

## Railways Seeking Further Rate Boost

### Fort St. John Oil Strike

Heralded by Victoria  
As Big Thing With

**Tremendous Possibilities**  
DAWSON CREEK — Pacific Petroleum Ltd. struck oil in a well near here Thursday, it is announced. The oil came in at a depth of about 4700 feet in the Allied Fort St. John well No. 1, seven miles from Fort John in Fermo-Pennsylvanian formation.

The company is now drilling a second well nearby. The wells are located close to the Alaska Highway.

Pacific Petroleum is the company which supplies Dawson Creek with natural gas piped in from just across the Alberta border.

(At Victoria a Department of Mines spokesman described the strike as a very big thing with enormous possibilities. It is the first big oil discovery in the province.)

### Living Cost At New High

OTTAWA (CP)—Most family items, with the exception of some food-stuffs, increased in price during September, pushing the cost-of-living index up 0.6 points to an all-time high of 190.4 from 189.8, the Bureau of Statistics reported today.

Eggs and meats were the only items to show declines.

These were sufficient, however, to cause a 1.4-point decline in the food sub-group, the second drop in the foods group in two months.

The general index is based on 1935-39 prices equalling 100.

Increases are shown for fall and winter clothing, home furnishings excepting rugs, coal, coke, range of food items, health and personal care costs, theatre admissions and newspaper rates.

### Freight Hike Applied For

OTTAWA (CP)—Railways of Canada Thursday applied for a further new increase in freight rates. This time between five to six percent is asked.

The increase now being sought, with what they are already seeking, would send rates up by about ten percent.

The increase, it is explained, is sought to compensate the companies for a twenty percent defence surcharge on income tax in the last federal budget.

It would be in addition to the 5 percent application now pending before the Board of Transport Commissioners.

Together the two hoists would add about \$45,000,000 to the annual national freight bill.

The surcharge tax application came in the form of an amendment to requests made to the board several months ago for higher rates to meet the cost of wage increases and the short work week resulting from the general strike of August 1950.

The railways then asked for a five percent rate boost to cover wage increases and one of four or five percent depending on how higher rates were applied to meet the cost of the short work week in July.

The board granted a temporary twelve percent increase, leaving the rest of the cost to be determined finally at hearings to open November 12.

The railways now have asked that a proposed 14 to 15 percent increase be amended to one of 17 to 18 percent.

The higher figure would be for rates set in such a way that their impact would be limited on movements of livestock, lumber and a few other primary products.

The Board of Transport Commissioners has postponed until further notice any hearings on the railway application for increased freight rates. Hearings were to have opened here November 12. Applications will call for increases of approximately 10 per cent over existing rates.

### Churchill Calls For Speeding up of Atom

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told Parliament yesterday that he is out to have the first atomic bomb explosion test in Great Britain within six months.

### 'Brick' Skinner Passes Away

Canadian National Railways  
Fire Chief Passes Away

Reginald Barnes (Brick) Skinner, fire chief for the Canadian National Railways here and for many years a member of the city fire department, passed away yesterday afternoon at 5:30 in the Prince Rupert General Hospital where he had been a patient for the past ten days following a heart attack.

Mr. Skinner, who had been in this district for the past thirty years, one time at Anyox, was born in England fifty-three years ago.

He was active during his earlier days in various athletic activities including boxing.

Besides his widow, Mabel, deceased is survived by a son, Jimmy, and two brothers, Jack and George in Vancouver.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of B.C. Undertakers and funeral is expected to take place Monday.

The Prime Minister said he had given orders to Lord Cherwell to speed up Britain's whole atomic energy program which includes development of atomic weapons.

Lord Cherwell is paymaster-general with atomic affairs in his charge.

Churchill has publicly stated that he thinks atomic weapons are a factor in modern diplomacy.

He told Parliament last December that the West would be silly to promise it will not use the atom bomb first. Such a pledge, he argued, would then amount to hold fire "until you have been shot dead."

News of Churchill's order came after the Ministry of Supply announced that American, British and South African talks have begun in Johannesburg in an effort to boost South African uranium production.

