

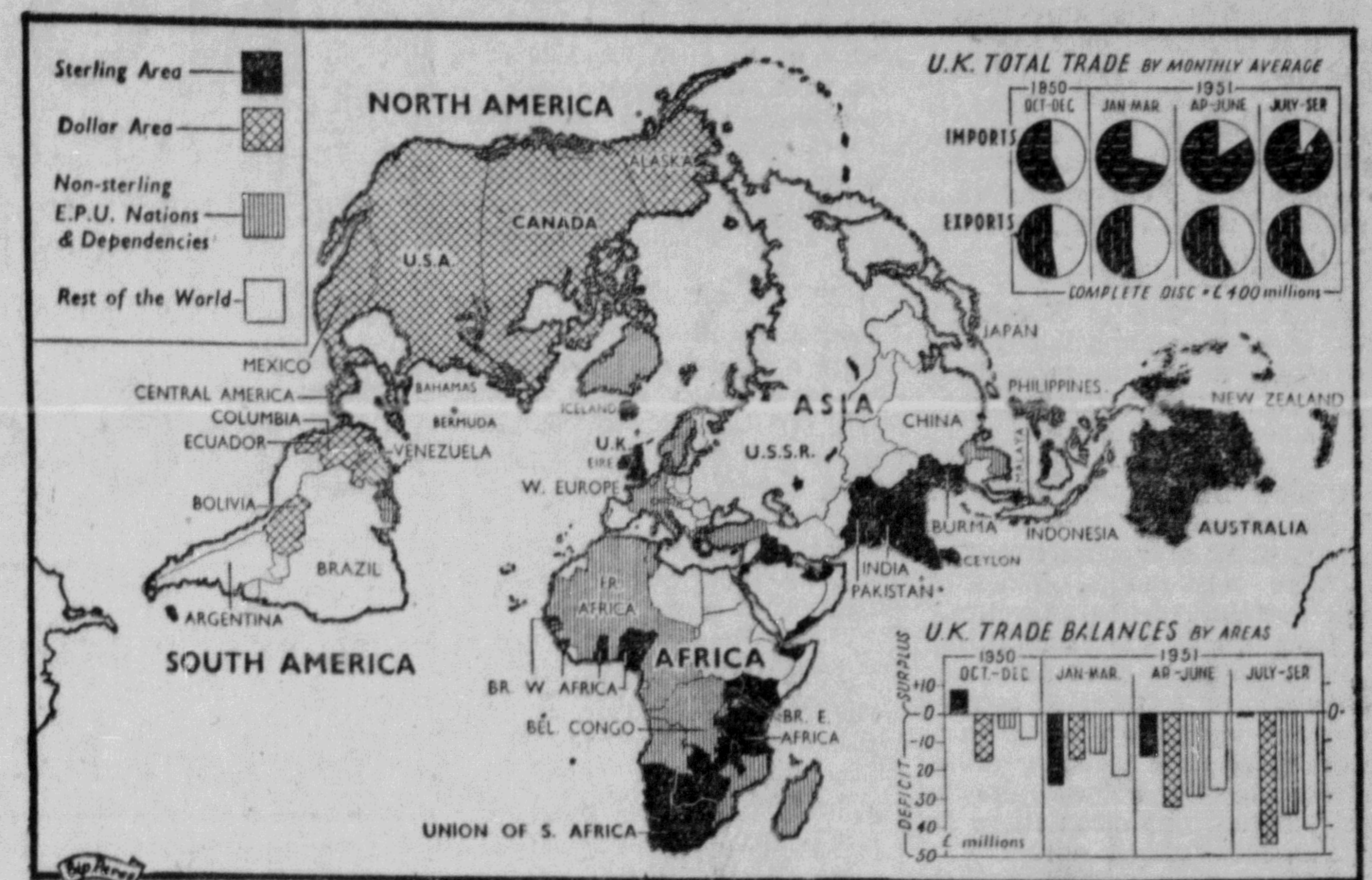
COMMONS HEARS OF KITIMAT RAILWAY

Defence Program Logging

Prime Minister Winston Churchill said Thursday that Great Britain will complete her \$13,000,000 defence program on time in 1953.

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U.K. WORLD TRADE—The world's principal monetary areas are shown briefly on the map above. The Sterling Area, of which the United Kingdom is the clearing centre, embraces the entire Commonwealth with the exception of Canada, and includes Iceland, Eire, Jordan, Iraq and Burma. The Dollar Area, centred in the United States, embraces western hemisphere countries but includes the Philippines. Britain's trade deficits during the last year are shown in monthly averages and shows the increase in import payments due to rising prices for raw materials in the world's markets during these periods. In the second inset Britain's trade deficits with the main monetary areas are also shown for the last four quarters in monthly averages.

