

Today's Weather

Prince Rupert—cloudy
barometer, 30.33; sea smoo

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Tomorrow's Tides

Sunday, May 10, 1931
High 8:07 a.m. 15:8 ft.
21:20 p.m. 17.0 ft.
Low 1:59 a.m. 10:5 ft.
14:20 p.m. 7:3 ft.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

MINISTER OF EDUCATION IS HEARD

SAMUEL DOUSE, INDIAN, FOUND GUILTY, MANSLAUGHTER

Jury Convicts Native On Lesser Charge at Supreme Court Assize

Leniency Is Recommended—Sentence to Be Passed To-day—Accused Took Stand to Testify In Own Defense

After a two-day trial, Samuel Douse, Indian, was found guilty at the Supreme Court Assizes here Friday night on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Silas Brown, another Indian, who died in the Hazelton Hospital on February 15 from infection, the result of having been shot in the forearm from a rifle in the hands of

TO FLOAT BIG LOAN

New Canadian Conversion Issue to Be Offered in All Parts of Canada Next Week

OTAWA, May 9.—The new Dominion of Canada conversion loan will be offered on Monday next in all parts of Canada, Premier R. B. Bennett announced in the House of Commons yesterday. The present intention is to float \$250,000,000. Every daily paper in Canada will carry the details of the loan on Monday, the Premier stated.

M'RAE OUT OF ARENA

General Astounded That His Name Should Be Mentioned in Connection With Provincial Field

VANCOUVER, May 9.—Major General A. D. McRae stated here yesterday that he will not re-enter British Columbia politics and declared that he was astounded that his name should have been mentioned.

Minister Guest At Local Dinner

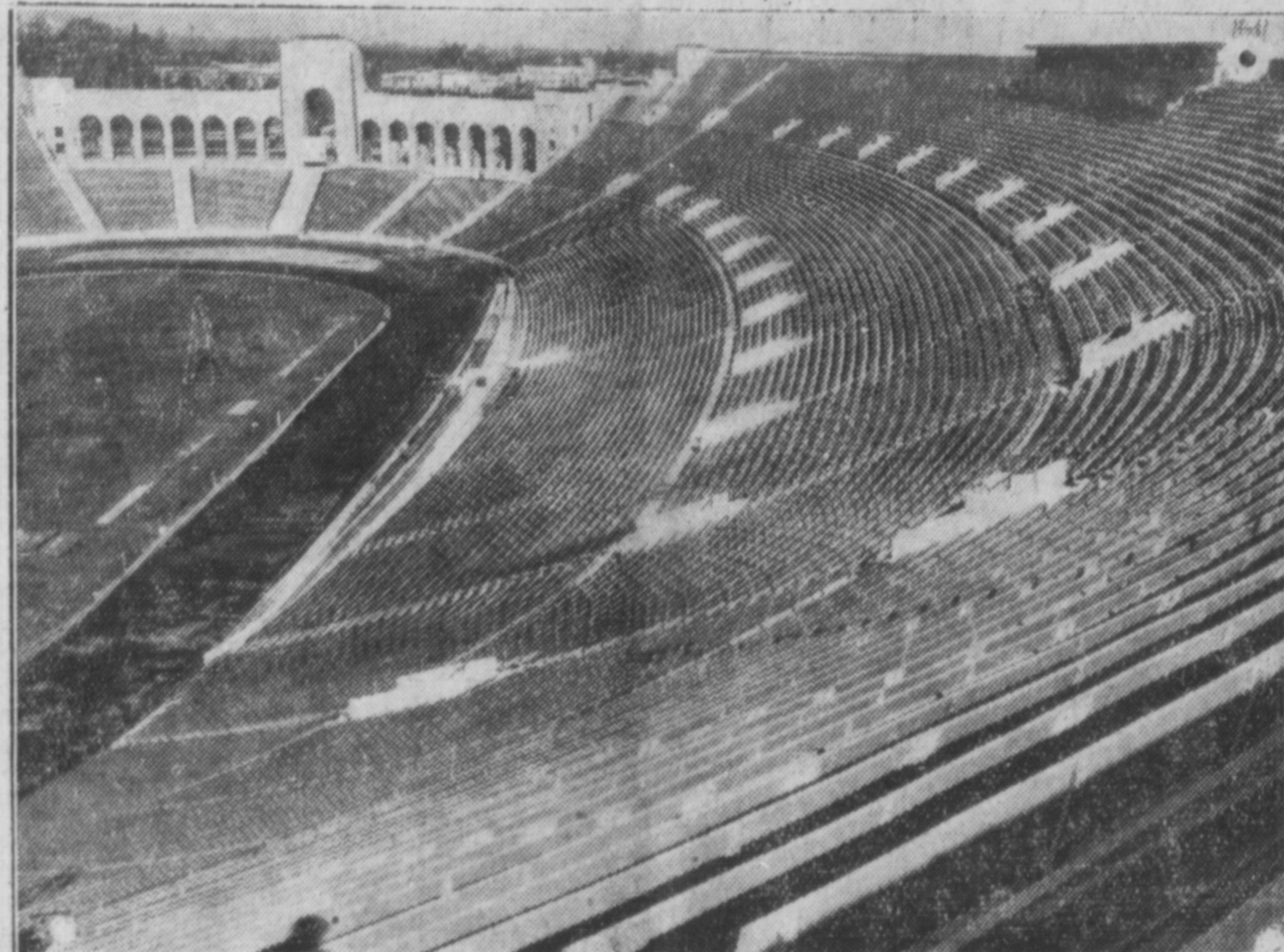
Hon. Joshua Hinchliffe With Professional Engineers Last Evening