### Winners in Shell-out

Following were the prize-winners in this year's shell-out competition by the Kinsmen Club in connection with the observance of Halloween:

Borden Street School—Bicycle, Bea Thorallison; wallet, Patsy Wong; pen and pencil set, Bobby Angier.

King Edward School—Watch, D. Phillips; wallet, L. Wilson; pen and pencil set, M. Dunn. Conrad Street—Watch, V. Keinn; second, V. Genders; third, P. Penny.

Annunciation—Watch, R. Rhodes; second, D. Letourneau; third, F. Prystay.

### Air Fight In Korea

TOKYO.—Allied airmen shot down one Communist jet and damaged four in nine separate dogfights today. It was a record number of air battles for a single day in the Korean war.

All the United Nations planes returned safely to their bases.

The blazing air war contrasted with the cold and quiet on the snow-covered ground fronts.

### Princess' Gift For President

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Before leaving Washington today on her return to Canada after a two-day visit to the national capital, Princess Elizabeth presented President Truman with a handsome overmantel mirror with painting.

The President promised that the memento would be given a prominent place in the White House which is still in process of renovation.

President Truman, saying good-bye to Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, today told them that their visit has strengthened prospects for world peace.

"Your visit here has tightened the bonds between us," Truman said to the Princess and her husband. And, he said, peace depends in great measure "upon how well our two countries stick together and work for world peace."

### Election in Newfoundland

ST. JOHNS, Nfld.—Premier Smallwood said today Newfoundland will hold a general election November 26.

The premier told the legislature the House will be dissolved tomorrow and the election proclamation issued.

He said Newfoundland is going to the polls to seek a mandate for the government development program.



THE HEIGHT of the flash flood in Prudhomme Lake area at the end of last week, when a car was caught up to the hood by the rapidly rising water on the highway. This was taken several hours after the water receded. There were three men in the small car.



NEWTON'S summer home at Diana Creek. Water was higher than this at the height of the flood.



MR. AND MRS. LEN GARNER and son were trapped at the east end of the flood area in this car, shown getting a lift on a truck after it was extricated.

### Satellites Learn Russian in Mass Study

By DON DALLAS

LONDON (Reuters)—Millions of adults behind the Iron Curtain have gone back to school—to learn in mass courses organized in Soviet satellite states. In Communist China, too, a learn-Russian campaign has been launched.

Whether in a factory or farm, has a chance that learning may pay off in the form of a job, more wages. And the party factory chiefs want workers to learn, and safer, too—to the limit.

A sound reason for the mass Russian language courses, Russian scientific and technical methods prevalent in the Communist-ruled European states are being geared to the industrial machine.

For example, experts planning production need to be acquainted with the "classics" of agricultural policy and the Stalin-approved biological theories based on the work of Michurin and Lysenko. That knowledge has to be passed down to the peasants.

China has just proudly proclaimed a good corn crop this year due to the application of the Soviet method of burning the fields before sowing with the actual soil.

Official Bulgarian agency reports that fields were then sown two or three times and early, was carried out in accordance with Lysenko's theories, planting the seed in the ground.

Straw-burning was an ancient method of fertilization, now claimed as a Soviet invention to suit current needs.

Industrial and agricultural production planners need to know all about the playrights, journalists, the satellite countries as well versed in the modern works of modern writers which laud "the times—the Soviet Union translations of the works are churned out in languages of Eastern Europe."

### Highway Reopens

Canadian National Resumes  
Bus Service With Limousine

With highway again open following the repair of washouts caused by last week-end floods, Canadian National Transportation has resumed its bus service between Prince Rupert and Smithers.

A seven-passenger limousine, driven by David Jones, is now being used pending repairs to the regular bus which was damaged in an accident during the flood period.

The limousine left on schedule at 8 o'clock this morning. Bus departure days are Friday and Sunday, returning Saturday and Monday at 6:40 p.m.

### WEATHER

#### Synopsis

A storm which crossed the Queen Charlottes last night caused gale winds along the north coast. The winds reached speeds of up to 55 miles per hour in gusts. The same storm also served to modify temperatures in the interior. At Prince George, for example, last night's minimum temperature was 26 degrees while the night before it was down to zero. Daytime temperatures will be considerably higher over much of the interior tomorrow.