Strikers Face Axe

Every Worker May Be Charged if No Settlement Tomorrow

VANCOUVER (CP)—The question of whether beer will be sold in British Columbia before Christmas may be decided today. Negotiations for the settlement are continuing between union and operator representatives.

The union spokesmen today said that if British Columbia's 43-day-old brewery strike is not settled by noon today, the striking workers will be discharged. Giving no more for its story, the newspaper says an ultimatum has been agreed upon by executives of the breweries which have been closed in Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster.

Smuggling Cigarettes

OTTAWA — More than eight million smuggled American cigarettes have been seized by federal authorities since last April. Smuggled cigarettes on the Montreal market sell for \$3 per carton of ten packs as compared to 45 cents per pack for Canadian cigarettes.

The RCMP have noted that border farmers in some areas are linked with the smuggling ring.

French Cargo Plane Missing

MARSEILLE, France (CP)—A United States Air Force cargo plane, with ten persons aboard, disappeared last night after radiating in, only forty miles from destination here.

The plane is believed down in mountainous terrain along the French Riviera or perhaps in the Mediterranean.

Island Prince Docks Here

A shattered hole in the port side about one-third the way back from the bow, the British Columbia Steamship wooden motorship freighter Island Prince was lifted out of the water on to the pontoons at the Prince Rupert dry dock.

Working of the Island Prince was completed last night in tow of the Armour Salvage Co.'s F. H. open. The vessel had been pumped out, patched and refloated before the 50-ton operation was undertaken.

The operation was in charge of Max Sievert, skipper of the H. Philippen, and Hubert H. Underwriters' representative.

Log Wage Agreement

VANCOUVER (CP)—Interior British Columbia loggers will receive more than their coastal brothers if a tentative contract agreement announced here on Thursday receives ratification.

A tentative agreement, covering 6000 loggers, calls for an increase of 20c an hour retroactive to September 1, the International Woodworkers of America announced.

This would bring the basic interior rate to \$1.30, half a cent above the coastal rate.

The agreement, already ratified by the Woodworkers' Union political committee, now goes to a referendum vote by the general membership which is expected to take about ten days. It must also be ratified by 63 operators.

Under the tentative agreement, the union would get an improved security clause and cost of living bonus of 1c for every point rise in the cost of living index.

A spokesman for coastal logging operators said today that, while the new interior contract scale was actually half a cent higher than the coast, coastal workers were actually receiving more because of a cost of living bonus which brought the basic wage up to \$1.40 an hour.

TIDES

Saturday, December 8, 1951	
9:33	19.7 feet
22:19	17.2 feet
3:07	7.9 feet
16:11	6.0 feet

Fisheries Minister And Skeena Member See Big Shells Lobbed in Korea

Foxhole Digging Calls for Speed, Reporter Finds

By BILL BOSS
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WITH THE CANADIANS IN KOREA (CP)—On a bright, sunshiny noon—and just when Fisheries Minister Mayhew and E. T. Applewhite, MP for Skeena, were in the area, too—the Chinese began lobbing hefty medium-calibre shells into a spot that can't be described except to say that in a conventionally-conducted war it isn't normally shelled.

The local barometer rose steadily. Shrapnel went clean through the tent of Capt. Tom Owens of Montreal, just above head level. A truck was thoroughly knocked out by a shell-burst five feet in front of it, as was the jeep ambulance parked alongside. Officers who hadn't dug a hole since the Second World War discovered they hadn't lost the knack.

They also found that the prone position, extremely close to the ground, is adopted without thought, without (almost) moving a muscle, when sounds like "Phw-w-t cr-rumph!" close in on the area. One such was Capt. Hugh Hutton of Hamilton who found himself trying with a reporter to force place for two under an upright piano.

Capt. Walt Wheeler of Kingston and Lieut. Don Dingle of Calgary who, seeing space under the piano at such a premium, chorused, "Let's go to our tent—it's the safest place in camp."

Wheeler ran past the spot. It was dark.

Dingle, panting behind, ventured: "I guess we've passed it. But I thought it was here."

It was—once. Shreds were picked out by the flashlight, hanging in nearby trees. The ground nearby was adrift with feathers from Wheeler's sleeping bag. A shell had gone right through the tent and exploded squarely in its centre.

People looking for Wheeler that night found on the spot a sign saying: "Moved to new location."

"LOCAL DIGGING"

When shrapnel landed on my jeep trailer local digging was begun.

The boundaries of a hole just barely larger than a camp cot were scratched out at the back of the tent. Two hours, two blistered hands and much sweat later the hole was two feet deep. Complete failure was registered in attempts to devise a one-man technique for filling sandbags and so the soil was piled high on one side. Barrack boxes and kitbags lined the others.

Excavations continued whenever local events spurred them on, and by the time houseboy Chong returned from a visit to relatives the depth was three feet. Responsibility was forthwith transferred.

