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Census In Skeena Is Near End

The census in Skeena area—largest in square miles in the whole of Canada—is "about 95 per cent complete in returns, H. F. Glassey, census commissioner, announced today.

Only concentrated area which has not been counted is Ocean Falls, he said. And in the central part of the province a few scattered farmers still remain to be contacted.

In an area larger than that taken in by the British Isles, 87 enumerators have combed isolated points hundreds of miles apart to contact every last resident. Roughly, the area reaches from the Alaskan coastal boundary to Cape Caution, in the west; as far east as Endako and Aanaheim Lake, and north to Lower Post and Fort Nelson. The Skeena constituency takes in five provincial ridings.

There will be no "unofficial estimates" of population, said Mr. Glassey, for orders from federal government headquarters are strict that all figures must come from them.

Returns from all sections should be in within three weeks, the commissioner said. Alex McRae was district census supervisor but was unable to carry on owing to illness.



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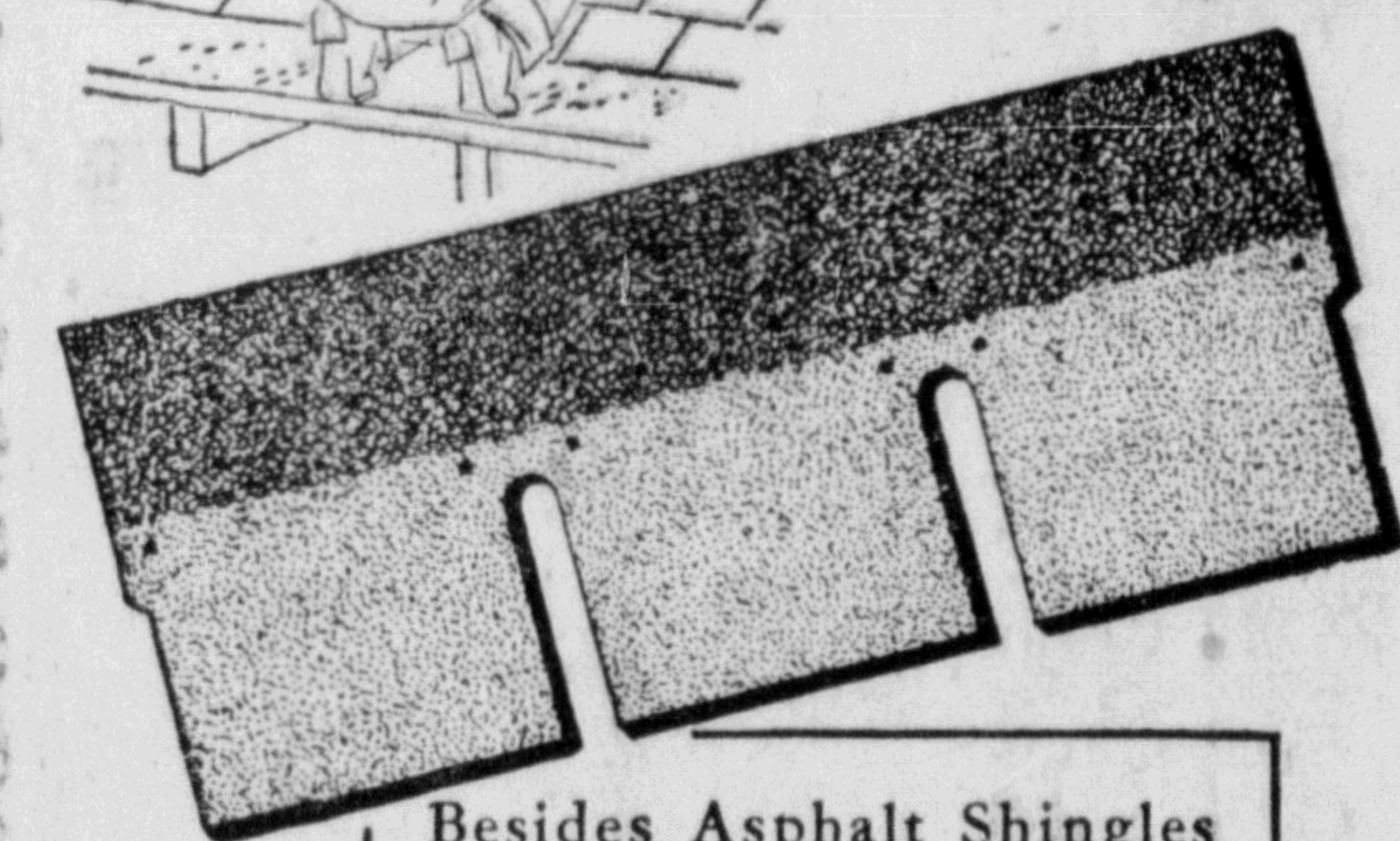
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HITCH-HIKERS—On their way to a hitch-hiking tour of Britain and Europe are Eva Novakof of Neepawa, Man., and Mary Driver of Jasper, Park, Alta. They thumbed their way from western Canada to Montreal, where they boarded a ship for Britain. (CP PHOTO)

