



GUN TURRET SHELTER—Princess Elizabeth takes shelter from the inclement weather standing by a gun turret on HMCS Crusader during the recent crossing from Nanaimo to Vancouver. The Duke of Edinburgh and Rear Admiral Wallace B. Creery, flag officer Pacific Coast, stand on the deck.

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through, will employ at least 500 persons. All are so close that most workers could choose to live in Edson. With wives and families they might double Edson's population within five years.

"Just imagine the headaches that would bring," says Mayor Kankevitt, retired former mayor of an Edson department store.

"I hope the expansion doesn't happen all at once, as it did in Edmonton. Town finances never would keep pace."

ON TOP OF THE WORLD

"Right now we're on top of the world. The city's power plant gives us the revenue we need to pay for our new sewer system and water extension. But where would we get the money—without crippling ourselves—to give public services to twice our present population?"

"So far our progress has been steady. The town supports only three unemployables. There's work for everyone."

Edson, 100 odd miles west of Edmonton, is mainly a railway town, divisional point on the CNR. Logging is its next industry. Only in recent years has the surrounding grey top soil been found ideal for some forms of agriculture, particularly growing sweet potatoes.

The town spreads northward from the railway yards some 14 blocks. Its low business premises mostly skirt a street ending at the railway station—hopefully numbered 50th Street though the town extends less than a dozen blocks each side. In the last year new building has been mostly houses.

Edson serves a trading area of 8,000 population, including the coal branch to the southwest where much of Alberta's coal production centres. It lies on the main Edmonton-to-Jasper highway, which would be on the Yellowhead route to the Pacific Coast if the Trans-Canada highway should be routed by the north.

"That's where we'd like to be—on the Trans-Canada highway," says Mayor Kankevitt, first elected mayor only 3½ years after he arrived in Edson. "But what headaches it would cause us!"

SWAMP TO CITY
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Civic Centre Membership Drive Commencing Friday

A new plan for the solicitation of annual memberships in the Prince Rupert Civic Centre has been adopted this year. This week-end, pupils of Booth Memorial High School will start the canvass which will take the form of an interhouse competition—Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta teams vying for the honor of obtaining the greatest number of memberships.

Two hundred of the students organized by Principal A. M. Hurst and his staff, will concentrate upon family memberships and are resolved on doing a thorough and prompt job from one end of the city to another. They are hoping that they will find the citizens enlightened on the benefits and functions of the Civic Centre and ready to put up their cash at once.

"We budget for a \$5000 deficit on the year's operations," said Civic Centre Director John Stirn. "Memberships should take care of that deficit. And we could easily accommodate 2000 more members than we now have."

Last year 1800 Civic Centre memberships were taken out. The objective this year of Joe Scott, who has assumed the responsibility of chairman of the entertainment committee, is to get 2500.

While the family canvass is on, companies, organizations and individuals are also being asked to be prompt and generous with their patronage subscriptions.

AIR PIONEERS
The first free hydrogen balloon ascension was made in France in 1783 by P. DeRoziere and Marquis D'Arlandes.

HISTORIC CANAL
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Regina Stores Staying Open

REGINA—Stores in this city will remain open on Monday, November 12, even though the day has been proclaimed a public holiday. It is Remembrance Day.

Half Million PM's Home

OTTAWA—The government's new home for prime ministers has cost \$592,265.68 to date, the Department of Works announced.

EVIL SPIRITS

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Local Library Observing Young Canada Book Week

Review Contest To Be Featured in District Elementary Schools

Prince Rupert Public Library is again taking its place in the Canada-wide program of educating a nation to read more books with launching of Young Canada's Book Week, November 11-18. From coast to coast the CBC network will carry programs in both French and English. Newspapers and magazines, through special features, will provide the background.

The Daily News will feature Young Canada's Book Week with special feature articles, pictures, and will publish two prize book reviews by winners in two classes in local schools. Grades III to V and Grades VI to VIII.

The reviews, written by the elementary school students, will be judged on originality of presentation and to what extent the reader has absorbed the book. In each class prize winner receives a new book from a list of 65.

Meanwhile, the Prince Rupert library has added a special children's corner and a large percentage of this year's grants was spent on books for children.

Library statistics show an increase from 2901 books taken out by juveniles in 1948 to 5080 taken in 1951 so far.

Canadian Masts
LONDON.—Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition ship, the Discovery, is being fitted with new masts of spruce supplied by a Canadian lumber firm. Dry rot has weakened the old masts.

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