He must have slaved. The following night saw the camp cot still three feet below ground, barrack boxes and gear piled high behind.

But gone was the pile of soil in front. Instead, neatly squared off, the house was doubled. His cot was in its accustomed spot, but clearly in emergency he was prepared to move it down into his conception of safety. And the sandbags . . . They were spread out as matting on the ground, as protective mats under the gear, decorative, neat, but hardly protective.

"No good, Chong. Tomorrow fix it show."

Two holes. Deep. Narrow. Piled around with sandbags.

But meanwhile what a night. As the probing cr-rumphs criss-crossed farther and nearer, backward and forward, not only were the walls now missed, but golly! a roof ought to be there, too—and sandbagged.

The situation on the digging front changed sharply next morning. Maj. Colin McDougall of Ottawa persuaded a crew of public relations drivers to reinforce and direct Chong's strong right arm. By nightfall two massive, five-foot-deep, cot-sized sandbagged fortresses lacked only cover for completion.

But they were draped with left-over empty sacks lining the walls below ground level.

"No, Chong. Tomorrow find logs. Cover holes. Fill sacks. Put sacks on top."

Re-elected At Terrace

TERRACE (Special to Daily News)—Dudley Little and Jeff Lambly, the only nominees, were re-elected by acclamation yesterday as village commissioners. Which one will have the two-year term and which one the one-year is yet to be decided by the council. There were only two vacancies.

Emil Haugland, Sam Kirkaldy and William Osborne are the continuing commissioners.

UN Rules Communist China Out

PARIS (CP)—United Nations General Assembly today slapped down a new Soviet bloc attempt to seat Communist China and oust the Nationalists.

The vote on the Chinese issue came on a Russian resolution denouncing a report from the credentials committee declaring the Nationalists represent China legally. The Soviet move was defeated 39 to 7 with four abstentions.

Meeting in plenary session, the 60-country group urged the Security Council by a vote of 54 to 5, to approve Italy's application for U.N. membership. However, it is considered unlikely the move will lead to Italy's admission for a Russian veto is forecast.

The Assembly rejected 38 to 5, with six abstentions, a Soviet resolution calling for a halt to "American interference in Greek affairs."

Korean War Quietening

SEOUL (CP)—United States planes today shot down a Communist MIG in the 11th straight day of jet battle. Another MIG was damaged in a second fight. There was no report of Allied losses.

The frozen ground front remained quiet, save for an occasional patrol clash and intermittent artillery fire.

Sentence Unchanged

Kurt Meyer Still Under Control of Canadian Government

OTTAWA (CP)—Ralph Campney, parliamentary assistant to Defence Minister Claxton, said in the House of Commons on Thursday that Kurt Meyer's life sentence has not been changed.

"His sentence remains exclusively within control of the Canadian government and has been in no way changed," Mr. Campney said.

The parliamentary assistant's statement was made following demands from the Opposition for a governmental declaration on its policy towards the former German major-general convicted of responsibility for shooting Canadian war prisoners.

Social Credit Moving Into British Columbia Election on Full Scale

W. A. C. Bennett, Conservative Rebel, Goes Over To That Side—New Set-up Seen

KELOWNA (CP)—The Social Credit party may move into British Columbia at the next provincial election on a large scale. Political observers forecast this move Thursday when W. A. C. Bennett, rebel member of the Legislature, announced here that he plans to join the Social Crediters.

Sudden Death of City Carpenter

Mike Maslinki, a 33-year-old Prince Rupert carpenter, died last night in hospital here, following a lengthy illness. He was an employee of Boulter & Welter.

Married, his wife and four-year-old daughter survive him, also a brother, Paul, in the city. Wife and child are returning to the city tomorrow from Vancouver where they had been visiting.

Mr. Maslinki had been in the city for 12 years and had worked as carpenter for several city construction companies.

Funeral arrangements, to be announced, are in charge of B.C. Undertakers.

Authorizing Bill For Alcan Line Coming up

OTTAWA (CP)—Transport Minister Lionel Chevrier said Thursday night in the House of Commons that he hopes that next year Parliament will authorize the building of a railway into British Columbia's Kitimat aluminum development.

Radiology Important

Use of X-ray in medicine is developing in such stages to become one of the interesting sciences studied today, Dr. J. B. Harrison, travelling B.C. radiologist, said at Rotary luncheon yesterday.

X-ray, he said, was in most cases, "a very valuable adjunct" in diagnosis. But, he said, "it takes an expert to read x-ray plates. Amateurs just weren't able to read them, for they could be interpreted in many different forms by inexperienced people."

He outlined the theory and principles of x-ray and illustrated how the science had been applied to industry in testing steel or other metal casings for flaws.