The Association of Professional Engineers held their monthly dinner last night at the Federal Tea Shoppe with F. D. Rice presiding. There was a good turnout of members and the guest of the evening was Hon. Joshua Hinchliffe, minister of education, who gave a brief address.

NURSING GRADUATES HERE CONGRATULATED IN RADIO GREETING

The 1931 graduating class from the training school for nurses of the Prince Rupert General Hospital got radio greetings last night when Ken Stewart, popular announcer of KJR station in Seattle, remarked on the local occasion and congratulated the four graduates. Miss Cath Harvey was particularly mentioned. It was about 10 p.m. that the greeting was broadcast.

World's Largest Athletic Stadium



View of recently completed Olympic stadium, Los Angeles, now largest athletic arena in world, with seating capacity of 125,000. Structure was enlarged at cost of \$500,000 following international Olympic committee's acceptance of America's invitation to hold 1932 games there.

YACHT NOT REFLOATED

Rio Bonita of Vancouver Still Hard and Fast on Reef at Entrance of Metlakatla Passage

Efforts to refloat the Vancouver yacht, Rio Bonita, which went ashore yesterday morning on the south side of the light at the mouth of Metlakatla Passage, failed both on the high tide last night and again this morning. It will be necessary to wait until the tides are higher than they are just now or make a cradle and haul the vessel off. The bottom where she is stranded is such that this can be done. It is said. Salvage crews are still working at the scene. Many people crossed the harbor yesterday to see the wreck.

Those who were on board the vessel at the time of the stranding are now staying at a local hotel. They are Miss Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. George Walker of Center Point, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. de Garrold of New York and three men. They are awaiting another boat aboard which to continue their interrupted bear-hunting voyage to Kodiak Island.

It was announced this afternoon that the Rio Bonita, by use of skids, had been pulled down about twelve feet nearer the beach today. The vessel is all ready now to be floated off by the next good high tide and it is expected she will come by Monday morning at the latest.

IS GIVEN REFUSAL

VICTORIA, May 9.—Hon. S. L. Howe, provincial secretary, has received no official offer of the lieutenant-governorship but "has been given the opportunity to refuse it," he said today in answer to questions.

