

Alaska Ferry Company Formed Pr. Rupert Car Ferry

Announcement of what will be known as the Alaska Ferry Company Incorporated is under way in Juneau. A private group planned for the establishment of an Alaska ferry between Prince Rupert and South Eastern Alaska is president. The ferry would be transshipment of freight over the CNR line from Prince Rupert to Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Haines and Skagway. The ferry would carry cars loaded with pulp mill output to the railhead to Prince Rupert. The New York and San Francisco engineering firm of Tippetts & Abbot is said to be under contract to make plans for the construction of docks and terminal facilities at proposed ports of call.

Power Commission Northern BC Co.?

Referendum To Be Presented at
December Election

Whether or not the people of Prince Rupert want to have the British Columbia Power Commission to supply power to the city after the franchise now held by the B. C. Power Co. Ltd. expires will be decided by a referendum vote in the December civic election.

Utilities Commission hearings regarding proposed rates by the company.

A similar referendum was mooted at the by-elections in September but was withdrawn when it was discovered no referendums can be held at by-elections.

Ald. Black said the results of the hearing might have "an important bearing" on the question. It would disclose the capital structure of the power company and would result in a "rate setting which would be of interest to the people and should be known by them before voting on a referendum."

"I call that delaying tactics," retorted Ald. Daggett. "We have had the Power Commission up here and they told us we must give them as much time as possible if we want them to take over the power situation."

"Besides," he added, "the power company must have a year's notice and their franchise terminates in 1954. It is time we had an expression of opinion from the people."

Ald. George Hills said he did not agree with Ald. Black. "The present hearing has nothing whatsoever to do with this question. It is based on past services of the company and not with the rates. If we don't get busy, it might be us who will be seeking the franchise."

"This question should be answered no later than at the December elections," Ald. Black refrained from voting. All other members voted in favor and approved a bylaw be drawn up authorizing the referendum.

Pearson Sees Better World Situation

Jail Here "Horrible"

But City Council Can Only
Spend \$1200 at Present Time

Repairs and decorating of the RCMP office in the city hall to extent of \$1200 was approved by city council last night.

"But that won't even touch what should be done," said Ald. Don Fitch, chairman of police and licensing committee. That was, however, the most the city could spare for such work at this time.

Ald. Fitch said he understood an inspector would be located here in a short time. He could demand much more be done to police offices and the jail.

Ald. Darrow Gomez called the police premises "in horrible condition."

"I've never seen anything like it in my life. If the inspector clamps down, it would cost us more like \$10,000 to fix up the office and jail. If we get by with this (\$1200 worth of repairs) we're lucky," he declared.

Council agreed there was no more that could be done at this time.

Dodge Cove Pioneer Dies

One of the first men to homestead on Digby Island at Dodge Cove and a fisherman here for 35 years, Torkel Torkelsen, 64, died in Prince Rupert General Hospital last night. He was single.

Born in Norway, he came to Canada at the age of 19 and was a veteran of the First World War. He came to Prince Rupert in 1916 and started trolling salmon as a livelihood. Torkelsen owned the troller "Folk" and, until a year ago, when he became stricken with arthritis, was active in the fishing industry.

Survivors are three brothers, Stanar and Halvor, of Vancouver, and one in Norway; and a sister in Seattle.

Funeral, in charge of B.C. Undertakers, will be held Friday, 2 p.m., with Rev. H. O. Olson officiating.

TIDES

Wednesday, October 24, 1951
High 9:07 16.2 feet
20:54 16.1 feet
Low 2:25 7.8 feet
15:09 10.8 feet

One of the greatest earthquakes on record, at Calcutta in 1737, was estimated to have taken 300,000 lives.

Six Vessels Coming To Load Grain Here

Local Elevator To Be Used for Quick Handling,
Not Storage, of Grain

Six and possibly more full cargoes of grain will be moved through the Prince Rupert elevator during the coming shipping season. The first vessel is due here to load in November. She will be a 10,000-ton freighter and will take about 325,000 bushels. The six ships will move in all about two million bushels or about 1200 carloads.

This information becomes available following the arrival in the city of R. Hetherington of Fort William, general manager of Canadian Government Elevators, in connection with the reactivating of the local elevator.

Several Cargoes Sold

Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of trade and commerce, has written the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce stating: "I am glad to let you know that sales of several cargoes of wheat have already been made for shipment through the Prince Rupert elevator this season and I am hopeful that further sales will be made."