RAT ARMY APPROACHES—

War Against 100,000 Invaders Of Prince Rupert Being Planned

Rats are invading the city of Prince Rupert in force and the only way to combat this invasion effectively is by eliminating the source of the rodents, Dr. Duncan Black, city health officer, told a meeting of the unit board of health here yesterday that "literally a hundred thousand rats thrived" at the city garbage dump within a mile of the city.

"And they are coming right into the city in droves," he cited an example where a citizen approached him to show how many rats could be seen in a little while in his back yard.

"We saw quite a few of them and, for every rat you see, there are a hundred you don't see. They are very, very dangerous creatures to have around, as they are ideal carriers of disease."

With Sanitary Inspector Edward Bradley, Dr. Black recently made a visit to the city dump, "where we saw hundreds of rats."

Ald. H. F. Glassey, chairman of the meeting in the absence of Ald. Douglas Frizzell, asked if the garbage at the dump wasn't being burned.

"Indiscriminate burning" was going on, said Mr. Bradley, but without effect. Here and there small piles of garbage would be burned but the bulk of the refuse would be left untouched.

Mr. Bradley said he had asked if any meat was dumped which could be used as bait for poisoning. In the summer time, he was told, a few pounds a day would be refused but in the fall, during hunting season, several hundred pounds a day often were dumped.

"Now, that is real food for rats on which they can thrive," Mr. Bradley said.

The sanitarian said he thought the situation could be brought under control if an adequate method of burning garbage was organized and the rats poisoned.

"But the superintendent of

works said the fishermen would be angry because we would poison seagulls as well."

Ald. Glassey said he would bring the matter to a head at next meeting of the city council (Friday) and would see about sanction to poison the rats.

Meanwhile, both Dr. Black and Ald. Glassey cited recent instances where open drain ditches in the city were "ideal breeding places" for rats and constituted danger to little children. Rats would attack little children, Dr. Black said.

Mr. Bradley was appointed by the board as both milk and sewage inspector, with authority to inspect sanitary conditions in either case and make recommendations.

Native Priest Made Bishop

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP)—For the second time in the history of the Church of England in New Zealand, a native Maori priest has been appointed a bishop.

He is Rev. Wiremu Netana Panapa, who becomes Bishop of Aotearoa, the Maori name for New Zealand. The bishopric covers Maori church activities in the whole of New Zealand.

Bishop F. A. Bennett, who died last year, was the first Maori to be appointed a bishop in New Zealand. There were some misgivings when the post was created but he held the office with great success. The decision to appoint a successor shows the faith of the church authorities in the abilities of Maoris to hold high offices in the church.

Bishop Panapa, 53, has been a priest since 1923. He served for many years in Maori mission activities and during the Second World War was a chaplain with the armed forces. Since then he has been vicar of parishes with predominantly Maori populations.

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Berlin Church Faces Problem In Old Treaty

By TOM REEDY

BERLIN (AP)—An old treaty with Germany has popped up to plague the Catholic Church in Berlin. Prelates now are pondering the problem and the final decision will probably be made by the Vatican itself.

The question is: To whom shall the church in Berlin swear loyalty in temporal things?

This goes back to the Prussian concordat of 1929 and the treaty reached with Hitler in 1933. Under its terms, the Bishop of Berlin was permitted to make his own appointments and was generally sovereign in matters of faith and morals. In exchange, he swore loyalty to the "Reich" or political questions which did not run counter to Catholic principles.

