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QCA GETS CANSO—The latest addition to the Queen Charlotte Airlines Ltd., fleet of 27 aircraft is the twin-engine Canso amphibian pictured above. Purchased recently from the Hudson's Bay Company, the aircraft was formerly used to transport men and material to and from the Arctic. This aircraft is the commercial version of the PBV, still in use by the RCAF. Built to transport 20 passengers in comfort, it will be used on the QCA coastal runs. The Canso was flown to Vancouver by Chief Pilot Capt. Len Fraser, co-pilot Capt. D. MacQueen and Duncan McLaren, Operations Manager of the H.B.C. Fur Trading Department. Capt. Fraser reported an uneventful flight non-stop from Winnipeg, covering the 1200 miles in 9 hours 5 minutes.

Young Geologist Lives in Frig

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mrs. M. F. Roots has heard from her son after a year's silence—a diary-like packet of letters totalling about 30,000 words.

Dr. E. Fred Rootes, 28-year-old geologist, is the lone Canadian in a 15-man British-Norwegian-Swedish expedition on Queen Maud Land in the Antarctic.

He went to the Antarctic 15 months ago on the invitation of the Royal Geographical Society and the Scott Polar Research Institute. He does not expect to leave for another year. In his letters Dr. Rootes tells what it's like to live in a "refrigerator" on a continent of solid ice.

Mail comes and goes from the expedition only once a year in a specially-designed ice-breaker.

The only living things on the ice, besides the scientists from three countries, are penguins and seals.

Valuable weather data is one of the objectives of the expedition. The party spends days in sending up weather balloons, digging samples from the lower levels of the ice with a boring machine, and photographing ice crystals in a laboratory.

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TRIP TO AKRON—

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Local Elimination
At Civic Centre Carnival

Prince Rupert boys are to be given the opportunity this year of competing for the right to represent British Columbia in the All-American and International Soap Box Derby at Akron, Ohio. Arrangements are being made to have a qualifying race on the occasion of the opening of the annual Civic Centre Carnival at the end of June. The winner here will go to Mission to compete in the British Columbia finals on July 2. The British Columbia winner will go on to Akron.

The All-American and International Soap Box Derby is sponsored by the Chevrolet Division of General Motors, local dealers and newspapers. The British Columbia Derby is held at Mission under contract with the international race at Akron. Here in Prince Rupert, Ald. Douglas Frizzell, manager of Long Motors, has taken on the organization of the local derby. The car which wins in Prince Rupert will bear the name of the Daily News.

Every boy within the age limits of 11 to 15 who builds a car himself to set specifications is eligible to enter.

On the boy's arrival at Mission, City after a flight from Prince Rupert with his car, the B.C. Derby Committee takes over, houses him, feeds him and looks after him for the entire weekend. Each boy is given a racing helmet and T-shirt both embroidered with the official American Soap-box Derby crest. His car is checked for confirmation with the official derby rules. He receives the many attentions that go with derby competition. The responsibility of getting the boy to and from Mission rests entirely on the boy and his sponsors.

Generally speaking, service clubs, local firms or individuals sponsor local trials preceding the B.C. Derby, often with the trip to Mission City being the first prize for the winner.

The ideal combination is an adult association with each boy. But the car must be "boy built."

Drowns at Alert Bay

ALERT BAY.—A seaman from Portland, Oregon, Fritz Rainier, was drowned when he fell from the tug Labelle on which he was working. He fell overboard while going to the galley for a cup of coffee. A search of an hour and a half failed to reveal trace of the young man.

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Records Smashed In Car Industry

OTTAWA (CP)—A vibrant automotive industry smashed production records in 1950, placing Canada among the great vehicle producers of the world.

A survey by the Bureau of Statistics, outlining in its statistical review for March issued recently, shows Canada produced a record total of 391,000 vehicles last year, placing her third behind the United States and the United Kingdom.

The peak production year, with output valued at more than \$500,000,000, saw Canada make big strides over the 285,000 units produced in 1949 and the wartime peak of 270,000 in 1941.

But production in Canada told only part of the automotive story. In 1950 when Canada was producing at an all-time high, she imported 90,000 foreign vehicles, most of them passenger cars, and most of them from Britain—83,000, to be exact.

Those imports, plus Canada's own production, meant that the total vehicle supply reached its highest point in history, 447,000, compared with 301,000 in 1949 and about four times as big as the 117,000 a decade ago.

This gain in production has placed the motor vehicle industry back in its pre-war position as one of the country's largest manufacturing industries, the bureau said.

Concentrated largely in Ontario, the industry encompasses about 11 companies and 27,000 workers or more. In 1950 these car builders obtained average hourly earnings of \$1.30.

Will the industry do it again in 1951? The bureau is not so sure. The defence program and scarcity of materials has cast its shadow. A limiting factor will be the flow of production parts from the United States.

The U.S. has cut the use of steel in the automotive industry by 20 per cent, thus putting the screws on expanding production. And this, said the bureau, "may also be a limiting factor on Canadian output."

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Canadian National Transportation Limited, a subsidiary of the Canadian National Railways, will commence bus service, for passengers and parcel express, between Prince Rupert and Smithers next week or as soon after as conditions on the Skeena River Highway permit, according to company announcement. At present the operation of trucks and buses on the road is still banned.

A new 33-passenger bus, which arrived in Prince Rupert recently, will be used in the service.

The new service follows granting of a franchise last year to the Canadian National by the Public Utilities Commission for a bus operation between Prince Rupert and Smithers. Under this agreement passengers will be picked up and set down at stops between Prince Rupert and Terrace, if destined to or coming from points east of Terrace.

The schedule shows the CN bus will leave Prince Rupert at 8 p.m., on Thursdays and Sundays, arriving in Smithers at 6:40 a.m., Fridays and Mondays. In the reverse direction, departures from Smithers are scheduled for 8 p.m., Fridays and Mondays, arriving Prince Rupert 6:20 a.m., Saturdays and Tuesdays.

Passenger train service is available between Prince Rupert and Smithers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and west-bound, from Smithers, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

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