Mr. Hetherington's organization controls the operation of the elevator. The movement of the wheat comes under the Canadian Wheat Board which decided recently that the local elevator was to be used again.

The movement of grain already planned for the elevator here means that it will be filled and emptied at least twice. It will be a "movement through" operation and not merely storage as was the case when the elevator was last used, being filled in 1939 with grain which remained there until 1945.

Mr. Hetherington told the Daily News that he could not say how rapid the movement would be. That would depend on how quickly the wheat accumulates in northern Alberta and can be brought here and the availability of ships. (It is understood, however, that there should be about one ship per month and possibly more frequently.)

There is no definite information yet as to where the wheat will go from here but the supposition is that it will be to the Orient. Full cargoes will be handled. It will be No. 3 and No. 4 Northern wheat which is of good milling and fast moving grade, differing from the No. 5 and No. 6 and feed grades which have been plugging up eastern and lakehead elevators, forcing the new and better crop to find its outlet in rapid movement through the Pacific Coast.

Five carloads of wheat arrived here yesterday with more moving on to the railway territory between Jasper and Prince Rupert. An inspector is due in the city tomorrow whereupon the grain will start being taken into the local house.

Prince Philip Duck Hunt Off

VICTORIA—A change had been made in the holiday plans of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

Instead of going to Eagle's Crest at Qualicum Beach, up island, today, the Princess was to remain as honored guest at Government House while the Prince flew to Silver Valley on Pitt Lake for a day's duck and goose hunting from Lieutenant-Governor Clarence Wallace's lodge. However, the weather was unfavorable for the hunting trip so it was cancelled.

Today Her Royal Highness had her hair dressed at a Victoria beauty shop.

The departure for Qualicum was made this afternoon. At Eagle Crest, 130 miles north of here, Philip may go duck shooting and he and Elizabeth may get in some fishing and a tennis program depending on the weather.

Would Raise Power Rates

Northern B.C. Co. Asking
For 17 Percent Hike

Northern B.C. Power Company Ltd. seeks to raise power rates in Prince Rupert in an overall average of 17 percent, to give a "fair return" on its investment.

That was the proposal outlined to Acting Chairman D. K. Penfold and Commissioner Russell Potter of the Public Utilities Commission hearing here yesterday by Herbert E. Pawson, commercial manager of parent company, Power Corporation of Canada.

The fair return, he said, was an additional revenue to the company of \$70,000 annually, which would be provided by the increase in rates.

This would increase domestic rates by 24 percent; commercial customers without water heaters, no increase; water heating, domestic and commercial, 100 percent increase—there is a flat rate now—primary and secondary power customers, 13.8 percent and street lighting, five percent increase.

T. W. Brown, K.C., who is acting for the city in opposing the rate hike, said yesterday the power company had not fulfilled its promises, given in 1928 when the company first negotiated with city to purchase civic-owned power plant.

"I suggest," said Mr. Brown, "that the Power Corporation of Canada has welched on the deal."

The hearing continued this morning at 10 o'clock.

Passes Away At Tranquille

Miss Audrey Viereck Dies—
Funeral to Be Held
Here Saturday

Miss Audrey Beatrice Viereck, youngest member of a well known and esteemed pioneer family, passed away Saturday night at Tranquille Sanitarium where she had been a patient for the past two-and-a-half years. Death came unexpectedly as only recently she had been reported to be in somewhat improved condition.

Deceased was born in Prince Rupert 32 years ago, the daughter of the late J. G. Viereck and Mrs. Viereck. She received all her education in local schools and, before her final illness, had been an employee of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association.

The mother was at Tranquille at the time of her daughter's death, having gone there to pay a visit while on her way home to Prince Rupert from Oshawa, Ontario, where she had been attending the marriage of a granddaughter, Miss Elsie Dyer. Deceased leaves two sisters—Mrs. Thomas (Gladys) Glenn of Prince Rupert and Mrs. William (Mabel) Dyer of Oshawa, Ontario, and four brothers, Riley, Gordon, Jack and George Viereck, all of Prince Rupert.

The remains will be brought home Friday afternoon on the Chilcoot by the mother and funeral will take place Saturday afternoon from the chapel of B.C. Undertakers. Officiating will be Rev. H. G. Bird, rector of St. Peter's Church where deceased had attended and taken an active part throughout her life.

Russia Still Difficult But May Not Want War

OTTAWA (CP)—External Affairs Minister L.

