P. Dvornek and Mrs. Graham. Present were Mrs. A. Hamilton, Mrs. Sylvia Johnson, Mrs. J. Taylor, Mrs. Thomas Glenn, Mrs. C. Matson and Mrs. Mary Dvornek.

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