A new storm now about 800 miles west of the coast will move into the Gulf of Alaska this afternoon and once again gales and rain will whip northern parts of the coast.

#### Forecast

North coast region — Gale warning continued. Cloudy today and tomorrow. Sunny intervals this morning. Continuous rain tonight. Showers tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Winds—southerly (30), increasing to southeasterly (45) late this afternoon and decreasing to southwest (25) by tomorrow morning. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 42 and 48.

### Sweepstake News Best News Since War Fight End

BARRIE, Ont.—Major Hersey of Camp Borden, winner of top prize in the Cambridgeshire Stakes—\$140,000—heard first of the big win through his wife, who was out shopping. Someone shouted the news to her.

A little later Major Hersey remarked: "It was the best wireless news I've heard since the Italian campaign ended."

### Movie Strike In Discussion

VANCOUVER — Representatives of projectionists' union and theatre managements are meeting here today to discuss the strike situation. The operators have voted to strike in support of a 50c per hour wage increase.

### TIDES

Saturday, November 3, 1951  
High 3:49 18.9 feet  
Low 15:25 21.5 feet  
9:23 8.2 feet  
22:17 3.2 feet

### Aged Pension Bill Passes

OTTAWA—Parliament yesterday passed the bill to provide a universal old age pension for persons over 70 without a means test.

Stanley Knowles, CCF, Winnipeg, and George Cruickshank, Liberal, Fraser Valley, said \$40 a month was too low.

Another Liberal said he would favor \$60 a month for persons over sixty.

### Transit Strike For Edmonton

EDMONTON — Employees of the Edmonton transit system voted overwhelmingly yesterday in favor of striking. The union, however, gave assurance that there would be no sudden walk-out.

The men are asking for a 16c an hour increase which has been recommended by a conciliation board. The city, however, wants to pay only 14c.

### BASKETBALL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

CITY LEAGUES 1951-52 OPENING

6:45 p.m.—Junior—Manson vs Maple Leafs  
7:30 p.m.—Inter.—Hi Green vs Fraser & Payne  
8:45 p.m.—Shrine Club Band  
9:00 p.m.—Senior—G. & A. vs Elks

Tickets: Reserved 50c Rush 40c Students 25c

Season tickets and reservations now available  
Phone 231 or 107

20% Reduction to Civic Centre Members

### Today's Stocks

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

VANCOUVER	
American Standard	30
Barlone	6.40
Cariboo Quartz	1.35
Congress	.08
Giant Mascot	1.00
Indian Mines	.23
Pioneer	2.00
Premier Border	31½
Privateer	.10
Reeves McDonald	6.00
Reno	.04½
Sheep Creek	1.63
Silbak Premier	.55
Taku River	.06
Vanada	.15
Spud Valley	.23
Silver Standard	2.78
Western Uranium	5.70
Cronin Babine	.52
Oils	
Anglo Canadian	8.25
A P Con	.48
Calmont	1.64
Central Leduc	2.65
Home Oil	17.25
Mercury	.24
Okalta	2.70
Pacific Pete	11.50
Royal Canadian	16½
Royalite	20.00
TORONTO	
Athona	.09
Aumaque	6.28
Beattie	.25
Bevcourt	.55
Buffalo Canadian	.22
C M & S	176.50
Conwest	3.80
Donalda	.38
Eldona	.19
East Sullivan	10.00
Giant Yellowknife	11.00
God's Lake	38½
Hardrock	.15
Harricana	.07½
Heva	.12
Jackknife	.07
Joliet Quebec	45½
Little Long Lac	81½
Lynx	.12
Madsen Red Lake	2.15
McKenzie Red Lake	.45
McLeod Cockshutt	2.91
Moneta	.35
Negus	.73
Noranda	83.00
Louvicourt	.40
Pickie Crow	1.72
San Antonio	2.60
Senator Rouyn	.17
Sherritt Gordon	3.85
Steep Rock	7.25
Silver Miller	1.36
Upper Canada	1.65