B. Pearson said last night that the last six months have worked out some improvement in the world situation but not much. He told the Commons that Russia may well have decided to avoid open war against the strengthening west at this stage but she still confronts the democracies with "many, many" years of peril.

Mr. Pearson ranged the world in a 75-minute speech during the first foreign policy debate of the session in the House of Commons. The debate saw spokesmen of all four parties back the continuation of Canada's military efforts in Korea and on behalf of the Atlantic Pact.

The minister rejected both the idea of a general Pacific pact and any move to build up central Commonwealth authority as a means of developing a Third World War power.

Mr. Pearson's view that a Pacific pact would weaken security in that area was attacked by Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative, Peel, who said the time is ripe for study of such a step.

Mr. Pearson said that the United Nations is at or near the crossroads and can die if certain nations continue to hold its resolutions in contempt. He welcomed steps to end Germany's occupation and bend her militarily to the West but said she must not be encouraged to think the West must have her at any price.

The minister also said that the West cannot allow the Middle East to become a Soviet sphere.

Britain "Enemy"

Will Be Brought
To Strict Accounting,
Says Premier of Egypt

CAIRO—The Prime Minister of Egypt last night called Great Britain an "enemy" and declared that she would bring her to a "strict accounting" for actions in the Suez area.

Meantime the Egyptian government has called for a general mobilization of troops and manpower. Disorders were renewed in this capital city of Egypt again yesterday as students engaged in riotous demonstrations demanding immediate action by the government to implement the decision to drive the British out of Suez.

Big Korea Air Battle

TOKYO—The biggest air battle so far in the Korean war took place today.

One hundred and eighty enemy jet fighters came out to intercept United Nations bombers on a mission near the Manchurian border.

Seven enemy planes were brought down with a loss of two United Nations planes. Russian-speaking pilots are reported to have been flying some of the Chinese Communist MIG's.

Big Snowfall In Vancouver

VANCOUVER—Three inches of snow fell during the night on the North Shore mountains. It was the heaviest fall of snow so far this season.

Lighting Fire With Gas Fatal for Interior Boy

Railway Man Passes Away

Ronald Paul Gaslunas, 56, 735 Eighth Avenue West, for eight years a Canadian National Railway employee here, died last night in Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Born in Lithuania, he came to Canada 24 years ago, and was employed by the CNR for some time prior to his arrival here.

Besides his widow, Catherine, he is survived by a son, at home. Remains will be forwarded tonight for burial at Kitwanga.

Lighting Fire With Gas Fatal for Interior Boy

BURNS LAKE (Special to the Daily News)—Roy Fox of Telkwa perished in a fire when a one-room shack was burned to the ground one mile east of Burns Lake Sunday afternoon.

It appears that the youth was lighting a fire with high test gasoline. The can exploded and Fox threw it toward the doorway.

Fox was killed by the blast and fire.

Michael Skrypnik, Fox's roommate, tried in vain to save the boy and is now in Burns Lake hospital himself suffering from severe burns.

Coroner G. White of Burns Lake will conduct an inquest.