WEATHER

Synopsis

The first in another series of Pacific storms is now moving in on the north coast. It will cross the northern interior later today and the south coast overnight. Southeast gales and rain accompany the storm along the coast. It will cause snow flurries today in the central and northern interior. In the fresh flow of moist Pacific air behind this disturbance cloudy weather with scattered showers will persist along the coast on Saturday. In the northern interior scattered snow flurries are in sight for tomorrow while variable cloudiness is expected in the southern interior. Temperatures tonight and tomorrow will not be as cold as in the last day or so.

Gale Warning

North coast region — Gale warning in effect again today. Cloudy with showers tonight and tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Winds southeast (45), shifting to southwest (35) this afternoon. Wind southwest (30) tonight and tomorrow, shifting to southeast (35) tomorrow evening. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow — Port Hardy, 38 and 46; Sandspit, 37 and 46; Prince Rupert, 38 and 46.

Atomic Gunnery Is Ready

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP)—General E. Lawton Collins said on Thursday night that the United States has developed atomic artillery and he indicated that such weapons may be ready for combat use in the "not too distant" future.

The Army's chief of staff said that atomic weapons will not revolutionize ground warfare but they will "greatly enhance the power of defence" and be of greater value in defence than in attack.

Collins added that the Army is already making plans for the day when atomic artillery and guided missile battalions will replace some of the conventional heavy artillery.

New Police Coming Here

Two RCMP constables arrived yesterday and one is due tomorrow to bring up to strength police complement here, subdivision inspector said today.

Const. W. H. Doland has been assigned to the sub-division; Const. J. T. Hickling and Const. G. L. Simpson to the Prince Rupert city detachment. Const. Simpson arrives tomorrow.

AIR PASSENGERS

Vancouver—F. St. Laurent, Sandspit—J. H. MacAuley, J. W. Morris, L. R. Valentine.

City Council Backing Telephone Referendum

Everyone in Favor, City Clerk Is Authorized To Say—Ald.-Elect Youths, However, Favors Selling Out

Present city council, including mayor and aldermen, City Clerk R. W. Long and Telephone Superintendent Eric Janes are in staunch support of the referendum which will ask Prince Rupert citizens to approve city negotiations for a new telephone system.

Today's Stocks

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

VANCOUVER	
American Standard	29
Bralorne	6.00
B R X	.03
Cariboo Quartz	1.06
Congress	.06
Cromin Babine	51 1/2
Giant Mascot	.88
Indian Mines	23 1/2
Pend Oreille	9.25
Pioneer	2.00
Premier Border	.35
Privateer	.08
Reeves McDonald	6.25
Reno	.04
Sheep Creek	1.60
Silbak Premier	.60
Vananda	.16
Salmon Gold	.01 1/2
Silver Standard	2.55
Western Uranium	4.15
Oils	
Anglo Canadian	8.35
A P Con	.64
Calmont	1.60
C & E	14.00
Central Leduc	2.50
Home Oil	17.00
Mercury	.22
Okalta	3.45
Pacific Pete	11.25
Royal Canadian	.17
TORONTO	
Aumaque	23
Beattle	.19
Bevcourt	.66
Buffalo Canadian	.18
Consol. Smelters	181.00
Conwest	3.60
Donalda	.54
Eldona	20 1/4
East Sullivan	9.40
Hardrock	.15
Harricana	07 1/2
Madsen Red Lake	2.00
Louvicourt	38 1/2
Pickle Crow	1.67
Senator Rouyn	.16
Sherrit Gordon	4.00
Steep Rock	7.30
Silver Miller	1.36
Upper Canada	1.60
Golden Manitou	6.95

"Either we can have a modern, up-to-date automatic dial system in three years, or we may not even be able to phone across the street," Mr. Long told The Daily News today. He said he had been authorized to speak for the council.

For several years the city of Prince Rupert has been seeking proposals from various telephone companies. No satisfactory arrangement could be foreseen, until recently.

Both outside and inside facilities of the present city-owned telephone system are totally inadequate, says Mr. Janes.

"The outside plant is completely run down and the switchboard has to be maintained eight hours a day to keep it running."

"The main switchboard is the only one of its kind remaining on the North American continent—a travelling museum collector once wanted to buy it—and all repair equipment and parts have to be custom-built."

"More than 90 per cent of our time is spent in keeping the existing system in operating condition and this with terrific expenses."

Mr. Janes said that according to telephone statistics, Prince Rupert operators were among the hardest-worked anywhere.

"Each operator handles up to 367 calls an hour—some even exceed this. Ordinarily, 220 to 250 calls an hour is considered top operating."

If the people want to see this condition changed, and see a completely automatic dial system with a potential of 5000 phones within the next three years, the city will be ready to hear a proposal from a company with which temporary negotiations have been opened, said Mr. Long.

The company has surveyed the inside installations of the telephone system. Meanwhile, the city has hired a telephone engineer.

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