The death of Count Konrad Cardinal Von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin, last December, and the new appointment of Bishop Wilhelm Weskmann as his successor has raised the issue.

In order to fully take on his duties in both East and West Berlin and parts of East Germany, Bishop Weskmann must formally assume responsibility for the properties involved.

Under the old concordat, this requires him to swear a loyalty oath on temporal questions. What the church has not yet figured out is: To whom shall he swear? Communist East Germany or democratic West Germany?

Even though the Reich is a thing of the past and there are two Germanys now, church circles regard the old concordat as a binding document. It represents the sorts of terms the church consistently tries to obtain—sovereignty in faith and morals and respect for government on other questions.

SIGNED BY POPE

Cardinal Pacelli, who signed the concordat 18 years ago when he was Papal Nuncio to Germany, now is Pope Pius XII. No one knows better than he the importance and intent of the German treaty.

On the other hand, His Holiness has resisted on many occasions in recent years any agreement with Communist governments that would hamstring the church.

The Vatican's most recent refusal to bargain was a flat rejection of Marshal Tito's offer to release Archbishop Stepinac if he would leave Yugoslavia. Stepinac is serving 18 years on charges of collaborating with the Nazis. The Vatican maintained that the Archbishop would want to stay with his people and that it had never recognized the justice of his trial and sentence.

The Berlin bishopric is one of the more delicate assignments in Catholicism in these times. Some 200,000 Catholics living under Soviet occupation and Communist government are included in the Berlin diocese.

The cathedral, official seat of the diocese, stands in the Soviet sector of Berlin. Other church properties are maintained in the east zone states of Brandenburg and Mecklenburg.

The late Cardinal lived in West Berlin and his private palace has also now become the home of the new bishop.

Despite the living arrangements, the Catholics have soft-pedaled their West Berlin associations, thereby avoiding the kind of argument the powerful Protestant church experienced with the eastern Communists. The Protestants were sharply assailed from the east for directing church affairs from West Berlin.

LONDON (CP)—In an address to a convention of the Association for Maternity and Child Welfare, Princess Elizabeth noted that at the beginning of the century 154 babies of every 1,000 died during their first year. This year the rate is less than 30 per 1,000.

THE EXPERTS Say...

INDIFFERENT HOUSEKEEPERS—If a woman is an indifferent housekeeper "it is fatal to her influence, a foil to her brilliance, and a blemish in her garments."

So says a battered volume we uncovered in the attic the other day. Only from the advertisements it contains can one guess its age, probably around the turn of the century.

The book contains recipes for good dishes and rules for good manners—written in the flowery style of the era. Those were the days when friends waited until visiting day to "call." And they probably found their hosts "busy with some elegant trifle of lace or wool-work . . . or touching a sketch . . ." If the afternoon were warm they might sip raspberry vinegar with her in the garden.

If you've wondered whatever became of that "raspberry vinegar" recipe that Grandma used to follow, here it is straight from the pages of this musty cookbook of old.

RASPBERRY VINEGAR

To four quarts of red raspberries put enough vinegar to cover; let stand 24 hours. Squeeze and strain. Add one pound sugar to one pint juice. Boil 20 minutes and bottle. "Now it is ready to use and will keep for years."

As a beverage: Add "one spoonful" to a glass of water. In those days eggs of course were as expensive as now. The housewife of 50 years ago used as many as six at a time in a pudding or cake. Here is a "rice custard" recipe which would cause the modern home-maker a few qualms:

To one-half cup rice add one quart milk and a little salt. Steam one hour, or until quite soft. Beat the yolks of four eggs with four tablespoons white sugar. Add this just before removing rice from the heat. Mix thoroughly but do not permit to boil again. Add vanilla flavoring.

Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth. Add sugar. Put the pudding mixture into a baking-dish and spread whites over it. Allow to brown slightly in oven.

FOR FISHERMEN
The ladies of those days knew a good deal about cooking fish. When Father came proudly home with a bass or trout, chances are it was baked according to this recipe from the book.

Ingredients: Eight good-sized onions; half that quantity of bread crumbs; pork fat about the size of a hen's egg; plenty of pepper and salt. Mix this thoroughly with tomatoes until quite red. Stuff fish with this compound and pour the rest over it, previously sprinkling it with a little red pepper. The historic cook-book advises us: "Shad, pickerel, trout and black bass are good this year."

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