SALVAGE PRINCESS COMING

After having spent several months in Vancouver, Pacific Salvage Co.'s local power tug Salvage Princess, Capt. Frank Tyler, left the southern port at 5 o'clock this morning for Prince Rupert. The vessel will be based here again this summer.

WEATHER HOLDS UP YOSHIMURA

NEMURA, Japan, May 9.—After having been held up here for the past few days on account of unfavorable weather, Seiji Yoshimura, the Tokio Washington flyer, descended on the bay of Naibo, Island of Iturup on the Kuriles, 135 miles from here. He will go on as soon as unfavorable conditions improve.

FISH SALES

Summary
American—107,000 pounds, 8c to 3.6c and 5c.
Canadian—63,000 pounds, 7c and 4c to 8.7c and 5c.
American
Sunset, 32,000, Cold Storage, 8c and 5c.
Oceanic, 15,000, Cold Storage, 8c, 5c, and 5c.
Pioneer, 27,000, Royal, 8c and 5c.
Grayling, 16,000, Royal, 8.6c and 5c.
Sentinel, 17,000, Booth, 8c and 5c.
Canadian
Sea Maid, 22,000, Atlin, 7c and 4c.
Cape Beale, 22,000, Cold Storage, 7c and 4c.
Bayview, 2,000, Royal, 8c and 5c.
Oslo, 17,000, Atlin, 8.7c and 5c.
Holding Over
American—Oslo, 31,000.
Canadian—Relief, 11,000.

Vancouver Wheat

VANCOUVER, May 9.—Wheat was quoted on the local exchange today at 61½c.

R. L. McIntosh left on this morning's train for his summer home, "The Crossways," at Terrace.

FOOTBALL

Sunday, 3 p.m.
H.M.C.S. VANCOUVER vs. REGIMENT TEAM

STAKES ARE DISCUSSED

Magistrate in Victoria Says It's Up to Government—Pooley Will Not Sponsor

VICTORIA, May 9.—With an expression of opinion that, if sweepstakes were to be permitted, it should be under the supervision and management of the government, Magistrate George Jay yesterday imposed fines of \$500 each on C. A. Steble and E. A. Morris Ltd., who had pleaded guilty through counsel to sweepstake charges.

After the results of the cases had been announced, Hon. R. H. Pooley, attorney general, made it plain that the government was not sponsoring any sweepstake action but that the matter was one for determination of local police authorities.

OTTAWA, May 9.—A bill to legalize hospital sweepstakes in Canada was given its second reading by the Senate yesterday and referred to a special committee. It was introduced by Senator Frank Barnard of British Columbia.

Officials Make Official Cruise On Gov't Vessel

The Canadian Government's Steamer Givenchy arrived in port last night having on board Col. F. E. Leach, inspector of explosives, Vancouver; E. M. Haynes, Post Office inspector, Vancouver; G. A. Yardley, inspector of customs, Victoria, and J. P. Forde, district engineer, federal department of public works, who have been making a cruise up the coast, each on official duties. The West Coast of Vancouver Island and the Queen Charlotte Islands were visited.

Messrs. Leach, Haynes and Yardley will return south from here with the Givenchy tomorrow morning while Mr. Forde will leave the government boat here and sail this evening on the Prince Charles for an official visit to Stewart.

Father Champagne, O.M.I., left on this morning's train for New Hazelton on ecclesiastical duties.

Minister of Education Defends Government Expenditures; Blames Liberals For Increase of Budget

Last night a very slim audience heard the minister of education, Hon. Joshua Hinchliffe, give an excellent speech in which he, in a most lucid manner, laid all the financial ills of the cabinet, of which he is a member, at the doors of the previous Liberal government. He quoted figures one after another to show that the increases in the budget were not of Premier Tolmie's making but were forced upon the government by circumstances over which it had no control, particularly by careless financial methods of its predecessors.

The speaker also extolled Premier Tolmie as a strong man whom no one could turn from his set purpose of giving good government to the province of British Columbia. He said that the government had been misunderstood and it was his purpose to set them right.

