

## New Station Contract Let

BURNS LAKE — C. J. Oliver Ltd., Vancouver, has been awarded contract, and work has nicely started on erection of a new station for the CNR here. Contract is valued at approximately \$70,000.

Plans call for modern building with a frontage of 97 feet and a platform extending 800 feet. It will contain a ticket office, large waiting room, express department, telegraph office, baggage department and living quarters for the staff. The frame superstructure will be erected on pile foundations and concrete to grade.

When completed, it will be the largest CNR station between Prince Rupert and Jasper.

### ISLAND PIONEER

First attempt at permanent settlement in Newfoundland was made in 1610 by John Guay, merchant from Bristol.

## Looking More Like Christmas

In the fast approaching Yuletide season each day adds to the festive appearance of the city as merchants vie with each other in adding finishing touches to window displays and season's decorations.

The "Christmassy" touch was added to the Court House and Post Office grounds when a group of Junior Chamber of Commerce members erected and decorated two full-size trees Sunday. Stu Furk was in charge of the working committee.

Meanwhile, the season's first snow to stay for any length is giving nature's touch to the picture and the weatherman predicts it will stay a little longer, forecasting cool temperatures. Last night's low of 19.1 degrees was this winter's coldest.

## Establishing Proof of Age

Essential to obtaining the old age security pension, for which people of Canada over 70 become eligible after January 1, is the proof of age. Presentation of birth certificates is the simplest way but sometimes these cannot be found.

There are other methods by which proof of age may be established to the satisfaction of the authorities, including reference to baptismal certificates, marriage certificates, church records, passports and naturalization documents, immigrant records, pension and superannuation records, employment records, educational documents, newspaper and magazine clippings, letters, photographs, medical documents, public records, military service records, home-visit records, membership records, family Bibles and other private records or even census records.

Holland's first train in 1839 travelled from Amsterdam to Haarlem, a distance of 11 miles in 35 minutes.

## Local Globe Trotters Saw Australia, Africa, Britain

Back nearly a year to the day from a round-the-world cruise, Arthur Silversides, Prince Rupert pioneer, is back at his shop filling orders of cut plate glass. And he's made up his mind he won't wander any more.

"Prince Rupert is still the best spot," he avers after comparing it with cities in such countries as Australia, South Africa, England, the West Indies.

Mr. and Mrs. Silversides sailed from Vancouver for Australia on the first leg of their year-long cruise, leaving last December 17. A general condition they found everywhere was "lots of work and not enough people to do it."

In Australia, for instance, there are signposts listing employment opportunities and asking for applications.

"Money seems to be made easily there, but it's spent just as fast," Mr. Silversides found Australians a people who live for today, spending most of their money on pleasure.

"We have fun today—who cares about tomorrow?" he quoted the "down-under" philosophy.

Neither did there seem to be any unemployment problem in South Africa although conditions there have a two-fold influence. Natives—"the blacks"—work for white men and do the menial labor jobs.

"There always seems to be work for them and they appear content and happy." Meanwhile, many opportunities exist for enterprising whites who want to work. The Silversides spent two months there, visiting the fabulously publicized city of the diamonds, Johannesburg, "but it appears just like any other lively city."

From South Africa, the globe trotters left for England, landing there in high gear time of the Festival of Britain.

### LONDON CROWDS

"Crowds? Never saw anything like it. Just a mass of moving people all the time." Describing the tourist crowded city of London, Mr. Silversides said that it was hard to find any type of accommodation in the least permanent. Two or three days in one hotel, then move on to another—was the way the couple spent their stay in the world's largest city, where 137,000 festival goers craned their necks daily to see the sights.

The Silversides were in England during King George's recent lung operation.

"Yes, we were part of the huge crowd that kept near Buckingham Palace during the operation, waiting for the medical bulletins. Most of the people were tourists."

The visitors left just before the British election but they were not surprised at the results when they heard them on shipboard.

"It seemed a foregone conclusion that Churchill would win.

## SHIPS AND WATERFRONT

Southbound from various Alaska ports and having also made a call at Stewart to pick up 500 tons of Silbak-Premier concentrates for delivery to smelter in the south, Frank Waterhouse freighter, Cassiar, Capt. William Gleason, was in port this morning to enter and clear and leave off mail and express from the north. The vessel proceeded to Port Edward to load 24,000 gallons of herring oil from Nelson Bros. Ltd. reduction plant. She will also call at Butedale to load fish meal.



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## Would Look Into Dogfish-Herring

Considerable increase in dogfish since collapse of the Vitamin A market two or three years ago prompted a resolution at the semi-annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association at the end of the week asking that the Fisheries Research Board of Canada undertake an investigation to relate the increase of dogfish with possible changes in population.

COROURG, Ont., Dec. 17.—As it was nearing Christmas temperature was like spring rain falling when the St. Army started its Christmas program in the streets here. Bandsmen sat in a covered with the back open.

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