Today's Stocks

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

VANCOUVER	
American Standard	.32
Bralorne	6.00
B R X	.05
Congress	.08
Giant Mascot	.99
Indian Mines	.26
Pioneer	2.05
Premier Border	.31
Privater	.08
Reeves McDonald	6.10
Reno	.04 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.60
Silbak Premier	.59
Taku River	.07 1/2
Vananda	.16
Salmon Gold	.03
Spud Valley	.25
Silver Standard	2.48
Western Uranium	5.10
Cronin Babine	.55
Oils	
Anglo Canadian	7.06
A P Con	.49
Calmont	1.52
C & E	13.00
Central Leduc	2.50
Home Oil	16.50
Mercury	.23
Okalta	2.70
Royal Canadian	.17
TORONTO	
Athons	.10
Aumaque	.26
Beattie	.30
Beycourt	.16
Buffalo Canadian	.29
Consol. Smelters	180.00
Conwest	3.60
Danada	.40
Eldona	.20
East Sullivan	9.35
Giant Yellowknife	10.50
God's Lake	.35 1/2
Hardrock	.13 1/2
Harricana	.09
Heva	.14
Jackknife	.07 1/2
Joliet Quebec	.45
Little Long Lac	.80
Lynx	.13 1/2
Madsen Red Lake	2.25
McKenzie Red Lake	.49
McLeod Cockshutt	2.85
Moneta	.34
Negus	.72 1/2
Noranda	81.50
Louvicourt	.55
Pickle Crow	1.56
San Antonio	2.60
Senator Rouyn	.20
Sheritt Gordon	3.75
Steep Rock	7.60
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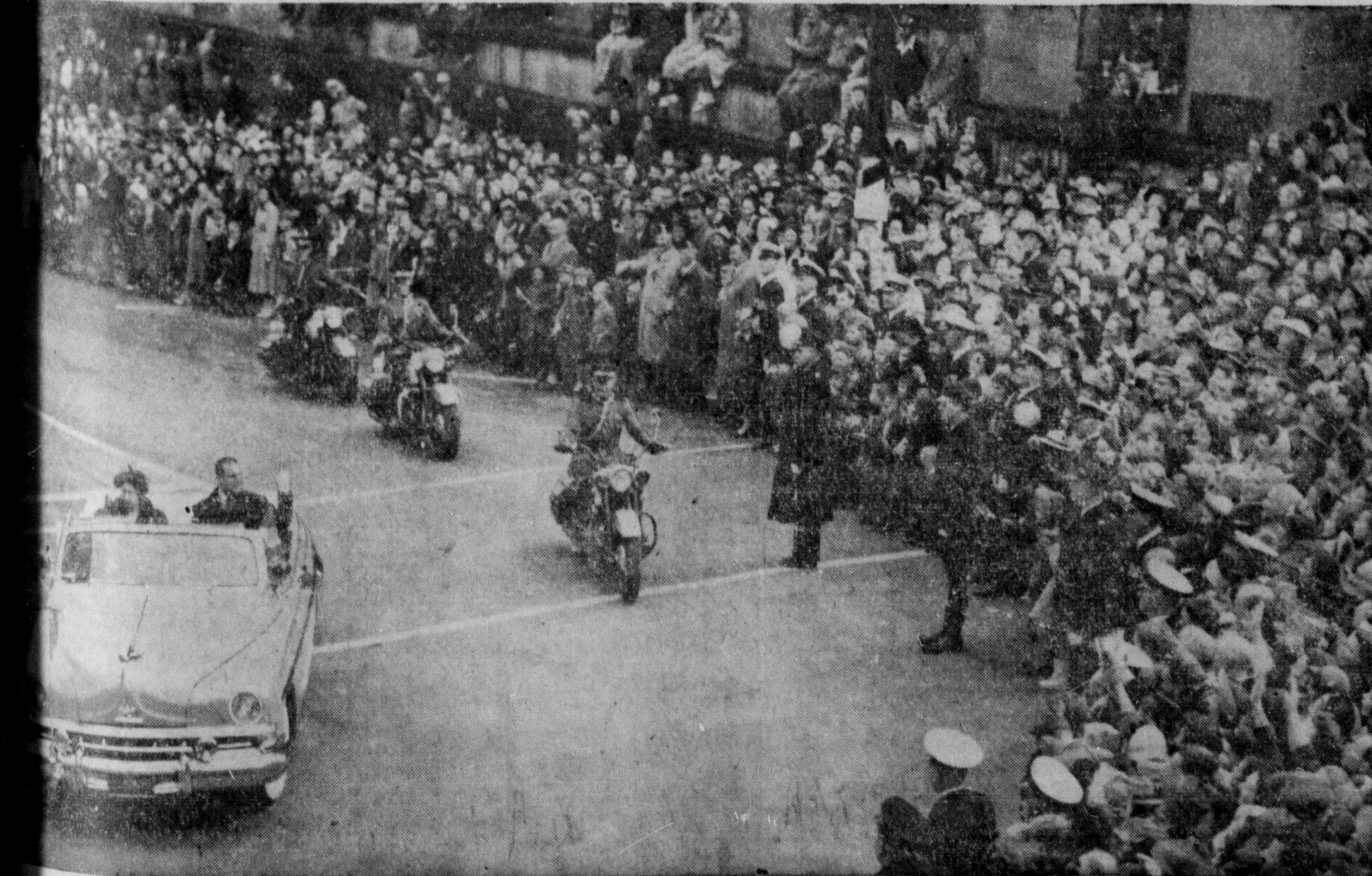
\$10.00 REWARD

Can you help us find our puppy?

Six months old, he's a chocolate brown terrier with fawn stripe above each eye forming a "V".

White patch on chest. Answers to "Mickey." Phone Green 129. 1345 Piggot Place.

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VALTY CHEERED—Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh are greeted with hearty cheers as they are driven from Vancouver's CPR station to City Hall. Crowds like this thronged the route. (CP Photo)