James H. Thompson presided and there were about sixty people present including a number of well known Liberals.

The minister, in opening, said that, as a result of constant advertising, people were coming to believe things about the Tolmie government that were not correct. When the people elected them to office they asked for an honest, businesslike, strong administration. He had been told the government had none of these attributes but, if the people had taken the trouble to think, they would have realized that this was not true. The government had been too busy getting the government of the country into shape to take notice of statements of that kind.

Honesty of Administration
Speaking of the honesty of the present administration, Mr. Hinchliffe drew attention to the fact that, since they had been in power, there had been no ballot box plugging, no fur scandals, no P.G.E. over-expenditures. He asked if any of the audience had heard of any dishonest actions in regard to liquor. There was no hint of scandal or dishonesty.

Turning then to its record as a business government, the minister said it was necessary to compare their record with that of their predecessors. He declared that the Oliver government had lost a lot of money to the province by cancelling the contract with Foley, Welch and Stewart at the time when they were unable to proceed with the work through lack of funds. He thought a business government would have compelled the completion of the work but, instead of that, the Oliver government made a new agreement. As a consequence, the people of B.C. were called upon to assume a debt of forty million dollars in connection with it. The present government had made no such mistake as that. "Yet members of the late government hold themselves up as the only wise administrators," he declared.

At the beginning of the fiscal year 1928-1929 the Liberal government had passed a budget providing for expenditures of \$20,821,000 but, before half the term had expired, the new government came in and they found most of the money had already been spent and it cost the province that year over \$24,000,000. He blamed the former government for this over-expenditure. There was deliberate neglect to plan in the estimates sums of money which they knew would have to be expended such as deficits in the agricultural credits commission, dyking arrears, election expenses respectively 90,049, 45,000 and \$173,000. This he claimed was not honest but misleading. There were a number of other underestimates in all departments.

ARSON CASE IS NOW ON

Trial of Fred Wiggins, Charged With Setting Store on Fire, Is Proceeding at Assizes

The case of Fred Wiggins, charged with arson at Southbank on Francois Lake on the night of January 9 or morning of January 10 last by setting fire to a store and residence building of John Henry Keefe, is proceeding in the Supreme Court Assizes here today before Mr. Justice W. A. Macdonald. The hearing started this morning with the following jury: James McNulty, foreman, Henry Arney, William H. Pettman, Thomas Scott, George C. Arseneau, Percy Andrews, E. R. Heal, David Bennett, Charles C. Mills, Albert E. Armstrong, Roy Moore and Thomas Brandon. It is expected that the case will occupy the attention of the court for pretty well the entire day. At the commencement of this trial, the remainder of the petit jury was excused until 10 o'clock Monday morning when it is expected the local wounding case will be proceeded with.

A. M. Johnston K.C. is acting as crown prosecutor in the Wiggins case with W. E. Williams K.C., assisted by T. W. Brown, as defence counsel.

In briefly reviewing the case for the crown at the outset, Mr. Johnston explained that the evidence would be extremely simple in nature. The store in question was owned by Keefe and the contents by Phil Brunell. There would be evidence to show that an employee of the store was awakened from his sleep that night to find a fire had started. Fortunately, it had not gained much headway and was put out with a bucket of water. There had been a hole bored through the building with brace and bit and cotton batting saturated in gasoline had been pushed through and set fire to. On the evidence of witnesses found in the course of a police investigation, the charge against accused, the other storekeeper at Southbank, was based. Mr. Johnston explained that Dr. H. S. Trefry of Prince George was to be called in the case in the capacity of microscopist.

Phil Brunell was the first witness.

Brunell was the only witness heard this morning. Constable Oiland of Burns Lake was on the stand when court adjourned during the noon hour until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

STREET GAS PUMPS ARE BANNED NOW

VICTORIA, May 9.—Changes in the Fire Marshal's Act, announced yesterday, prohibit future the installation of gasoline pumps on sidewalks or at other public places on the streets. Existing pumps are not affected.

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