

## SHIPS AND WATERFRONT

Union steamer Camosun, Capt. Jack Halcrow, arrived in port at 12:45 yesterday noon from Vancouver and sailed at 11 p.m. for Alice Arm and Stewart whence she will return here tomorrow to sail south at 12 noon. The vessel brought in a good-sized number of passengers and a substantial freight cargo. Second vessel of the same line to arrive during the day was the steamer Chicotin, Capt. Harry McLean, which reached port at 6 p.m. from Masset and sailed at 8 p.m. for Vancouver.

Arriving in port at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Frank Waterhouse freighter Island King, Capt. Bert Gough, proceeded to

### Interior Men Joining Navy

Recruits for the Royal Canadian Navy are passing through H.M.C.S. Chatham from the interior but no local men have joined in the past two months, according to the staff officer. In that period, there have been five recruits from McBride and Prince George.

Meanwhile the age for accepting recruits has been increased from 20 years to 25 for unskilled classes. The age for skilled classes remains the same.

the dry dock to unload diesel power generating equipment for installation by the Northern B. C. Power Co. in its new emergency plant. The Island King is now unloading general cargo here and is moving out to Watson Island later today. She will then head back to Vancouver, loading at Butedale and Nanaimo enroute with herring meal from the reduction plants at those points.

## PILOTS HELP HEART FIGHT

By DAVE CROSS  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

WINNIPEG (C)—Three thousand former RCAF pilots are helping medical science to fight heart disease.

Dr. A. L. Mathewson of Winnipeg, consultant in cardiology to the Royal Canadian Air Force, disclosed in an interview here that doctors in 20 Canadian cities are contributing to the largest study of electro-cardiograms of apparently healthy persons that was ever undertaken.

They hope that the wobbly lines on 3000 airmen's charts will show how heart disease begins and becomes serious—and how to treat it better.

The survey, being conducted in the faculty of medicine at the University of Manitoba, will determine just how accurate the electro-cardiograph is, Dr. Mathewson said.

"In coronary heart disease—

the type which is most prevalent—it is hard to diagnose the extent of illness by ordinary methods. Use of the electro-cardiograph is very important here.

"But hearts of healthy persons sometimes show abnormal' cardiograms. And persons suffering from heart ailments may have normal tracings.

"If we rely too heavily on this instrument, we are likely to diagnose heart disease when there isn't any. We want to find out just how good the cardiograph is."

Dr. Mathewson said by following heart disease from its beginning—as is being done with the veterans—doctors should be able to learn how to diagnose more closely its exact nature in all their patients.

### HUGE RECORDS HELD

During the early years of the Second World War, 5000 airmen in Toronto were given electro-cardiographic examination. That is, electrical recordings were made of the action of their hearts. Another 1000 were recorded in Edmonton.

After the war, another 2000 recordings were taken from ve-

terans who wanted to take up commercial flying and had to be free of heart disease.

Dr. Mathewson's plan calls for these men to receive re-examinations by cardiographs every five years. The scheme, in operation for five years now, probably will not provide any great knowledge for a while yet as the study group is just approaching the age where coronary heart disease begins to appear.

An analysis of the original material was carried out by Dr. G. E. Hall and Mr. G. Manning of the University of Western Ontario at London, Ont., and Dr. C. E. Stewart of Dalhousie University of Halifax.

Dr. Mathewson applied for and was given a yearly grant of \$2500 by the National Research Council to follow up the study. The grant has been renewed each year since 1946. This study is an approved project of RCAF Medical Service and receives help from the Defence Research Board.

Dr. Mathewson was a group captain when he served as assistant medical director in the

## ...SMITHERS...

A quiet New Year was welcomed in Smithers and the Bulkley Valley. Dances were in progress at Smithers, Telkwa and Hazelton but the bulk of celebrating was conducted in the many house parties.

Curling started in the Smithers curling rink at the week-end. The rink has now been finished with a well-furnished lounge overlooking the four ice sheets and is drawing considerable favorable attention.

RCAF during the war. He has Sgt. Gordon Barlow of the RCAF and Mrs. Janet Hughes of Winnipeg as his technical assistants. They look after correspondence and filing of the 23,000 cardiograms in Dr. Mathewson's Winnipeg laboratory.

Letters have come from as far as Egypt, South America and the United Kingdom. Dr. Mathewson said the response has been wonderful. He has been able to keep in touch with 3000 of the original 8000 RCAF veterans.

Sometimes the job of tracking them down is hard. One veteran, who formerly lived in Winnipeg, had to be traced to eastern Canada by corresponding with his mother in Holland.

## TERRACE TOPICS

Thursday night's meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association in the Credit Union Hall started with a business session with Mrs. D. G. Little presiding, and was followed by a session of square-dancing instruction by Miss Dow of the elementary school. Mrs. Frank Wilson providing the music. Refreshments were served at the end of the program.

Parker Mills left last week to resume his studies at the University of British Columbia. Francis Gavan also left last week for the south where he is a student at Vancouver College.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Koch left last week for Vancouver where they will spend a few weeks combining business with a pleasure trip.

Mrs. Garnet Jackson is a patient at the Red Cross outpost hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. G. May were visitors to Prince Rupert this week, going down by car, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Elkins.

Roger Campbell of Doreen spent the week-end at Terrace as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. K. McPherson.

## Michiel Heads Terrace Board

TERRACE.—Clarence W. Michiel was unanimously re-elected chairman of the board of school trustees for the coming year at Thursday night's meeting which was attended by all the trustees and held in the office of the school secretary, C. W. Alger, who was chairman during the election.

The year's committees were formed with the first named as chairman:

Finance—Mrs. F. Hall, Peter VanStolk.

Education—T. Marshall (Hazelton), T. Moore (Kitwanga), Mrs. Fred Hall.

Building and grounds—W. Haglund (Kispicox), T. Moore, P. VanStolk.

Transportation—T. Marshall and P. VanStolk.

A welcome was extended to Mr. VanStolk who is a new member of the board.

Following the reading of correspondence from the Parent-Teacher Association, the board favored purchase of a film projector for the elementary school but the matter was tabled pending further inquiries about the specifications of same.

The new school bus which has been purchased by the board should be in Terrace very shortly and the contract for driving it has been let to the drivers of the present privately-owned bus, Robert Elkins and James Irvine.

A letter of thanks will be sent to School Inspector H. C. Ferguson for his assistance and helpful advice on several occasions.

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**Tighten Up On Fish Offences**

OTTAWA (C)—Stiffer penalties for illegal catches in Canada's rich fishing grounds are being considered by the Department of Fisheries, it was declared last night.

The Fisheries Department Trade News, monthly publication, said: "There is some evidence of an increase in illegal fishing. The Department, therefore, is considering the imposition of more severe penalties for these offences."

The Departmental publication suggests a new system of penalties might include, in addition to fines, suspension of captain's licence, suspension of fishermen's licence, suspension of boat licence, confiscation of gear and, if need be, boats.

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